

MINUTES OF ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING
SAINTS VARTANANTZ ARMENIAN CHURCH, CHELMSFORD, MASS.
MARCH 15-16, 1985

From 26

- 1 Meeting called to order by Arda Nazerian at 9:00pm. Opening prayer read by Central Council.
- 2 An opening statment was presented by James Magarian.
- 3 Minutes of the previous meeting were read by George.
MOTION: Accept minutes as read. Palvetzian/Ajamian Passed.
- 4 TREASURER'S REPORT: Shake reported that a check for \$3487.24 was received from the Palos Heights sports weekend committee.
George reported that Ralph Der Assadurian has been actively trading stocks.
James instructed Shake to forward copies of the Merril Lynch reports to Ralph.
- 5 Calendar/Poster: Arda reported that the calendars were printed but were not distributed because they didn't turn out as intended. Arda stated that she will redesign a 6 month version.
- 6 YOUTH LISTING: George reported that there are presently about 600 revisions pending and as soon as they are posted, chapters will be sent their respective listings for additional revisions. The completion of these new revisions are expected to be completed in time to be used for the final sports weekend mailing.
- 7 ADDERSS CORRECTION REQUESTED: James ^{reported} ~~requested~~ that ACR works only on first class mail.
- 8 NORTHERN NJ: Arda reported that letters requesting all four Pastors attend a meeting to discuss internal problems were sent. Two of the four pastors calimed to never have seen the letter and of the remaining two only one agreed to attend. Due to the poor response the meeting never took place. Arda & James will send another ^{letter} to the Pastors with a copy of the first letter by certified mail with a return receipt.
- 9 REIGONAL ASSISTANTS: Arda reported that the people selected to assist Central Council were contacted but that they were never sent job descriptions. She will again contact assistants and send job descriptions.
- 10 GA/SW '84: Palos Heights submitted a check for \$3487.24 along with a complete report on the whole weekend. James reported that the minutes of the assembly, in a complete package, were sent to all chapter chairmen and Pastors.
- 11 JOHN KULHANJIAN TROPHY: Arda reported that she is still unsble to locate the Kulhanjian family. When ~~she~~ ^{he} does she will propose that the original trophy be permanantly displayed at the Diocese and each year the name of the receipient will be engraved in the trophy as well as a plaque that will be awarded. The projected cost of this proposal is \$400 for the repair of the original trophy and \$50 per year for plaques.

- 12 84/85 DUES: Arda reported that Providence, Montreal, Watertown, and Wynnwood are the only chapters that have paid their 84/85 dues. Arda will send letters to each chapter informing them ~~of their~~ of their dues paid status of past years.
- 13 MEMBERSHIP CARDS:
MOTION: Adopt the following discounts of package plans to members holding ACYOA membership cards.
15% Sports Weekend & ATMBT
10% Reigonal programs
\$10. For any member attending St. Nersess Summer Studies(one per year) or ASP.
Palvetzian/Ajamian Passed.
- 14 CORROSPONDENCE: A letter from Melanie Barsamian was read.
- 15 EXECUTIVE UPDATE: Copies are being sent. James pointed out that Updates should be copied in the same color as the original.
- 16 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS: Arda reported that the seminar on the Armenian Language has been researched but the program has been tabled until fall.
- 17 ARMENIAN RESOURCES: Shake reported that she is receiving letters from individuals volunteering their talents. It was ~~suggested~~ suggested that a list of contributing authors to the Bema be made and sent to James for final compilation.
- 18 MARTYRS DAY COMMEMORATION: Local programs as well as programs planned by the Diocese were discussed. James recomndended that we compile totals of money raised and books purchased & donated to public instutions.
- 19 CHRISTMAS CARDS: Arda reported that the cards were signed and ready for distribution but due to delays with the Canadian Postal System they were never sent out.
- 20 ATMBT: It was reported that the tournament hosted by Watertown is well organized and on schedule.
- 21 SPORTS WEEKEND '85: A letter will be sent to Worcester explaining the incentive plan. James stated that he will be meeting with the committee in the near future.
- 22 REIGONAL REPORTS:
Midwest had a reigonal meeting in late November.
Midwest North plans to a reigonal reigonal meeting in June.
New England had a good reigonal meeting.
Mid Alatlantic will have a reigonal meeting May 4-5, 1985.
- 23 LEADERSHIP SEMINAR: May 4, 1985 at Holy Martyrs Armenian Church Bayside, NY. The topic will be "How to share your valuable time." After the seminar a reorganizational meeting will be held to discuss vital topics concerning the future of the ACYOA.
- 24 CANADIAN STATUS: Arda will discuss the possibility of amendments or execptions to ~~the to~~ allow the Canadian Chapters to participate in future General Assemblies and Sports Weekends with Archbishop Torkom Manoogian.

25 NEXT MEETING DATE: James stated that the next meeting dates will be:
May 4, 1985 Bayside
July 19-20, 1985 Chelmsford.

26 MEMBERS PRESENT: James Magerian
Arda Nazarian
Sona Palvetzian
Shaké Ajamian
George Jevanjian

absent members: Susan Boyajian

ACYOA SENIOR DIVISION - Referential Statistical Information

Assembly meets once per year.

90% of chapters represented.

Membership: (1) dues paid = 592

(2) participation = 950

Chapters: 15 in regular operation

9 in state of re-organization and/or dysfunction

5 to be organized/reactivated

5 Members of Central Council - meet 4-5 times per year

operating at a 50% rate of efficiency

high concern for youth of Church

low task orientation/accomplishment

Participation in general Programs - ~~XXXX~~ high in Armenian Studies Programs
~~XXXX~~ high in National Sports Weekend
~~XXXX~~ high in Archbp's Tournament
moderate in organizational tasks
moderate in regional conferences
moderate in local programming
low in religious and educational
programming.

These ratings are relevant to the
number of members in any given year.
Over-all in Diocese as a whole is
very low - approximately 12% of
total young adults population in
Diocese.

Projections for next five years indicate a slight decline and then
a rise to slightly higher than the present - given the current way
of youth programming in the Diocese.


JAMES MAGARIAN

4 May 85



—Copy—

DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10016-4885 212 686-0710

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

9 December 85

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

Enclosed for your reference is a copy of "The Storybook of the ACYOA".

Nancy Basmajian, ACYOA Juniors Director, and I suggest that this creative piece be included in the program/handouts of all Regional ACYOA 40th Anniversary Balls. While we at present do not know who the author(s) are we are aware that over the years, this particular work has been used and reproduced locally, as well as at one General Assembly in the early 1960's. It is perhaps timely that it be reproduced, with some text updating, again in 1986.

If you have any suggestions or ideas regarding this specifically, please note them on the copy and bring it with you to our January Council meeting.

Enjoy this most joyous season - be sure to personally contact your parishes to touch base and give your personal holiday greetings.

Sincerely yours,


JAMES MAGARIAN

m i n u t e s



'85 A.C.Y.O.A. General Assembly



General
Assembly

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Diocese of the Armenian Church

630 Second Ave. N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016 (212-686-0710)

MINUTES OF THE 1985 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

August 28-30, 1985
Marriott Hotel, Worcester, Mass.
Host: Worcester ACYOA Chapter
Armenian Church of Our Saviour

His Eminence
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

First Session - Wednesday, August 28th, 1985, 8:15 p.m.

A. INVOCATION

The First Session of the 1985 ACYOA General Assembly was called to order by the 1984 Assembly Chairman, Melina Spinuzza (Evanston) at 8:15 p.m. His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, and National President of ACYOA, led the delegates in the special Opening Prayer Service.

B. Roll Call

George Jevarjian (Detroit), ACYOA Central Council Recording Secretary, called the roll. The Chair noted that 22 delegates were present, a quorum established, and the Assembly could officially convene.

Also in attendance were: Very Rev. Father Khajag Barsamian, Vicar General of the Diocese; Mr. James Magarian, ACYOA Executive Secretary; two guest observers from the ACYO-Western Diocese, Lisa Kalustian and Nicole Bedikian.

The Primate and Vicar General presided over all the sessions of the Assembly.

C. ELECTION OF ASSEMBLY OFFICERS

Nominations for Assembly Chairman and Vice Chairman were entertained by the Chair:

John Apkarian (Lowell) nominated Gary Townsend (Lawrence) - seconded by Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) - Gary accepted.

John Harpootian (Providence) nominated Sara Martinian (Providence) - seconded by Ara Kazarian (Providence) - Sara accepted.

Myles Couyoumjian (Detroit) nominated Scott Najarian (Worcester) - seconded by Gary Townsend (Lawrence) - Scott accepted.

John Harpootian (Providence) moved to closed nominations - seconded by Sara Martinian (Providence) - passed - nominations closed - secret ballot - roll call.

Election Results: Scott Najarian - Chairman, Gary Townsend - Vice Chairman.

D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Sara Martinian (Providence) moved to accept the agenda - seconded by Gary Townsend (Lawrence) - Discussion.

Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) inquired why "Appointment Assembly Committees" was omitted. Mr. James Magarian, Executive Secretary, explained that due to the nature and importance of the proposals this year, the Assembly would act as a "Committee of the Whole."

Auditing Committee Members Lisa Manookian and Robert Shamgochian stated that the Report of the Auditing Committee would not be prepared in time to report as per the Agenda, and thus moved that it be moved to the Friday Session. - seconded by Myles Couyoumjian (Detroit) - passed.

Question called on adoption of agenda - voice vote - passed - amended agenda accepted.

E. ADOPTION OF RULES OF PROCEDURE

Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) moved to accept the Rules of Procedures as outlined in the ACYOA Chapter Handbook - seconded by Greg Saraydarian (Baydside) Voice vote - passed.

F. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND OFFICIALS

The Chair noted the following guests and officials:

The Very Rev. Father Khajag Barsamian, Vicar General, Diocese of the Armenian Church of America. Mr. Asbed Zakarian, Chairman, Parish Council, Armenian Church of Our Saviour, Worcester, Mass. Lisa Kalustian, ACYO-Western Diocese, Central Council Chairman, Nicole Bedikian, ACYO-Western Diocese, Vice Chairman.

G. APPOINTMENT OF ASSEMBLY OFFICERS

Scott Najarian, Assembly Chairman, made the following appointments:

Secretary - Sara Martinian (Providence)

Parliamentarians - Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) and John Harpootian (Providence)

Sergeant-at-Arms - Robert Shamgochian (Worcester)

H. WELCOMING ADDRESS OF HOST CHAPTER

The Chair invited Mr. Asbed Zakarian, Worcester Parish Council Chairman to the podium. Mr. Zakarian welcomed the Primate and delegates to Worcester and wished them every success.

The Chair invited Lisa Kalustian, Chairman, ACYO-Western Diocese, to address the Assembly. Lisa gave a brief synopsis of the operations of the ACYO.

Scott Najarian, Chairman of the Worcester Host Committee for the Assembly and National Sports Weekend, also welcomed the delegates and promised a weekend to remember.

I. REVIEW OF ITINERARY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair invited Louis Mikitarian, Chairman of the Worcester ACYO Chapter, and Host Committee Coordinator for the Assembly, to review the itinerary and inform the delegates of any changes.

V.Rev.Fr. Khajag Barsamian, Vicar General, informed the delegates that the Primate will host a luncheon on Thursday, and that they are all invited to be the guests of His Eminence at that time. The place will be announced later.

Mr. James Magarian distributed special ACYO emblem and bumper stickers prepared 15 years to all the delegates as a remembrance of the Assembly.

The Chair entertained a motion to recess - moved by George Jevanjian (CC) - seconded by Sara Martinian (Providence) - passed.

The First Session of the Assembly was closed with the singing of the Hayr Mer.

Second Session - Thursday, August 29th, 1985, 9:37 a.m.

A. OPENING PRAYER SERVICE

The Primate led the Assembly delegates in the Opening Prayer Service. Assembly Chairman, Scott Najarian, called the Second Session to order.

B. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS SESSION

Assembly Secretary Sara Martinian read the minutes of the previous session. Corrections were made and noted.

Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) moved to accept the Minutes as corrected - seconded by Melina Spinuzza (Evanston) - passed.

The Chair noted the attendance of new clergy delegates, they were: Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston), Rev. Fr. Karekin Kasparian (Westchester), Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian (Wisconsin), and Rev. Fr. Aved Terzian (Worcester).

C. ADDRESS OF THE ACYOA EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Chair invited Mr. James Magarian, ACYOA Executive Secretary from the Diocese, to address the Assembly. Mr. Magarian made the following points:

New projects must be designed to stimulate growth of ACYOA and address the needs of changing Armenian Youth.

ACYOA must change to meet the challenges of a new era.

ACYOA must choose consistency, professionalism and proper continuity to change the status quo of ACYOA and begin to reach its potential.

D. ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL REPORT

Sona Palvetzian, Vice Chairman of the Council, presented the Report. Motion to accept the Report by Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) - seconded by Shake Ajamian (CC) - discussion. Mention was made for more details, information on chapters, status, more specifics. Council Chairman Arda Nazerian offered to prepare more information on chapters, and that it could be prepared for later in the day. The Report was accepted unanimously.

Arthur Sabounjian (Watertown) moved to reconsider the Agenda - seconded by Sara Martinian (Providence) - passed.

Arthur Sabounjian moved to amend the Agenda to include a new item "Statistical information from Central Council" item 16A. - seconded by John Harpootian (Providence) - passed.

E. ADDRESS OF THE PRIMATE

The Assembly Chairman invited His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, to address the Assembly. His Eminence made the following points:

1985 marks the 70th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, what is the Armenian Church Youth going to do now? How shall they continue?

The youth must gain from the past - be inspired, and look to the future. Suggested a new program - "International Youth Fellowship" which would invite youth from other dioceses for exchange, discussions, programs.

Youth must utilize their education - education is power, ignorance is weakness.

The Chair entertained a motion to recess for lunch - moved by Sona Palvetzian (CC) - seconded by Shake Ajamian (CC) - passed.
The Second Assembly session was recessed at 11:30 a.m. The Assembly will reconvene at 2 p.m. The delegates were reminded of their invitation to the Primate's Luncheon.

Third Session - Thursday, August 28th, 1985, 2:20 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS SESSION

Assembly Chairman Scott Najarian called the Assembly to order and thanked His Eminence for graciously inviting the delegates to lunch, and to have the opportunity to share concerns and ideas with the Primate and attending clergy.

