

ACYOA

General
Assembly

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America
Diocese of the Armenian Church
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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL
TO THE DELEGATES OF THE 1984 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
July 1 - June 30, 1984

I. INTRODUCTION

The Central Council of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America (ACYOA) presents the following Report of the functions and programs of the ACYOA during the immediate past fiscal year - 1983-1984.

Members of the ACYOA Central Council this year were:

His Eminence
ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN
Primate and National President

ARDA NAZERIAN	Chairman
MELANIE BARSAMIAN	Vice-Chairman
VAUGHAN TOTOVIAN	Treasurer
GEORGE JEVARJIAN	Recording Secretary
SONA PALVETZIAN	Corresponding Secretary

As appointed by the Primate, James Magarian, Executive Secretary, assisted the ACYOA Central Council in fulfilling its duties and responsibilities.

Completing their terms in office (two years) are Melanie Barsamian and Vaughan Totovian. The other three Council members have one year remaining to serve.

Meetings

Five meetings were held during the past year:

September 2, 1983	Ramada Renaissance Hotel, Toronto (trans.)
October 14-16, 1983	Sts. Vartanantz Church, Chelmsford, MA
December 2-4, 1983	St. James Church, Watertown, MA.
April 6-8, 1984	Diocesan Center, New York City
July 13-15, 1984	Sts. Vartanantz Church, Chelmsford, MA

Over all, the meetings were productive and without needless deliberation. The Council members worked well together and attempted to carry out the many duties involved in running the national organization.

The format for the meetings included Friday night arrival and brief meetings, and Saturday all day meeting. The Executive Secretary informed the Council members of new developments and provided needed information regarding the day to day operations of the ACYOA.

A review of chapters -- their status and obligations, reports on parish visitations and programs, as well as the general operations of the ACYOA on the national level were a part of all Council meetings.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE

Administrative Tools

With the assistance of the Executive Secretary, The ACYOA Central Council developed and revised several administrative "tools" and forms to simplify and standardize ACYOA administrative procedures.

1. ACYOA Central Council Parish Visitation Report Form
2. ACYOA Central Council Operations and Procedures Outline
3. ACYOA Central Council Reminder Calender
4. ACYOA Central Council Expense/Reimbursement Format
5. ACYOA Program Breakdown
6. ACYOA Chapter Monthly Fact Sheet
7. ACYOA Annual Chapter Report Form
8. ACYOA Chapter Obligations & "A" Award Consideration Sheet
9. ACYOA Chapter Reminder Sheet
10. ACYOA Chapter Reminder Calendar
11. Format for General Armenian Youth Listing
12. ACYOA Chapter Handbook

The above forms were prepared and sent to all Chapters and Parishes of our Diocese, thereby assisting in planning and scheduling for the year. These materials also assisted those parishes where the local chapter is weak, unorganized or just newly starting.

As with any national organization, administrative tools are key in ensuring that the ACYOA Central Council and Executive Secretary are able to follow all that is going on at a local level. Many of the above materials WERE NOT FOLLOWED and resulted in delinquent chapters in terms of obligations to the national organization, as well as in local organization and program execution. [i.e. fact

sheets, reports, dues, renewals, conference attendance, etc...]

The idea behind the forms and reference sheets is to assist, explain, simplify and standardize our procedures, which have otherwise been performed without any regularity, similarity or propriety.

Moreover, the design of the forms, as well as the Handbook and other "formats" is deliberate in trying to project new ideas, organizational goals and orientation in the direction of our Armenian Christian and cultural heritage.

Guidelines and Reprintings

Guidelines which were revised as a result of amendments passed by delegates at the 1983 General Assembly in Toronto, ONT included:

1. ACYOA Constitution
2. National Sports Weekend Rules and Regulations
3. ACYOA Chapter Handbook

Computerized National Armenian Youth Listing

The ACYOA Armenian Youth Listing developed two years ago has been updated to reflect the many duplications and changes in addresses discovered since that time. Currently the list contains approximately 2500 names. The potential size for the list far exceeds that number. The list is computerized and allows the user to sort the list in alphabetical order by name, alphabetical order by chapter, zip code order, or any given combination of the three. A sub list of key contact people (parish priests, parish council chairmen, and chapter chairmen) is easily attainable as well as a sub list of the current ACYOA membership. A list of ACYOA Juniors can also be generated. Many thanks to Mike and Sue Mousigian (Detroit) who assisted the Central Council by developing the software for generating and maintaining the list.

To date, the response to the effort to develop a National Armenian Youth Listing has been generally inadequate yet improving over last year. We ask again for your concentrated effort to find the names and addresses of the many Armenians in youths who do not have the opportunity to participate in our programs because they do not receive any correspondence and therefore are not aware of what programs exist.

The present Youth Listing will be available to all delegates at the 1984 General Assembly in order to be reviewed collectively, making any necessary and obvious changes on the spot.

Membership Cards

Official ACYOA Membership Cards were prepared again this year and mailed to all dues paid ACYOA Members for the 1983-84 fiscal year. As many Chapters ignored membership dues deadlines, the Central Council was unable to mail out all membership cards before the General Assembly and National Sports Weekend.

On both a local and national level, more incentives will be offered for people to join, but these can work only if dues are collected and passed along to the Council in an efficient manner.

Monthly Fact Sheets & Annual Reports

All Chapters are asked to send in their Monthly Fact Sheets to the Executive Secretary, who will then forward a copy to the Central Council Chairman and respective Regional Rep. The sheets are used to maintain contact with the Chapters on a monthly basis, as well as serve publicity purposes. Sheets should be filled out as completely as possible and sent in a timely manner each month, even if "nothing" happened during the given month.

The Chapter Annual Report is due at the end of the fiscal year which is June 30th. This year only Palos Heights and Westchester had submitted their reports on time. The information on the annual report is used in determining the status of a chapter and in determining the winners of the ACYOA Chapter "A" Award and Honorable Mention. If elections are held in June, the outgoing Executive Committee should prepare the Report and review it with the newly elected Committee before sending it in. We can only hope that the reports will be submitted on a much more timely basis next year.

Regional and Parish Assignments

Regional and Parish Assignments for the ACYOA Central Council Members consisted of the following:

Arda Nazerian Chairman	Worcester, MA (Chairman oversees all assignments)	
Melanie Barsamian Vice Chairman	<u>Mid-Atlantic</u> Trumbull, CT N. Westchester, NY Westchester, NY Bayside, NY Woodside, NY Holy Cross, NYC St. Gregory, NYC Union City, NJ Fairlawn, NJ	Tenafly, NJ Livingston, NJ Elberon, NJ Wynnewood, PA Cheltenham, PA Washington, DC Richmond, VA South Florida, FL Miami, FL
Vaughan Totovian Treasurer	<u>New England</u> Chelmsford, MA Haverhill, MA Lawrence, MA Springfield, MA Watertown, MA	Cambridge, MA New Britain, CT Hartford, CT Providence, RI Watervliet, NY
George Jevartian Recording Secretary	<u>Midwest-South</u> Chicago, IL Evansont, IL Belleville, IL Waukegan, IL Toronto, ONT (Trinity)	Racine, WI Greenfield, WI Cleveland, OH Houston, TX Dallas, TX
Sona Palvetzian Corresponding Secretary	<u>Midwest-North</u> Binghamton, NY Palos Heights, IL Niagra Falls, NY Rochester, NY Syracuse, NY Montreal, QUE	Hamilton, ONT Detroit, MI St. Catherines, ONT Ottawa, ONT Toronto, ONT (Varaka) Vancouver, BC

All Council Members were responsible for visiting and/or maintaining contact with their respective parishes. Those with organized chapters, or with the potential to support a chapter, were to be visited and/or periodically contacted through other means.

