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FIRST SESSION - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1987

INVOCATION:

The First Session of the 1987 ACYOA General Assembly was called to order by 1986 Assembly Chairman Stephen Sarkisian (Watertown) at 8:00 pm. His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America and National President of the ACYOA, led the delegates in the opening prayer. Very Rev. Fr. Haigazoun Najarian (Acting Vicar General), Robert Shamgochian (Worcester), and Aren Jebejian (S. Florida) assisted in the prayer service.

ROLL CALL:

Sara Andonian (Central Council) called the roll. The Chair noted that twenty-one of the forty eligible elected delegates were present. A quorum was established and the Assembly officially convened.

ELECTION OF ASSEMBLY OFFICERS:

The Chair entertained nominations for Assembly Secretary. No nominations were forthcoming and the Chair asked Central Council representatives to assume the responsibility of the Assembly Secretary.

The Chair entertained nominations for Assembly Chairman, with the understanding that the runner up would assume the position of Assembly Vice Chairman.

Nora Ovassapian (Evanston) nominated Robert Shamgochian (Worcester). The nomination was accepted. The nomination was seconded by Greg Saraydarian (Central Council).

Lisa Manookian (Wynnewood) nominated Stephen Sarkisian (Watertown). The nomination was accepted. The nomination was seconded by Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston).

Aren Jebejian (S. Florida) moved to close nominations. Motion was seconded by Nora Ovassapian (Evanston). The motion passed and nominations were closed.

The Nominating Committee distributed ballots and elections were held. The results were: Robert Shamgochian (Worcester), Assembly Chairman and Stephen

Sarkisian (Watertown), Assembly Vice Chairman.

Before proceeding to the next agenda item, the Chair suggested an introduction of clergy, delegates, and guests. The Primate introduced the clergy attending the Assembly: Very Rev. Fr. Haigazoun Najarian (Acting Vicar General), Very Rev. Fr. Baret Yeretzian (Sts. Sahag and Mesrop - Providence), Rev. Fr. Aved Terzian (Church of Our Saviour - Worcester), Rev. Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian (St. Mary's Washington D.C.), Rev. Fr. Haik Donikian (St. John's - Detroit), Very Rev. Fr. Nourhan Manougian (St. Mark - Springfield), Very Rev. Fr. Papken Anoushian (Student), and Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian (St. Kevork - Houston). The Chair introduced Dennis Takessian and Lisa Kalustian who represented the Western Diocese. The delegates then introduced themselves.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

The Chair entertained motions for changes to the agenda.

Scott Najarian (Central Council) moved to add to the First Session line item VIIIA entitled "Announcements"; to add to each session before the acceptance of the minutes "Roll Call"; to change line item XI to "Report of the ACYOA Executive Secretary"; and to add during the Fourth Session line item XIXA "Address of the ACYOA Executive Secretary". Motions were seconded by Greg Saraydarian (Central Council).

Stephen Sarkisian (Watertown) moved to change line item XII "Report of the Auditing Committee" to line item XIXB. Motion seconded by Andrea Koumjian (Watertown).

Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) moved to combine Assembly Committees (B) Proposals and (C) Constitutional Amendments. The motion was seconded by George Tekeyan (Watertown).

Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston) suggested that the Assembly Committees be appointed Wednesday evening instead of Thursday morning to allow committee members more time to discuss the topics. Scott Najarian (Central Council) responded that the Assembly Officers had just been elected and not had ample time to confer and appoint delegates to committees. The suggestion was dismissed.

The following motions were passed regarding the agenda:

- VIIIA "Announcements"
- Roll Call added to each session
- XI "Report of the ACYOA Executive Secretary"
- XIXA "Address of the ACYOA Executive Secretary"
- XII changed to XIXB

ADOPTION OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE:

The Chair entertained motions to adopt the Rules of Procedure. Greg Saraydarian (Central Council) moved to adopt the Rules of Procedure. Melina Spinuzza (Central Council) seconded the motion. The motion passed.

APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN AND SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:

The Chair appointed Ben Saraydarian (Bayside) as Sergeant-at-Arms. Ben Saraydarian accepted the appointment.

The Chair appointed Myles Couyoumjian (Detroit) as Parliamentarian. Myles Couyoumjian declined. The Chair appointed Stefanie Masoian (Providence) as Parliamentarian. Stefanie Masoian declined. The Chair appointed Nora Ovassapian (Evanston). Nora Ovassapian declined. The Chair appointed Michael Yapchaian (Watertown). Michael Yapchaian accepted the nomination.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF 1986 ASSEMBLY (LAST SESSION):

Sara Andonian (Central Council) read the minutes of the fifth session of the 1986 General Assembly. Corrections were made. Greg Saraydarian (Central Council) moved to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Ben Saraydarian (Bayside). The minutes were accepted as corrected.

WELCOMING ADDRESS OF HOST COMMITTEE:

Tamara Kabodian, Detroit ACYOA Chairperson, and Rev. Fr. Haik Donikian, Assistant Pastor of St. John's Armenian Church, welcomed the Assembly delegates.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Scott Najarian (Central Council) announced that supplemental copies for the Central Council Report and copies of the Report of the Executive Secretary would be available on Thursday. Scott Najarian also announced that the Providence Chapter had recently submitted a bid for the 1988 Sports Weekend and General Assembly. The procedures for this bid will be addressed under line item XXV.

Stephen Sarkisian (Watertown) announced that the Assembly Committees would be prepared this evening and anyone wishing to be appointed to a particular committee should contact Robert Shamgochian (Worcester) or Stephen Sarkisian.

Lisa Manookian (Wynnewood) announced that any members of the Finance Committee that have outstanding tickets or stubs should turn in all materials to Myles Couyoumjian (Detroit) or Lisa Manookian by Friday.

Dean Shahinian announced the Insights Programs to be conducted during the 1987 Sports Weekend.

Glenn Pulice, General Chairman of the 1987 Sports Weekend Committee, announced the itinerary for Sunday Divine Liturgy and invited all delegates and guests to attend.

Aren Jebejian (S. Florida) moved to recess. The motion was seconded by Melina Spinuzza (Central Council). The motion passed. The Assembly recessed at 9:30 pm.