Assembly Secretary Sara Martinian read the Minutes of the previous session - corrections were made and noted - Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) moved to accept - seconded by John Apkarian (Lowell) - passed.

C. CENTRAL COUNCIL STATISTICAL REPORT

Arda Nazerian (CC) presented a statistical report on actual and potential membership in ACYOA via the various parishes and chapters. Various discussion took place. Ara Kazarian (Providence) moved to accept the Report - seconded by John Harpootian (Providence) - accepted unanimously.

D. ASSEMBLY PROPOSALS

Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) moved to suspend the Rules of Parliamentary Procedure during "proposals" due to the their nature - seconded by John Harpootian (Providence) - passed.

(1) RESTRUCTURING OF ACYOA

Arda Nazerian (CC) presented the proposal, which was previously sent to all delegates. The Chair opened the floor for discussion.

Myles Couyoumjian (Detroit) spoke against the proposal. He distributed a sheet prepared by the Detroit delegation against the proposal. Various discussion ensued. Arthur Sabounjian (Watertown) asked the Executive Secretary for comment - Mr. Magarian declined at this time.

Myles Couyoumjian (Detroit) moved to accept the proposal as presented by the Central Council - seconded by Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) - more general discussion - question called by Arthur Sabounjian (Watertown) - PROPOSAL DEFEATED.

(2) FINANCIAL RESTORATION OF CHURCH IN ARMENIA

Sona Palvetzian (CC) presented the proposal, which was previously sent to all delegates. Discussion included feasibility, administration, desirability, and propriety as an ACYOA project. Melina Spinuzza (Evanston) moved to call the question - seconded by Fr. Nersess Jebejian - PROPOSAL DEFEATED.

Proposal reworded and moved by Arthur Sabounjian (Watertown) that the Central Council look into the possibility of requesting from the Vehapar, through the Primate, a list of possible projects for the Seminary of Holy Etchmiadzin, that ACYOA may consider - seconded by Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) - 3/4 vote of Assembly needed for consideration of this new proposal - passed. Short discussion - Question called by Fr. Nerses Jebejian (Houston) - seconded by Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) - PROPOSAL PASSED.

(3) INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

George Jevardjian (CC) presented the proposal - Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) moved to accept the proposal - seconded by Arthur Sabounjian (Watertown) - 3/4 vote needed to consider new proposal - passed. Proposal reads: Starting in 1986, a bi-annual International Youth Festival Week or Weekend be held to be implemented by the Executive Secretary and Central Council. Various discussion regarding scope, eligibility, disirability, conflict with existing large-scale programs. Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston) called the question - seconded by Arthur Sabounjian (Watertown) - PROPOSAL DEFEATED.

(4) LOAN TO HOST CHAPTERS

Robert Shamgochian (Worcester) proposed that: The ACYOA Central Council provide to the host chapter of the General Assembly and National Sports Weekend a loan in the amount of \$1,000 - if the host chapter so requests. This loan would be repaid by the host chapter upon completion of the event financial report. Louis Mikitarian (Worcester) moved to accept the proposal - seconded by Sara Martinian (Providence) - 3/4 vote needed - passed - discussion - question called by Arthur Sabounjian (Watertown) - seconded by Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) - PROPOSAL DEFEATED.

(5) CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN ACYOA

Sona Palvetzian (CC) proposed that the Assembly as a body retain the Canadian Armenian Youth as members of the ACYOA Eastern Diocese. Shake Ajamian moved to accept the proposal - seconded by Nishan Akgulian (Wisconsin) - 3/4 vote of needed - passed - discussion. Discussion closed by the Chair under the advisement of the Primate. NO ACTION.

(6) CANADIAN YOUTH AS ADJACENT MEMBERS OF ACYOA

Shake Ajamian (CC) proposed that Canadian Armenian Youth be accepted in ACYOA as "adjacent" members to participate in all programs and activities offered by the Eastern Diocese ACYOA - seconded by Diane Kapikian (Bayside) - 3/4 vote needed - passed - discussion - terms in proposal unclear - PROPOSAL DEFEATED.

The Chair entertained a motion to recess - moved by Arda Nazerian (CC) - seconded by Melina Spinuzza (Evanston) - passed.
The Third Session of the Assembly was recessed at 6:18 p.m. with a prayer.

Fourth Session - Friday, August 30th, 1985, 10:30 a.m.

A. OPENING PRAYER SERVICE

The Primate led the Assembly delegates in an Opening Prayer Service.

B. CALL TO ORDER

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS SESSION

Assembly Secretary Sara Martinian read the minutes of the Third Session - Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) moved to accept the minutes - seconded by Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston) - corrections were made and noted - minutes accepted as corrected.

C. RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEES

Arda Nazerian (CC) moved that small committees be set up to discuss possible restructuring ideas - seconded by Arthur Sabounjian (Watertown) - passed. Arda announced the participants in each committee and the conveners.

D. REPORTS OF THE RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEES

Each Committee presented an informal report, highlighting the important points of each. The Chair invited Arda Nazerian (CC) to moderate discussion of the various highlights.

Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston) moved for the Assembly to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to formulate a proposal from all committee reports and present it to the Assembly later in the day - seconded by Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) - passed.

E. REPORT OF THE ACYOA AUDITING COMMITTEE

Auditing Committee members Steven Sarkisian (Watertown), Lisa Manookian (Wynne-wood) and Robert Shamgochian (Worcester) prepared a report that was presented by Robert Shamgochian. Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) moved to accept the Report - seconded by Fr. Nerses Jebejian (Houston) - discussion - Report was accepted.

Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) moved that the Central Council include in its report detailed reports of all National Events - seconded by Fr. Nerses Jebejian (Houston) - passed.

F. CONSIDERATION OF NATIONAL BUDGET

Shake Ajamian (CC) moved to accept the Budget as presented (see attachment) - seconded by Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) - discussion - moved by Greg Saraydarian to table discussion until all committee members are present in the Assembly - seconded by John Harpootian (Providence) - passed.

Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) moved to reconsider the Agenda - to insert new items - seconded by Shake Ajamian (CC) - 3/4 vote of needed - passed.

Greg Saraydarian moved the Agenda include "Constitutional Amendments" as item #21D - seconded by John Harpootian (Providence) - passed.

Arda Nazerian (CC) moved to postpone the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee until after recess - seconded by Shake Ajamian (CC) - passed.

G. REPORT OF ACYOA NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nominating Committee Chairman Scott Najarian presented the Report (Diane Kapikian (Bayside) was the only other member of the Nominating Committee present).

Nominees for Auditing Committee: (3 to be elected)

Robert Shamgochian - Worcester -	Elected - 23 votes
John Harpootian - Providence -	Elected - 31 votes
Arda Nazerian - Bayside -	Elected - 26 votes
Greg Saraydarian - Bayside -	Alternate

Nominations for Nominating Committee: (3 to be elected)

Diane Kapikian - Bayside -	Elected
Carol Kazerian - Wisconsin -	Elected
Susan Ashjian - Westchester -	Elected

Michael Yapchaian moved that the Secretary cast one vote for the nominees to the Nominating Committee, since the number equaled the number to be elected - seconded by Arda Nazerian (CC) - passed.

Nominations for Central Council: (4 to be elected)

Gary Townsend - Lawrence -	Elected - 22 votes
Scott Najarian - Worcester -	Elected - 31 votes
Fr. Garabed Kochakian - Racine -	Elected - 20 votes
Melina Spinuzza - Evanston -	Elected - 28 votes
Sara Martinian - Providence -	1st Alternate - 18 votes
Lisa Manookian - Wynnewood -	2nd Alternate - 11 votes

Sona Palvetzian (CC) moved to recess for 30 minutes for lunch - seconded by Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) - passed.

The Fourth Session of the Assembly was recessed at 1:00 p.m.

Fifth Session - Friday, August 30th, 1985, 2:15 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS SESSION

Assembly Secretary Sara Martinian (Providence) read the minutes of the Fourth Session - Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) moved to accept - seconded by Carol Kazerian (Wisconsin) - minutes accepted.

Myles Couyoumjian (Detroit) moved to adjust the Agenda - seconded by Sona Palvetzian (CC) - placing election results as the first item on this session - passed.
(See previous session for election results.)

B. REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE

Arda Nazerian (CC) presented the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee. Shake Ajamian (CC) moved to accept the Report - seconded by Sona Palvetzian (CC) - discussion - Arthur Sabounjian (Watertown) moved to accept the report with its recommendations - seconded by Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) - Passed.

The Ad Hoc Committee shall prepare a list of "nominees" that will be confirmed by the Assembly. The names shall comprise a "committee" whose purpose is to assist the ACYOA Central Council.

C. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

(1) AFFILIATED MEMBERS OF ACYOA (under Article 4 "Membership")

Shake Ajamian (CC) presented a Constitutional Amendment which would come under Article 4 "Membership" - calling for those young people who wish to be members of the ACYOA, but reside outside the jurisdiction of the Diocese, may apply for "Affiliate Membership", which would allow the participatory privileges in ACYOA Programs and events.

Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) moved to accept the Amendment - seconded by Daniel Shadbegian (Watertown) - 3/4 vote needed to consider the Amendment for discussion - passed - discussion - definitions needed, procedures for application, wording unclear - The Chair called for a vote - Arthur Sabounjian (Watertown) challenged the Chair - 5 seconds needed to overturn decision of chair - accomplished - more discussion - John Harpootian (Providence) moved to close debate - seconded by Ara Kazarian (Providence) - 2/3 vote needed - no discussion - passed.

AMENDMENT DEFEATED.

The Chair announced that the Vicar General shall preside over the Assembly in the absence of the Primate.

B. CONSIDERATION OF NATIONAL BUDGET

Shake Ajamian (CC Treasurer) presented the National ACYOA Budget for fiscal 1985-86. Arda Nazerian (CC) moved to accept - seconded by Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) - discussion.

Arda Nazerian moved to add a new line item under disbursements, "Advisory Committee" - \$2,500. Seconded by Gary Townsend (Lawrence) - Carol Kazarian called the question - Passed.

Sona Palvetzian (CC) moved to add a new line item under disbursements, "Armenian Studies Programs (ASP)" - \$2,000, and change receipts under "ASP" to \$3,700. Seconded by Arda Nazerian (CC) - Passed.

Shake Ajamian informed the Assembly that under "receipts - Archbishop's Tournament" the figure should be \$911.46. Also, 1984-85 ASP should be \$3,000.00.

Arda Nazerian moved to accept the 1985-86 Budget as amended - seconded by Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) - Budget accepted. (see attached supplemental).

The Chair invited the V.Rev.Fr. Khajag Barsamian, Vicar General to read a telegram prepared to send to the Vehapar in Holy Etchmiadzin. The communication indicated the convening of the ACYOA Assembly, and that the Armenian Church youth in America re-affirm their loyalty and continue to pray for a long and healthy life for His Holiness.

The Chair invited Arda Nazerian to present the names for the "Advisory Committee" - to be confirmed by the Assembly:

Rev. Fr. Mardiros Chevian (St. Nersess Seminary)

Sara Martinian (Providence)

Dean Shahinian (Washington)

Myles Couyoumjian (Detroit)

and a member of the Diocesan Council (at their discretion)

Seconded by Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) - Shake Ajamian called the question - Passed.

C. SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Chair invited the V. Rev. Fr. Khajag Barsamian, Vicar General, to present the "Educational Program" for the 1985 ACYOA Assembly. The 30 minute program consisted of a slide presentation by Fr. Khajag on the historic provinces and cities of Armenia. Fr. Khajag narrated the program which was well received and appreciated by the delegates.

D. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS TO HOST THE 1986 ACYOA ASSEMBLY AND NATIONAL SPORTS WEEKEND

Lisa Manookian (Wynnewood) presented the bid of the Wynnewood ACYOA - Ss. Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church - to host next year's event in Philadelphia. A slide presentation on Philadelphia, as well as a handout given to all delegates made up the bid.

George Jevarjian (Detroit) presented the bid of the Detroit ACYOA Chapter - St. John Armenian Church - to host next year's event in Detroit. A slide presentation on Detroit, as well as a handout given to all delegates made up the bid.

Arda Nazerian (CC) moved to accept the bids - seconded by Gary Townsend (Lawrence) discussion. Gary Townsend moved for a vote with secret ballot - seconded by Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) - passed - vote - Wynnewood ACYOA Chapter shall host the 1986 Assembly and Sports Weekend in Philadelphia.

E. CONSIDERATION OF ANY RESOLUTIONS OR COURTESIES

The Courtesies of the Assembly were presented by Sona Palvetzian (CC) - Shake Ajamian (CC) moved to accept the report - seconded by Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) - friendly amendments were made to include all those who assisted in the Assembly, as well as the proper protocol. It was suggested that the President of the United States not be mentioned, since he does not support the Genocide Resolution presently in Congress - all agreed - however the Government in general will be included.
Passed.

There were no resolutions.

F. GOOD AND WELFARE

Michael Yapchaian spoke about the need to avoid unnecessary proposals, and to thoroughly think about the business at hand. In addition, he mentioned the possible misuse of the 3/4 vote in bringing up any type of proposal.

Several chapters made announcements, including upcoming events and activities. The guests from the ACYO-Western Diocese invited the delegates to their Assembly which will be held in Los Angeles over the Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend. John Apkarian (Lowell) announced his Chapter's tentative bid to host the 1987 Assembly and Sports Weekend.

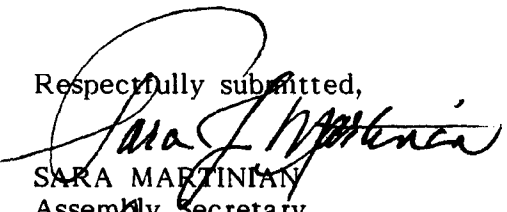
G. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn the 1985 ACYOA Assembly - moved by Sona Palvetzian (CC) - seconded by Susan Boyajian (CC) - passed - the Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

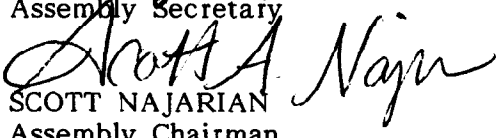
Louis Mikitarian, Worcester Chapter Chairman, presented the Assembly "host banners" to Nancy Kazanjian, Wynnewood Chapter Chairman in an informal ceremony.

