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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

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ACYOA SENIOR DIVISION MONTHLY REPORT

This report contains the activities of the Acting Executive Secretary to the ACYOA, Senior Division, January 23 to March 7th.

Chapter Visitations

During the last two months, I have visited two parishes, and evaluated the youth program and potential. Fort Lauderdale and Miami have limited amounts of youth, but both are active parishes and should have youth programs. A chapter evaluation is being prepared, and available upon request.

General ACYOA Visitations and Business

On March 7, 1987 a Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference took place at St. Thomas Armenian Church in Tenafly. Washington, Wynnewood, Tenafly, Watervliet, Bayside, and Westchester were represented at this conference. The meeting was very informative and productive.

On February 10th, a meeting was held with Rev. Fr. Mardiros Chevian at St. Nersess. The reason for the meeting was to discuss the Advisory Council to the ACYOA, and its purpose. Father Mardiros will be attending an ACYOA meeting in the near future. A meeting was held with V. Rev. Fr. Vasken Tatoyan in Miami, to discuss the prospects of a youth program.

National Fund-raiser

The ACYOA National Fundraiser has officially begun. Tickets have been distributed to parish representatives, and parishes have been informed of the program.

ACYOA Publication

The first issue of the ACYOA Publication, "The Armenian Youth Forum" will be released within two weeks. The publication is a compilation of articles written by Armenian Youth, and distributed as information to other youth.



ACYOA Executive Director

An active search for the position of Director to the ACYOA should be pursued immediately. A proper transition is crucial to perpetuate our goals and objectives.

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MINUTES
OPEN ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 9, 1987 - SPRINGFIELD, MA

The following are the important points and concerns discussed at the open meeting.

Changing the Assembly Date

Der Vertanes Kalayjian gave a little history of the ACYOA in regard to the setting of the Assembly and sports weekend.

Scott commented that the purpose of changing the date of the Assembly, is in part to change the setting of the Assembly.

He added that the present setting and the fact that the Assembly takes place mid-week deprives some of the more qualified ACYOA members to attend the Assembly because they must take time off from work.

Tony added that many clergy use the fact that the Sports weekend follows the Assembly as an excuse for not attending the Assembly because they do not wish to attend a "party" weekend.

He added that the separation will also allow chapters that are too small to handle Sports weekend to host the Assembly.

Scott pointed out that as the proposal stands now CC will either run the weekend or CC will a point a committee to run the weekend.

Steve Sarkisian agreed with the idea and also the possibility of giving the Assembly to a chapter to run.

Sara raised the question of who would get the proceeds from a chapter run Assembly.

Greg stated that it would fall under a national program and thus be covered by the ACYOA Constitution which grants the host chapter 1/2 of the net proceeds of a national event.

Der Vertanes suggested giving the Assembly to a group of alumni to run.

Steve suggested getting them interested and involved first.

Der Vertanes commented that it should be on a project basis and not a continuous involvement.

Publicity and Public Attitudes

Der Vertanes pointed out the attitude of the community that ACYOA programs are just for the "kids."

He also commented that he is pleased with the fund raiser and is and will continue to push the fund raiser.

Der Vertanes also asked about a publication. Does the ACYOA have one?

Scott responded that we have a publication intended to be bimonthly.

Der Vertanes suggested coordinating the information with the editor of the Armenian Church. His suggestion is to have a page or so for ACYOA information. This would include chapter as well as national news. The intent is to show the Armenian community that the ACYOA exists and is doing things.

Scott commented that things have been sent but have not had a place in the paper.

Der Vertanes said keep trying. The paper has a readership of 30,000.

He also suggested declaring the third Sunday of the month "youth Sunday." The intent is to get the youth to come out on at least one Sunday a month because they know other youth will be present.

Scott said it was a good idea.

Der Vertanes said he will be doing it in Washington.

Scott commented that a lot of these ideas stop in the hands of the parish priest.

Der Vertanes said that we should tell the youth to be there through the various publications. ✓

Der Vertanes complimented Tony's performance before the Diocesan Assembly. He also expressed hope that the Blue Ribbon Committee will provide good recommendations for the future.

Strategy for the Future

Der Mardiros Chevian commented that this year is not the year to ask for money. This year's purpose was to get them concerned. During the year concrete programs must be developed. These programs can then be presented before the Diocesan Assembly with the request for funds. He also noted that the ACYOA should not ask for small amounts. They ACYOA should be asking for a minimum of \$100,000. a year.

Der Vertanes suggested sending a mid-year report to all the Delegates to remind them about the ACYOA.

Der Mardiros suggested sending a quarterly report, the final report giving the plan for the future. He also said that a concrete and very professional proposal at the Diocesan Assembly.

Scott shifted the discussion to program ideas and asked for ideas from those present.

Mission Program

Der Vertanes brought up the mission program and said it must be revitalized.

Scott announced that CC has already made a commitment to the program.

The major problem will be finding the qualified people.

Steve asked if the program is receiving Diocesan support.

Tony commented that the Diocese is providing half the funds for the program.

Problems and solutions

He went on to say that the ACYOA has many good programs. The problem is the method of distribution. The problem is continuity.

We don't know what will happen next year. He said the Greeks have a plan for the next ten years. The ACYOA does not have this type of professionalism.

Der Vertanes said the problem, for once, is a lack of bureaucracy. We do not have the structure to continue the programs.

Der Mardiros asked what is bothering those present about the ACYOA.

Scott responded we have limited access to the church facilities. He qualified that this is not the problem in all parishes but in most.