SECOND SESSION - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1987

INVOCATION:

The Second Session of the 1987 ACYOA General Assembly was called to order by Chairman Robert Shamgochian at 8:25 am. The Primate led the Assembly in the opening prayer service. Rev. Fr. Aved Terzian (Worcester), Armand Paboojian (Watertown), and Greg Kumkumian (Washington) assisted in the prayer service.

ROLL CALL:

Sara Andonian (Central Council) called the roll.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS ASSEMBLY SESSION:

Sara Andonian (Central Council) read the minutes from the First Session. Additions and corrections were made. Very Rev. Fr. Baret Yeretzian (Providence) moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Rev. Fr. Aved Terzian (Worcester) seconded the motion. The motion passed.

REPORT OF THE ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL:

The Chair asked Scott Najarian (Central Council) to approach the podium and to answer questions regarding the Central Council Report.

① The Primate asked about the number of chapter visitations made by Central Council during the year. The comment was that Council should have attempted to visit all chapters. Scott Najarian responded that due to the lack of funds in the budget for visitations, the Council was not able to visit all chapters. However, after consultation with the acting Executive Secretary, the Council decided that since his budget for visitations was considerably higher than the amount allocated for Council's use, the Executive Secretary should make an effort to visit those chapters that Council could not visit. ✓

Greg Saraydarian (Central Council) announced that the Watervliet chapter should be added to the list of new chapters.

Scott Najarian (Central Council) changed 1987 to 1986 on page 4 of the report under the National Sports Weekend.

Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston) suggested that an exact number be used when referring to delegate numbers in the report.

Stephen Sarkisian (Watertown) announced that the winner of the 1987 Archbishop's Tournament was the Tenaflly Chapter and not the Wynnewood Chapter as the report states

Stephen Sarkisian (Watertown) questioned the gift which would be given to the Catholicos under the Armenian Studies Program. Scott Najarian (Central Council) responded that at this time the gift was unknown.

Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) addressed the issue of the ACYOA Forum held at the 1987 Diocesan Convention in Springfield. He asked the question regarding the planning of the event. Scott Najarian (Central Council) addressed the issue.

Scott Najarian (Central Council) announced that Lori Kalemkerian (N. New Jersey) would be assuming the responsibilities of editor of the ACYOA Youth Forum.

Scott Najarian (Central Council) announced that the Springfield Chapter should be added under the heading of new chapters.

Aren Jebejian (S. Florida) noted that the Florida Chapter should be referred to as the South Florida ACYOA.

Rev. Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian (Washington) questioned the ACEF endowment contributions. A discussion was held regarding the publicity for the funding of such a fund. Scott Najarian (Central Council) announced that the plans for the fund raising for the ACEF will be announced but that because of the wishes of the donors, this cannot be made public at the present time.

Very Rev. Fr. Baret Yeretzian (Providence) asked for a detailed report of the number of active and inactive chapters.

Aren Jebejian (S. Florida) asked about the Advisory Committee. The chair was turned over to Greg Saraydarian (Central Council) who addressed the questions.

Andrea Koumjian (Watertown) commented that the report was too general and that specifics were needed to complete the report.

Armand Paboojian (Watertown) addressed the topic of the Archbishop's Essay Award. Scott Najarian (Central Council) responded that the Award had not been given in previous years and like previous Councils, this Council will not be presenting the Award due to the lack of participation in the past.

Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston) thanked the Central Council, Anthony Barsamian, and Douglas Tashjian for its work over the past year and he suggested that the Report would be fuller if it was detailed.

Lucine Arslanian (Cleveland) asked why the Cleveland Anniversary Ball was not included in the report. Scott Najarian (Central Council) responded that the Ball was not included because it is a part of the 1987-88 fiscal year and not the 1986-87 fiscal year.

Lori Kalemkerian (N. New Jersey) requested membership information.

Stephen Sarkisian (Watertown) asked for a report on the Blue Ribbon Committee. Douglas Tashjian, Executive Secretary of the ACYOA and a member of the Committee, addressed the Assembly regarding the Committee.

Very Rev. Fr. Baret Yeretzian (Providence) moved to accept the Central Council Report as corrected. John Megrdochian (Providence) seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Chair recognized and introduced Paulette Kasparian and Darlene Ouzounian representing the Western Diocese Central Council.

REPORT OF THE ACYOA EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

Due to the lack of reports available for delegates, Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston) moved to wait until the Third Session of the Assembly to discuss the

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report when copies would be available. The motion was seconded by Greg Saraydarian (Central Council). The motion passed.

Stephen Sarkisian (Watertown) moved that the Address of the Western Diocese representatives be changed to item XII. Rev. Fr. Aved Terzian (Worcester) seconded the motion. The motion passed.

ADDRESS OF WESTERN DIOCESE REPRESENTATIVE:

Paulette Kasparian, Western Diocese Central Council Chairperson, addressed the Assembly. Paulette Kasparian welcomed members of the Eastern Diocese to attend and participate in the Assembly, Sports Weekend, Cultural Retreat, and Religious Retreat of the Western Diocese. She stressed the need for increased communication between our two organizations.

APPOINTMENT OF ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES:

The Chair made the following appointments to the Assembly Committees:

Budget Committee:

Sevan Krikorian (Evanston)
Myles Couyoumjian (Detroit)
Matt Natcharian (Watervliet)
Sonya Gasparian (Providence)
Greg Arpajian (Cleveland)
Very Rev. Fr. Nourhan Manougian (Springfield)
Melina Spinuzza (Central Council)

Proposals Committee:

Michael Chardukian (Wisconsin)
Roseann Manoogian (Detroit)
John Megrdichian (Providence)
Very Rev. Fr. Baret Yeretzian (Providence)
Rev. Fr. Aved Terzian (Worcester)
Scott Najarian (Central Council)

Constitutional Amendments:

Andrea Koumjian (Watertown)
Lisa Manookian (Wynnewood)
Nora Ovassapian (Evanston)
John Sahakian (Washington)
Arthur Mahserjian (Watervliet)
Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston)
Sara Andonian (Central Council)
Mary Odabashian (Wynnewood)

Resolutions and Courtesies:

Michael Yapchaian (Watertown)
Pam Hajinian (Wynnewood)
John Norian (Detroit)
Rosemary Tekeyan (Watertown)
Laura Negosian (Detroit)
Stefanie Masolian (Providence)
Rev. Fr. Haik Donikian (Detroit)

Programming:

Thomas Gengozian (Wisconsin)
Tamara Kabodian (Detroit)
Stephen Sarkisian (Watertown)
Douglas Tashjian (Executive Secretary)
Ben Saraydarian (Bayside)
Lori Kalemkerian (N. New Jersey)
Nancy Bagdasarian (Cleveland)

Religious Programming:

Lisa Kalustian (Western Diocese)
Dean Shahinian (Guest)
Nannette Hanoian (Providence)
George Tekeyan (Watertown)
Aren Jebejian (S. Florida)
Suzie Ashjian (Westchester)
Rev. Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian (Washington)
Greg Saraydarian (Central Council)

ADDRESS OF THE PRIMATE:

The Primate addressed the Assembly.