The Chair invited the outgoing, current, and incoming members of the ACYOA Central Council to come forward to be blessed - the V. Rev. Fr. Khajag blessed the members and led the Assembly in a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



SARA MARTINIAN
Assembly Secretary



SCOTT NAJARIAN
Assembly Chairman



SHAKE AJAMIAN
Central Council Chairman

(NOTE: As is the custom, the Minutes of the final Assembly Session are approved by ACYOA Central Council.)

SUPPLEMENTAL

APPROVED 1985-86 ACYOA NATIONAL BUDGET

Disbursements:	Budget '84-85	Actual '84-85	Budget '85-86
Cntl.Cncl. Meetings.	\$ 4000.00	\$ 3155.91	\$ 4000.00
Cntl.Cncl. Adminstrtv.	2500.00	4240.33	2800.00
Chapter Visitations	1500.00	494.37	800.00
Gen./Assbly-Spts.Wknd.	2000.00	1375.46	2000.00
Leadership Seminar	250.00	391.55	300.00
Publications	1200.00	188.64	1200.00
Arbp.Bskbl.Tournament	500.00	470.79	500.00
Standing Committees	100.00	-----	100.00
Scholarships & Awards	100.00	380.00	300.00
Audio-Visual Programming	400.00	*****	150.00
Donations	100.00	18.00	100.00
Service Charges	75.00	112.44	100.00
Educational Programming	1000.00	*****	100.00
Advisory Committee			2500.00##
Armenian Studies Programs			2000.00##
<hr/>			
TOTALS	\$ 13725.00	\$ 10827.49	\$ 16950.00

NOTES:

----- denotes activity took place after end of fiscal year.

***** denotes action and expense taken for these programs was absorbed by other line items (i.e. administrative).

denotes new line item.

Copy

4 December 85

V. REV. FR. KHAJAG BARSAMIAN
Vicar General - Armenian Diocese
630 Second Avenue - NYC, NY 10016-4885

V. Rev. Father Khajag:

This letter is to bring to your attention what appears to be a growing problem regarding the mail received at the Diocese. There are two points I should like to make here:

1. Mail that is received at the Diocese under my name, or in the name of ACYOA (seniors) is sometimes opened by others. Why this happens is never explained. In addition, the established procedure is to forward my mail each Friday. The procedure simply calls for someone to place the mail of the week into a large envelope and send it before 5pm. With this accomplished, I should receive my mail before Wednesday of the following week. Many times this is not the case.

2. Financial statements received at the Diocese in my name or in the name of ACYOA are also opened, almost each and every time. Again no explanation is given. There are no secret funds that need to be checked by anyone - at least that I am aware of. Naturally, with someone opening and reading the mail, it takes longer for it to be forwarded to me. This is especially a problem with the bank statements, since I review them and send them to the ACYOA Central Council Treasurer, who in turn maintains the ledgers for the Council. There are times when months go by before a statement is received by me.

The materials mentioned above are all clearly marked "ACYOA" and/or "James Magarian" and/or "ACYOA Executive Secretary".

If some new policy or procedure has been adopted, please inform so that I can form new expectations.

As usual Hayr Soorp, you are most helpful in solving these minor problems. Thank you very much.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

a. PRIMATE



COPY

DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10016-4885 212 686-0710

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

2 December 85

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

Enclosed you will find a recent mailing to all Chapter Chairmen and Contacts with holiday ideas. While one would assume these types of activities would ordinarily occur with a young adult group, discussions proved otherwise. Perhaps these simple ideas will encourage some of our groups.

"Executive Update Mailing" - January Issue.

Will take place on Thursday evening, Dec. 12th at the Armenian Church in Chelmsford. Those Council members outside the New England area are most welcome to assist if possible. Those Council Members in the N.E. Area are expected to be there with smiles and happy faces. Come anytime after 1 p.m. and stay the night if necessary. Dinner included at no extra charge.

January Council Meeting.

The next meeting of the Central Council will take place on January 24-25-26 (Fri.-Sat.-Sun.) at the Armenian Church in Chelmsford. We should like to begin by 8pm on Friday - please make your arrangements accordingly. Your Sunday departure should be after 3pm, as we shall have an informal dinner together following Sunday Divine Liturgy.

Please Note.

If you are the Corresponding Sec. send out the directed correspondence; if you are the Recording Sec. prepare the Minutes after a meeting and send them out to the Primate, Vicar, Exec. Sec. and all Council members; if you are the Treasurer maintain your ledgers, send statements to Exec. Sec., write checks for reimbursement; if you are the Vice Chairman assist the Chairman; if you are the Chairman see to it that the other members are keeping up with their work, handle your work and direct the V.Chairman when needed. As mentioned in the past, set aside one night a week to handle your ACYOA work. If your personal lives become hectic - call and inform that you may not be able to do what you volunteered to do. It's okay to be honest.

Calendar Project.

While this is really slow to move, it remains a good idea. It is suggested that we design a poster size calendar "frame" of sorts, laminated. This would be sent to all parishes to be posted. Periodically (monthly, quarterly...) we would send the "calendar" part with all the activities to be mounted (glued, taped, etc.) onto the poster in the appropriate place. Think about it.

Stay well, and stay in touch. May this glorious Holy Season be filled with joy and may you and your family be touched with the hope of the Holy Birth.


JIM MAGARIAN



ԱՌԱՋՆՈՐԴՈՒԹՅՈՒՆ ՀԱՅՈՑ

DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10016-4885 212 686-0710

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

1 December 85

Dear Chapter Chairmen and Contacts,

After meeting with and speaking over the telephone with several ACYOA Chapter Chairmen and Contacts, it appears that some chapters are to miss out on the advantages of the festive holiday season, in terms of planning and scheduling activities.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE.....begin planning now.....with people home from school, in the 'holiday spirit' and just waiting for places to go and meet with old and new friends, this is the prime time of the year to "bring them altogether" - not for a meeting, but to be in touch and have a good time. Here are a few suggestions, if you don't already have them on your calendar of events:

1- **A REAL CHRISTMAS PARTY.** Doesn't matter if it's held around the 25th or the 6th. Everyone to bring something...gift, food, surprises, videos, tree, sleigh bells, holiday cheer....

2- **A REAL NIGHT OF CAROLING.** If you live in the north, get out the scarfs and the woolen mittens and something to keep the throat warm and sing your hearts out. Where? On the city common; for the children at the hospital; for the elderly; for someone/family that has been a real help in the parish; (get the idea?)....

3- **A REAL SLEIGH RIDE.** Of course you need snow, a horse(s) and a sleigh(s) to begin with. If you live in the south, or there is no snow, a hayride can be substituted - although the effect will be different. What's planned for after the ride is an option. The more spontaneous the better.

4- **A REAL SKATING PARTY.** In the north you can go to a pond or lake....bring along the snacks, the beverages and even the toboggan if there's snow. Light a bon fire and toast the marshmallows..... In the south, the local skating rink is your best bet followed by a delicious dinner at a nearby steakhouse.

5- **SPORTS NIGHT.** Meet someplace convenient for cocktails and maybe dinner. Then it's off to a professional hockey or basketball game. Depending on where you live and who's playing, it might be advisable to buy the tickets in advance.

6- **ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION.** Find out when your parish will celebrate Armenian Christmas Eve, with worship services. Plan to give car rides to the elderly of the community - as many as you can, coordinate with pastor. Following the Services, and a return ride home for those you brought, plan to meet at a great place to celebrate - food, drinks, people - the more the better.

7- **HIT THE SLOPES.** A day or weekend, or a couple of weekdays, on the ski slopes (snow and mountains will help). For those who don't ski, there's always snowmobiles, skating, cross-country trails, and usually a great time in the ski-lodge day or night. Just being there is half the fun.

(con't)

8- **RESTAURANT PROGRESSIVE DINNER.** That's right. This is not held at people's homes (although it's perfectly acceptable too). Rather, a planned dinner from delectable appetizers, hot robust soups, crisp salads, delicious entrees, unheard of desserts, and of course something to finish off this full course meal - all accomplished through restaurants - the best your area has to offer. This is a great, yet unusual, time for all - something you're not likely to forget.

9- **COMPARATIVE CHRISTMAS.** There's always a need for something educational. This idea provides an opportunity for your group to visit other church denominations and find out about their Christmas observances and celebrations. One or more denominations is suggested. Plan with their clergyman to present a short talk at their church, followed by a question/answer period. One hour is sufficient to cover this one topic. Go to another church or out to dinner and discuss it.

10- **BE A REAL SANTA.** Request of your pastor and parish council to take a special collection around Christmas time that will go toward purchasing toys for children in hospitals, group homes, institutions, etc. Take the collection money, match the amount with money from your treasury for a good total. Go to a local store and tell the manager what you want to do - ask for donations and/or a sizable discount. Buy to hearts content. Be sure to arrange with those who will receive the gifts well in advance. Your entire membership should participate in all aspects - especially the distribution. Dressing up as "Santas" would add a little color and fun as well. You'd be surprised the great feeling you'll have when the toys are given.

PLEASE NOTE:


Your activities are not limited to the abovementioned 10 ideas - there are many more imaginative things to do during this wonderful time of year. Be creative!

REMEMBER:

The idea behind all this is to bring together the Armenian young adults of your parish to enjoy each other's company, to talk, to plan, to create interest, and most of all to keep in touch. The school semester is over for most; the holidays are a time to really have fun; and each and every one should be invited to join in. In this way, you maintain your ties with those at school, or those so involved with work that they can't normally participate.

May this wonderful and glorious time of the year be filled with happiness, and may you and your family celebrate together the Holy Birth of our Lord and Saviour.

Stay well and stay in touch.


JAMES MAGARIAN
Executive Secretary - ACYOA
Diocese of the Armenian Church

c.c. Primate
Vicar General
Council Members
Pastors/Parish Councils



107

U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE - CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION - 20803

DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10016-4885 212 686-0710

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

2 December 85

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

Enclosed you will find a recent mailing to all Chapter Chairmen and Contacts with holiday ideas. While one would assume these types of activities would ordinarily occur with a young adult group, discussions proved otherwise. Perhaps these simple ideas will encourage some of our groups.

"Executive Update Mailing" - January Issue.

Will take place on Thursday evening, Dec. 12th at the Armenian Church in Chelmsford. Those Council members outside the New England area are most welcome to assist if possible. Those Council Members in the N.E. Area are expected to be there with smiles and happy faces. Come anytime after 1 p.m. and stay the night if necessary. Dinner included at no extra charge.

January Council Meeting.

The next meeting of the Central Council will take place on January 24-25-26 (Fri.-Sat.-Sun.) at the Armenian Church in Chelmsford. We should like to begin by 8pm on Friday - please make your arrangements accordingly. Your Sunday departure should be after 3pm, as we shall have an informal dinner together following Sunday Divine Liturgy.

Please Note.

If you are the Corresponding Sec. send out the directed correspondence; if you are the Recording Sec. prepare the Minutes after a meeting and send them out to the Primate, Vicar, Exec. Sec. and all Council members; if you are the Treasurer maintain your ledgers, send statements to Exec. Sec., write checks for reimbursement; if you are the Vice Chairman assist the Chairman; if you are the Chairman see to it that the other members are keeping up with their work, handle your work and direct the V.Chairman when needed. As mentioned in the past, set aside one night a week to handle your ACYOA work. If your personal lives become hectic - call and inform that you may not be able to do what you volunteered to do. It's okay to be honest.

Calendar Project.

While this is really slow to move, it remains a good idea. It is suggested that we design a poster size calendar "frame" of sorts, laminated. This would be sent to all parishes to be posted. Periodically (monthly, quarterly...) we would send the "calendar" part with all the activities to be mounted (glued, taped, etc.) onto the poster in the appropriate place. Think about it.

Stay well, and stay in touch. May this glorious Holy Season be filled with joy and may you and your family be touched with the hope of the Holy Birth.


JIM MAGARIAN



ԱՌԱՋՆՈՐԴՈՒԹՅՈՒՆ ՀԱՅՈՑ

DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10016-4885 212 686-0710

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

26 November 85

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

Realizing that all of you have been waiting patiently for the enclosed, some I understand sitting at the edge of their beds unable to sleep at night (I know I have), I am rushing the official, unabridged, original and unedited "1986 Parish Directory" for the Diocese. Use it in good health and with good intentions. I know I will.

Regarding the November "Update" - this was expertly prepared for bulk mailing by Scott, Gary and Jim in record time. Although an hour was spent at the Post Office the next day sorting zips and chatting with Postal employees, it appears that most if not all on the mailing list received the Nov. issue in November. Since we've achieved this milestone, our next target is to have everyone receive the January issue in December.....at this rate we'll be reaching for the stars in no time! (Jan. issue mailing date will be Dec. 12 and/or 13.)

Regarding contact with the parishes in your region - this cannot be stressed enough. Dividing up the Diocese into regions with one person responsible - regional representative - allows for a practical and feasible means of remaining in contact with all parishes - with and without active chapters. We have no right to expect a response to our flyers, letters, requests, etc., etc., unless we personally contact, remind, explain, beg, plead, implore, and develop a relationship with each parish/pastor/ chairman/contact/friend.....in each parish. Perhaps some will never respond - that's okay. It's perfectly alright to call and just say "hi" without demanding dues, fact sheets, reports, mailing lists, etc.

Regarding administrative endeavors - do your best with the time and resources you have. If you have taken on something which you really don't have time for, please inform.

Regarding the upcoming holidays - be sure to enjoy them and give thanks to God for all our many blessings - and for the opportunity to participate and serve the Church through the ACYOA - I know I will.

Stay well and take good care.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate



- Copy -

ԱՌԱՋՆՈՐԴՈՒԹՅՈՒՆ ՀԱՅՈՑ

DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10016-4885 212 686-0710

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

18 November 85

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

Enclosed are the following:

1. Extra copies of the November Executive Update - send these to those you know away at school and/or not on the National Mailing List. You might also want to give these out when you visit a parish or at a regional conference.
2. Copy of a cost sheet regarding the National Mailing List computer services.

Regarding the revised Directory of Parishes from the Diocese this will be sent immediately upon its printing.