Program Coordinators

The Programs of the ACYOA, as well as certian administrative procedures, were assigned to the Council in the following manner:

Arda Nazerian	Leadership Seminar Archbishop's Basketball Tournament Membership Cards
Melanie Barsamian	Mission Program Mailing of Executive Update
Vaughan Totovian	Financial Securities Mailing of Executive Update
George Jevarjian	Membership Listing National Armenian Youth Listing
Sona Palvetzian	National Sports Weekend Mailing of Executive Update

Other Programs and related activities coordinated by the Executive Secretary included:

Armenian Studies Program
Executive Update
Chapter Obligation Check Lists

III. CHAPTERS

Visitations

This year, the Central Council Members, as well as the Executive Secretary, made a conserted effort to remain in very close contact with all the chapters, either by phone, mail or, ideally, visitations.

The following visitations were made by Council Members:

Detroit, Evanston, Montreal, Toronto, Wisconsin, Worcester, Watertown, Westchester, Bayside, Palos Heights, Providence, Washington, D.C., Wynnewood, Northern New Jersey.

Visitations made by the Executive Secretary:

Chelmsford, Watertown, Haverhill, Hartford, Bayside,
Washington, D.C., Palos Heights, Lawrence, Wynnewood,
Cheltenham, Evanston, New Britain.

Chapter Status:

The following list of Chapters represents those which are organized and operating to some degree:

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| 1. Bayside | - | Holy Martyrs |
| 2. Boston | - | Holy Trinity (Cambridge) |
| 3. Cheltenham | - | Holy Trinity |
| 4. Chicago | - | St. Gregory the Illuminator |
| 5. Cleveland | - | St. Gregory of Narek |
| 6. Detroit | - | St. John (Southfield) |
| 7. Evanston | - | St. James |
| 8. Hartford | - | St. George |
| 9. Lawrence | - | Holy Cross |
| 10. Lowell | - | Ss. Vartanantz (Chelmsford) |
| 11. Montreal | - | St. Gregory the Illuminator |
| 12. New Britain | - | Holy Resurrection |
| 13. Northern
New Jersey | - | Holy Cross (Union City), St. Leon (Fair Lawn)
St. Thomas (Tenafly), St. Mary (Livingston) |
| 14. Palos Heights | - | Ss. Joachim and Anna |
| 15. Providence | - | Ss. Sahag and Mesrob |
| 16. St. Catherines | - | St. Gregory the Illuminator |
| 17. Toronto | - | Holy Trinity |
| 18. Washington, DC | - | St. Mary |
| 19. Watertown | - | St. James |
| 20. Westchester | - | St. James (Purchase) |
| 21. Wisconsin | - | St. John (Greenfield), St. Mesrob (Racine),
Holy Resurrection (S. Milwaukee) |
| 22. Worcester | - | Our Saviour |
| 23. Wynnewood | - | Ss. Sahag and Mesrob |

IV. PROGRAMS

1983 ACYOA General Assembly - August 31 - September 2

The Annual General Assembly of the ACYOA convened at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel in Toront, ONT on Wednesday, August 31, 1983. Chapters were represented by 33 delegates at the opening of the Assembly. The Assembly was presided over by His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian.

Assembly officers elected were: Arda Nazerian (Bayside), Chairman; Michael Mousigian (Detroit), Vice-Chairman. Harold Kazanjian (Lawrence), Sargeant-at-Arms; Michael Yapchaian (Watertown), Parliamentarian. The latter two positions were appointed by the Chair of the Assembly. Since no secretaries were made available by the Toronto Host Chapter, Central Council Recording Secretary, Melanie Barsamian, and Bayside Delegate, Shaké Ajamian assumed the responsibilities.

The Palos Heights Chapter made an excellent bid with slide presentation and all for the Delegates so that Palos Heights could host the 1984 General Assembly and National Sports Weekend.

1983 ACYOA National Sports Weekend - September 2 - 6

The 14th Annual ACYOA National Sports Weekend, hosted by the Toronto ACYOA Chapter was successfully held at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel immediately following the General Assembly. The weekend activities attracted a large number of young people from throughout the Diocese as well as many local supporters and participants. Toronto filed their final report after the requested time, however they filed the EARLIEST final report yet and followed the outline with useful reference information. The Toronto ACYOA Chapter forwarded their financial statement along with the completed weekend report.

In accordance with the 1983 Assembly, the 1984 Sports Weekend will include some type of "religious program" along with the usual social and athletic activities. The program is coordinated by Dean Shahinian (Washington,DC), the originator of the proposal last year.

During this year, the ACYOA Central Council and Executive Secretary met with the Host Committee of the 1984 Sports Weekend and reviewed progress as well as made suggestions based on previous performances.

1984 Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Annual Basketball Tournament

This year's Tournament was hosted by the Bayside ACYOA Chapter of the Armenian Church of the Holy Martyr's, Bayside, N.Y., March 2-4. 10 men's and 2 women's teams representing 12 parishes participated in the games.

Over 150 athletes and friends attended the Friday evening "Music and Mezzeh" at the Church to welcome everyone to New York City. Games took place all day Saturday with the Men's Trophy won by Watertown, and the Woman's Trophy won by Northern New Jersey. Saturday evening featured the customary Award's Banquet and Dance. His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, presided over the Awards Banquet and presented the Champions and All-Stars with trophies. His Eminence was also present at the games earlier in the day. On Sunday, arrangements were made for the participants to attend Divine Liturgy at St. Vartan Cathedral, as well as attend the "Poon Paregentan" festivities and luncheon thereafter. Due to many early departures, the bulk of the weekend's participants did not attend Liturgy and the luncheon on Sunday.

The Marriott-LaGuardia Hotel, and St. John's Prep were the primary facilities of the weekend. The convenience to New York's LaGuardia Airport proved to be significant.

The 1983 Assembly passed a proposal to add "non-athletic" activities to the Tournament itinerary. Attempts were made to design such activities, and the "Poon Paregentan" festivities and luncheon at the Cathedral were to fit in well. However, informal surveys (and actual) indicated many participants were to depart early in the day on Sunday. Thus, an elaborate program was not planned.

Co-Chairing the Archbishop's Basketball Tournament this year were Shake Ajamian and Diane Kapikian. A complete report was filed.

Letters invited bids for the 1985 Tournament were sent to all parishes and chapters in May, 1984. Announcement of the site for the 1985 Tournament will be made at the National Sports Weekend.

1984 ACYOA Leadership Seminar

The Seminar took place on Saturday, May 5, 1984 in conjunction with the 1984 Diocesan Assembly at the Ramada Inn in Rochelle Park, N.J. The Seminar was open to all interested young people and used as its theme "Survival Skills for Youth Leaders". Participants included: Bayside, Wynnewood, Watertown, Northern N.J., and Toronto. ACYOA Central Council Members Arda Nazerian and Melanie Barsamian also participated.

Leading the Seminar was Lucille Kreidler Smith, staff member from the Northeast Center for Youth Ministry. Her presentation included lecture, discussion, group tasks, and distribution of materials. Although the attendance was low, those who participated thought the information and discussion was excellent.

Armenian Studies Programs 1984 - "Educational Tour to Armenian"

The 14th Annual Armenian Studies Programs took place this year with a record number 24 young Armenians from the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church traveling under the Group Leadership of Rev. Fr. Vertanes & Yeretzgin Anahid Kalayjjan. (There were no applicants from the Western Diocese this year.)

The group met at St. Vartan Cathedral in New York City for Orientation with the Executive Secretary. During the Luncheon for the participants, the ACYOA Central Council Chairman, Arda Nazerian, welcomed the group and wished them safe travels to Armenia on behalf of the ACYOA. After a tour of the Cathedral and Diocesan complex, the group was received by the Primate, who gave additional advice based on His Eminence's many trips to Armenia.

Program Two, "Journey to Armenia" had 5 applicants, two of which were confirmed and were connected to a commercial tour to Armenia.

Program Three, "Jerusalem - the Holy City" was not organized this year, but remains a great potential program if interest can be generated to make the trip to the Holy Land.

A program is under development to offer a reunion to those ACYOA members who attended the Armenian Studies Program.

A presentation by a member who attended the ASP will be offered to the delegates and anyone else interested in listening at the General Assembly.

Parish Mission Program

The Central Council and Executive Secretary made attempts to set up preliminary works for the Mission Program.