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Greg Arpajian (Cleveland) made a motion to move the Address of the Executive Secretary to line item XIVA. Stephen Sarkisian (Watertown) seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Greg Saraydarian (Central Council) motioned to recess. Melina Spinuzza (Central Council) seconded the motion. The motion passed. The Assembly recessed at 11:30 am.

THIRD SESSION - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1987

CALL TO ORDER:

The Third Session of the 1987 ACYOA General Assembly was called to order by Assembly Chairman Robert Shamgochian at 3:05 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Sara Andonian (Central Council) called the roll.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS SESSION:

The Chair moved to postpone the acceptance of the minutes due to the inability of the Assembly Secretary to produce copies for approval. The motion was seconded by Greg Saraydarian (Central Council). The motion passed.

REPORT OF THE ACYOA EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

Scott Najarian (Central Council) entertained questions and corrections regarding the report of the Acting ACYOA Executive Secretary. Andrea Koumjian (Watertown) moved to accept the report as corrected. Nora Ovassapian (Evanston) seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Appendix

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Chair requested that the Chairpersons of the Committees report on the recommendations.

Budget Committee - Melina Spinuzza (Central Council) reported that the recommendations would be reported when the National Budget will be discussed.

Proposals Committee - Andrea Kounjian (Watertown) reported that the Committee recommends approval of the proposal by St. James ACYOA regarding the funding of the ACYOA programming (Appendix A); the Committee recommends defeat of the proposal submitted by St. James ACYOA regarding the ACYOA Emblem (Appendix B); the Committee recommends defeat of the proposal submitted by the Central Council regarding the split up of the General Assembly and Sports Weekend (Appendix C); and the Committee recommends the acceptance of the proposal submitted by Central Council regarding the guidelines for the National Balls (Appendix D).

Constitutional Amendments - Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) reported that the Committee recommends defeat of the proposal submitted by St. James ACYOA regarding the introduction of affiliate members (Appendix E), and the Committee recommends acceptance of the proposal submitted by Central Council regarding the fiscal year change if the stipulation that the General Assembly and Sports Weekend be held on different weekends is approved (Appendix F).

Programming Committee - Stephen Sarkisian (Watertown) submitted the attached proposals for consideration by the Assembly on behalf of the Committee (Appendix G).

Religious Programming - Greg Saraydarian (Central Council) submitted the attached statement for consideration by the Assembly on behalf of the Committee (Appendix H).

Scott Najarian (Central Council) moved to accept collectively the reports as read. Greg Saraydarian (Central Council) seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Melina Spinuzza (Central Council) moved to postpone the Nominating Committee report. Lori Kalemkerian (N. New Jersey) seconded the motion. The motion passed.

ADDRESS OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

Douglas Tashjian, ACYOA Executive Secretary, addressed the Assembly. *Appendix*

The Chair called a ten minute recess at 4:05 pm.

The Assembly reconvened at 4:20 pm.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS:

Andrea Koumjian (Watertown) moved to accept the amendment regarding affiliate members (Appendix E). Greg Saraydarian (Central Council) seconded the discussion. Discussion. Greg Saraydarian (Central Council) made a friendly amendment to delete the last sentence of the amendment as written. Ben Saraydarian (Bayside) seconded the friendly amendment. Discussion. The friendly amendment is withdrawn. The question called. The amendment defeated.

Greg Saraydarian (Central Council) moved to table the amendment regarding the change in the fiscal year (Appendix F). John Megrdochian (Providence) seconded the motion. The motion passed.

CONSIDERATION OF GENERAL PROPOSALS:

Greg Saraydarian (Central Council) moved to accept the proposal regarding the funding of the ACYOA programming (Appendix A). Andrea Koumjian (Watertown) seconded the motion. Discussion. The question called. The proposal passed.

Aren Jebejian (S. Florida) moved to accept the proposal regarding the ACYOA Emblem (Appendix B). Rosemary Tekeyan (Watertown) seconded the motion. Rev. Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian (Washington) moved to table the proposal. Very Rev. Fr. Baret Yeretzian (Providence) seconded the motion. The motion passed and the proposal was tabled.

Melina Spinuzza (Central Council) moved to accept the proposal regarding the guidelines for the National Ball as written (Appendix D). Greg Saraydarian (Central Council) seconded the motion. Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston) made a friendly amendment. Central Council accepted the friendly amendment. The proposal reads:

Be it proposed in accordance with Article 12, Section 3 of the ACYOA Constitution, that a Guidelines Committee be formed to develop guidelines for an Annual ACYOA National Ball. The Guidelines Committee will submit a report and proposals to the 1988 General Assembly. The Committee shall consist of four delegates and one Central Council member.

The question called. The proposal passed with the friendly amendment.

Greg Saraydarian (Central Council) moved to recess. Nora Ovassapian (Evanston) seconded the motion. The motion passed. The Assembly recessed at 5:30 pm.

FOURTH SESSION - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1987

INVOCATION:

The Fourth Session of the 1987 ACYOA General Assembly was called to order by Chairman Robert Shamgochian at 9:40 am. The Primate led the Assembly in the opening prayer service. Rev. Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian (Washington), David Tateosian (Worcester) and Albert Kapikian (Washington) assisted in the prayer service.