He went on to say that the youth must be allowed to use the facilities. He also said that the parish must trust the youth; they must be allowed to use the church facilities on their own.

Not opening the church forces the youth onto the street.

Der Mardiros asked if an effort has been made for change. He pointed out with Scott that we don't make enough of an effort.

Scott gave an example that the parish was not willing to allow the ACYOA members to help the parish with the new computer. It is ironic that those who grew up with computers are thought by the parish to know nothing of such complicated matters.

Der Mardiros said that the youth must be visible in two areas. In the administration of the church through the Parish Assembly and Parish Council.

Sara said we can not get elected.

Der Mardiros said that the youth must become members of their parishes and exert their votes. Forming voting blocks will give the youth not only a voice but the power to back up their voice through the election process.

The second area is during the Worship. The youth should attend in large groups and take communion together.

Scott pointed out that many youth are in the position to be elected to Parish Council.

Der Mardiros asked how many ACYOA members are dues paid members of their parish. In order to show the parish the strength of the youth they must become dues paying members and exercise their right to be heard and especially to vote.

Sara said that ~~at~~ their priest denied the youth the use of the assembly floor.

Der Mardiros pointed out that the youth can not represent themselves at the Parish Assembly as the youth but as individuals who are a part of the church. The adults will resist anything that looks like and organized group different from themselves. We must speak as members of the church.

Steve pointed out that nothing is accomplished at the Assemblies. There must be action before the Assembly. It is much more effective to speak with the older members of the church before hand, explain the desired action and have them bring up the subject at the Assembly. After it is brought up they will look to the youth for more information.

Der Mardiros said make your appeal to the people; get their support.

He pointed out that the Parish Assembly is the highest authority in the church and the Diocesan Assembly is the highest authority in the Diocese.

He said we must be better than our parents and our children better than us.

Der Mardiros said we must be concerned about our own spirituality. If we are not we will be a people without faith, a church without Christ and destined to fail.

Aren said that we all have individual problems in our parishes but we must also be concerned with the overview; we must look at the whole picture.

He noted that in the past ten years the ACYOA has gone from one of the most prominent organizations in the church to a sinking ship. Where is the spirit that was present in the past; can it be rekindled.

Der Mardiros said he does not think we can nor should go back. The present situation will bring people to rally around the youth. With this support we can move on to a better organization.

Scott said we have a great opportunity to start fresh.

Steve said we have to encourage everybody to speak and voice their opinions especially at the up coming General Assembly.

Aren suggested creating a program which will bring people together and encourage them to voice and discuss their ideas, problems, and suggestions.

Der Mardiros said we should stop saying we have problems and start discussing solutions to those problems.

We need a positive attitude!

Der Mardiros said we (the youth) have to give out responsibilities. Small at first and then allow the responsibilities to grow as their experience grows.

Der Mardiros reiterated that we have to increase the spirituality of the organization.

Der Mardiros said that we have to learn how to get along with our priests. Some will work well others will not. We can not change their personalities.

He went on to say that many of our priests especially the foreign born clergy are intimidated by the youth because they do not understand them. We have to understand that.

He suggested going to the priest as individuals (one to one) and to stroke and talk heart to heart. The intent would be to make him feel more comfortable with us so he will be able to aid the group in the future. Work together, not against each other.

Tony said that the ACYOA and the Seminary must cooperate. The mission program will help that communication and cooperation.

He also said that it is important to bring the Seminarians and the youth together.

Der Mardiros said he is cautious about how thin a Seminarian is spread.

He said it would be good to have them at the Assembly if they had a purpose there. For example to lead a Bible study, discussion or, to be available for people to talk to as a big brother.

Tony highlighted some of the items of the Greek Orthodox weekend. He noted that there were many workshops, worship services, discussions, and fun activities too.

Der Mardiros suggested sending a representative or two to their weekend as observers.

Tony recommended adopting the Greek program.

We must encourage the youth to become dues paid members of their respective parishes. They must know that they are members of the church; that they became members through the Holy Spirit when they were Baptized.

Recommendations for Programs

Der Mardiros made the following recommendations for programs:

1. we need to put out publications such as Saints and Sacraments.
2. Personnel - we must get more personnel.
3. The Mission program.
4. Scholarships must be offered for: St. Nersess summer study programs, leadership seminars, etc.

5. Publications about what the church's views on contemporary issues are; where to go for help; how to cope; and others.
6. The ASP program should be subsidized.

Der Mardiros pointed out that the ACYOA should be asking for funds from the Diocese. The ACYOA should not be engaged in fund raising.

Scott pointed out that the ACYOA's cash flow situation is a burden to the Council members who have to go for months without being reimbursed.

7. Workshops on marriage, divorce, sexual diseases and other issues, the priesthood and other related issues and concerns.

Aren suggested a "workshop weekend" where ACYOA members can come together to learn and to discuss their problems.

This can be a good lenten program.

Der Mardiros volunteered his services in locating, recommending, and contacting guest speakers for the workshop program.

8. A mission to the colleges. We must be visible on the college level.
9. A spiritual weekend/retreat is also needed.
10. There should be a program to pay for the training of people interested but not qualified for youth ministry.

Fund Raiser

Steve suggested sending thankyou letters to the donors.

New sellers are needed in NJ (no tickets have been sold)

Women's Guilds and other church organizations including Parish Councils should be asked to support the Fund Raiser.

Der Nersess suggested that our efforts would be more effective if the ads for the Fund Raiser name more specific programs.

Lisa said the chapters should be doing more to publicize the fund raiser.

New Trophy

Scott asked if anyone has a name for the award.