Please note.....that after you visit a parish/chapter, the "Council Report Form" should be completed and sent in. In addition, after a regional conference, or whenever there is any news, please call or write and tell about it. It will be used in news releases, in the Update, etc....

You will be informed regarding a date for our next Council Meeting, probably to take place in January.

It is highly suggested that the parishes/chapters in your region be contacted soon to suggest various activities during the Christmas Semester break - when the students are home. Every chapter should have some type of get together during this period.

Stay well.

Sincerely,

JAMES MAGARIAN

Enclosures.

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

MINUTES - CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

November 1, 1985

9:00 pm

Diocese of the Armenian Church, NY

First Session

1. Opening Prayer - Fr. Khajag Barsamian, Vicar General
2. Minutes - a facsimile of minutes of transitional meeting were read.
3. Treasurer's Report - Approximately 2000.00 present balance

2000.00 owed

Sports weekend check to arrive soon

ACYOA would now be working on deficit spending

Melina will be contacting Ralph regarding status of stocks

4. Youth Listings

*Council should obtain records from chapters

*New list will have names deleted, list to be obtained from previous Council

*National Assignments - Archbishop's Cup Tournament(Shake)

National Sports Weekend(Scott)

Religious and Educational Programs(Gary)

Leadership Seminar(Melina)

Adjournment

SECOND SESSION

November 2, 1985

9:50 am

1. Opening Prayer
2. Calender/Poster

Format, logistics and regional assignments were discussed. Motion was made by Sara to formulate and implement a 12 month academic calendar to be distributed to all parishes. Seconded by Shake.

Shake and Sara will assess cost of commercial and printed year round calendar. Information for the poster will include listing of city, parishes and phone number. December 9 will be the deadline for receiving information for the calendar, December 16 should be the target date for the calendar to be received.



Central Council

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America 630 Second Avenue New York, N. Y. 10016 (212) 686-0710

2.

3. Archbishops Cup Tournament

To be held at the Laguardia Marriott, approximately \$59.00 per night. The banquet will be held at the Holiday Inn. The dates of the event will be April 11-13, 1986. Diane Kaprikian has developed a tentative schedule:

Friday-Church Mixer

Saturday-(Francis Lewis High) Mixer

Banquet

Sunday-Brunch

4. Religious and Educational Programs

Discussion was held on how to involve more members in these programs.

*Ideas - regional retreats comind with conferences, game shows and introducing an element of fun in the programs.

Possibilities of a Fall and Spring Conference was also discussed.

5. Leadership Seminar

Will be held in Racine, WI along with the Diocosean Assembly. To be held in May of 1986 and will begin on a Saturday.

6. Regional Conference

Discussion was held on rotation of hosts, and affording chapters to present National Updates.

Mid-Atlantic to be held on the 15-17.

Schedule: Meeting, Highlights of Central Council

Highlight of General Assembly and Sports Weekend,

Bazaar

New England meeting willbe held on December 7 in Providence, Christmas with Onnik Dance to follow.

7. Executive Updates were discussed.

8. Christmas Cards were discussed, to be distributed following the meeting.

3.

9. 40th Anniversary Commemoration

Each Region should formulate a committee for "fact-finders" for the yearbook, including Alumni.

10. Resource Booklet

Discussion was held on developing a resource booklet for Armenian Youth to provide them with a guide to better programming.

Areas: (Categorized by topic)

Music

Cultural

Education

Historical

Professional

Religious

Shake will take the lead on this project.

11. NEW BUSINESS

The advisory committee that was appointed during the General Assembly shall serve a key people in developing the resource booklet.

Membership incentives were developed. A motion was made by Shake and seconded by Melina to provide the following membership incentives for National Programs:

Archbishops Cup Tournament \$10.00

National Sports Weekend \$10.00

Armenian Studies Program \$20.00

Regional Events \$3.00 (minimum)

Copies to be sent to parishes and Chapters.

Closing Prayer 5:00 pm

MARK THESE DATES NOW !

APRIL 11-12-13, 1986 - Bayside, New York

Archbishop's Basketball Tournament

All parishes are invited to send men's and women's teams to compete in the games and enjoy all the festivities.

MAY 3, 1986 - Racine, Wisconsin

ACYOA Leadership Seminar

Held at the Annual Diocesan Assembly. Focus on skills, organizing methods and problem solving approaches. Weekend includes social activities.

JUNE 20 - JULY 20, 1986 - Yerevan, Armenia

ACYOA Armenian Studies Program:
"Educational Tour to Armenia"

Month-long trip to Armenia that includes everything you could ask for. Extensive trips throughout the countryside - tours of all the famous sites - audience with His Holiness the Catholicos - insights into the arts, history, people, places, music and language of the Armenian faith and heritage. Sign up early - see pastor.

AUGUST 27-29, 1986 - Philadelphia, Penn.

ACYOA ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Adam's Mark Hotel - chapters to send delegates - evening social activities complement day-long meetings & conferences.

AUGUST 29 - September 1 - Philadelphia, Penn.

ACYOA NATIONAL SPORTS WEEKEND

Adam's Mark Hotel - 35 athletic events for chapters - fabulous evening banquets, dances, parties and a great time for all. DON'T MISS IT.

accents
on
acyoa





DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10016-4885 212 686-0710

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

15 October 85

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

Having received confirmation of Assembly elections by the Primate and Diocesan Council, you may now officially proceed with the many duties and responsibilities that are part of your office.

The enclosed letter from the Primate indicates that Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian's election was not approved, and therefore the first alternate Sara Martinian (Providence) is to take his place. Lisa Manookian is now the first alternate.

The Executive Secretary and Council Chairman has discussed at length the program and regional assignments for this coming year. Enclosed you will find sheets with the particulars. All Council members should begin now (if not already) to contact all parishes/chapters within your assigned region. This should be done with a formal letter to the parishes/chapters, as well as a personal telephone call to each pastor/parish council chairman, in addition to the chapter chairman/contact.

This initial contact is important in establishing a good rapport. Also, you should begin to make arrangements to visit with the parish - whether or not an established and operating chapter exists. A tentative date for a regional conference should also be mentioned.

Program assignments shall be as follows:

- + 1986 Assembly and Sports Weekend - Philadelphia - Scott Najarian
- + 1986 Archbishop's Basketball Tournament - TBA - Shake Ajamian
- + 1986 ACYOA Leadership Seminar - Racine - Melina Spinuzza
- + Religious Programming - regionally - Gary Townsend

Other assignments will be discussed at our next meeting.

Enclosed are various materials which you should become familiar with. If you already have the Chapter Handbook, give your extra copy to a parish/chapter which may have misplaced their's.

The present edition of the Diocesan Parish Directory is being revised. Upon completion, each Council member will receive a copy. It includes names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all parishes, pastors, clergy, and parish council chairmen, in addition to Diocesan delegates.

The "Chapter Deadlines" sheet and "Chapter Reminder" sheets are self-explanatory and should be read carefully. Please be in touch with any questions. Vouchers for reimbursement are also enclosed.

Also enclosed are address labels for the Vicar General, Executive Secretary, and Council members.

Copies of the various ACYOA Administrative forms are included for your reference. You should make mention of these when contacting chapters.

It is advisable that you have a check-list when calling parishes/chapters, as well as when you visit. In this way, you will cover the necessities and have a more wholistic approach to keeping them informed of ACYOA operations, as well as gather information to evaluate the situation properly.

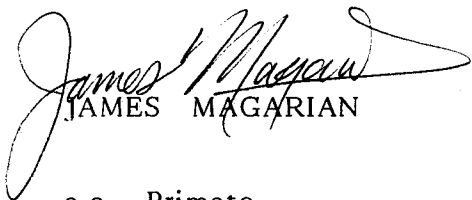
Kindly note that copies of the "Central Council Parish Visitation" form are here for you use. This is to be completed when visiting parishes/chapters. They may also be used in those cases where you cannot visit a parish, but can gather the needed information through contact over the telephone. Please send these to the Executive Secretary immediately after your visit/call.

As is the case with most everything here, please feel free to make and distribute copies of these materials as needed.

Our first meeting is scheduled for November 1st and 2nd at the Diocesan Center in New York City. We shall begin our discussions on Friday evening. Please make every effort to be on time. If you are to be delayed for any reason, do be in touch. A letter and agenda will be sent to you by the Council Chairman. For those of you not familiar with coming to the Diocese, directions will be included.

Looking forward to seeing you then. Stay well and stay in touch.

Sincerely yours,


JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate
Vicar General

October 10, 1985

Mr. James Magarian
99 Long Pond Road
Tynsborough, MA 01879

Dear James:

We are pleased to advise you that the Diocesan Council at its session of September 20, approved the election of the following members of ACYOA Central Council:

Gary Townsend
Scott Najarian
Melina Spinuzza
Sam Martinian

and the election of Lisa Manoogian as first alternate.

The Council also approved the designation of the following to the Advisory Committee established by resolution at the ACYOA assembly:

Dean Shahinian
Fr. Mardiros Chevian
Hyles Couyoumjian

The Diocesan Council further recommended that the Central council consider inviting Fr. Kochakian to serve on the Advisory Committee.

The Diocesan Council members join us in wishing all incumbent and newly elected members a successful term.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

October 2, 1985

Mr. James Magarian, Executive Secretary
Armenian Church Youth Organization of America
99 Long Pond Road
Tyngsborough, MA 01879

Dear James:

Thank you for your letter of September 13, enquiring whether in future you should send all correspondence, reimbursement vouchers and monthly reports to me. It will be appreciated if you will send all such correspondence to me as ACYOA programs and activities come under my jurisdiction as Vicar General of the Diocese since July 1, 1985.

A copy of the bulletin dated July 18, 1985, is enclosed herewith for your information.

With regard to the five-year plan with Mr. Stoneson, a meeting will be held with the various department heads involved, and I will let you know the details of the outcome at a later date.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the members of the Central Council and the Sports Weekend Committee for their untiring efforts to organize the Sports Weekend and for all the work cheerfully done in welcoming and caring for the representatives of this year's assembly.

May the Lord bless you and your loves ones always with His love and wisdom.

With prayers,

Fr. Khajag Barsamian
Vicar General

Enclosure



ԱՌԱՋՆՈՐԴՈՒԹՅՈՒՆ ՀԱՅՈՑ

DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10016-4885 212 686-0710

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

13 September 85

V. REV. FR. KHAJAG BARSAMIAN
Vicar General - Armenian Diocese
630 Second Avenue - NYC, NY 10016-4885

V. Rev. Father Khajag:

It is a pleasure to be able to meet and speak with you on a more regular basis since your appointment as Vicar General with its varied duties.

While an official letter or outline of any new procedures has yet to come regarding your position, I thought I might ask a few questions:

1. As has been mentioned by the Primate, you are to oversee the various departments. Does this mean that you are to receive copies of all materials and correspondence, previously sent to Mr. Kermian?

yes.

2. Almost 95% of my departmental budget is first paid by me directly, and then reimbursed by the Diocese. Presently, there are times when a considerable amount of time goes by before a reimbursement check arrives, during which time I must carry the amount spent. A week to ten days is fine, but more than this can be a problem. With your new position, shall the reimbursement/vouchers be sent directly to you? Or, shall they continue to be sent to Mr. Kermian. Will sending them to you add any additional time to the reimbursement procedure?

yes

3. Presently, the monthly reports, along with copies of virtually everything else is sent to Mr. Kermian, and of course the Primate. Should I send the monthly reports, etc., to you now instead of Mr. Kermian?

yes

Regarding the 5-year plan with Mr. Stoneson, while I mentioned that I am not as available as usual at this time, I do feel that it might help to make things go quicker if you could meet with the department heads first, and at least establish a standardized "outline" of budgetary needs and direction/goals from which we can work. In this way, when I am able to sit with you and each of them, we will have part of our needs fulfilled.

I shall be taking a week or two off on and around the arrival of our next child. I am presently clearing a number of important items so as to not unnecessarily postpone them.

Stay well Hayr Soorp. I shall speak with you soon.

Respectfully yours, in Christ,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate

23 September 85

SHAKE AJAMIAN
Chairman - ACYOA Central Council
15 Arjay Lane
Commack, NY 11725

Dear Shake,

Enclosed is a check from the ASP Account in the amount of \$1,000.00. This should be deposited into the Council Treasury. A check in the amount of \$2,000.00 should be drawn and made out to: "Diocese of the Armenian Church" (memo: Etchmiadzin Fund).

This transaction should take care of the needs expressed in the telegram from Armenia regarding the extra expenses incurred this summer with the "Educational Tour to Armenia".

Sincerely,


JAMES MAGARIAN

enclosure

c.c. Primate



ԱՌԱՋՆՈՐԴՈՒԹՅՈՒՆ ՀԱՅՈՑ

DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10016-4885 212 686-0710

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

11 September 85

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

Enclosed is the final session of the Record of the Minutes for the 1985 ACYOA General Assembly. Each of the previous sessions have been accepted and approved by the Assembly. As is the custom, the ACYOA Central Council approves the final session.

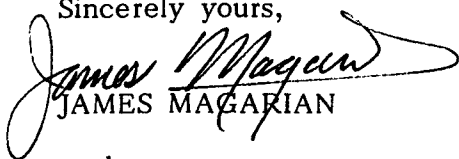
Kindly take a few minutes to review this session and make any necessary corrective notes. If the corrections are minor, please call me and inform. If the corrections are major, please write the correction and send it as soon as possible. Where there may be a conflict between your correction and another, I shall call to adjust.

This "through the mail" approval is being done to allow for immediate preparation of the entire Record of the Minutes of the Assembly to be presented to the Diocesan Council for their approval.

If there are any questions, please do be in touch. If you do not have any corrections, you need not respond. After September 20th, it is assumed that all corrections will have been made and the final copy prepared and sent.

Stay well and stay in touch.