ROLL CALL:

Sara Andonian (Central Council) called the roll.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS SESSION:

Sara Andonian (Central Council) read the minutes of the Second Session. Additions and corrections were made. Greg Saraydarian (Central Council) moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Melina Spinuzza (Central Council) seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Sara Andonian (Central Council) read the minutes of the Third Session. Additions and corrections were made. Sonya Gasparian (Providence) moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Very Rev. Fr. Baret Yeretzian (Providence) seconded the motion. The motion passed.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT AND ELECTIONS:

The Chair recognized Lori Kalemkerian (N. New Jersey) and Stefanie Masoian (Providence) from the Nominating Committee. The slate for the 1987-88 Nominating Committee is :

Aren Jebejian (S. Florida)
Sonya Gasparian (Providence)
Laura Negosian (Detroit)

Greg Saraydarian (Central Council) moved to close nominations. Very Rev. Fr. Baret Yeretzian (Providence) seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The slate for the 1987-88 Auditing Committee was presented:

Andrea Koumjian (Watertown)
Roseann Manoogian (Detroit)
Greg Arpajian (Cleveland)

Very Rev. Fr. Baret Yeretzian (Providence) moved to close nominations. Greg Saraydarian (Central Council) seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The slate for Central Council was presented:

Lisa Manookian (Wynnewood)
Scott Najarian (Worcester)
Melina Spinuzza (Evanston)

George Tekeyan (Watertown) nominated Armand Paboojian (Watertown) from the floor. Armand Paboojian declined the nomination. Very Rev. Fr. Baret Yeretzian (Providence) moved to close nominations. Greg Saraydarian (Central Council) seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston) commented that the Nominating Committee should present a double slate.

Greg Saraydarian (Central Council) moved to allow the Secretary to cast one ballot for the slate presented for the Nominating Committee. Very Rev. Fr. Baret Yeretzian (Providence) seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Greg Saraydarian (Central Council) moved to have the Secretary cast one ballot for the slate presented for the Auditing Committee. Very Rev. Fr. Baret Yeretzian (Providence) seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Very Rev. Fr. Baret Yeretzian (Providence) moved to have the Secretary cast one ballot for the Central Council slate. Greg Saraydarian (Central Council) seconded the motion. The motion passed.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE:

The Chair recognized Stephen Sarkisian from the 1986-87 Auditing Committee to present the report of the Auditing Committee (Appendix K). Discussion. John Megrditchian (Providence) moved to accept the report of the Auditing Committee. Ben Saraydarian (Bayside) seconded the motion. The motion passed.

CONSIDERATIONS OF GENERAL PROPOSALS:

Stephen Sarkisian (Watertown) moved to discuss the proposal submitted by Central Council regarding the split between the General Assembly and Sports Weekend. Melina Spinuzza (Central Council) seconded the motion. The motion passed to discuss the proposal. Discussion. The Chair requested a motion to call the question. Scott Najarian (Central Council) moved for a roll call vote. Motion seconded by Greg Saraydarian (Central Council), Melina Spinuzza (Central Council), Rev. Fr. Aved Terzian (Worcester), Stefanie Masoian (Providence), and Suzie Ashjian (Westchester). The Secretary read the roll (Appendix L). Proposal defeated.

Scott Najarian on behalf of Central Council removed the second portion of the proposal from consideration.

The Chair recognized Very Rev. Fr. Paren Avedikian, Pastor of St. John's of Greater Detroit.

Greg Saraydarian (Central Council) moved to discuss Proposal #1 submitted by the Programming Committee (Appendix G). Ben Saraydarian (Bayside) seconded the motion. The motion to discuss passed. Discussion. Rev. Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian (Washington) moved to accept the proposal. Stephen Sarkisian (Watertown) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Greg Saraydarian (Central Council) moved to discuss Proposal #2 submitted by the Programming Committee. Melina Spinuzza (Central Council) seconded the motion. The motion to discuss was passed. Discussion. The Primate made a

friendly amendment to the proposal to include arts to the list of program. Stephen Sarkisian (Watertown) accepted the friendly amendment on behalf of the Programming Committee. Ben Saraydarian (Bayside) moved to accept the proposal as amended. Greg Saraydarian (Central Council) seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Scott Najarian (Central Council) moved to discuss the Archbishop's Tournament proposal (Appendix M). Greg Saraydarian (Central Council) seconded the motion. The motion to discuss was passed by a three-quarter vote. Discussion. Ben Saraydarian (Bayside) moved to accept the proposal. Greg Saraydarian (Central Council) seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Scott Najarian (Central Council) moved to add a fifth session to the agenda. Melina Spinuzza (Central Council) seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Scott Najarian (Central Council) moved for discussion of the membership report. Greg Saraydarian (Central Council) seconded the motion. The motion passed. Discussion. Greg Saraydarian (Central Council) moved to accept the report as corrected. John Megrditchian (Providence) seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Greg Saraydarian (Central Council) moved to recess. Seconded by Sonya Gasparian (Providence). The motion passed and the Assembly recessed at 12:50 pm.

FIFTH SESSION - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1987

CALL TO ORDER:

The Fifth Session of the 1987 ACYOA General Assembly was called to order by Chairman Robert Shamgochian at 2:45 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Sara Andonian (Central Council) called the roll.

Rev. Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian (Washington) moved to discuss the first resolution submitted by the Religious Programming Committee as a proposal. The motion was seconded by Ben Saraydarian (Bayside). Discussion. Stephen Sarkisian (Watertown) motioned to call the question. Seconded by Melina Spinuzza (Central Council). The motion was defeated.

The Chair recognized Very Rev. Fr. Hovnan Derderian and Garo Hovagimian from the Canadian Diocese. They addressed the Assembly and spoke regarding the status of the ACYOC.

Rev. Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian moved to discuss the second resolution submitted by the Religious Programming Committee as a proposal. Greg Kumkumian (Washington) seconded the motion. The motion was defeated.

Greg Kumkumian (Washington) moved to discuss the third resolution submitted by the Religious Programming Committee as a proposal. Rev. Fr. Aved Terzian

(Worcester) seconded the motion. The motion was defeated.

Greg Kumkumian (Washington) moved to discuss the fourth resolution submitted by the Religious Programming Committee as a proposal. Sonya Gasparian (Providence) seconded the motion. The motion was defeated.