Executive Secretary

Tony announced that there are 3 candidates for the position, Doug Tashjian, Robert Krikorian, and Linda Minassian.

All three have been involved with the ACYOA.

ASP

There are 20 participants. The director is Der Krikor Maksoudian, women's councilor is Martha Gurahian. Tony is the tour coordinator. The director and women's councilor are going complementary, all others are paying.

ACYOA Committees

Tony said Mrs. Nercessian is working on a program for college students on their campuses.

Scott said we should find out if it will fall into an ACYOA program so we can put it into the budget.

The Youth Forum

Laura said the publication can not be a one person job. At least two or three people are needed.

We need to motivate contributors.

The Intern Program

Der Yeprem asked what are the criteria for picking the interns.

There are no criteria.

Greg said if the program is going to fall under our name there must be a set of guidelines for choosing the participants.

Scott said that even though the program falls under our name we have no say in it.

Tony said he will be coordinating the program this year.

Greg said that will cause a problem because it will lead people to believe that it is an ACYOA program. If there are any problems or complaints the ACYOA will get the blame.

Der Yeprem said that if we have concrete programs the Diocesan Council will back us up with funds.

Blue Ribbon Committee

Der Yeprem asked for the ACYOA goals. What are they? Is it the committees goal to find out?

Scott said we want to get every Armenian youth we can involved in the Church.

Aren said to serve the church.

Scott said the committees purpose is to find out what the youth want and need and how to get it to them.

Steve said that if the goal is a complete restructuring it will not be done in one day.

Tony said our ultimate goal must be to bring the Armenian youth closer to God.

Tony said that we should model our program after the Greek program.

Greg said that getting professionals to run programs is not the answer. We need to come up with programs first and then give them to the professionals to implement them. 17

He also said that we have people with some training in youth ministry. A youth minister may come up with good programs, however, this does not mean that he will possess the skills to implement the programs. 18

Greg said it must be a careful and thought out process based on information about Armenian youth and youth in general.

Der Yeprem said it is natural for people to leave temporarily as they go to college, then they return. It seems we missed them on the way back.

Aren said we have a history and a future. We have to step out and take an objective look. This is where we've been, this is where we are, this is where we are going.

We have to remember that we are not the only ones.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Saraydarian

MINUTES
ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 18, 1987 - CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR, WORCESTER, MA

1. OPENING PRAYER

The meeting opened at 10:32 AM with a prayer service led by Michael Findikyan. Present at the meeting were: Scott Najarian, Gary Townsend, Melina Spinuzza, Sara Andonian, Greg Saraydarian, Acting Executive Secretary, Tony Barsamian, Executive Secretary candidate, Doug Tashjian, Lisa Kalustian and Dave Tateosian.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Sara moved to accept the minutes - seconded by Gary. Accepted.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Melina reported that there was \$1,245.46 in the checking account and the total evaluation on the Merrill Lynch account was \$21,492.86.

The transfer of \$15,000.00 to the ACEF was made on June 22, 1987. The total evaluation on the Merrill Lynch account reflects that transaction.

All bills have been paid.

The check received from the Ruby Ball (473.02), additional dues (598.00) and the proceeds from the Mia-Atlantic Ball (9,806.21) are not reflected in the above figures. Central Council will make payment for Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan's portrait from the Mid-Atlantic Ball's proceeds the balance of which will be divided equally between Central Council and the ACYOA Jrs.

Scott commented that this will be the first year in many that Central Council will finish the year having paid all its bills and the next Council will not have to pay off the previous years expenses.

Greg said the cost of the portrait is estimated at \$7,000.00.

Doug asked about the composition of the Merrill Lynch account.

The account contains some CDs, bonds, cash, and stock and is monitored by Ralph Der Asadourian, a professional in this field.

Scott entertained a motion to accept. Greg moved - seconded by Gary. Accepted.

4. INTERVIEW-DOUGLAS TASHJIAN, CANDIDATE FOR EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Tony requested permission to give his report because he would have to be leaving shortly.

Tony met with the Catholics and the Greeks.

He attended the New England Regional conference and asked Gary for a copy.

Tony reported that the Archbishop's Tournament ran a loss. The chapter and parish are not upset, they were pleased that it was a success.

Tony gave a comparative report to Diocesan Assembly. The Executive Secretary's budget was raised to \$17,000.00.

He expressed concern about the progress of the Fund raiser.

He went to Canada and met with Fr. Hovnan, the youth and the Bishop.

Tony was pleased with the Blue Ribbon Committee meeting.

The Racine - Greenfield chapter has been separated into two groups.

Tony urged bringing back parish identity rather than city identity (i.e. Holy Martyrs, Bayside instead of Bayside ACYDA)

He is looking forward to greater cooperation and fellowship between all three dioceses.

A new chapter has been created in Springfield, MA. They will be having a picnic on Sunday, July 25, 1987.

The Cleveland Anniversary Ball is progressing well and should be a good event.

The dues paid status and eligible delegates to the Assembly was discussed at length.

The Diocese allowed one secretary to work with Doug for three days on the fund raising letter.

He said 300 tickets is the minimum for the fund raiser.

Doug Tashjian is the only remaining candidate for Executive Secretary. He is working part time to see how he fits into the position.

Tony said Central Council's recommendation will weigh heavily in the decision.

Tony announced that Mr. Mardigian is considering a very generous donation to the ACYDA endowment fund.

Doug suggested that Central Council arrange a dinner meeting with Mr and Mrs. Mardigian during the General Assembly.

The next YOUTH FORUM will be coming out in mid August.

Tony said we should set the dates and sites for the major events.