Father Arshen Ayvazian from St. Nerses Seminary was contacted and a meeting was held March 3, 1984 in New York in order to discuss the program. The result of the meeting, however, was that the Seminary found itself unable to assist the ACYOA Mission Program at this time.

Formats, program content and scheduling were discussed at the meeting. The time of the year chosen must take into consideration vacations, holidays and parish activities. "Weekend" Parish Mission Programs were also discussed, as contrasted with the customary "week-long" program. A possible date is early January, 1985.

ACYOA Audio Visual Educational Programs

Making its ACYOA debut at last year's General Assembly was a lengthy program on the Holy Land, with special emphasis on the Armenian Church and community there. Major editing has and needs to be done before the program is available for lending purposes. In the meantime, the Executive Secretary has made himself available to present the program to parishes and chapters that request it.

A commentary and script for the slides on the Divine Liturgy continues, as writers and editors are needed. The program deals with the Divine Liturgy from the beginning to end.

Various slides and materials are available for use in preparing audio-visual programs. Again time, money and people willing to make an effort in this area are all needed for these resources to be available to the general public.

Sponsors are also needed for these programs which run from \$300.00 to \$1,500.00 in costs for preparation, recording and other needed steps before the finished product is available for general use. Keep in mind that a majority of the photographic costs involved have already been donated.

Publications

The Executive Update continues to be published 6 times a year for all names on the National ACYOA Mailing list. The newsletter is prepared by the Executive Secretary and distributed directly, using first-class postage to all Chapters and Parishes, whereafter it is sent bulk-rate postage by ACYOA Central Council members to all names on the mailing list. The newsletter contains information on ACYOA events and activities, as well as items of general interest.

An initial revision and editing of the previously sponsored book "Sacraments and Prayers of the Armenian Church" has been accomplished by the V. Rev. Rf. Haigazoun Melkonian and the Executive Secretary. The booklet contains information on the Sacraments of the Armenian Church, as well as various prayers, all in English. More editing and re-writing is needed. However, the primary need is a donor/sponsor who will underwrite the cost of printing the book. Approximate cost is \$3,000.00

ACYOA Mag Money Project

Our final goodbye to this program took place this year. The Central Council is happy to report that all money was refunded and the books were finally cleaned and closed.

Scholarships & Awards

Presently the ACYOA offers four types of awards/scholarships:

1. Sam Nersesian Scholarship
2. Sam Nersesian Award
3. Archbishop's Essay Contest Award (presently discontinued)
4. Chapter "A" Award
5. Chapter "A" Award Honorable Mention Certificate.

The Sam Nersesian Scholarship is a scholarship given annually to an ACYOA member who attends the St. Nerses Summer Studies Conference in New York. This year chapters really didn't promote this award, and, thus, no scholarships were received.

The Sam Nersesian Award is given annually to the ACYOA member who best demonstrates Christian virtues of love, humility, patience, and understanding and is active in service to the church and the ACYOA. Nominations are made by the parish priest and/or ACYOA Executive Committee from the parish of the nominee. The 1983 recipient was Stephen Sarkisian of Watertown. The recipient of the award is announced at the Annual Awards Banquet during Sports Weekend.

The Chapter "A" Award is given to the ACYOA Chapter that best fulfills the requirements and standards set forth by the organization. The "A" Award Honorable Mention Certificate is given to the ACYOA Chapter which strives to achieve the aims of the ACYOA. Chapters winning these awards will also be announced at the Annual Awards Banquet. Last year's winners were Wisconsin and Palos Heights, respectively.

Chapters are encouraged to make note of the various awards and scholarships available and publicize them to their general membership. Guidelines regarding all the items listed above are mailed to each parish during the year and also appear to the ACYOA Chapter Handbook which should be on file at each parish.

V. STANDING COMMITTEES

Nominating and Auditing Committees

Members of these two Committees have been contacted and letters sent regarding their duties and responsibilities.

The Auditing Committee is responsible for auditing the financial records for the National Sports Weekend, Archbishop's Basketball Tournament, Armenian Studies Programs, Regional Events, and the ACYOA Central Council. Committee members are to meet with the groups and persons involved with the events and submit their report during the Assembly.

The Nominating Committee is responsible for securing willing and qualified candidates for the open positions on Central Council (2 places this year), Nominating Committee (3 places every year), and Auditing Committee (3 places every year). Committee members are also responsible for collecting and counting ballots at the Assembly and have been instructed so.

The alternates for both Committees have also been contacted in the event a regular member is unable to fulfill the responsibility.

Research and Development Committee

Appointed by the ACYOA Central Council in 1982, to date no reports have been received by the Central Council during the 1983-84 year. The Council strongly believes that it is somewhat of a duplication of work already taking place by the Central Council, and therefore has decided to dissolve the Committee and consider a more meaningful setup.

VI. GENERAL

This has been a rather strange year for the ACYOA as a national organization. Whereas new chapters were organized and/or strengthened, existing chapters that were quite organized and strong faltered on many administrative responsibilities. It is obvious, therefore, that the interest in ACYOA exists yet the willingness to perform required duties is wavering a slight bit.

The 1983-84 Central Council is certain this condition is only temporary and can be overcome with a minimal effort on each chapter's part. Several pieces of correspondence were sent out reminding chapters of dues, deadlines and programs available to the general membership. Only after follow-up phone calls were made was any response evident. Promising but not as encouraging.

The interest the Council speaks of is apparent through watching such events as Sports Weekend, Archbishop's Tournament, and the Armenian Studies Program grow year by year, with more chapters and members participating. Many Armenian youth may be attending these functions and participating in both local and national programs. But until they are members of the organization, we have no way of ascertaining what the actual interest is in each respective region.


The Council has discussed, per the 1983 Assembly's request, the possibility of devising and implementing a national membership drive. It decided, however, that at this time, it would perhaps be more feasible to work on the regional level then work our way up.


Much time was spent improving regional coordination and the Council sees the regions playing an increasing role in the national organization next year. Chapters will be informed as programs progress.

Sincere thanks to the ACYOA Executive Secretary who assisted the Council with most of its administrative duties.

A concerted effort on the part of all -- Central Council, local chapters and our membership -- will insure that the ACYOA is not only preserved but successfully promoted as it rightfully deserves to be.

Respectfully submitted,


Arda Nazerian
Chairman
ACYOA Central Council


James Magarian
Executive Secretary to the ACYOA
Diocese of the Armenian Church

SUPPLEMENTAL

Explanation of Chapter Check-List - As of JULY 21st, 1984
Three weeks after the
end of the fiscal year.

The Chapter Check-List is a reference and record maintained by the Executive Secretary and ACYOA Central Council.

If the ACYOA experienced "complete functioning", then such a list could be used to merit (or demerit) chapters for their response and fulfillment of obligations to the National ACYOA Organization. The term "obligations" is used here as describing those basic functions that are a main part of the ACYOA, and for that matter part of any nationally based group. These "obligations" are the minimum, in terms of chapter relationship to the national body.

Information is based on Monthly Fact Sheets, Chapter Annual Reports, visitations and communication between chapters and the Central Council and Executive Secretary.

Symbols used:

- X = fulfillment of an expected item
- 0 = non-fulfillment of an expected item
- = not expected, or, not applicable
- inc.= incomplete
- numbers represent numbers

The parishes listed are those which could realistically support an ACYOA Senior Division Chapter, with participation in the National Organization. Other parishes could be added.

Explanation of Chapter status:

- Active = group meets on regular basis/sponsors activities for youth of parish/responds to its obligations to the National Organization
- Semiactive = group meets irregularly/loose ties to parish with few regular activities/occasionally responds to its obligations/social events keep this group together with perhaps an annual event
- New = newly organized or re-organized this year
- Unorganized = group exists/does not meet/parish hardly acknowledges existance of group/most likely to be a "new" group next year

Estimates on number of dues paid members is based on chapters sending dues money without a membership list.

ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL
CHECK-LIST FOR CHAPTER

* OBLIGATIONS *		General Armenian Youth Listing.	Chapter Membership List (dues paid).	Chapter Executive Committee Listing.	Monthly Fact Sheets (12).	Membership Renewal Form.	Annual Chapter Report.	Membership Dues.	Sam Nersesian Award Nomination.	Special Event Report.	Items Received On Time.	ACYOA Day Celebration.	Number of Dues Paid Members.	Status
1	Bayside, NY	X	X	0	0	0	X	0	X	0	X	10*	ACTIVE	
2	Boston, MA	0	0	X	0	0	0	0	-	0	X	?	SEMI	
3	Cheltenham, PA	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	-	0	X	?	UNORG.	
4	Chicago, IL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	?	SEMI	
5	Cleveland, OH	X	X	X	6	0	X	X	0	0	X	18	ACTIVE	
6	Detroit, MI	0	X	X	0	X	0	X	0	0	0	131	ACTIVE	
7	Evanston, IL	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	?	NEW	
8	Montreal, CA	X	0	0	6	0	0	X	0	0	X	26	ACTIVE	
9	Hartford, CT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	?	UNORG.	
10	Houston, TX	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	?	UNORG.	
11	Lawrence, MA	0	0	X	0	0	0	X	0	0	X	12*	SEMI	
12	Lowell, MA	X	X	0	0	X	0	X	0	0	X	22	SEMI	
13	Manhattan, NY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	?	UNORG.	
14	Northern New Jersey	0	0	X	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	?	ACTIVE	
15	New Britain, CT	0	0	X	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	?	SEMI	
16	Palos Heights, IL	X	X	X	9	X	X	X	X	-	X	37	ACTIVE	
17	Providence, RI	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	0	0	X	15*	SEMI	
18	Richmond, VI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	?	UNORG.	
19	Saint Louis, IL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	?	UNORG.	
20	Springfield, MA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	?	UNORG.	
21	Toronto, CA	X	X	X	5	X	0	X	0	X	0	16	ACTIVE	
22	Washington, DC	X	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	?	ACTIVE	
23	Watertown, MA	0	X	X	2	0	X	X	0	-	0	38	ACTIVE	
24	Watervliet, NY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	?	UNORG.	
25	Waukegan, IL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	?	UNORG.	
26	Westchester, NY	-	0	X	2	0	X	0	0	-	0	?	NEW	
27	Wisconsin	X	X	X	8	X	0	X	0	-	0	50	ACTIVE	
28	Worcester, MA	X	X	X	0	0	0	X	0	-	0	11	SEMI	
29	Wynnwood, PA	0	X	0	5	0	0	X	0	-	0	30	ACTIVE	
30	Haverhill, MA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	?	UNORG.	
31	Trumbull, CT	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	?	NEW	
	Saint Catherines	0	X	X	1	0	0	X	0	-	0	14	ACTIVE	

SUPPLEMENTAL

Finances

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>Budget '83-84</u>	<u>Actual '83-84</u>	<u>Percent '83-84</u>	<u>Proposed Budget '84-85</u>
Membership Dues	\$ 2000.00	\$ 1030.34	11.4%	\$ 2400.00
Nat. Sports Wknd.	4000.00	1811.15	20.0	4500.00
Dividends & Interest	2000.00	1521.91	16.8	2000.00
Arm. Studies Programs	3500.00	3500.00	38.6	3000.00
Reg. Anniversary Balls	100.00	0.00	---	225.00
Camp Program	500.00	500.00	5.5	-----**
Archbishop's Tournament	750.00	406.50	4.5	1500.00
Donations	0.00	43.00	0.5	100.00
Fund Raising	500.00	0.00	---	0.00
MagMoney	0.00	244.16	2.7	-----**
TOTALS	\$ 13350.00	\$ 9057.06		\$ 13725.00

(** Discontinued)

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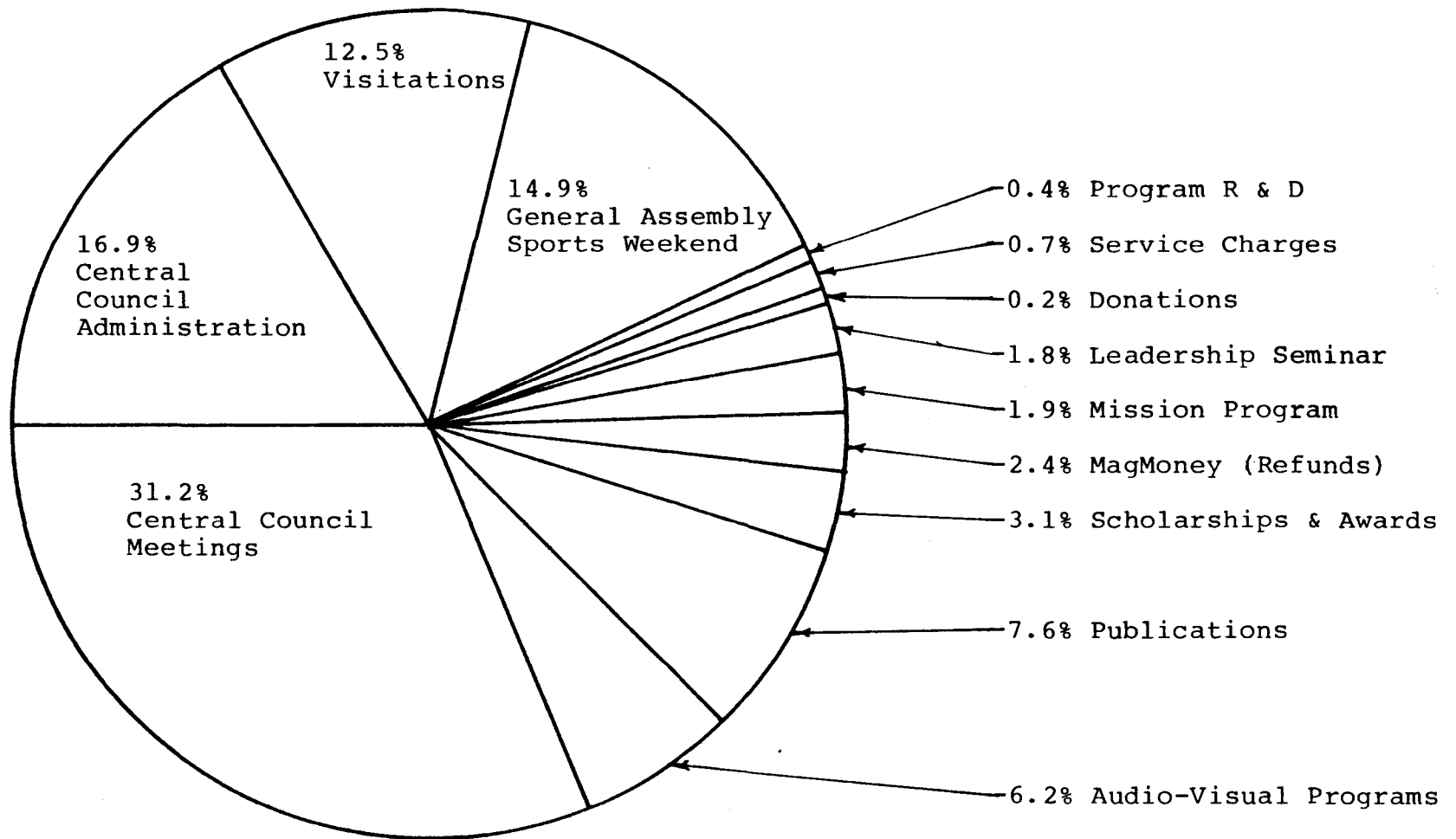
Finances