John Sahakian (Washington) moved to discuss the fifth resolution submitted by the Religious Programming Committee as a proposal. Greg Kumkumian (Washington) seconded the motion. The motion was defeated.

Greg Kumkumian (Washington) made the motion to discuss the sixth resolution submitted by the Religious Programming Committee as a proposal. Rev. Fr. Aved Terzian (Worcester) seconded the motion. The motion was defeated.

CONSIDERATION OF NATIONAL BUDGET:

Ben Saraydarian (Bayside) moved to consider the National Budget. Scott Najarian (Central Council) seconded the motion. The motion passed. No discussion. *passed*
Greg Saraydarian (Central Council) moved to accept the budget as presented.
Nora Ovassapian (Evanston) seconded the motion. The motion passed. (Appendix N)

RESOLUTIONS AND COURTESIES:

Melina Spinuzza (Central Council) moved to discuss resolutions and courtesies. Andrea Koumjian (Watertown) seconded the motion. The motion passed. Stefanie Masoian (Providence) presented the resolutions and courtesies prepared by the Resolutions and Courtesies Committee. Greg Saraydarian (Central Council) moved to accept the resolutions as corrected. Rev. Fr. Aved Terzian (Worcester) seconded the motion. The motion passed (Appendix O).

Greg Saraydarian (Central Council) moved to accept the resolutions submitted by the Religious Programming Committee. Ben Saraydarian (Bayside) seconded the motion. The motion passed (Appendix H). *passed*

Aren Jebejian (S. Florida) brought forth a resolution and motioned for it to be accepted by the Assembly (Appendix P). Scott Najarian (Central Council) seconded the motion. The motion passed. *passed*

Ben Saraydarian (Bayside) moved to reconsider the National Budget. Aren Jebejian (S. Florida) seconded the motion. The motion passed. Discussion. Greg Saraydarian (Central Council) moved to accept the National Budget as presented. Aren Jebejian (S. Florida) seconded the motion. The motion passed. *passed*

CONSIDERATION OF NEXT ASSEMBLY SITE:

Andrea Koumjian (Watertown) moved to consider all bids for the next Assembly site. Sonya Gasparian (Providence) seconded the motion. The motion passed. Stefanie Masoian on behalf of the Providence Chapter presented a bid for the 1987 ACYOA General Assembly and Sports Weekend. Scott Najarian (Central Council) moved to accept the bid presented by the Providence Chapter. Ben Saraydarian (Bayside) seconded the motion. Discussion. Scott Najarian (Central Council) withdrew the motion. Andrea Koumjian (Watertown) moved to allow other chapters who wish to submit a bid for the 1987 General Assembly and Sports Weekend to

do so within thirty days to Central Council and to allow Central Council to choose the site from the bids. Ben Saraydarian (Bayside) seconded the motion. Discussion. Andrea Koumjian (Watertown) withdrew the motion. Scott Najarian (Central Council) moved to accept the bid made by the Providence Chapter. Greg Saraydarian (Central Council) seconded the motion. The motion passed.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Melina Spinuzza commended the Budget Committee for their work.

Lori Kalemkerian (N. New Jersey) applauded Robert Shamgochian for serving as Assembly Chairman.

Aren Jebejian (S. Florida) thanked Sara Andonian for serving as Assembly Secretary.

Robert Shamgochian (Worcester) thanked the representatives from the Canadian and Western Dioceses for attending and participating in the Assembly.

Greg Saraydarian (Central Council) thanked all the delegates for their hard work.

PRESENTATION OF HOST BANNERS:

Tamara Kabodian, on behalf of the 1987 ACYOA General Assembly and Sports Weekend host committee presented the Assembly banners to Stefanie Masoian and Very Rev. Fr. Baret Yeretzian from Providence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Announcements were made regarding the itinerary of the Catholicos' visit.

ADJOURNMENT:

Very Rev. Fr. Baret Yeretzian (Providence) moved to adjourn. Greg Saraydarian (Central Council) seconded the motion. The motion passed and the Assembly adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Najarian

Scott Najarian
Central Council

Robert Shamgochian

Robert Shamgochian
Assembly Chairman

Sara Andonian

Sara Andonian
Assembly Secretary

APPENDIX A:

Be it proposed that the 1987 ACYOA General Assembly direct the Central Council to present to the Diocesan Council a proposal for the funding of ACYOA programming for the fiscal years 1988 and 1989. Said proposal must include program specifications and budgeting and must be submitted to Diocesan Council in time to be presented on the agenda for the 1988 Diocesan Assembly. *Not Done - Passed*

APPENDIX B:

Be it proposed that the ACYOA reinstate use of the original Emblem of the Organization as designated by exhibit "A".

This Emblem will be used on all official documents and stationary. All current supplies of stationary that display variations of this emblem may be used until December 31, 1987 or until supplies expire, whichever comes first. *Passed*



EXHIBIT A

APPENDIX C:

To hold the ACYOA National Sports Weekend, annually on Labor Day Weekend and to convene the ACYOA General Assembly, annually on President's Weekend. Effective February 1988.

APPENDIX D:

Be it proposed in accordance with Article 12, Section 3 of the ACYOA Constitution, that a Guidelines Committee be formed to develop guidelines for an Annual ACYOA National Ball. The Guidelines Committee will submit a report and proposals to the 1988 General Assembly. The Committee shall consist of four delegates (one of these shall be a Central Council member). *see pg 9*

APPENDIX E:

Those persons 17 years of age who are communicant members of the Armenian Church and wish to subscribe to the objectives and policies of the ACYOA Constitution may become Affiliate Members. Application for Affiliate Membership shall be made to the Chapter Executive Committee, and approved by the Central Council. Affiliate Members may participate in the activities of the chapter but may not vote or hold elective office. Annual contributions equal to membership dues by Affiliate Members in lieu of dues shall be considered contributions to the Chapter. *defeated*

APPENDIX F:

Article 13, Section 1 shall read: The fiscal year shall be from January first to December thirty-first. *defeated*

APPENDIX G:

Proposal #1 - We propose that the Central Council College Connection Subcommittee institute and administer a College Connection Outreach Program that will include the following suggested guidelines:

1. Establish Parish/Chapter level committees. Members should include ACYOA members, Parish Priest, Parish Council, youth director, and parents.
2. College enrollment lists can be obtained through the Diocesan My Kinsmen program. Additional names can be obtained through college directories at the local level. *OK*
3. Publicity will be done through ads in college newspapers, Youth Forum (which will institute a College Connection column), national and local mailings.
4. Activities can include dinner or home-cooked meal, cultural programs such as lectures, slide presentations or discussions, recreational activities, College Sunday, etc.
5. A Young Adult Forum could be established where the college students could meet during or after church to discuss moral, religious, or ethical issues.
6. Parish committees will compile a list of interested qualified individuals who can assist, tutor, or advise students who are interested in

entering the same field.