Tony talked to Jim Kalustian about hosting Archbishop's Tournament during the Diocesan Assembly. The request was made over a year ago, however, nothing has been said since.

✓ Tony said it would work very well if it could be done in conjunction with the Assembly. It would also be a major P/R advantage.

✓ **Internship**
Tony could not fully handle the Diocesan Intern Program.

✓ There is a lot of competition from the AGBU and Washington internships.

The six interns are:

George Devejian
Laura Bilazerian
Nicole Khtaian
Timothy Torossian
Carol Cholmackjian
Garo Papazian

Ruby Ball

Tony read the letter sent to Scott with a cc. to Central Council from Stephanie Masoian and Fr. Baret Yeretian.

There were many problems that led to this letter. Most important was the formation of the project and its implementation under the direction of the former Executive Secretary.

The letter's reference to our discussion has no base as there was little said at the October meeting except that Providence was concerned about losing money.

Michael suggested that a softer response should be sent to Fr. Baret.

Scott responded that Fr. Baret is responsible for the harshness of Stephanie's letter. He also could have solved the problem earlier and should not be trying to further it.

9 Tony felt that the response should be from the Primate or at least co-signed by the Primate.

Greg disagreed with that bases. The letter was not sent to Scott through the Primate. He recommended that it not be sent in memo form rather as a letter addressing Fr. Baret as the President of the chapter.

Tony felt the Primate should review the letter.

Sara recommended sending the letter to Stephanie.

Scott said the letter is addressing issues concerning Fr. Baret.

Sara asked if this is the problem or if this is just one piece of the whole problem.

Scott said this is most probably Fr. Baret's influence and not the expressions of Stephanie or the chapter.

Michael suggested sending a nice letter instead.

Scott said if Council wishes he will send it personally instead of as Central Council Chairman.

Greg commented that it would not make a difference because, for some reason, they do not see a deference between the person and the officer.

Melina said she received a nasty letter claiming that Providence has not received an Annual Report Form.

Scott said he sent the package to both Chairman and President on the same day he sent packages to all the other chapters.

Greg asked if any council members received a call or letter asking them to help with the unresponsive chapter chairmen.

Sara said they asked for the list of chapter chairmen and she sent them the list.

Tony said he would feel better if Scott put it on personal stationary, as a personal response. He also suggested sending the letter to Stephanie instead.

Doug commented that it may be a set up and a strong response would be what they are looking for.

Scott said it could be possible, however, their accusations have no base and he (Scott) has all the documentation to make that clear.

Sara said the letter definitely deserves a response.

Sara suggested that she write the letter for Scott.

Scott agreed.

Sara suggested setting up a meeting with them before the Assembly.

Tony said he would send a very soft letter.

After many objections Tony reconsidered and will not send a letter.

Gary pointed out that parish priests should have also aided in the recommendation of award winners (and that they were probably contacted) but did not provide any names either.

ASP

There were 20 participants, a women's councilor, tour coordinator and director. The tour coordinator paid cost at \$1,200.00. The women's councilors trip was paid for by the participants. The director received the complementary trip provided by the travel agent.

Evaluation forms will be sent to all the participants. In addition the women's councilor, director and Sara and Lisa will submit reports.

The group donated a gift (out of their own pockets) to a youth camp. ?

Sara suggested sending a personal letter of thanks to the guide.

The trip netted \$9,603.33. A donation of \$1,500.00 - \$2,000.00 is to be made to the Vehapar for his expenses in hosting the tour.

Tony also suggested giving a gift of \$500.00 to Fr. Krikor because he is not salaried by a parish and therefore did not get paid while he was away on the trip.

Sara also suggested allocating \$500.00 for the reprinting of the tour booklet because it is lacking important information.

Lisa suggested putting the residuals from the tour back into the ASP program in the form of scholarships.

Tony announced that Fr. Paren considered the idea of having a later Divine Liturgy at Sports Weekend and is in favor of the idea. ✓

The Primate is still in favor of this change. ✓

Sara said that Fr. Paren must be the one who presents it to the Sports Weekend Committee.

As discussed at previous Central Council meetings Council is also behind the idea.

Some sports could be played before the service and the remaining games following the service.

Scott commented that the Executive Secretary's report must be shorter in the future.

Greg suggested having the Executive Secretary's report as a written report.

5. OLD BUSINESS

ASP

Scott opened discussion on the checking account and the \$500.00 donation to Der Krikor.

There was much discussion on the issue of the account.

Scott wanted to make it clear that the funds in the ASP account are not restricted funds. The balance in the account is to keep the account open for future convenience.

Melina noted that last year was the only year in which the ASP account was closed.

Scott said that we could leave the decision on how much should be donated to the Vehapar to Tony and the Primate.

Scott called for discussion on the \$500.00 honorarium for Der Krikor.

Scott was in favor of the honorarium only because Der Krikor did not receive any compensation while he was away because he is not employed by a parish.

He dose not want to set a president that would pay clergy who are being paid by their parish while they are on the trip.



Sara suggested that it not appear as a separate line item on the financial report but under gifts and donations.

Central Council agreed to give the honorarium of \$500.00 to Der Krikor.

Reducing the fee was also discussed. Any decisions will be left until all the reports are in.

ACYOA 40th Anniversary Reports

The auditing committee will be auditing the books from the Providence and Evanston events.

Scott made it clear that the New York Ball was the only one that followed the structure of the celebrations. The funds the made were turned over to Central Council as a donation.

Greg commented that the reason the full amount was turned over is that originally all three balls were to pool their profits for the gift. Since the other committees did not follow the original structure, the Mid-Atlantic committee felt it should donate all the proceeds to Central Council so Central Council could purchase the portrait on behalf of the ACYOA.