Sincerely yours,


JAMES MAGARIAN

enclosure.

c.c. Primate

Phone Numbers:
617-256-7234 days
617-649-6875 eves



ՀԱՅՑ. ԵԿԵՂԵՑԻՈՅ ԵՐԻՏԱՍԱՐԴԱՑ ԿԱԶՄԱԿԵՐՊՈՒԹԻՒՆ
**ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION
of CALIFORNIA**

WESTERN DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

1201 North Vine Street
Hollywood, California 90038
Telephone (213) 466-5265

Primate
Archbishop Vatché Hovsepian

Central Council

September 9, 1985

Shake Ajamian
Chairman
ACYOA Central Council
15 Arjay Lane
Commack, NY 11725

Dear Shake,

We would like to sincerely thank the Central Council (both incoming and outgoing) for allowing us to take part in your General Assembly and witness both your problems as well as your successes. It is our hope that the Western and Eastern Diocese Central Councils can work together to make our ACYO's progress toward the heights of Christian achievement that we all know we can reach.

We must also thank you on a less formal note, for your wonderful hospitality, the warmth that you so unhesitatingly extended to us, and the friendships that we were able to make with so many of you in the Eastern Diocese. We want to keep in contact with you and maintain those friendships that we now cherish so much. Now it's our turn to return the hospitality and we sincerely hope that you might be able to join us for one or more of our events here on the West Coast so that we may have a chance to open our homes and our arms to you in welcome.

Please do not hesitate to call on us at any time if you have need for any advise, suggestions or support, for we both have had ample experience at both the chapter and Central Council level and we are anxious to help you in any way we can.

May our Lord strengthen you in your endeavors and keep you well until we meet again in the near future. Our thoughts will always be with you.

Lisa Kalustian

Nicole Bedikian

cc: His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian ✓
His Eminence Archbishop Vatche Hovsepian
Arda Nazerian
James Magarian

nb

MAILGRAM SERVICE CENTER
MIDDLETOWN, VA. 22645
03AM

Western
Union Mailgram®



4-0084765246002 09/03/85 ICS IPMMTZZ CSP SPMB
1 5177018111 MGM TDMT WORCESTER WT MA 09-03 1055A EST

SCOTT NAJARIAN ADENABED-ACYOA HAGOP MAGARIAN
VARICH KARDOOGHAR-ACYOA
87 SALISBURY ST
WORCESTER MA 01609

THIS IS A CONFIRMATION COPY OF THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE:

TDMT WORCESTER WT MA 113/93 09-03 1055A EST
INT MONASTERY OF HOLY ETCHMIADZIN
ETCHMIADZIN
ARMENIA (SOVIETUNION)

NORIN SOORP ODZOOTIUN DER DER VAZKEN 1, CATHOLICOS AMENAYN HAYOTS
VEHAPAR DER HANON AMERIGAHAYOTS AREVELYAN TEMEE YERIDASARTATS
SAZMAGERBOOTYAN 39-ERORT DARDGAN HAMAZHOCHOVEEN, VOR DEGHEE OONETSAV
WORCESTER MASSACHUSETTS OKOSDOS 28, 29, 30 1985 HOVANAVORUTYAMP TEMIS
ARACHNORT KERASHNORH TORKOM SRPAZANI GUH HAYDNEMK POLORDES VORTIYAGAN
SERN (X) HAVADARMOOTYOUNUH ISERT SURPOOTYAN AMERIGAHAY YERIDASARTNEROO
HANTEB TSER TSSOTSAPERADZ HAYRAGAN VERAPERMOUNKIN HAMAR EE MASNAVORDE
AMARNAYEEN MIAMSYA TASUNTATSKNEROO ARTIVE EE SURDEH GU MAGHTENK YEV
KHONARHAPAR GAGHOTENK TSER AREVSHADOOTYAN YEV AROGHCHOOTYAN HAMAR YEV
ANSASNOOTYANUH HAMAR MER HAVADKAE GETRON SOORP ETCHMIADZNEE
SCOTT NAJARIAN ADENABED-ACYOA HAGOP MAGARIAN VARICH
KARDOOGHAR-ACYOA

COL 1, 39-ERORT 28, 29, 30 1985

1000 EST

MGMCOMP MGM

The 1985 Auditing Committee members consisting of:

Robert Shamgochian
Lisa Manookian
Stephen Sarkisian

have reviewed the 1984-85 records of:

- 1) 1984 National Sports Weekend
- 2) 1985 Archbishops Tournament
- 3) Armenian Studies Program
- 4) ACYOA Central Council

and have found the records to be in order and correct.

A breakdown of each event with recommendations (specific)
to each catagory are as follows:

1985 ASP Financial Report (continued)

Recommendation of Auditing Committee:

- (1) Charges to participants should more directly correspond to the actual expenses occurred, thereby not supporting our national budget through the unsolicited donations of participants (funding their own trips).
- or (2) The excess proceeds go to the Holy See of Etchmiadzin in a form appropriate to express appreciation for their hospitality to the group.

CENTRAL COUNCIL BOOKS

The checking account was audited for the period 24-JUL-84 through 21-JUN-85. Accounts appeared in order. The following observations were made:

- (1) A \$10.00 bank error in our favor (22-MAR-85 through 19-APR-85 statement)

Starting Balance	\$1,787.43
Gross Income Reported	10,262.35

Subtotal	\$12,049.78
Gross Expenses	10,137.49
Reported	

Net Income	\$1,912.29
Undeposited Proceeds	911.42
from Archbishop's	
Tournament	
Undeposited Proceeds	\$3,000.00
from ASP Program	

* Total Net Income	\$5,823.71
(ending balance)	=====

* Approximate total based on books and known deposits outstanding.

Recommendation of Auditing Committee:

- (1) A checking account which draws interest (NOW account) should be used, if possible.

Merrill Lynch Ready Asset Trust

Starting Bal. 6/84	2099.43 shares
Dividends	<u>108.63</u>
Total Shares	2208.06

1 share = 1 dollar

Account closed as of Dec. 31, 1984. Assets liquidated into
Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner and Smith Inc. Securities Account

Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner and Smith Inc.-- Securities Act.

Opening Bal. 6/30/84	20165.62
Transfer from Ready Assets	2208.06
Net Gains	1411.01
Net Worth as of 7/27/84	<u>23784.69</u>

** ** Day to day operations were maintained by Ralph DerAssadourian
No Report Presented to the Auditing Committee.

1984 ACYOA National Sports Weekend

Gross Income	\$41,515.00	
Expenses	- 33,613.00	

Net Income	\$7,902.00	
Additional Expenses (post report)	927.52	

Net Profit	\$6,974.48	
	=====	
1/2 Profit to ACYOA Central Council	\$3,487.24	(CHECK DEPOSITED)

* Complete documentation from the weekend was not available. This report based on available data. Auditing Committee finds funds in order.

1985 Archbishop's Basketball Tournament

Gross Income	\$8,863.00	
Expenses	7,040.77	

Net Income	\$1,822.84	
	=====	
1/2 Profit to ACYOA Central Council	\$911.42	(CHECK NOT CLEARED YET)

1985 ASP Financial Report

Gross Income	\$28,605.00	
Expenses	26,126.59	

Net Income	\$2,478.41	
Checking Account	168.23	

Net Profit	\$2,646.64	
	=====	
Starting Balance	\$1,679.06	
Net Profit	2,646.64	

Subtotal	\$4,325.70	
Budgeted transfer to ACYOA	3,000.00	(CHECK NOT CLEARED YET)

Ending Balance	\$1,325.70	
	=====	

* ASP Profits directly correspond to fees paid by participants

SECOND ASSEMBLY SESSION - Thursday, August 29, 1985, 9:37 a.m.

Tuber
11. OPENING PRAYER SERVICE

The Primate led the Assembly delegates in the Opening Prayer Service. Der Nersess (Houston) also officiated during the Opening Service.

Read the Gospel Lesson
12. OPENING SESSION CALLED TO ORDER

Second Session was called to order at 9:37 a.m. by Assembly Chairman - Scott Najarian.

13. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ASSEMBLY SESSION

The minutes were read with corrections by Central Council Secretary. Further corrections were added from the floor. Motion to accept minutes as corrected was made by Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) seconded by Melanie Spinuzza (Evanston). Minutes were accepted.

14. WELCOMING OF NEW DELEGATES

Scott Najarian, Assembly Chairman welcomed the following new delegates to the Assembly.

Laime
Der Garabed Kochakian - Wisconsin
Der Nersess Jebejian - Houston
Der Aved Terzian - Worcester
Der Karenin Karpavicius - Westchester

Der Manjre Konyan.
Cambridge

15. ADDRESS OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

James Magarian, Executive Secretary *of* the ACYOA (from the Diocese) addressed the Assembly regarding the state of the ACYOA. Mr. Magarian made the following points:

New projects must be designed to stimulate growth of the Armenian Youth.
We must change to meet the challenges of a new era.
We must choose consistency, professionalism and continuity to effectively change the state of ACYOA.

16. APPOINTMENTS

Scott Najarian, Assembly Chairman, announced the appointment of Sara Martinian (Providence) to Assembly Secretary.

17. PRESENTATION CENTRAL COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT.

Sona Palvetzian (Central Council) presented Central Council Annual Report. Motion to accept the report was made by Greg Saraydarian (Bayside), seconded by Shake Ajamian (Central Council).

Discussion was held; revisions, corrections and notes were added to the Annual Report. The report was accepted unanimously.

Arthur
18. MOTION

Artie Sabounjian (Watertown) moved to consider the agenda - passed. second, Sara Martinian (Providence)

^{the}
Artie Sabounjian (Watertown) moved to amend the agenda to add item 16a.
Item to read a Statistical Report from Central Council.

Youth
19. ADDRESS OF HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN

His Eminence challenged the Assembly to ponder "What is the Armenian Church doing now. He asked us to gain from past experience and look forward to growth. His Eminence suggested a new program entitled International Youth Fellowship Week, which would invite youth from other Dioceses for participation in discussions, seminars, recreation and socializing.

Motion was made to recess the Assembly until 2:00 p.m. by Sona Palvetzian and seconded by Shake Ajamian. Session adjourned 11:26 a.m.



Copy

ԱՌԱՋՆՈՐԴՈՒԹԻՒՆ ՀԱՅՈՑ

DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10016-4885 212 686-0710

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

9-11-85

Dear Council Members,

To those who are newly elected, congratulations and welcome aboard. To Shake, who is the "veteran" and in the final year of her two-year term, your perspective and experience will play a vital role in weaving a thread from the past into the new Council.

This informal note is just to say hello. Although your term in office does not officially begin until the Primate and Diocesan Council approve the proceedings and elections of the Assembly, we must begin now to prepare for the coming year. At your earliest convenience, please provide your home telephone number, and a number where you can be reached during the day. If your address is about to change, inform on that too.

Enclosed is an initial letter and "task" which must be attended to now. The Assembly Minutes are being retyped and prepared for distribution, except for the final session which must be approved.

Very soon you will receive a packet with various information and ACYOA administrative materials. Program coordinators and regional assignments will be made, and as mentioned at the Transitional meeting, each Council member will need to set aside one evening a week for an hour to attend to ACYOA matters. Anything less will only result in a backlog of work.

In addition, if at any time you have a question about a program, procedure, or the reason behind why something is done a certain way, do not waste time guessing, call the Council Chairman or myself. For example: you will receive copies of all materials and announcements sent to all the parishes and chapters. After you receive your copy, you should call each parish and chapter in your assigned region (talking to the pastor and chapter chairman) and ask if they received the materials; do they understand what is being announced or asked of them, etc.....but you really can't do this effectively without first understanding the materials yourself.

✓ The first Council meeting will take place in N.Y.C. in late Oct. or early Nov. The meeting will begin on Friday evening and probably end late Sat. afternoon. You will be informed as soon as a date is confirmed with the Primate.

Stay well, stay in touch, and stay ready...there is much to do.


JIMMIE.

28. OPENING

Assembly called to order at 2:15 pm.

29. Acceptance of Previous Sessions Minutes

Michael Yapchian (Watertown) moved to accept the minutes of the previous session, seconded by Carol Kazarian (Racine). Minutes were accepted.

Myles Couyoumjian (Detroit) seconded by Sona Palvetzian (Central Council). Moved to adjust agenda, to place election results first.
PASSED

30. Report of Nominating Committee

Scott Najarian, Chairman, reported results of elections held during the fourth session: (see previous session for names of elected)

31. Report of Ad Hoc Committee

Arda Nazerian (Central Council) presented the report of the Ad Hoc Committee. Shake Ajamian (Central Council) made a motion to accept report. Seconded by Sona Palvetzian (Central Council).

PASSED. Discussion was held. Arthur Sabourjian (Watertown) motioned to accept recommendations. Seconded by Greg Saraydarian (Bayside).
PASSED. Appointment of said committee to be confirmed by the body.

32. Constitutional Amendment

Shake Ajamian (Central Council) presented a proposed amendment to the constitution section 7. Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) moved to accept amendment for consideration. Dan Shadbedjian seconded the motion. (3/4 vote required for discussion) PASSED. Scott Najarian called for a vote. Arthur Sabourjian (Watertown) challenged the chair. There were 5 seconds and the chair was defeated. Scott Najarian called question, 5 seconds. John moved to close discussion. Ara Kazarian seconded (3/4 vote needed to close discussion) Motion was defeated.

Rev. Fr. Khajag Barsamian - Vicar General - read correspondence to the Vehapar.

33. National Budget

Arda Nazerian (Central Council) moved to add \$2500.00 under a new line item under "advisory committee" to the 1985 - 1986 National Budget dispersment. Carol Kazarian (Racine) called question.
PASSED.

Sona Palvetzian moved a line to be added to 1985 - 1986 budget under disbursements for the ASP total, total sum of \$2000.00 and change receipts 1985 - 1986 under ASP to \$3700.00. Arda Nazerian (Central Council) seconded and called question.
PASSED.

Arda Nazerian (Central Council) moved to accept amended budget. PASSED

Arda Nazerian (Central Council) reported names of the appropriate appointed committee for the approval of the Assembly Committee. Arda Nazerian (Central Council) moves to the following individuals be appointed to the "Ad Hoc Committee." Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) seconded.

Miles Couyoumjian - Detroit
Sara J. Martinian - Providence
Dean Shahinian - Washington
Der Mardios Chevia - Westchester

Shake Ajamian (Central Council) call question.