Proposal #2 - We propose that the Central Council Cultural Sub-Committee institute and administer an Armenian Fellowship Weekend that will include the following suggested guidelines:

1. Program is to be held over a weekend, three days if possible.
2. Should be done on a national basis but should alternate between regions.
3. Programming to be done in conjunction with the Armenian Language Lab *mt* based at the Diocese. Topics are to include language, history, and dance. Discussion sessions on the viewpoints of the Armenian Church *ok* regarding current ethical, moral, and religious issues. It may also include recreational and social activities and prayer.

APPENDIX H:

The Religious Programming Committee submits the following resolution: *Passed*

Whereas, the ACYOA Central Council in conjunction with the Diocese has reimple-mented the Mission Program and

Whereas, the program serves a vital function in the continuation and growth of the Armenian Church.

Be it resolved that, the ACYOA Central Council institutionalize the program as it is currently outlined in the Plan for Parish Mission Program and appoint and direct the Religious Education Committee with the task of insuring its staffing and implementation on a continual basis. *H-3*

Whereas, there exists a void in the fellowship and worship among the young adults in our churches, almost everywhere, due to the lack of their regular and predictable attendance, and

Whereas, there exists no ongoing schedule or program to encourage young adults to attend church and worship together regularly and in a predictable fashion, and

Whereas, it is desirable to provide for young adults a predictable schedule and opportunity of worshipping and meeting with their colleagues,

Be it resolved that, the third Sunday of each month be designated as "Sunday for Young Adults" in all parishes of the Eastern Diocese. *1-2*

Whereas, the revitalization of the ACYOA has been on the forefront of our concern, and

Whereas, there exists no ongoing program for the education and motivation of the leaders of the local chapters, and

Whereas, there is a need to brief, update, educate, and motivate the incoming executive officers and provide training and leadership which would be beneficial both to the individual officers and to their chapters,

Be it resolved that, the ACYOA Central Council and Executive Secretary shall institute an ongoing leadership training program for the executive officers of each ACYOA Chapter on an annual basis. *1*

Whereas, there is a continual need for Spiritual renewal and growth, and

Whereas, we are a Christian based organization with the responsibility to uphold and continue the tradition of the Armenian Church,

Be it resolved that, the ACYOA Central Council direct the Religious Education Committee to develop guidelines and a budget for partially subsidized regional retreats open to all youth of the Armenian Church of America to assist in their spiritual growth.

Whereas, there is a need for understanding the Armenian Divine Liturgy, and

Whereas, this understanding cannot be gained through mere translation of the language used in the services,

Be it resolved that, the ACYOA Central Council direct the Religious Education Committee to locate, review, and design a program to insure the effective use of the already existing guidelines of the instructional Divine Liturgy. This program should strive to instruct through participation.

Whereas, the Religious Programming Committee has reviewed and prepared several resolutions for much needed programs, and

Whereas, these programs are vital to our constitutional obligations to the Armenian community,

Be it resolved that, the ACYOA Central Council actively recruit and oversee the implementation of the Religious Education Committee and in turn instruct them with the task of preparing guidelines, plans, and budgets for the implementation of the aforementioned programs.

APPENDIX K:

The Auditing Committee after reviewing the accounts of the Central Council and all National Events has found the books to be in order with the exception of the following:

- ? The Archbishop's Tournament accounts were incomplete which did not allow this committee to accurately audit those records, and *why?*
- ? The Armenian Studies Program account records were not made available for review. *why?*

The Auditing Committee recommends that the 1987-88 Auditing Committee review the ASP books and further investigate the Archbishop's Tournament accounts if information can be made available.

This committee also recommends that the Central Council give chapters running National Events better guidelines as to their financial accountability to this organization.

It has also been noted that the ASP Program has charged \$600.00 per person over the cost of the trip and a significant profit has been made from the twenty participants in the program. The Auditing Committee recommends review of this practice by the Assembly. *-?*

APPENDIX L:

Roll Call Vote for Consideration of Appendix D Proposal:

Sara Andonian (Central Council)	YES
Greg Arpajian (Cleveland)	NO
Lucine Arslanian (Cleveland)	NO
Suzie Ashjian (Westchester)	YES
Nancy Bagdasarian (Cleveland)	NO
Krikor Bayindirian (Evanston)	NO
Michael Chardukian (Racine)	NO
Myles Couyoumjian (Detroit)	NO VOTE
Rev. Fr. Haik Donikian (Detroit)	NO
Sonya Gasparian (Providence)	NO
Pam Hajinian (Wynnewood)	YES
Aren Jebejian (S. Florida)	NO
Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston)	NO
Tamara Kabodian (Detroit)	NO
Rev. Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian (Washington)	NO
Lori Kalemkerian (N. New Jersey)	NO
Albert Kapikian (Washington)	YES
Andrea Koumjian (Watertown)	NO
Sevan Krikorian (Evanston)	NO
Greg Kumkumian (Washington)	YES
Arthur Mahserjian (Watervliet)	NO
Roseann Manoogian (Detroit)	NO
Lisa Manookian (Wynnewood)	YES
Very Rev. Fr. Nourhan Manougian (Springfield)	NO VOTE
Stefanie Masoian (Providence)	YES
John Megrdochian (Providence)	NO
Scott Najarian (Central Council)	YES
Matthew Natcharian (Watervliet)	NO
Laura Negosian (Detroit)	NO
Johno Norian (Detroit)	YES
Mary Odabashian (Wynnewood)	NO
John Sahakian (Washington)	YES
Ben Saraydarian (Bayside)	YES
Greg Saraydarian (Central Council)	YES
Stephen Sarkisian (Watertown)	YES
Robert Shamgochian (Worcester)	YES
Melina Spinuzza (Central Council)	YES
David Tateosian (Worcester)	NO
George Tekeyan (Watertown)	YES
Rosemary Tekeyan (Watertown)	NO
Rev. Fr. Aved Terzian (Worcester)	YES
Harry Tuntunjian (Watervliet)	YES
Michael Yapchaian (Watertown)	NO
Very Rev. Fr. Baret Yeretzian (Providence)	NO
Nora Ovassapian (Evanston)	NO
Thomas Gengozian (Racine)	NO
Nannette Hanoian (Providence)	NO