<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>Budget '83-84</u>	<u>Actual '83-84</u>	<u>Percent '83-84</u>	<u>Proposed Budget '84-85</u>
Central Council Mtgs.	\$ 3000.00	\$ 3723.42	31.2	\$ 4000.00
Central Council Adms.	2500.00	2021.42	16.9	2500.00
Chapter Visitations	800.00	1490.33	12.5	1500.00
Gen/Assbly-Spts.Wknd.	2000.00	1779.16	14.9	2000.00
Leadership Seminar	300.00	213.72	1.8	250.00
Publications	1500.00	907.33	7.6	1200.00
Archbishop's Tournament	0.00	0.00	---	500.00
Standing Committees	100.00	0.00	---	100.00
Scholarships & Awards	400.00	370.00	3.1	100.00
Mission Program	1200.00	232.69	1.9	0.00
Audio-Visual Programs	400.00	743.93	6.2	400.00
Donations	100.00	25.00	0.2	100.00
Program R & D	1000.00	53.75	0.4	0.00
Service Charges	0.00	85.58	0.7	75.00
MagMoney (refunds)	0.00	284.25	2.4	----**
Educational Workshops	----	----	---	1000.00@@@
TOTALS	\$ 13300.00	\$ 11930.58		\$ 13725.00

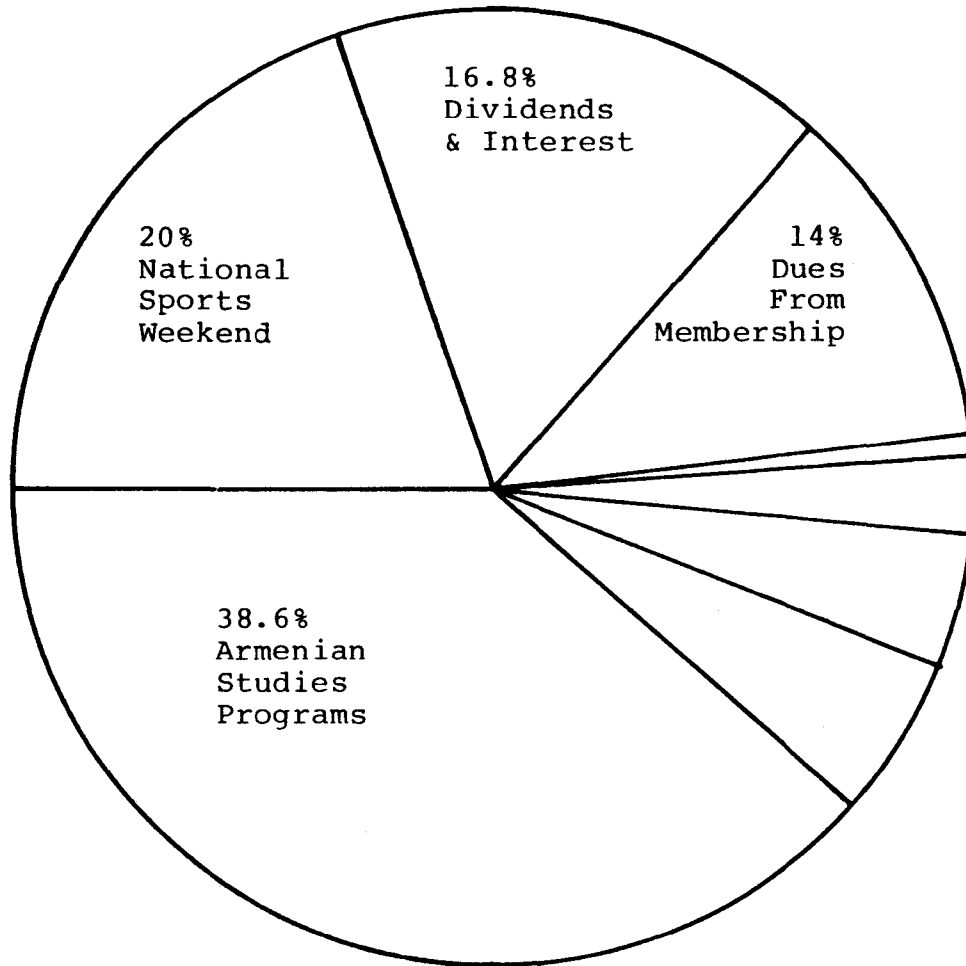
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DISBURSMENTS '83-'84 ACTUAL



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-0.5% Donations

-2.7% MagMoney****

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Corresponding Secretary

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Membership Cards

Official ACYOA Membership Cards were prepared and mailed to all dues paid ACYOA members for the 1985-86 fiscal year, along with an outline of the incentive program.

Membership Incentive Program

In an effort to promote dues paying membership in the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America (ACYOA), the following Incentive Program has been approved by the ACYOA Central Council to be initiated as of July 1st, 1986.

1. ACYOA dues paying members who are in good standing for the current fiscal year shall be entitled to membership incentives.
2. On the ACYOA National level, as of July 1st, 1986, these incentives shall take the form of reduced rates, costs and fees at official ACYOA sponsored programs and activities.
3. Specifically, these incentives, in addition to privileges noted in the ACYOA Constitution, shall be as follows:
 - a) Archbishop's Basketball Tournament:
\$10.00 reduction to standard package plan.
 - b) National Sports Weekend:
\$10.00 reduction to standard package plan.
 - c) Armenian Studies Programs:
\$20.00 reduction to final cost on any Program.
 - d) Regional Events: (i.e. Tournaments, dances, balls, retreats...)
\$3.00 reduction to cost of event.

NOTE: The above reduction figures are minimums. The Central Council and Host Committees for these programs can increase these figures if additional incentives are deemed necessary.

4. Chapters are advised that they are highly encouraged to voluntarily participate in the Incentive Program by offering similar reductions to ACYOA Members at their locally sponsored programs, activities and events. Uniformity will enhance the meaning of this Program even more.

5. "Members in Good Standing" are recognized as those who have paid their dues and have received a valid "ACYOA Membership Card" direct from the ACYOA Central Council. It is the Chapter's responsibility to forward membership dues to the ACYOA Central Council for deposit in the ACYOA National Treasury. Membership Cards will be processed as they are received from the Chapters. The role of the Chapter Treasurer in sending dues money and membership lists is vital for this Program to be effective and increase ACYOA membership.

6. Persons eligible for ACYOA Senior Membership must be high school graduates or 18 years of age. Minimum dues paid to the chapter is \$7.00 - half of which is sent to the ACYOA National Treasury. New members pay an additional \$1.00 initiation fee. After initial membership, a person renews their membership within the first six months of the fiscal year - July 1 thru Dec. 31. If dues are not received by the ACYOA Central Council by Dec. 31, the chapter is penalized a \$25.00 fee. Dues are to be paid for the year coming or in progress, rather than for the year that is past.

Monthly Fact Sheets & Annual Reports

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Program Coordinators

The Programs of the ACYOA, as well as certain administrative procedures, were assigned to the Council in the following manner:

Snake Ajamian	Membership Cards Mailing List Resource Booklet Archbishop's Tournament
Scott Najarian	Executive Update Mailing National Calendar Sports Weekend
Melina Spinuzza	Membership Listing
Gary Townsend	Executive Update Mailing
James Magarian	Leadership Seminar

Regional and Parish Assignments

Regional and Parish Assignments for the ACYOA Central Council Members consisted of the following:

Shake Ajamian
Chairman

Overseer, and, Northern New York State
Binghamton Niagara Falls
N. Westchester Westchester
Rochester Syracuse

(Oversees all assignments and ensures that visitations and contact are maintained with all parishes.)

Scott Najarian
Vice Chairman

New England Region
Cambridge Providence
Cape Cod Trumbull
Chelmsford Springfield
Hartford Watertown
Haverhill Watervliet
Lawrence Worcester
New Britain Lowell

Melina Spinuzza
Treasurer

Midwest Region
Belleville Greenfield
Chicago Palos Heights
Cleveland Racine
Detroit S. Milwaukee
Evanston Waukegan

Sara Martinian
Recording Secretary

Southern Region
Atlanta Miami
Dallas Ocala
Houston Orlando
Memphis St. Petersburg
 San Antonio

Gary Townsend
Corresponding Secretary

Mid-Atlantic Region
Bayside Tenafly
Cheltenham Union City
Elberon Washington
Fairlawn Woodside
Livingston Wynnewood
Manhattan Richmond

All Council Members were responsible for visiting and/or maintaining contact with their respective parishes. Those with organized chapters, or with the potential to support a chapter, were to be visited and/or periodically contacted through various means.