PASSED

34. Special Education Program

~~Very~~ Fr. Khajag Barsinian, Vic~~tor~~ General presented the Special Education program. ~~It consisted of a slide program on Historic Armenia.~~

35. ~~12th~~ ^{SITE} Consideration of Bids for ^{Bid} Selection of 1986 National Sports Weekend

Lisa Manookian (Wynewood) presented a ^{Bid} slide show and a ^{presentation} proposal was read. George Jaiervjian (Detroit) presented bid. Arda Nazerian (Central Council) motioned to open discussion. Gary Townsend (Lawerance) seconded PASSED. Discussion was held. Gary Townsend (lawerance) motioned for a secret ballot. Nancy Kazanjian (Wynewood) seconded. Election was held. 1986 National Sports weekend will be held in Wynewood and Lisa Manookian invited Canada and California. ^{hosted by}

Courtesies were presented by SNAP (cc)

36. Consideration of any Resolutions or Courtesies

Shake Ajamian (Central Council) made a motion to accept the ~~resolutions~~ and courtesies, seconded by Greg Saraydarian (Bayside). Friendly ammendments were made and the ~~resolutions and~~ courtesies were accepted. *(there were no resolutions.)*

36. Good and Welfare

Several Chapter announcements were made, along with Sports Weekend Announcements.

37. Adjournment

Sona Palvetzian (Central Council) motioned to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Susan Boyajian (Palos Heights).

Louis Mikatarian (Worcester) ^{presented} handed over the Assembly Banner to Nancy Kazanjian (Wynewood) ^{Host} to be displayed at the 1986 Sports Weekend. ^{Hosted by Assembly}

Very Reverend Fr. Khajag led the Assembly in a closing prayer, ^{and blessed} Assembly was ajourned at 5:30 pm. ^{all going + many cl members.}

X
Sara Martin
(Providence)
Recording Sec.

X
Shake Ajamian
cc

ACYOA

General
Assembly

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America
Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 Second Ave., N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016 [212-686-0710]

Statistical Youth Report

PARISH	Actual # of dues paid members w/names appearing on list	Potential # of participants for programs
ayride *	16	320
oston *	20	90
hicago	-	80
leveland *	16	50
Detroit *	131	350
awrence *	25	70
Evaston *	6	50
owell *	15	150
ew Britain	-	40
ontreal *	25	300
o. New Jersey	-	350
alos Heights *	40	60
Providence *	41	100
St. Catharines *	16	30
Washington DC *	25	70
Watertown *	34	450
Westchester *	8	80
Wisconsin *	32	175
Wynnewood *	18	150
Toronto	-	120
TOTAL - 468		TOTAL - 3085

* denotes that an ACYOA Chapter exists, at least to some degree.
Note, however, that it does not, BY ANY MEANS, mean that they
are consistently active.

Third Session - Thursday, August 29, 1985, 2:26 p.m.

20. OPENING

The third session of the Assembly was called to order by the Assembly Chairman, Scott Najarian. The Chairman thanked His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian for graciously inviting us to the luncheon and discussion.

21. Acceptance of the Minutes of the Second Session

Motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Michael Yapchian (Watertown), seconded by John Apkarian (Lowell). Minutes were accepted unanimously.

21a. Statistical Report from Central Council

Arda Nazarian (Central Council) presented a statistical report on actual and potential membership of the ACYOA. Discussion was held. Ara Kazarian (Providence) made a motion to accept the report, seconded by John Harpootian (Providence). The report was accepted.

22. Assembly Proposals

Motion was made by Micheal Yapchian (Watertown) to suspend the rules of Palimentary proce dure during the following items due to the nature of the upcoming business, seconded by John Harpootian (Providence). Motion passed.

Arda Nazerian (Central Council) presented proposal #17x regarding restructuring the ACYOA before the Assembly. Myles Couyoumjian (Detroit) distributed materials directed toward the proposal. Much discussion was held. Arthur Sabounjian (Watertown) requested that the Executive Director address pertinent issues in regard to the restructuring subject. Mr. Magarian declined comment at this time. Myles Couyoumjian (Detroit) made a motion to accept the proposal as is, seconded by Greg Saraydarian (Bayside). Arthur Sabounjian (Watertown) called question - votes passed 3/4 vote. Vote defeats proposal as is.

Proposal 17ay presented by Sona Palvetzian. VOICE VOTE. Defeated. Proposal read: Central Council look into the possibility of requesting from the Vehapar through the Primate of a list of possible projects the seminary of Etchmiadzin. This proposal was made by Arthur Sabounjian of Watertown, seconded by Greg Saraydarian (Bayside). Assembly voted with a 3/4 majority to bring the proposal to the floor to vote. Der Nersess Jebejian (Houston) called question, proposal passed. - ym

George Jarvarjian (Central Council) proposed International Armenian Youth Fellowship. 3/4 passed. The proposal read - Starting in 1986, a bi-annual International Armenian Youth Fellowship Week or Weekend be held to be implimented by the Executive Secretary and Central Council. Fr. Jebejian called question - proposal defeated.

Robert Shamgochian (Worcester) proposed that the ACYOA Central Council provide to host chapter of the General Assembly and National Sports weekend a loan in the amount of \$1000.00 if the host chapter so requests. This loan would be repaid by the host chapter upon completion of the GA/NSW financial report. 3/4 passed to bring to vote, proposal defeated.

Sona Palvetzian (Central Council) proposed the the Assembly as a body retain the Armenian/Canadian Youth remain members of the ACYOA of the eastern diocese. 3/4 passed. Discussion closed by His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian.

/ the Chairman under the advisement

Shake Ajamian (Central Council proposed Armenian Canadian Youth be accepted as adjacent members to participate in all programs and activities offered by the Eastern Diocesan ACYOA. Proposal defeated due to undefined terms in said proposal.

Arda Nazarian (Central Council) moved that we reconvene Friday at 10:00 am in order that individual committees may meet, seconded by Melanie Spinuzza (Evanston), Assembly agreed.

Gary Townsend (Lawrence) made a motion to recess, seconded by Louis Mikatryan (Worcester).

Session ended with a prayer at 6:18pm

August 28, 1985

1. Meeting called to order by Melina Spinuzza (Evanston) at 8:15 p.m.
2. Roll call was taken by recording secretary George Jevanjan (Central Council) 22 members were present.
3. Election of Officers:

John Apkarian (Lowell) nominated Gary Townsend (~~Worcester~~ ^{LAWRENCE}),
seconded by Michael Yapchaian (Watertown), accepted.

Mike Yapchaian (Watertown) nominated John Harpootian (Providence),
seconded by Dan Shadbegian (Watertown). Declined.

John Harpootian (Providence) nominated Sara Martinian (Providence),
seconded by Ara Kazarian (Providence). *Accepted*

Myles Couyoumjian (Detroit) nominated Scott Najarian (Worcester),
seconded by Gary Townsend (~~Worcester~~ ^{LAWRENCE}). Accepted.

Motion to close nominations- John Harpootian (Providence),

Seconded Sara Martinian (Providence). Passed

Roll call vote by ballots was taken.

Results are: Scott Najarian (Worcester) Chairman

Gary Townsend (~~Worcester~~)
Vice Chairman

- Agenda*
4. Acceptance of ~~Minutes~~ ^{Minutes}:

Motion to accept the agenda as written. Sara Martinian
(Providence)/Gary Townsend (Lawrence)

Discussion:

Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) asked why the appointment
of committees was omitted.

James Magarian stated ~~that~~ the assembly would act as
a committee of the whole.

Robert Shamgochian (Worcester) moved that #14 be moved to
#16 *made*

Lisa Manookian (Wynnewood) stated that the report of the auditors would not be completed at that time.

Robert Shamgochian withdrew his motion.

Lisa Manookian (Wynnewood) moved that #14 be moved to 20^B~~14~~. Seconded by Myles Couyoumjian (Detroit).

Myles Couyoumjian made a friendly amendment that #18 be moved to 20-^B~~34~~.

Lisa Manookian accepted the friendly amendment.

Voice vote was taken on the amendment. Passed.

Voice vote was taken on the amended agenda. Passed.

5. Motion to accept rules of procedure as outlined in the ACYOA Chairman's Handbook.

Michael Yapchaian (Watertown)/Gary ^{Greg Sajcydarian} (Bayside).
Passed.

6. Introduction of Guests & Officials:

The V. Rev. Fr. Khajag Barsamian, Vicar General,

Asbed Zakarian, Worcester Parish Council Chairman

Lisa Kalustian, Western Diocese Central Council Chairman

Nicole Bedikian, Western Diocese Central Council Vice Chairman

7. Appointment of Parliamentarian:

Scott Najarian (Worcester) appointed Michael Yapchaian

(Watertown) and John Harpootian (Providence) Sergeant-at-Arms

8. Welcoming Address of Host Chapter: ^{Chairman of Worcester Parish Council}

Asbed Zakarian welcomed the delegates to Worcester.

Lisa Kalustian gave a brief synopsis of the activities of the ACYOA and the Western Diocese.

Scott Najarian welcomed the delegates to Worcester

9. Review of Itinerary and Announcements:

Louis Mikitarian (Coordinator of the 1985 General Assembly) informed the delegates of the itinerary.

The V. Rev. Khajag Barsamian invited all of the delegates to lunch with Archbishop Torkom Manoogian at 12 noon Thursday.

James Magarian distributed bumper stickers of the 1970's to the delegates.

10. Motion to Recess until 9:00 A.M., Thursday, August 29th.

George Jevardjian (Central Council)/Sara Martinian (Providence)
Passed.

Meeting was closed with Hayr Mer.



ԱՌԱՋՆՈՐԴՈՒԹՅՈՒՆ ՀԱՅՈՑ

DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10016 212 686-0710

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

31

July

85

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

Enclosed you will find materials for the upcoming ACYOA General Assembly which have been prepared and sent to all parishes, chapters, and specific delegates which have been declared by certain chapters. In chapters without declared delegates, it is the responsibility of the Chapter Chairman to distribute the items.

You will also find a letter from the Wynnewood ACYOA Chapter informing of their intent to bid for the 1986 Nat. Sports. Weekend. As of this date, we have not received a bid from a New York City area chapter on a bid for the 1986 Archbishop's Basketball Tournament.

Also enclosed is the August Executive Update. The Council Chairman and Vice Chairman and I thought it favorable to include the restructuring proposal in the Update to allow for the general membership to realize its importance and details. Also, the Update promotes the upcoming Sports Weekend, which has not had timely publicity due to the unavailability of the national mailing list. Thus, the contents of this issue is relevant and important to the Assembly and Weekend, and we decided that it should be mailed first class instead of bulk rate. Therefore you are instructed to fold the Update in half, and place 22 cent postage stamps on each. In this way, it will arrive with a few days. You are encouraged to try and have your copies made immediately and mail this issue **yesterday**. (*don't forget to fold the update in half, or it won't go at 22 cents each.)

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate for one second, but be in touch with the Council Chairman or the Executive Secretary for the answer. If for some reason you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities, please inform. Further, if you are unable to be at the Assembly on Wednesday evening, please inform so that your duties will be covered.

As per our last meeting, and in preparation for the Assembly, each Council member shall be responsible for the following:

SONA: +prepare proposal on restoration of church in Armenia (accomplished).
+prepare release for update and Armenian press on Weekend dedication to martyrs (accomplished).
+prepare standard courties of the Assembly to be presented as per agenda. (a handout should be prepared, whereupon the Assembly may amend.)
+be in touch with each chapter/parish of your region to encourage Assembly participation and Weekend attendance. Especially mention the mailing and the proposal for a new ACYOA Structure.

SHAKE': +prepare financial report and budget for inclusion in Council Report.
+prepare financial books for Audit - this should be done before the Assembly. Lisa Manookian of the Auditing Comm. should be contacted.
+contact all chapters/parishes in your region to encourage Assembly participation, and Weekend attendance. Especially mention the restructuring proposal and solicit their support of it.

GEORGE: +prepare banner and hang at Sports Weekend "dedicating games to memory of martyrs' 70 anniversary"....

+contact Joyce Yeghisian about slide presentation on Friday of Assembly. Be in touch with Jimmie regarding. If she is unavailable, Fr. Khajag will be asked to present his slides.

+contact the chapters/parishes of your region and encourage their participation at the Assembly and to attend the Weekend. Especially mention the ACYOA restructuring proposal and ask for their support.

SUSAN: +contact the chapters/parishes of your region and encourage their participation in the Assembly and attendance at the Weekend. Especially mention the restructuring proposal and solicit their support.

ARDA: +prepare listing of chapters who have paid their dues, allowing for Assembly and Weekend participation.

+prepare Council report and send to Jimmie (accomplished).

+check on 70th anniversary of martyrs posters at Diocese - bring to Assembly.

+contact Auditing and Nominating Committees and inform of their duties and what is expected of them.

+meet with Jimmie and review needs, report, etc. (accomplished).

JIMMIE: +prepare delegates packets and send.

+prepare Update and send.

+meet and review progress of Host Committee.

+meet with Arda and review progress.

+prepare Assembly registration checklist for chapters/delegates.

+prepare newsreleases and send to Armenian press.

+send letters to Auditing and Nominating Committees.

Since all Council members are expected to be present at the Assembly on Wednesday, unless notified, the following assignments will be given:

ARDA: +delegate registration - checklists, credential cards, etc.

+prepare credential cards in alphabetical order according to chapters and present to Assembly Secretary for role call.

+assist the Assembly Chairman when necessary, briefing, etc.

+solicit support of restructuring proposal.

+present restructuring proposal.

SONA: +assist Nominating Committee with names, ballots, counting, etc.

+present Council Report.

+solicit support for restructuring proposal.

+present Courtesies for Assembly amendment/approval.

SUSAN: +assist with Assembly registration.

+solicit support for restructuring proposal.

+assist Nominating Committee with names, ballots, counting, etc.

GEORGE: +orientate and assist recording secretary with related duties, names, chapters, etc. Use last year's Minutes as a reference and standard.

+solicit support for restructuring proposal.

SHAKE': +assist with delegate registration.

+assist Auditing Committee and see they are prepared to report as per agenda.

See you at the Assembly in Worcester.


JIMMIE MAGARIAN



st. sahag and st. mesrob armenian church

July 22, 1985

Mr. James Magarian
ACYOA Executive Secretary
99 Long Pond Road
Tyngsborough, MA 01879

Dear James:

On behalf of the Wynnewood ACYOA Seniors of Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church, we would like to present a bid to Central Council and this year's delegates to host the 1986 ACYOA General Assembly & Sports Weekend from Wednesday, August 27 through Monday, September 1.