1986 Sports Weekend

Scott said no report has been filed with Central Council as of yet.

Greg brought up a request that Central Council pay for the typesetting of the Sports Weekend winners list.

After discussion Central Council concluded that sending a typeset list to Detroit was not called for. All that was requested was a list of the current years winners. Central Council can not reimburse the \$50.00 requested by Wynnewood.

1987 Sports Weekend

Scott visited Detroit. They are doing well all prior problems have been settled.

New problems include the request by the parish for rent on the hall in the amount of \$1,500.00.

Sara commented that the parish had promised not to make that charge in the fall of last year.

She said if it is still unresolved she will talk to Fr. Paren.

The topic of head tables was brought up while Scott was in Detroit. He told them he would send a list of who will be at the head table.

Sara commented that Saturday's head table will be a removable one.

Scott has made sure that the Primate will receive all the necessary courtesies.

✓ Scott said Wednesday would be the best day to meet with Mr. Mardigian.

He asked Sara to work out the arrangement with Mr. Mardigian. Council will meet when it is convenient for him.

Lisa asked if anybody has contacted the ACYO-WD about Sports Weekend.

She announced that they had met with chapter chairmen before the ACYO-WD Sports Weekend.

Not everybody has received the package plan.

Lisa said that Paullette Kasparian, Chairman of ACYO-WD Central Council, is planing to come out for the Assembly.

1986 Archbishop's Tournament

Greg reported that he has not been able to speak with Greg Kumkumian, however, Greg Kumkumian did respond to his letter. He sent a brief report, a budget and financial statement, and a guideline for future chairmen to use.

✓ He reported that the loss was only \$1,532.94, less than the expected \$1,900.00 loss.

He said that the chapter has not placed the blame on Central Council.

Parish council and Der Vertanes are pleased that the Tournament was a success.

Scott said that he spoke with Greg K. and told him how well the weekend went. He noted that it has also served to rejuvenate the chapter.

Greg recommended that Central Council pay for 1/2 of the loss.

Scott suggested placing the amount of the loss as a line item in the budget.

Greg said that the lack of a clause in the constitution regarding losses is interpreted as meaning that the clause covering proceeds also covers losses.

Greg commented that Washington did a good job considering the amount of time they had.

1988 Archbishop's Tournament

Greg said that Watervliet has asked to do either a regional event or the 1988 Archbishop's Tournament.

Scott said that our main concern is to determine how we are going to handle the lack of a bid from a NY area chapter.

Greg suggested changing the rules to make the Tournament a floating event.

Sara suggested the possibility of eliminating the tournament.

Melina said that few girls attend the weekend and there was no girls team this year.

Scott suggested the possibility of changing it to a volleyball tournament.

Scott suggested contacting the Primate before making the proposal in order to gain his support.

Greg commented that a change to volleyball will allow more of the smaller chapters to participate.

Scott suggested having Tony work out the proposal with the Primate to gain his support and to give more a positive picture to the Assembly.

Melina suggested that the procedure be to eliminate the existing rules and replace it with the new rules.

Gary asked about what kind of effect it may have on Cambridge's willingness to host the weekend.

Scott suggested that we make an announcement at the Assembly that Central Council will accept bids for Sports Weekend and the Archbishop's Tournament and make a decision at their fall meeting.

ACYOA National Event Calender

Scott recommended discontinuing the program.

Melina suggested that its long tern may be intimidating the chapters.

Sara suggested using the Youth Forum for this purpose.

The decision was to cancel the program.

Youth Forum

Scott announced that Laura is resigning as editor after the next issue is put out.

He suggested that the publication be handled by the Executive Secretary out of the Diocese. The Executive Secretary should pull the publications committee together and coordinate the program.

Council agreed that the Executive Secretary will direct the bimonthly publication of the Youth Forum.

Dues Paid Membership Status

Melina reported that our dues paid membership is 349 with 31 eligible delegates. She noted that many of the large chapters still have to pay dues.

Melina also brought up the point that the constitutional deadline for submitting dues for 1986-87 has passed. The deadline for new members eligible to play at Sports Weekend is July 21, 1987 (45 days prior to the weekend).

Should Central Council accept the late dues that will be coming in and should we allow them to play at Sports Weekend.

Greg commented that the Constitution and Sports Weekend rules state the deadlines clearly.

The council discussed the pros and cons of extending the deadline.

Melina noted that Northern NJ is not presently in good standing.

The consensus was to extend the deadline to dues post marked by July 31, 1987 and no further.

Melina also suggested increasing the amount of the late fee.

Sara will call all the chapters and notify them of the extension on Tuesday night.

ACYOA Raffle

Scott wanted to make clear that the Fund Raising Committee is a sub-committee of Central Council and its members are subject to reappointment by the next Central Council.

A term of one year is recommended.

Advisory Committee

Scott asked for the status of the committee.

Greg said that this was discussed at the last meeting. We will include our work and decision on the Advisory Committee. (that the sub-committee structure eliminates the need for the Advisory Committee and the members could be better utilized on the committees directly)

National Mailing List

Sara said that Worcester, Philadelphia, and Watertown have been cleaned up.

Doug suggested that the list should also be transferred to the Diocese.

Sara said we have discussed this and are waiting for the OK from the Diocese and getting it set up.

Sara also said that any chapters requesting a mailing list are being told to go through her so that the Moosigians know who to bill.

Melina asked if chapter lists could be made.

Sara said that the chapter code was incorrect and she is correcting the codes and the lists will be available as soon as this is complete.