III. CHAPTERS

The Central Council members, along with the Executive Secretary made a concerted effort to remain in very close contact with all the chapters, whether by phone, mail or, ideally, visitations. This was all in an effort to keep in touch as to activities, problems, etc.

Chapter Status

The following list of Chapters represents those which are organized and operating to some degree:

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|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Bayside | Holy Martyrs |
| 2. Cleveland | St. Gregory of Narek |
| 3. Detroit | St. John (Southfield) |
| 4. Evanston | St. James |
| 5. Lawrence | Holy Cross |
| 6. No. New Jersey | Holy Cross (Union City) |
| | St. Leon (Fair Lawn) |
| | St. Thomas (Tenafly) |
| | St. Mary (Livingston) |
| 7. Palos Heights | Ss. Joachim and Anna |
| 8. Providence | Ss. Sahag and Mesrob |
| 9. Washington, DC | St. Mary |
| 10. Watertown | St. James |
| 11. Westchester | St. James (Purchase) |
| 12. Wisconsin | St. John (Greenfield) |
| | St. Mesrob (Racine) |
| | Holy Resurrection (S.M.I.) |
| 13. Worcester | Our Savior |
| 14. Wynnewood | Ss. Sahag and Mesrob |
| 15. Membership at large | |

IV. PROGRAMS

1985 ACYOA General Assembly- August 28-30

The Annual General Assembly of the ACYOA convened at the Worcester Marriot Hotel in Worcester, MA on Wednesday, August 28, 1985. Chapters were represented by 45 delegates throughout the Assembly. The Assembly was presided over by His Eminence Torkom Manoogian.

Assembly officers elected were: Scott Najarian (Worcester), Chairman, and Gary Townsend (Lawrence), Vice Chairman. The Chairman appointed Robert Shamgochian (Worcester) Seargent-at-Arms, and John Hapoutian and Michael Yapchaian (Providence and Watertown) Parliamentarians. Secretary of the Assembly was Sara Martinian (Providence).

1985 ACYOA National Sports Weekend- August 30 -September 2

The 16th Annual ACYOA National Sports Weekend, hosted by the Worcester ACYOA Chapter, was successfully held at the Worcester Marriot Hotel immediately following the General Assembly. The weekend activities attracted a large number of young people from throughout the Diocese as well as many local supporters and fellow Armenian youth from all regions of North America. The Worcester chapter filed a complete and thorough report, accompanied by their weekend financial statement.

In accordance with the 1983 Assembly, the 1985 Sports Weekend included some religious programming, in addition to the usual social and athletic activities. The programs were coordinated by Dean Shahinian (Washington D.C.).

During this year, the ACYOA Central Council and Executive Secretary met with the Host Committee of the 1986 Sports Weekend and reviewed progress as well as made suggestions based on previous performances.

1985 ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND SPORTS WEEKEND
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Income:	Ticket and Food Sales	\$ 37,808.25
	Yearbook Donations	3,600.00

	Gross Income	\$ 41,408.25
Less:	Loan Repayments	- 2,700.00

	Adjusted Income	\$ 38,708.25
Expenses:	Total Expenses (see attached)	- 30,781.03

	Net Income	\$ 7,927.22
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One half of Net Income to be deposited into the Worcester
 ACYOA Seniors Chapter bank account.

One half of Net Income to be turned over to the ACYOA Central
 Council, subsequent to deduction of all General Assembly expenses.

(Net Income / 2) - Assembly Expenses = Amount to be turned over
 to Central Council

$(\$7,927.22 / 2) - \$128.12 = \$3,835.49$

1985 ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND SPORTS WEEKEND

<u>EXPENSE *</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Advertising/Publicity	\$ 1,544.05
Bank	25.76
Entertainment	4,100.00
Equipment Purchase	1,095.30
Facility Rental	3,406.93
Food/Meals	15,021.74
General Assembly	128.18
Miscellaneous	817.88
Postage	1,098.52
Printing	2,792.67
Transportation	750.00
 Total Expenses	 \$ 30,781.03

* Itemizations for each of these categories can be found in subsequent pages of this report.

1986 Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Annual Basketball Tournament

This year's Tournament was hosted by the Bayside ACYOA Chapter of Holy Martyrs Armenian Apostolic Church, New York, April 11-13. The La Guardia Marriott Hotel was where the host committee blocked rooms for out of town participants and games were held at Francis Lewis High School close by.

The winner of the Women's division was the Northern New Jersey team and the men's division was the Wynnewood team.

The 1987 Tournament will be hosted by the Central Council though the site is to be announced.

1986 ACYOA Leadership Seminar

This years seminar was substituted by a joint participation in a special lecture and discussion program sponsored by the Religious Education Department of the Diocese. The topic primarily concerned contemporary issues in the Armenian Church.

Armenian Studies Program 1986-" Educational Tour to Armenia"

CANCELLED due to the nuclear disaster in the Soviet Union!

Publications

The Executive Update continues to be published 6 times a year for all names on the National ACYOA Mailing list. The newsletter is prepared by the Executive Secretary and distributed directly, using first class postage to all Chapters and Parishes, whereafter it is sent bulk-rate postage by the ACYOA Central Council members to all names on the mailing list. The newsletter contains information on ACYOA events and activities, as well as items of general interest.

BAYSIDE SENIOR A.C.Y.O.A. - ARCHBISHOP'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

1986 FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS:

Team entry fees (5 at 150.)	\$1125.00
(3 at 125.)	
Individual Athlete fees (42 @ 23.)	966.00
Pachage Plans (77 @ 49.)	
	3773.00
Friday Night (8@ 7. & 5@ 5.)	81.00
Saturday Night (5 @ 38.)	190.00
Saturday Dance (125 @ 18)	2250.00
Booklet	<u>2940.00</u>
Total Receipts:	\$11325.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Saturday Night Hotel	5600.00
Armenian Band	700.00
D.J.	250.00
Publicity	340.00
Gym Rental Fee	500.11
Referees	450.00
Trophies	120.50
Buses	425.00
Booklet	400.00
Postage	250.00
Flyers/Printing	50.00
Brunch	<u>100.00</u>
Total Disbursements	\$ 9185.61
<u>NET PROFIT</u>	\$ 2139.39

\$1,069.70 to Central Council

Probation

This was established by the Central Council due to reoccurring problems each year at national events and is instituted as follows:

GUIDELINES OF PROBATION

1. Notification of Probation is established by ACYOA Central Council upon review of incident.
2. Length and severity has been determined by Central Council, based on established grounds, they are as follows:

<u>Grounds for Probation</u>	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Result</u>
a. Legal action brought to member while attending National ACYOA event.	First	1 year exclusion National Programs
b. Physical abuse inflicted by an ACYOA member to anyone attending a National ACYOA program.	Second	Permanent exclusion from all National Programs
c. Damage to facilities being used by the ACYOA for a National program.	Broken Probation	Permanent exclusion from all National Programs

3. Notification of probation will be sent to clergy and chapters sponsoring National ACYOA programs.
4. Broken probation will result in automatic second offense, which results in permanent exclusion from National ACYOA programs.
5. If the participant on probation attempts to participate in athletic events, that team will be disqualified from competition.
6. If an attempt to participate in social activities, the member will be removed from the premises and Council will be notified.

National Calendar

This Council Project, which will be distributed at this years General Assembly, involves a Nationalized Calendar which would further enhance communication among Chapters and increase the P.R. of the ACYOA in the Parishes.

Resource Booklet

This booklet would make available to parishes and Chapters throughout a listing of community members with specialized experience or expertise in certain areas of interest. These people, whose names would be included only with their consent, may be used as lecturers for meetings, group discussion leaders for other ACYOA programs, or any other capacities which are mutually rewarding. This year Shake' Ajamian was appointed to oversee this project, by the Central Council, and will continue following completion of her term of office on the Central Council.

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Nominating and Auditing Committee

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The Auditing Committee is responsible for auditing the financial records for the National Sports Weekend, Archbishop's Basketball Tournament, Armenian Studies Programs, Regional Events, And the ACYOA Central Council. Committee members are to meet with the groups and persons involved with the events and submit their report to the Assembly.