defeated

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

APPENDIX M

September 2, 1987

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

TO: All Delegates

FROM: ACYOA Central Council

SUBJECT: Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Tournament

Upon reviewing the current Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Tournament Rules and Regulations the ACYOA Central Council, with the support of the Primate, submits the following proposal:

PROPOSAL:

To eliminate the current Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Tournament Rules and Regulations and initiate the Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament Rules and Regulations. (attached)

The proposal accomplishes the following:

- 1) The addition of volleyball to the Tournament.
- 2) Lifts the requirement that the Tournament be held in the New York Metropolitan area every other year.
- 3) Allows teams from the Western Diocese and Canadian Diocese to participate in the Tournament.

In order to simplify the process of amending the rules a new set of Rules and Regulations has been prepared. The attached rules are the same as the current Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Tournament Rules and Regulations with the following adjustments.

- 1) Part Two, Section 2 has been deleted in whole.
- 2) The addition of, and/or renumbering of existing parts and sections is indicated by XXXX.
- 3) Deleted phrases or words are indicated by {xxxx}.

RATIONAL:

- 1) To allow parishes that can not formulate basketball teams to participate in the Tournament.
- 2) To increase the overall participation in the Tournament and to insure its continued success and profitability.
- 3) Will allow all parishes willing and able to host the Tournament to do so with in a reasonable time.
- 4) Will extend the same privileges given to the Canadian Diocese and Western Diocese as was given to them for the National Sports Weekend.

Central Council



APPENDIX M (continued)

ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN
(~~BASKETBALL~~) INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

R U L E S & R E G U L A T I O N S

1987

In 1971, His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, initiated for the youth of the Diocese the "ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN BASKETBALL AWARD".

Since then, this award has grown to include both men's and women's basketball divisions, co-ed volleyball, and includes an annual tournament. The Central Council of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America (ACYOA) has incorporated this coveted Award into its Awards Program, and coordinates the Tournament and challenges.

The following Rules and Regulations govern the administration of the Award. It should be kept in mind that the primary purpose of the Award and related games, is for the perpetuation of Armenian good will, fellowship and sportsmanship among the youth of the Armenian Church parishes of the Diocese.

PART ONE - ELIGIBILITY

Section 1 - All parishes of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern) are eligible to participate in tournaments and challenge the trophy holder to games.

Section 2 - Parishes of a North American Diocese not including the Eastern Diocese may participate provided that the team applies for, and receives the approval of both their Central Council and the ACYOA Central Council.

Section 3 - Teams that represent the parishes must be made up of members of the particular parish, unless special permission is granted by the ACYOA Central Council.

PART TWO - BASKETBALL

Section 1 - All preliminary and championship games shall consist of two halves, stop time, with the length of time determined upon final scheduling. The number of teams and time allowance will be taken into consideration.

Section 2 - Two individual technical fouls shall constitute that individual's disqualification from that game, and suspension from the following game.

APPENDIX M (continued)

PART THREE - VOLLEYBALL

Section 1 - Each team shall have at least two men and two women as players on the court during the entire game.

Section 2 - Two out of three 15 point games shall determine the winner of a match except in the event that a time limit is imposed. In the event of a time limit the team with the most points takes the game (must be won by 2 points). Said time limit will be no less than 30 minutes per set.

Section 3 - In the event teams are tied at one game each after the expiration of the time limit a tie breaking game of 11 points shall be played.

PART FOUR - TOURNAMENTS

Section 1 - At least one tournament per year shall be held under the direction of the ACYOA Central Council. Chapters may bid for the privilege of hosting the tournament. Sites and dates will be approved by the Primate and ACYOA Central Council.

Section 2 - All tournaments shall include both men's and women's basketball divisions as well as co-ed volleyball.

Section 3 - ACYOA Chapters and parishes which host tournaments will be under the direction of the ACYOA Central Council. All net proceeds from the tournament and related activities (dances, dinners, ad-booklets, etc....) shall be divided with the host and the National Treasury of the ACYOA. (See ACYOA Constitution, Article 13, Section 6.)

Section 4 - All fees and costs for tournaments will be determined by the host, and approved by the ACYOA Central Council.

Section 5 - Announcements and invitations shall be sent to all parishes of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern) and to representatives of each North American Diocese at least 8 weeks prior to the opening of the tournament. Information on costs, fees, accommodations and itinerary must be sent to each parish and organized ACYOA Chapter.

Section 6 - Team rosters shall be submitted prior to tournament play, and carry the approval and signature of the pastor of the parish (or the parish council chairman where there is no pastor assigned). There is no age restriction. Rosters must be limited to 12 active players.

Section 7 - A minimum of one court for basketball and one court for volleyball shall be obtained by the host. Preliminary games of basketball and volleyball will be played simultaneously.

Section 8 - The host will insure that no basketball team and volleyball team representing the same parish is scheduled to play at the same time.

APPENDIX M (continued)

Section 9 - The championship games shall be played in the following order co-ed volleyball, women's basketball, men's basketball.

Section 10 - An All-Star team made up of an outstanding player from each team in each division shall be selected and awarded with appropriate trophies.

Section 11 - A Most Valuable Player (in both the men's and women's) from each of the three divisions shall be selected and awarded with appropriate trophies.

Section 12 - The Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Trophies in both the men's and women's divisions and the Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Volleyball Trophy shall be presented to the championship teams.

Section 13 - It is the responsibility of the Championship Trophy holders to keep the Trophies in good shape, and bring them to the annual tournament.