New Sports Weekend Award

There was much discussion as to its name.

Michael suggested calling it the Masis Award.

All agreed that this is the best choice.

Scott said he will get they Trophy and plaques for the rotating awards.

ACYOA Nominating and Auditing Committees

Both committees have been contacted and instructed as to their duties.

Scott asked about the Blue Ribbon Committee.

Greg will be sending a copy of the minutes to the Council members.

6. New Business

Chapter A Award

Scott suggested creating a point system to aid in future selections.

Lisa said that ACYO-WD has a point system.

Scott will create a system and bring it to the next Central Council meeting.

Watertown was chosen as the recipient.

Worcester has the honorable mention.

Sam Nersessian Award

There were 4 candidates. Linda Ekizian was chosen as the recipient.

Sam Nersessian Scholarship

No applications were received.

The possibility of adding a college scholarship was briefly discussed.

The decision was that at this time it is too complicated a project.

Certificates of Appreciation

Scott asked that his name be removed from the list (done).

Greg Kumkumian was added for his work as chairman of the 1987 Archbishop's Tournament.

Melina suggested giving this years General Assembly officers their certificates this year.

Scott will bring extra certificates with him.

Gifts for out going Central Council members were briefly discussed. They should receive them regardless of whether or not they get reelected.

7. GENERAL ASSEMBLY PREPARATION

Annual Central Council Report

Scott has prepared letters to all delegates, clergy and chapter chairmen inviting them to the Assembly.

Scott will send the names of all the delegates to Sara so she can prepare their packages.

Agenda

Lisa commented that she was asked to address the Assembly last year and suggested that an item be added to the agenda.

Scott added the item "address of Assembly guests" to Wednesday's section.

Scott will give Tony a limit on his address to the Assembly.

Sara asked if meeting rooms have to be prepared for the Assembly Committees.

Scott said it is not necessary.

Central Council will meet with the Assembly Chairman and advise the appointment of the Assembly Committees and go over the agenda on Wednesday.

Proposals and Amendments

Central Council reviewed all the proposals.

Scott will prepare the Amendment to the ACYOA constitution regarding the change of the fiscal year.

Scott brought up the question of how the transition should be made and who should pick the Assembly sites.

The proposal was changed to read "That Central Council and/or its representatives shall be responsible for selecting the site and organizing the Assembly."

Sara commented that the change will mean that a chapter must bid for Sports Weekend 1 1/2 years before hosting it. Is it reasonable to request a bid that far in advance?

Scott said it was a good point and it is a reasonable amount of time.

Sara asked that if the proposal doesn't pass will the Amendment to the Constitution still go through.

Scott responded that the proposals and amendments are the property of the Assembly and we can only recommend that the

amendment to change the fiscal year be defeated if the proposal to change the Assembly date is defeated.

Watertown submitted an amendment to the Constitution to make 17 year olds eligible for membership but not eligible to hold office.

Scott noted that the sum paid in lieu of dues (\$10.00) should also be subject to the provisions covering dues. 1/2 or \$5.00 should be transferred to Central Council.

Melina suggested removing the \$1.00 initiation fee. Article 5-section 1.

Melina will write that proposed amendment and will also submit an amendment to raise the potential late fee for dues to \$100.00

Watertown also submitted a proposal to direct Central Council to present a proposal to Diocesan Council for funding of programs.

Scott commented that we plan to do what the proposal directs.

Greg commented that their rational is to insure that the new Central Council follow the planed actions.

Watertown also proposed to reinstate the original ACYOA Emblem.

Scott commented that the new emblem changed only the design of the emblem and not the symbolism.

Central Council will recommend that this proposal be defeated.

Central Council Report

Scott went over the outline.

It was noted that the Intern Program is not an ACYOA program.

Sara suggested that we urge the chapters to become involved in any of the preparations for the Vehapar's visit.

Melina noted that the General Assembly is responsible for deciding how much each chapter should contribute to the ACYOA. Article 10 section 12 d.

Scott felt that the constitution referred to funds.

Melina felt that it could also refer to work. For example, Bayside could contribute a cultural program.

Budget

Melina asked if any of the new programs should be included as line items.

She also asked if the proceeds of the fund raiser should be included. Yes.

Doug noted that the \$11,000.00 from Mr. Mardigian has not been transferred to the ACEF.

Greg said that the interest earned should be transferred to Central Council before the money is transferred to the ACEF. The interest from the \$11,000.00 should be earmarked for the ACYOA general fund.

The amount of the line item for the mission program was discussed.

Sara suggested budgeting the program for \$5,000.00 provided the funds are available.

Melina will budget the Archbishop's Tournament (to cover the loss).

Scott recommended that we increase the administrative expenses because Central Council will may not be able to make the same sacrifices next year.

He also noted that the Council members have not submitted all the expenses and he will include this in his report.

Melina will also budget for the Diocesan Assembly Youth Forum.

Scott suggested budgeting \$1,000.00 for the publications committee.

She will budget \$100.00 for the Standing Committees.

Greg suggested putting in a line item for CC-subcommittees.

Chapters in Good Standing

Scott suggested making a list of the chapters in good standing.

Sara asked for a checklist of what is needed for the Assembly.

Scott said he will give her a copy.

She asked what should be included in the delegates package.

Pen, paper, the prayer service, membership directories, agenda and itinerary.

Proposals etc. will be mailed to the delegates before the Assembly.

Scott suggested that we all meet with the Assembly Chairman on Wednesday night.