We have received proposals from three hotels, of which we find the Marriott to be the most promising. The 750-room hotel offers free shuttle service every hour to and from Philadelphia International Airport. They have also offered us our very own wing--consisting of 180 rooms, a courtyard, and a pool.

We have not yet selected an athletic facility, but have contacted 5-6 schools and universities which are within close proximity (10-15 minutes) to both the church and the hotel.

With regard to the package plan, it will most likely remain at \$75.00, unless we feel that the expenses we will incur would warrant an increase.

We feel that Philadelphia is one of the most centrally located cities among the parishes in our Diocese. We also feel long overdue to host this extravaganza as it has not been held in our city or anywhere else in the Mid-Atlantic region for close to 15 years.

Additionally, 1986 marks the 40th anniversary of our organization. We feel that this would be a perfect time to get as many of the chapters in the Mid-Atlantic region out to come to Sports Weekend for the first time.

Sincerely,

M. Avrigian

MELCOM AVRIGIAN
Co-Chairman

Lisa D. Manookian

LISA MANOOKIAN
Co-Chairman

:ldm

cc: All Central Council Members

RECEIVED JUL 19 1985



COX

23

ԱՌԱՋՆՈՐԴՈՒԹԻՒՆ ՀԱՅՈՑ

DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10016 212 686-0710

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

17 July 85

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

Enclosed you will find the revised text of Proposal #1 - regarding the project to support restoration of a church in Armenia (bottom of sheet two); and Proposal #2 - regarding the restructuring of the ACYOA.

Please read the enclosed and call me with any comments, omissions, corrections, etc. Please do it now.

If I do not hear from you, I assume that all is in order and that we can proceed.

The proposals will be sent along with the delegates materials by the first of August.

Also, you are expected to be in touch with each chapter of your region, and encourage them to attend the Assembly and Sports Weekend. You should also mention the restructuring proposal and explain its importance and get their support.

Stay well.

Sincerely,


JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate
Vicar General
Diocesan Director of Operations ✓

PROPOSAL #2

That the ACYOA be restructured to include Regional Youth Directors, employed by the Diocese, to complement the Diocesan Regionalization Project.

Introduction

The Diocese of the Armenian Church has initiated its master plan for regionalization. This is a result of many years of study and research to find the most effective way of administering to the needs of the faithful spread out in the Eastern and Midwestern parts of the United States.

The Proposal for the ACYOA is aimed at complementing the Diocesan Project, as well as improve and initiate an efficient method of developing and executing programs for the young people of the Diocese.

The Diocesan regionalization project has already begun in the New England area and will soon be started in other areas of the Diocese. The "region" has its various committees, coordinators and workers who will follow through with the specifics of the Project. Eventually, the regional setup will include supervising activities of regional departments, such as Religious Education, Social Services, Finances, Liturgical Education, Public Relations, Ethnic Studies, as well as Youth Development. Within this structure, the ACYOA will function with its own regional emphasis, complementing the work and efforts of the other regional departments.

Objectives of this Proposal

1. To request the Diocese hire and salary **Regional Youth Directors** who will address the following, among others: organizing parish chapters, regional programming of educational series, retreats, athletics, recreation, art competitions, outings, picnics, college campus activities, and seminars and conferences.
2. To restructure the ACYOA administration (General Assembly and Central Council) into the following:
 - a) Each parish will have an **ACYOA Chapter** which will follow the basics of the present ACYOA Constitution, insofar as it speaks to local parish situation.
 - b) Each parish will appoint or elect **2 parish youth representatives** who will represent the parish at regional activities and conferences.
 - c) **Regional Conferences** will convene at least twice a year for the purpose of interaction, discussion on regional programming, solving problems, sharing resources, and developing the region. The Conference will appoint or elect a **Regional Representative**, who, together with the Regional Youth Director, will represent the region at the Annual Diocesan Youth Dialogue, which will be part of a broader Annual Youth Forum.
 - d) Annually, the Youth Department of the Diocese will sponsor a **Youth Forum** which will provide an opportunity for all the young people of the Diocese to assemble for the purposes of participating

in workshops, presentations, seminars, discussion groups on problem solving, ideas bank, religious and cultural programs, etc., all of which would be open and well organized. The Youth Dialogue would also take place at the Forum, presided over by the Primate, and attended by the Diocesan Youth Director, the Regional Youth Directors, and the Regional Representatives. This small and workable group would discuss specifics on current or new programs and projects, as well as address specific problem areas and deal with the rules governing the national youth programs.

3. On the National and Regional levels, **governing rules and regulations** will be administered through specific programming needs. For example: National Sports Weekend Rules and Regulations would govern all aspects of the National Sports Weekend Program. As other programs are developed, each will have its own set of regulations. Certain standardizations will be included in each.

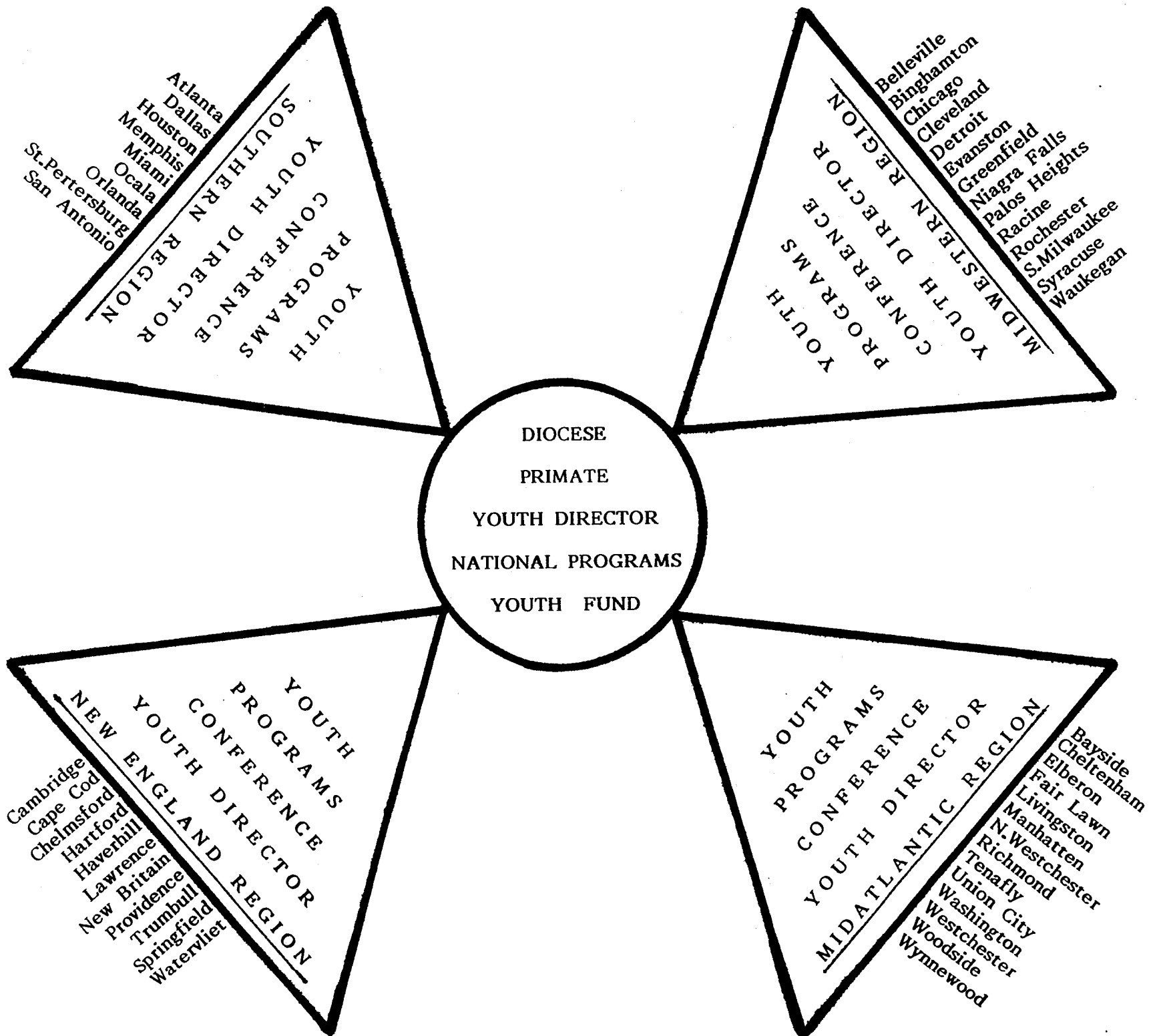
4. To turn over to the Diocese all funds and assets of the National ACYOA, and request that the Diocese set up a specific (restricted) **Youth Fund**. This Fund would be used to finance the new youth program structure (youth director salaries, administrative expenses, programs...). The present system of dividing profits from national programs (one half), and from regional programs (one quarter) with the host parish would remain the same. Additional funding required to finance the youth program will be provided by the Diocese through its budget. The Diocesan Offices would handle all bookkeeping.

Transition:

The ACYOA Central Council, in addition to their most basic responsibilities, will focus their efforts over the next year (Sept. 1985 thru August 1986) in setting up the aforementioned objectives in cooperation with the Diocese. Whereafter, the new structure would be initiated (Sept. 1986). The first Diocesan Youth Forum would take place prior to the 1986 National Sports Weekend.

PROPOSAL #1

That a national project be under taken by the ACYOA consisting of financial support for the restoration of an Armenian Church which is currently in need of repair in Armenia. The specific church will be designated by His Holiness, Vasken I, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians. This will be an ongoing project for the ACYOA, and will be coordinated by present and future ACYOA administrations.





Copy

ԱՌԱՋՆՈՐԴՈՒԹԻՒՆ ՀԱՅՈՑ

DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10016 212 686-0710

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

17 July 85

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

Enclosed you will find the revised text of Proposal #1 - regarding the project to support restoration of a church in Armenia (bottom of sheet two); and Proposal #2 - regarding the restructuring of the ACYOA.

Please read the enclosed and call me with any comments, omissions, corrections, etc. Please do it now.

If I do not hear from you, I assume that all is in order and that we can proceed.

The proposals will be sent along with the delegates materials by the first of August.

Also, you are expected to be in touch with each chapter of your region, and encourage them to attend the Assembly and Sports Weekend. You should also mention the restructuring proposal and explain its importance and get their support.

Stay well.

Sincerely,


JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate ✓
Vicar General
Diocesan Director of Operations

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

MINUTES OF THE ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JULY 13, 1985
AT ST. VARTAN ARMENIAN CATHEDRAL N.Y., N.Y. *then present*

- 1 Meeting called to order by Arda at 10:10pm.
- 2 The V. Rev. Fr. Khajag Barsamian was introduced by Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, *as Vicar General*
- 3 RESTRUCTURING: The proposal mailed to council members by James Magarian was discussed and revised. (appendix A: original text, appendix B: revised text)
- 4 MARTYRS COMMEMORATION: The Primate recommended that a portion of the General Assembly be dedicated to the Armenian Martyrs. This recommendation will be featured in the Bema, Ex. Update, Posters and banners.
MOTION: To accept the Primate's recommendation and distribute the responsibilities among councilmen. Jevanjian/Palvetzian. PASSED
Arda will make posters.
Sona will write press releases.
George will make banners.
- 5 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM: George will arrange to have Joyce Yeghissian (Detroit) give a slide presentation at the assembly on Friday of the General Assembly. *X*
- 6 AWARDS: Nomination for Chapter A Award is Watertown.
MOTION: Award the Chapter A Award to Watertown.
Palvetzian/Jevanjian. PASSED

Nominations for The Sam Nersessian Scholarship are Paula Bechakian and Shunt Oscar Madanyan.
MOTION: Award both nominees the Sam Nersessian Scholarship.
Palvetzian/Jevanjian. PASSED

Nominations for The Sam Nersessian Award are Peter Babigian and Ron Godoshian.
MOTION: Award Ron Godoshian the Sam Nersessian Award.
Palvetzian/Jevanjian. PASSED
- 7 GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA: See appendix C.
- 8 MOTION: That a national project be undertaken by the ACYOA consisting



Central Council

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America 630 Second Avenue New York, N. Y. 10016 (212) 686-0710

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

of financial support for the restoration of an Armenian Church which is currently in need of repair in Armenia. The specific church will be designated by His Holiness, Vasken I, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of all Armenians. This will be an ongoing project for the ACYOA and will be coordinated by present and future ACYOA administrations.

- 9 MARTYRS DAY COMMEMORATION: Central Council will contact all chapters to find out what they did for the commemoration in order to compile a complete list of ACYOA's "Martyrs Day" activities.
- 10 NOMINATIONS FOR CENTRAL COUNCIL:
- | | |
|------------------|---------------|
| Kevin Giragosian | Palos Heights |
| Gail Giragosian | Palos Heights |
| Kim Terzian | Detroit |
| Lisa Manookian | Wynnewood |
| Scott Najarian | Worcester |
| Melina Spinuzza | Evanston |
| Cheryl Arslanian | Cleveland |
| Mark Keshkegian | Watertown |
| ↳ Loli Davidian | Watertown |
| Sue Ashjian | Westchester |
- 11 CANADA: Toronto, St. Catharines and Montreal have paid their dues and therefore will be allowed to participate in the 1985 General Assembly and Sports Weekend. The Primate stated that the Diocesan Council will, in writing, notify the Canadian chapters that this will be the last year that they will be allowed participate in the activities of the Eastern Diocese.
- 12 CHAPTER STATUS: Arda will compile a list of chapters and their current status.
- 13 MOTION: The meeting be adjourned. Jevanjian/Palvetzian. PASSED
A closing prayer was read.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
The V. Rev. Fr. Khajag Barsamian
James Magarian
Arda Nazarian
Sona Palvetzian
George Jevanjian



Central Council

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America 630 Second Avenue New York, N. Y. 10016 (212) 686-0710

14 May 85

MESROB KERMIAN
Director of Operations
Armenian Diocese
630 Second Avenue
N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016-4885

Dear Mr. Kermian,

At your earliest convenience, please forward a copy of the notice in regard to the increase in the Diocesan Medical Plan. The salary check of April 30 was less than usual, and in speaking to Mr. Gallagher, he informed that an increase had occurred.