The Nominating Committee is responsible for securing willing and qualified candidates for the open positions on Central Council, Nominating Committee, and Auditing Committee. Committee members are also responsible for collecting and counting ballots at the Assembly.

The alternates for both Committees have also been contacted in the event a regular member is unable to fulfill the responsibility.

VI. ADVISORY COMMITTEE

As per the ^{appointment} proposal at the 1985 General Assembly, a Advisory Committee was formed consisting of the following members:

Fr. Mardiros Chevian
Fr. Garabed Kochakian
Mr. Dean Shahinian
Mr. Myles Couyoumjian

Council spent considerable amount of time determining the purpose and general meaning for this committee, due to lack of definition by the 1985 General Assembly. Council intends to discontinue this format and consider other alternatives.

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The format for the meetings included Friday night arrival and brief meetings, and Saturday all day meeting. The Executive Secretary informed the Council members of new developments and provided needed information regarding the day to day operations of the ACYOA.

A review of chapters -- their status and obligations, reports on parish visitations and programs, as well as the general operations of the ACYOA on the national level were a part of all Council meetings.

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Sona Palvetzian Vice Chairman	<u>New England</u> Cambridge, MA Chelmsford, MA Haverhill, MA Lawrence, MA Springfield, MA Watertown, MA	Hartford, CT New Britain, CT Trumbull, CT Watervliet, NY Bayside, NY Providence, RI
Shake Ajamian Treasurer	<u>Mid-Atlantic</u> N. Westchester, NY Westchester, NY Woodside, NY Manhattan, NY Union City, NJ Fair Lawn, NJ Tenafly, NJ Livingston, NJ	Wynnewood, PA Cheltenham, PA Washington, DC Richmond, VA Atlanta, GA Miami, FL South Florida Elberon, NJ
George Jevarjian Recording Secretary	<u>Midwest North</u> Binghamton, NY Niagra Falls, NY Rochester, NY Syracuse, NY Palos Heights, IL Ottawa, ONT	St. Catherines, ONT Hamilton, ONT Toronto, ONT Montreal, QUE Vancouver, BC
Susan Boyajian Corresponding Secretary	<u>Midwest South</u> Chicago, IL Evanston, IL Belleville, IL Waukegan, IL Racine, WI Detroit, MI	Greenfield, WI S. Milwaukee, WI Cleveland, OH Dallas, TX Houston, TX

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Sona Palvetzian	Archbishop's Tournament Sports Weekend
Shake Ajamian	Martyrs Day Commemoration
Susan Boyajian	Religious Programming
George Jevarjian	Membership Drive National Youth Listing

What was accomplished

III. CHAPTERS

The Central Council members, along with the Executive Secretary made a concerted effort to remain in very close contact with all the chapters, whether by phone, mail or, ideally, visitations. This was all in an effort to keep in touch as to activities, problems, etc.

Chapter Status

The following list of Chapters represents those which are organized and operating to some degree:

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| 1. Bayside | - | Holy Martyrs |
| 2. Chicago | - | St. Gregory the Illuminator |
| 3. Cleveland | - | St. Gregory of Narek |
| 4. Detroit | - | St. John (Southfield) |
| 5. Evanston | - | St. James |
| 6. Lawrence | - | Holy Cross |
| <i>Chelmsford</i>
<i>Canada</i> 7. Lowell | - | Ss. Vartanantz (Chelmsford) |
| 8. Montreal | - | St. Gregory the Illuminator |
| 9. No. New Jersey | - | Holy Cross (Union City) |
| | | St. Leon (Fair Lawn) |
| | | St. Thomas (Tenafly) |
| | | St. Mary (Livingston) |
| 10. Palos Heights | - | Ss. Joachim and Anna |
| 11. Providence | - | Ss. Sahag and Mesrob |
| <i>Canada</i> { 12. St. Catherines | - | St. Gregory the Illuminator |
| 13. Toronto | - | Holy Trinity |
| 14. Washington, DC | - | St. Mary |
| 15. Watertown | - | St. James |
| 16. Westchester | - | St. James (Purchase) |
| 17. Wisconsin | - | St. John (Greenfield) |
| | | St. Mesrob (Racine) |
| | | Holy Resurrection(S. Mil.) |
| 18. Worcester | - | Our Saviour |
| 19. Wynnewood | - | Ss. Sahag and Mesrob |

IV. PROGRAMS

1984 ACYOA General Assembly - August 29 - 31

The Annual General Assembly of the ACYOA convened at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Alsip, Illinois on Wednesday, August 29, 1984. Chapters were represented by 27 delegates at the opening of the Assembly. The Assembly was presided over by His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian.

Assembly officers elected were: Melina Spinuzza (Evanston), Chairman, and Scott Najarian (Worcester) Vice Chairman. The Chairman appointed Robert Shamgochian (Worcester) Sergeant-at-Arms, and Stephen Sarkisian and Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) Parliamentarians. Secretaries of the Assembly were provided by the Host Chapter.

1984 ACYOA National Sports Weekend - August 31 - September 3

The 15th Annual ACYOA National Sports Weekend, hosted by the Palos Heights ACYOA Chapter, was successfully held at the Holiday Inn Hotel immediately following the General Assembly. The weekend activities attracted a large number of young people from throughout the Diocese as well as many local supporters and participants. The Palos Heights Chapter filed a complete and thorough report, accompanied by their weekend financial statement.

In accordance with the 1983 Assembly, the 1984 Sports Weekend included some extra "religious programming," in addition to the usual social and athletic activities. The programs were coordinated by Dean Shahinian (Washington, D.C.).

During this year, the ACYOA Central Council and Executive Secretary met with the Host Committee of the 1985 Sports Weekend and reviewed progress as well as made suggestions based on previous performances.

1985 Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Annual Basketball Tournament

This year's Tournament was hosted by the Watertown ACYOA Chapter of St. James Armenian Apostolic Church, Watertown, MA., June 7-9. Because of Martyrs Day observances throughout April, as well as Lent, the Annual Tournament was held much later than its usual date. Consequently, a complete report had not yet been filed upon the writing of this report. Information known thus far follows.

The Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge in Newton and Watertown High School were the primary facilities of the weekend. Participating were nine men's and two women's teams from throughout the Diocese. Both the Watertown Men's and Women's teams were Champions. Chairing this year's Tournament Committee was Mark Kashgegian.

Announcement of the site for the 1986 Tournament will be made at the 1985 National Sports Weekend.

1985 ACYOA Leadership Seminar

The Seminar took place on Saturday, May 4, 1985 in conjunction with the 1985 Diocesan Assembly at the Armenian Church of the Holy Martyrs in Bayside, N.Y. The Seminar was open to all interested young people.

4 Chapters Participants included Bayside, Detroit, Toronto, and Westchester. ACYOA Central Council members attending were Shake Ajamian, Arda Nazerian, George Jevarjian and Sona Palvetzian.

Leading the Seminar was Brother John Burke from the Archdiocese of Rockville Center. His presentation included lecture, discussion, group tasks, and distribution of materials.

Immediately following Brother John's presentation, a group discussion was held where all the participants of the Seminar were able to exchange ideas on the organization, possible reorganization/restructuring, etc. in a "brainstorming" type of format. Members of the Council who were present took note of the ideas and comments and pursued the entire concept, the result of which is a proposal to the 1985 Assembly.

Armenian Studies Programs 1985-"Educational Tour to Armenia"

The 15th Annual Armenian Studies Programs took place this year with 19 young Armenians from the Diocese of the Armenian Church traveling under the Group Leadership of Rev. Fr. Arsen Barsamian from Richmond, VA.

The group met at St. Vartan Cathedral in New York City for Orientation with the Executive Secretary. After a tour of the Cathedral and Diocesan Complex, the group was received by the Primate, who gave additional advice based on His Eminence's many trips to Armenia.

Publications

The Executive Update continues to be published 6 times a year for all names on the National ACYOA Mailing list. The newsletter is prepared by the Executive Secretary and distributed directly, using first-class postage to all Chapters and Parishes, whereafter it is sent bulk-rate postage by the ACYOA Central Council members to all names on the mailing list. The newsletter contains information on ACYOA events and activities, as well as items of general interest.