Section 14 - A list of participating parishes, Champions, All-Stars, and Most Valuable Players shall be kept as part of a permanent record of the Tournaments.

PART FIVE - CHALLENGES

Section 1 - Any parish of the Diocese of the Armenian Church (or a North American Diocese with approval under Part One, Section 2) that wishes to challenge the current Trophy holder may do so by notifying the ACYDA Central Council and Trophy holder in writing.

Section 2 - Challenges will be administered on a first come, first served basis.

Section 3 - Trophy holders must accept challenges as soon as arrangements can be made.

PART SIX - GENERAL

Section 1 - Ineligible players constitute forfeiture.

Section 2 - All games, Tournaments and Challenges shall be governed by College Rules.

Section 3 - All officials, judges and others involved with the actual games shall be professionals or people with equal experience and qualifications.

APPENDIX N:

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
CASH BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1988

Receipts:	Budget 1986-1987	Actual 1986-1987	Budget 1987-1988
1. Membership Dues	\$ 2600.00	\$ 2288.44	\$ 2600.00
2. National Sports Weekend	4000.00	3678.00	6200.00
3. Regional Anniversary Balls	0.00	9806.21	1300.00
4. Archbishop's Tournament	2000.00	0.00	950.00
5. Dividends and Interest	1200.00	915.82	2400.00
6. Donations	530.00	0.00	0.00
7. Armenian Studies Program	3500.00	0.00	5000.00
8. Sports Weekend Loan	1000.00	0.00	1000.00
9. Fund Raising	0.00	0.00	16000.00
	<u>\$14830.00</u>	<u>\$16688.47</u>	<u>\$35450.00</u>

Disbursements:

1. Central Council Meetings	3500.00	2472.82	4500.00
2. Central Council Administration	3000.00	1223.57	2500.00
3. Chapter Visitations/Travel	500.00	1232.35	2000.00
4. Inter-Diocesan Meeting	0.00	0.00	1750.00
5. General Assembly/Sports Weekend	1800.00	1705.26	1800.00
6. Publications	1000.00	453.00	1000.00
7. Scholarships and Awards	380.00	20.48	500.00
8. Service Charges	150.00	131.01	50.00
9. Armenian Studies Program	2000.00	0.00	0.00
10. Regional Conferences	1000.00	287.12	750.00
11. Sports Weekend Loan to Host	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00
12. Mission Program	0.00	0.00	5000.00
13. Regional Ball Gift Portrait	0.00	0.00	8000.00
14. Junior ACYOA Portion of Regional Ball Proceeds	0.00	0.00	900.00
15. Central Council Sub-Committees	0.00	0.00	1500.00
16. Transfer to Savings	0.00	0.00	3200.00
17. Archbishop's Tournament	500.00	23.94	1000.00
	<u>\$14830.00</u>	<u>\$ 8549.55</u>	<u>\$35450.00</u>

APPENDIX O:

Whereas, the ACYOA extends their most sincere and unwavering greeting to His Holiness Vasken I, Catholicos of all Armenians who has continuously shown his paternal love and concern for the ACYOA, be it resolved that on this occasion we pledge our obedience, love, and allegiance to His Holiness, the Catholicos and to the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin. The ACYOA wishes to extend our warmest and sincerest welcome to His Holiness Vasken I on his upcoming visit.

Whereas, our Primate, His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, President of the ACYOA, has shown his support, guidance, and love of the Armenian Church; be it resolved that the members of the ACYOA extend their deep respect and appreciation to His Eminence and pledge continued support and loyalty to His Eminence and to our Diocese.

Whereas, North America has become the home of many, including those of Armenian ancestry, be it resolved that the ACYOA extends its best wishes to the Government of the United States and to President Ronald Reagan.

Whereas, all the Chairmen, delegates, and Clergy attending the 1987 General Assembly are greatly appreciated for their services and participation rendered.

Whereas, Scott Najarian, Central Council Chairman, and Melina Spinuzza, Central Council Treasurer, have completed their terms of office, giving their time and energy in order to make the ACYOA a strong and successful organization; be it resolved that the ACYOA expresses its heartfelt respect and appreciation for all their hard work and dedication.

Whereas, the 1987 General Assembly and Sports Weekend of the ACYOA is being hosted by the Detroit Chapter; be it resolved that this Assembly wishes to thank Very Rev. Fr. Paren Avedikian, Rev. Fr. Haik Donikian, Parish Council, Sports Weekend Chairman Glenn Pulice, and all his committee members for all their dedicated work in making this year's General Assembly and Sports Weekend a success.

Whereas, the members of the 1987 General Assembly extend their thanks and appreciation to all clergy for their support and guidance and also to all Assembly officers for their leadership during the Assembly proceedings.

Whereas, the ACYOA General Assembly welcomes and appreciates the representatives of the ACYOA Western Diocese, Paulette Kasparian, Central Council Chairperson, Darlene Ouzounian, Lisa Kalustian, and Dennis Takessian for their interest, suggestions, and continued support.

Whereas, the ACYOA expresses sincere thanks to the members of the St. John's Parish for all their efforts in making the 1987 General Assembly a success.

Whereas, the ACYOA would like to extend its sincere thanks to past acting Executive Secretary Anthony Barsamian for all his dedication and hard work. We wish him the best of luck in future endeavors.

Whereas, the ACYOA would like to welcome our new Executive Secretary Douglas Tashjian -- Good Luck Doug!

Thereby, be it resolved that the ACYOA encourages the continuation of the unity discussions between the Diocese and the Prelacy in order that all Armenian Youth may continue to grow and prosper under one united church.

Thereby, be it resolved that the ACYOA supports the House Resolution before Congress, which states that the United States recognizes April 24 as a national day of remembrance for Armenians.

APPENDIX P:

Whereas, the original emblem of the ACYOA has been in use for all of its forth-
one year history; and

Whereas, the emblem of the ACYOA has certain and specific symbols signifying what the ACYOA represents and stands for, and

Whereas, the emblem of the ACYOA has been changed without proper parliamentary procedure and authorization by a General Assembly,

Thereby, be it resolved that the Central Council as well as all other aspects of the ACYOA revert back to the original emblem as seen by exhibit "A",

Thereby, be it resolved that the Central Council direct and inform all chapters of this reenactment of exhibit "A".