The meeting closed at approximately 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Saraydarian

**MINUTES OF
ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL TRANSITIONAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 4, 1987
MICHIGAN INN, DETROIT**

1. OPENING PRAYER

The meeting was opened with a prayer at 10:08 p.m. Present were His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate; Fr. Haigazoun Najarian, Pastor, St. -Stepanos Armenian Church (Elberon); Fr. Hovnan Derderian (Canadian Diocese); Doug Tashjian; Scott Najarian; Sara Andonian; Melina Spinuzza; Greg Saraydarian; and Lisa Manookian.

2. TRANSITIONAL PROCEDURES

A. ACYOA Central Council Guide

For the most part, the guide was self-explanatory; however, reimbursement procedures were reviewed.

Scott indicated that he would send Lisa parish visitation forms and reimbursement forms.

The Primate pointed out an error in the guidelines regarding addressing the clergy. He stated that we should always stand when any clergy enters the room, not just celibate clergy, as was written in the guidelines.

B. Selection of Officers

The following assignments for office were made for the 1987-88 year:

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| Scott Najarian | Chairman |
| Sara Andonian | Vice Chairman |
| Melina Spinuzza | Treasurer |
| Lisa Manookian | Recording Secretary |
| Greg Saraydarian | Corresponding Secretary |

C. Transition of Materials and Files

Sara indicated that she would send Greg materials pertaining to the Corresponding Secretary.

Greg said he would send Lisa sample minutes.

D. Regional Assignments

The following regional assignments were made for the 1987-88 year:

Scott Najarian	Overseer
Sara Andonian	Mid-West
Melina Spinuzza	Southern
Lisa Manookian	Mid-Atlantic*
Greg Saraydarian	New England

*Wynnewood was assigned to Greg Saraydarian.

Scott stressed the importance of visitations and general communication with the chapters in our respective regions.

Doug requested that we discuss visitations with respect to the Executive Secretary.

Scott requested that when a Council member makes a visitation, he/she notify the Executive Secretary and the other Council members approximately 3-4 weeks in advance, so that they may also join them, if convenient.

Doug suggested that we go through the list of chapters/parishes and decide which ones needed work, giving visitation priority to them. He also suggested that visitations to these chapters/parishes be made by him.

The following chapters/parishes were earmarked for visitation priority: New England - Cambridge, Chelmsford, Hartford, New Britain, Trumbull and Springfield; Southern - Houston, Miami and South Florida (the other parishes are mission parishes); Mid-Atlantic - Bayside, Cheltenham, Elberon, Manhattan, Binghampton, Washington, D.C., Woodside, Richmond, Westchester and Wynnewood; Mid-West - Belleville, Greenfield, Racine, South Milwaukee and Waukegan.

Problems with the various chapters were discussed and suggestions were made regarding visitations and communciations with them.

The Primate gave us some insight regarding several clergy who might be helpful and suggested that we also try to obtain one or two additional contacts in each chapter/parish. He also gave us the names of the various clergy assigned to the mission parishes:

Atlanta	Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian
Dallas	Fr. Nerses Jebejian
San Antonio	Fr. Nerses Jebejian

Memphis
Ocala
Orlando
St. Petersburg

Fr. Shnork Kasparian
Fr. Zaven Arzoumanian
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Doug asked whether it was possible to form a chapter where no parish existed. The Primate indicated that it would be. Scott said that at the very least, we should get names to put on our mailing list and provide individuals with materials.

Lisa suggested combining chapters in areas where there may be problems, such as Cheltenham and Wynnewood. Scott indicated that the ACYOA is a parish-based organization and that one of the organization's objectives is to promote individuals to be leaders in their respective parishes. Doug indicated that a meeting should be held with the present Northern New Jersey chapter with the intent of forming chapters in each of the four parishes that are located there.

E. Program Assignments

Scott Najarian

1988 National Sports Weekend
1988 National Anniversary Ball
Yearbook Guidelines for National Events

Sara Andonian

General Armenian Youth Listing
Public Relations Sub-Committee
Alumni Foundation

Melina Spinuzza

College Connection Sub-Committee
Membership Directory

Lisa Manookian

Finance Sub-Committee
Publications Sub-Committee
Christian Education Sub-Committee

Greg Saraydarian

1988 Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Invitational Tournament
National Anniversary Ball Guidelines Committee

Doug Tashjian

Diocesan Youth Forum
Cultural Sub-Committee

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. 1987 National Sports Weekend

Scott indicated that he and Melina would be checking the rosters to make sure all participants were dues-paid members.

B. 1988 General Assembly/National Sports Weekend

*No discussion took place as Providence was chosen to host it.

C. 1988 Archbishop Torkom Manooqian Invitational Tournament

*No discussion took place as Cambridge (Boston), in all likelihood, will be hosting it in conjunction with the Annual Diocesan Assembly.

D. ACYOA Youth Forum

*No discussion took place as Lori Kalemkerian had agreed to be the Editor.

*Note: When the agenda was prepared, the undertaking of these assignments was unknown.

E. ACYOA Raffle

Lisa announced the time and place of the Finance Committee meeting for those Council members wishing to attend.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Visitation of His Holiness, Vasken I, Catholicos of All Armenians

Doug presented several suggestions for our part in regard to the Vehapar's visit. He suggested that we start out with a reception and have an art display at the same time. When the Vehapar arrives, there would be two performances: one by the Antranig Dance Ensemble and the other by composer, Michelle Ekizian, who has composed an Armenian classical piece, especially for the Vehapar's visit. We would also have a bi-lingual person acting as an MC.

Fr. Haigazoun strongly suggested that Armenian patriotic songs also be performed by ACYOA members.