An initial revision and editing of the previously sponsored book "Sacraments and Prayers of the Armenian Church" has been accomplished by the Very Rev. Fr. Haigazoun Melkonian and the Executive Secretary. The booklet contains information on the Sacraments of the Armenian Church, as well as various prayers, all in English.

Some editing and re-writing is needed. However, the primary need is a donor/sponsor who will underwrite the cost of printing the book. It has been recommended that the ACYOA itself underwrite the cost, dedicating it to the 70th Commerative Anniversary of the Armenian Martyrs. The recommendation is presently being considered.

Educational Programming

This year's Council set out to open up a new type of programming for its general membership -- educational programs. These programs could be organized around any subject of general interest to the membership and the ACYOA. Such topics could include the Armenian Language, Armenian History, etc.

✓ The Council established initial contact with potential seminar leaders and coordinators. Because of a lack of time on the Councils' part, no plans were finalized. It is recommended that the 1986 Council pursue this project, since its basic intention was to increase the opportunities offered to the membership.

Religious Programming

As per the 1984 General Assembly, the Council coordinated an effort to send out to all parishes and Chapters a format for organizing and conducting Chapter retreats for the recommended months of January and May. Rev. Fr. Yepram Kelegian (Hartford) and Arthur Saboonjian (Watertown) assisted in preparing and disseminating the informational packets. We thank them for their time and effort.

National Calender

This Council project involves a Nationalized Calender which would further enhance communication among Chapters. It is presently in development. All the Chapters' cooperation would be essential for such a project.

Topical Booklet

— This booklet would make available to parishes and Chapters throughout our Diocese a listing of community members with specialized experience or expertise in certain areas of interest. These people, whose names would be included only with their consent, may be used as lecturers for meetings, group discussion leaders for other ACYOA programs, or any other capacities which are mutually rewarding.

Martyrs Day Program

The members of the Council came up with this idea as a means for the ACYOA membership throughout our Diocese to participate in commemorating the Armenian Genocide of 1915. We are pleased to report that the response to the program was excellent.

The program was designed and sent to every parish and Chapter with step by step instructions on how to proceed. The following are the four parts of the program:

1. Young Adult Participation in the Divine Liturgy
2. A Tree Planting Dedication Ceremony
3. A Commemorative Lunch or Banquet following Services
4. Donation of Books on the Genocide/Armenians to Local Public Libraries.

We thank all the individual parishes and Chapters who helped promote it and make it so successful.

Regional Assistant

The idea for Regional Assistants resulted from discussions as to how the Council could better communicate with local Chapters and parishes. Several ideas came up, but because of time restraints, the Council wasn't able to realize the full potential of such a program.

Scholarships & Awards

Presently the ACYOA offers four types of awards/scholarships:

1. Sam Nersesian Scholarship
2. Sam Nersesian Award
3. Chapter "A" Award
4. Chapter "A" Award Honorable Mention Certificate

The Sam Nersesian Scholarship is a scholarship given annually to an ACYOA member who attends the St. Nerses Summer Studies Conference in New York.

The Sam Nersesian Award is given annually to the ACYOA member who best demonstrates Christian virtues of love, humility, patience, and understanding and is active in service to the church and the ACYOA. Nominations are made by the parish priest and/or ACYOA Executive Committee from the parish of the nominee. The 1984 recipient was Susan Boyajian of Palos Heights. The recipient of the Award is announced at the Annual Awards Banquet during Sports Weekend.

The Chapter "A" Award is given to the ACYOA Chapter that best fulfills the requirements and standards set forth by the organization. The "A" Award Honorable Mention Certificate is given to the ACYOA Chapter which strives to achieve the aims of the ACYOA. Chapters winning these awards will also be announced at the Awards Banquet. Last years winners were Palos Heights and Watertown, respectively.

Chapters are encouraged to make note of the various awards and scholarships available and publicize them to their general membership. Guidelines regarding all the items listed above are mailed to each parish during the year and also appear to the ACYOA Chapter Handbook which should be on file at each parish.

V. STANDING COMMITTEES

Nominating and Auditing Committees

Members of these two Committees have been contacted and letters sent regarding their duties and responsibilities.

did they? | The Auditing Committee is responsible for auditing the financial records for the National Sports Weekend, Archbishop's Basketball Tournament, Armenian Studies Programs, Regional Events, and the ACYOA Central Council. Committee members are to meet with the groups and persons involved with the events and submit their report to the Assembly.

The Nominating Committee is responsible for securing willing and qualified candidates for the open positions on Central Council, Nominating Committee, and Auditing Committee. Committee members are also responsible for collecting and counting ballots at the Assembly.

The alternates for both Committees have also been contacted in the event a regular member is unable to fulfill the responsibility.

VI. GENERAL

One of the major contributing factors to the activities of the ACYOA Central Council has been the changing face of the organization, itself. Over the past year we, as well as many of our members, have noticed some trends arising. It is in response to these "trends" that we have spent much time formulating a proposed plan of action for the upcoming year as to insure the strengthening of the organization.

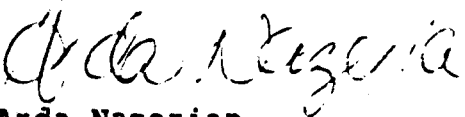
This plan involves a proposal being presented to the General Assembly this year; a plan which would further strengthen the ACYOA by utilizing the help of active and energetic regionalized youth workers.

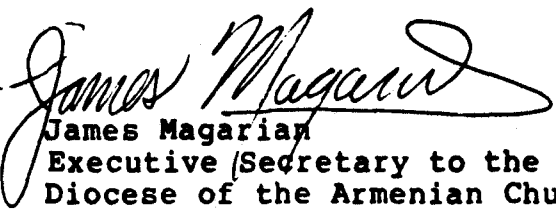
We strongly believe that this is our only alternative because of both the changing face of our organization and the changing face of the society around us -- the constant forces in the outside community which are pulling away the interest of our youth.

The Central Council realizes the fact that had we been able to put in the utmost time ourselves, we may very well have been able to act, even partially, as these youth workers. But, we, too, are subject to external responsibilities (work, school, etc.). We offer our sincere thanks to the ACYOA Executive Secretary who assisted us with most of our administrative duties.

The Council hopes that with enough time and effort, an amicable solution will be realized. This, however, can only take place, as we are sure it will, with the cooperation of the Central Council, the individual Chapters and the Diocese.

Respectfully submitted,


Arda Nazerian
Chairman
ACYOA Central Council


James Magarian
Executive Secretary to the ACYOA
Diocese of the Armenian Church

SUPPLEMENTAL

Finances

<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>'84-85</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>'84-85</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>Budget</u> <u>'85-86</u>
Central Council Mtgs.	\$ 4000.00	\$ 3155.91	\$ 4000.00
Central Council Adms.	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
Archbishop's Tournament	500.00	470.79	500.00
Standing Committees	100.00	---	100.00
Scholarships & Awards	100.00	380.00	300.00
Audio-Visual Program	400.00	***	150.00
Donations	100.00	18.00	100.00
Service Charge	75.00	112.44	100.00
Educational Program	1000.00	****	100.00
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TOTALS	\$ 13725.00	\$ 10827.49	\$ 12450.00

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

**** denotes action and expense taken for these programs was absorbed by other lines such as administrative

SUPPLEMENTAL

Finances

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>'84-85</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>'84-85</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>Budget</u> <u>'85-86</u>
Membership Dues	\$ 2400.00	\$ 1415.27	\$ 2000.00
Nat. Sports Wknd.	4500.00	3487.24	4000.00
Dividends & Interest	2000.00	1874.33	2000.00
Arm. Studies Programs	3000.00	1800.00	2700.00
Reg. Anniversary Balls	225.00	0.00	150.00
Archbishop's Tournament	1500.00	*1700.00	1600.00
Donations	100.00	0.00	----
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TOTALS	\$ 13725.00	\$ 10276.84	\$ 12450.00

* estimate