Also, with reference to the enclosed partial copy of a poster prepared for the 70th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide of 1915, please forward any notice or directive relative to the use of this type of phraseology on the part of the Diocese or its departments. I would have liked to have used such terms in ACYOA related public relations.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,


JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate



DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10016 212 686-0710

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

13 May 85

ARDA NAZERIAN
Chairman - ACYOA Central Council
186-39 Midland Parkway
Jamaica Estates, NY 11432

Dear Arda,

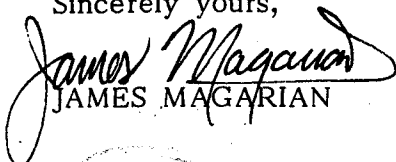
As we have discussed concerning the operations and persons of the ACYOA Central Council, and with some serious concern, kindly forward the following information **as soon as possible**.

1. Are Susan Boyajian and George Jevardjian intending to fulfill their obligations and responsibilities as Council Members, through the Assembly in Worcester?
2. Are they planning to resign?
3. Is Susan planning to complete her second year?
4. Do we have capable people to take their positions, or do we have people to take some of the individual responsibilities and duties?

It is discourteous and unfair to those Council members who are trying to accomplish something if this situation is allowed to continue. There are many things to do before and during the Assembly, as well as a great need to increase contact with the Chapters during the summer months. This is especially true in light of discussion to make certain important Constitutional amendments.

As mentioned above, kindly attend^{to} these aforementioned points **as soon as possible**. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,


JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate



ԱՌԱՋՆՈՐԴՈՒԹՅՈՒՆ ՀԱՅՈՑ

DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10016 212 686-0710

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

13 May 85

ARDA NAZERIAN
Chairman - ACYOA Central Council
186-39 Midland Parkway
Jamaica Estates, NY 11432

Dear Arda,

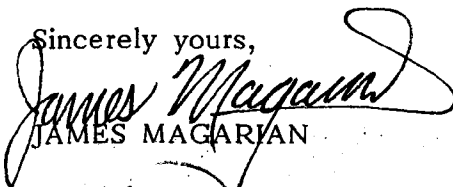
In reference to two items the Council has concerned itself with, namely, (1) membership incentives, and (2) National Organizational restructuring, it is strongly suggested that they be addressed in terms of ACYOA Constitutional Amendments for the coming Assembly in Worcester.

While the Council itself could direct certain procedures for membership incentive(s), the procedures would have more impact and meaning if it was built into the Constitution. Properly presented, it should easily gain acceptance and pass.

The restructuring idea has surfaced from time to time, and such proposals have been presented to the Diocese over the past three years. Again, however, if the ACYOA Assembly were to vote on a proposal to restructure (at least on the national level) its impact would be greater, and the members and delegates would assume some "ownership". The Primate has the authority to take action and direct the Organizations of the Diocese according to their need and priority. However, His Eminence has made it clear on several occasions that, in the case of the ACYOA, there is a mechanism within which reasonable change can be initiated. As you know, any and all Constitutional Amendments and proposals, once passed by the ACYOA Assembly, are in need of approval by the Primate.

This should serve to clear up any questions on procedure and propriety. Regarding your request to meet with the Primate, I shall be in touch with you shortly on this.

Sincerely yours,


JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate
Council Members

27 March 85

STEPHEN SARKISIAN
Tournament Director
1985 Archbishop's Basketball Tournament
4 Seneca Road - Woburn, MA 01801

Dear Stephen,

In speaking with Mark Kashgegian Monday evening at the Watertown ACYOA meeting, he provided information on the progress of the Host Committee for the 1985 Archbishop's Basketball Tournament.

Regarding your specific responsibilities, he mentioned that you would be sending information on the Tournament games to the parishes and chapters of the Diocese very soon. The following suggestions may be of assistance:

+++ Enclosed is a revised listing of chapters with some form of organization. Use this listing for mailing and telephone purposes.

+++ The Tournament is open to all parishes of the Diocese, regardless of whether they presently have an operating ACYOA Chapter, as you know. This is especially significant when you telephone each pastor and ask them to encourage the young men and women of the parish to participate. There are no age restrictions, and teams need not be formal or regularly playing in leagues. The primary purpose of the Tournament is for the young adults of the parish to come together and play some basketball - men and women.

+++ It is highly suggested that you concentrate your telephone efforts on the parishes of the New England and New York-New Jersey areas. It is not unrealistic to expect at least 12-16 teams from these parishes along. Telephone calls and the "personal" touch is needed to both the chapter chairmen/coaches and the pastors.

If you have any questions or problems, please do be in touch. It appears that we can all anticipate a well planned weekend for the Tournament.

Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. Primate
Chpt.Chrmn.
Hst Comm. Chrm

26 March 85

SHAKE AJAMIAN
Treasurer - ACYOA Central Council
15 Arjay Lane
Commack, N.Y. 11725

Dear Shake,

It was nice to speak with you last night, and discuss with you those items of concern. Enclosed you will find the materials requested.

At this time, I would suggest the following:

---That you reproduce the "Essay Contest Rules" and distribute to all Parishes, if you are to distribute them at all. Discuss with other Council Members. If you decide to do it, I shall include it in the May Update.

---That you send letters of invitation to your region regarding the Conference on May 3rd. A follow up telephone call is a must to the Chairmen/Contacts, as well as the Pastors encouraging them to send someone, even if they don't have an operating chapter. (Promote them staying for the weekend and especially attending the Seminar on Saturday.

Remember, you are convening the Conference, and, you should formulate a light agenda. The main part of the agenda is to plan at least two programs for the chapters of the region to join together and sponsor/participate/do/etc. There is a great need for more inter-chapter activity in all the regions of the Diocese.

Please send copies of your correspondence.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

enclosures

c.c. Primate
Council Chairman



ՀԱՅՑ. ԵԿԵՂԵՑԻՈՅ ԵՐԻՏԱՍԱՐԴԱՅ ԿԱԶՄԱԿԵՐՊՈՒԹԻՒՆ
**ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION
of CALIFORNIA**

WESTERN DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

1201 North Vine Street
Hollywood, California 90038
Telephone (213) 466-5265

Primate
Archbishop Vatché Hovsepian

Central Council

February 21, 1985

16835 Klee Street
Sepulveda, CA 91343
(818) 989-4726

Ms. Arda Nazarian
Chairperson, ACYOA Central Council
186-39 Midland Parkway
Jamaka Estates, NY 11438

Dear Arda:

As the new Armenian Church Youth Organization of the Western Diocese Central Council Chairperson, I am pleased to present the results of our elections, which were held in November at our 35th Anniversary Convention. Enclosed is a list of the officers for 1984-1985 and their addresses.

We would like to continue positive communications with our sister chapters in the Eastern Diocese, and with your Central Council. I would very much like to receive information from the ACYOA, such as directives and chapter events publicity, so that I may keep in close contact. I would also appreciate it if the members of the Western Diocese Central Council were placed on your mailing list. We enjoyed receiving information last year, and would like to continue to do so. I would like to have a list of your Central Council members' names and addresses so we may send news of our chapters to you. If possible, I would also like to be able to send material about our major events to your local chapters. Just as some of our members have attended your Convention and Sports Weekend, we would like to invite Eastern Diocese ACYO members to participate in Western Diocese events. A list of the ACYOA chapters, their chairpersons, Parish Priests, and addresses would be most helpful in this regard.

Enclosed with this letter is my first directive, which includes a Calendar of Events, a Quarterly Report form (which helps me to maintain contact with the local chapters), a list of regional liasons (also to facilitate chapter-Council communications), and information about our publication The Californian, to which you are certainly welcome to submit material. Incidentally, we are presently searching for a new name, since we now have a chapter in Arizona.

Our fiscal year began with our Convention, held in Fresno over Thanksgiving weekend. This year marked the 35th anniversary of the ACYO in the Western Diocese, so we celebrated throughout the year, including event for ACYO alumni at our 20th Sports Weekend, over Memorial Day weekend, and at our Convention.

This year, we we will be sponsoring our Annual Religious Retreat, Martyr's Day activities, regional Leadership Conferences, Sports Weekend, Cultural Retreat, Armenian Studies Program, and ACYO Day, combined with a Chapter Quiz Bowl. This is a new event, organized much the same way as college "quiz bowls", using questions dealing with Armenian culture, history, and religion. The Calendar of Events lists more specific dates. We also present a \$500.00 scholarship, a \$100.00 Archbishop's Essay Award, and the perpetual Achievement Award, for the chapter which has attained the most during the year both in terms of activities and in exemplifying the goals and purposes of the ACYO. These three awards are presented at our Convention, while the Archbishop's Sportsmanship Trophy, also perpetual, is awarded at Sports Weekend to the chapter displaying the most sportsmanlike behavior during the competition, both on and off the playing field.

Another new event this year is being sponsored jointly by the Western Diocese and the ACYO: a speech contest. Regional competitions will determine finalists, who will compete at the Diocesan Assembly in May. There winners will receive a \$500.00 first prize, a \$250.00 second prize, and a \$150.00 third prize, to be awarded in each category of seniors and juniors.

We encourage you to send us information about the events of the Eastern Diocese ACYO chapters, so that our members on the West Coast may know what their Armenian brothers and sisters are doing on the East Coast. We cordially invite any of the ACYOA members to attend and/or participate in any of our events. Just let us know, and we will make sure they have all of the information they need.

As you can see, we have a very busy schedule. We sponsor events, oversee the publication of the Californian, try to make chapter visitations, hold monthly meetings, and attempt to implement some new programs and incorporate new ideas into already-existing events.

I hope that sometime in the near future, our two Diocese ACYO Central Councils may meet to exchange ideas, discuss common difficulties, and strengthen the ties that bind us together within the ACYO, our Armenian Church, and our heritage.

Sincerely yours,



Lisa Kalustian
Chairperson, ACYO-WD Central Council

Enclosures

CC Archbishop Vatche Hovsepian
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Rev. Fr. Vartan Kasparian, YACE
Mr. James Magarian, ACYOA Executive Secretary



ՀԱՅՑ. ԵԿԵՂԵՑԻՈՅ ԵՐԻՏԱՍԱՐԴԱՅ ԿԱԶՄԱԿԵՐՊՈՒԹԻՒՆ
**ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION
of CALIFORNIA**

WESTERN DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

1201 North Vine Street
Hollywood, California 90038
Telephone (213) 466-5265

Primate
Archbishop Vatché Hovsepian

Central Council

January 10, 1985

16835 Klee Street
Sepulveda, CA 91343
(818) 989-4726

ACYO-WD CENTRAL COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 85-1

Dear Chapter Chairperson and Chapters:

The 1984-1985 Central Council is busily preparing for an exciting year. Our first meeting, on December 15 in Reedley, was full of enthusiasm and new ideas.

The Central Council wishes to maintain close contact with the chapters. In order to do this, we need your help. Please convey to your members information sent by Central Council. It is also very important that you inform us of your activities. Enclosed is a list of regional liasons. Please send information to them, as well as to me. We will try to attend your functions. In accordance with our by-laws, we will be holding our meetings in each region, and will try to visit as many of the parishes as possible. We will inform you when we will be holding a meeting in your parish and/or region. Nearly all of our meetings are open, and you are welcome to attend.

This year, the General Assembly voted to appoint a committee to review the existing ACYO-WD by-laws. The Central Council is working on this project, and you will receive more information soon.

Accompanying this Directive are:

- 1) The 1984-1985 Central Council roster
- 2) ACYO-WD Calendar of Events
- 3) 5 Quarterly Report forms
- 4) List of Central Council Regional Liasons
- 5) Fact Sheet on the Californian
- 6) 10 Religious Retreat Applications

The 12th Annual Religious Retreat will be held Washington's Birthday weekend, February 15-18, 1985. Please distribute the applications to your members. They should be mailed by February 11, with the \$55.00 fee, to John Yaldezian.

Thank you for sending us all of those current mailing lists! The new ACYO-WD directory is nearly completed, and will be distributed at the leadership conferences sometime in March.

Remember to send me your meeting notices, meeting minutes and attendance sheets, and quarterly report forms (due dates are on the Calendar of Events).

If you need anything, or have any question, problems, or ideas, please feel free to contact me or any Central Council member, at any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Kalustian". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial "L" and a long, sweeping underline.

Lisa Kalustian, Chairperson
ACYO-WD Central Council

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

January 6, 1985

TO: ACYOA Chapter Chairperson

Pastor/Parish Council

SUBJECT: ACYOA Retreat and Lenten Dialogues

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Enclosed please find a composite of information regarding ACYOA religious programs for the near future's planning. The Central Council has accepted the responsibility to compile all the necessary information for a retreat and a Lenten dialogue series for 1985. And, here it is! Now, what is needed is for you the chairperson and your executive committee to implement these programs.

The following pages consist of, 1) a Retreat on the topic of 'Hassles', by Der Yeghrem Kelegian, and 2) a Lenten Dialogue Series by Deacon Arthur Sabounjian. For both programs, all formats and procedures are specified and in detail. So, all that is needed is a leader of the event and the necessary few details as mentioned in each program.

May I suggest to begin planning for the retreat now so that it can take place in the early spring. Enough time needs to be allotted for the securing of a proper retreat center, and also for good P.R. and support by your local chapter.

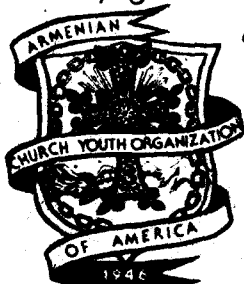
As for the Lenten dialogues, the main concerns are merely a spokesperson and publicity for the dialogues prior to the Lenten season. (This means immediately!)

We need religious programs, as the two mentioned, which are excellent and promote personal growth and learning.

If there are any questions regarding these two religious programs, please contact me at any time at, (312)495-3830 or 597-0098.

May the 1985 New Year keep you and the ACYOA in a never ending 'Hye'!

sb/ Encls.



cc. Primate
C.C. Chairperson
Exec. Sec., ACYOA

Sincerely,
Susan Boyajian
Susan Boyajian
ACYOA Central Council

Central Council

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America 630 Second Avenue New York, N. Y. 10016 (212) 686-0710