Sara indicated that a youth meeting has been set up with the Vehapar during his stay in Detroit.

B. One World Festival

Scott indicated that the Council would have a booth at the Festival this year and that Council members should attend if at all possible and that it would be appropriate to provide for travel expenses, and if necessary, hotel expenses, for those able to go.

C. Mardigian Contribution to ACEF

Scott inquired as to whether Doug would be meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Mardigian that evening regarding a contribution to the ACEF.

Melina indicated that Mr. Mardigian stated tht he would be meeting with the Primate that night.

The Primate said he would be having a meeting with Mr. Mardigian the next day, but that it was regarding the Vehapar's visit.

Doug inquired as to whether or not he should mention it to Col. Victor Arzoomanian and let him handle the details.

The Primate indicated that we should wait until Mr. Mardigian makes the contribution and then finalize it with him and set forth the reasons, purposes and goals for whatever program will be funded, and underwrite a document indicating such.

5. MEETING DATES

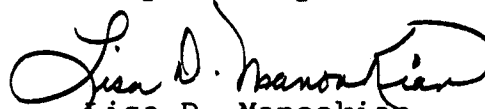
The next two meetings will be held on the following dates:

October 24-25, 1987
January 9-10, 1988

6. CLOSING PRAYER

The Primate closed the meeting at 11:47 p.m. with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,


Lisa D. Manookian
Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF
ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 24-25, 1987
ACYOA EXECUTIVE OFFICES
DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

1. OPENING PRAYER

The meeting was opened with a prayer at 12:10 p.m. Present were Doug Tashjian; Scott Najarian; Sara Andonian; Melina Spinuzza; Greg Saraydarian; and Lisa Manookian.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the transitional meeting in Detroit were approved.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Melina handed out a report for the first quarter of the fiscal year and stated that she plans to prepare quarterly reports in the future.

Discussion followed and the report was accepted.

Greg expressed concern regarding Council investments in light of the recent stock market plunge. Melina stated that she is not yet sure of our status, but added that the loss was very minimal as only a small portion of the money was invested.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. 1987 National Sports Weekend

No major problems were reported. Sara stated that approximately 300 package plans were sold and that some committee reports were turned in. The final report should be in by December 15. Melina stated that she would send a letter to Glenn Pulice.

B. 1988 National Sports Weekend

Scott stated that he and Greg met with the Providence chapter. He reported that over 30 people were present at the meeting; they have 7-8 sub-committees; and that overall, they seem to be extremely well-organized.

C. ACYOA Raffle

Lisa reported that 324 tickets were sold and that several donations were received after the raffle as well. The net from the raffle will be over \$22,000.00.

Sara stated that Myles Couyoumjian wanted to create a patrons list -- beginning with those who donated to the raffle. She said that he intended to give the list to the Mousigians to put on the computer.

Scott indicated that he would rather put that list on his computer as it is compatible to the one at the Diocese and might be more efficient for us in the long run.

Both Doug and Lisa stated that letters must be sent to all those who donated. Lisa stated that she will compose a letter and obtain a member of the current Finance Committee to mail the letters out.

Melina stated that she would send a letter to Myles regarding a timetable for turning the proceeds over to Council.

D. 1988 Archbishop Torkom Manooqian Invitational Tournament

Greg stated that he and Scott attended a meeting on September 27. The tournament will be held on May 13, 14 and 15 in Boston, which is also the site of the Diocesan Assembly. Two hotels will be used. The assembly delegates will stay at the Cambridge Marriott and the ACYOA will stay at the Brookline Holiday Inn. Greg Kassabian and Ron Nahabedian are the Co-Chairmen of the Tournament. Sports will be all day on Saturday and there will be a Clam Bake on Friday Night (which will also include the Diocesan Assembly Delegates). There will be a combined banquet/dance on Saturday night, with the dance being geared towards the ACYOA.

Scott inquired as to whether or not a leadership seminar will be planned. Greg stated that there was an idea to perhaps do an "Insights"-type program. Doug stated that he spoke to Dean Shahinian, who agreed to do it if we chose to take that route.

Scott suggested that a group of us sit in on a Diocesan Assembly session for several hours on Saturday morning, and then have some time for informal discussions (as was done last year) and then maybe have the "Insights"-type program, for those not interested in the sports. Everyone agreed.

Greg suggested that the "Insights"-type program be open for everyone.

Doug expressed concern regarding the co-chairmen of the Tournament, as they have been impossible to get in touch with and one of them is getting engaged soon and seems to have several outside interests.

Scott stated that their responsibilities are very limited. Doug added that the Diocesan Assembly Committee, chaired by Helene Dorian, is doing the bulk of the work.

The next Diocesan Assembly/ACYOA Tournament Committee meeting is scheduled for November 4.

E. Armenian Church Endowment Fund (ACEF)

Melina stated that the only money in the ACEF is that which we contributed (\$15,000).

The \$50,000 that Mr. Mardigian donated (in \$11,000.00 and \$39,000.00 increments) has not yet been placed in the ACEF.

Scott indicated that he spoke with Fr. Khajag Barsamian regarding this and that he received a copy of a letter that Mr. Mardigian sent to the Diocese in June.

As the interest from this money will be utilized for programs which have currently been budgeted for and already in the process of being implemented, Scott stated that he will send a letter to Siraun Palvetzian and if no response was received, he would make sure the subject was put on the agenda of a Diocesan Council meeting.

Regarding the ACEF in general, Scott indicated that Doug went down to Lehigh University to get some information to help us out. (See "Remarks of Executive Secretary" for further details).

Sara indicated that Susan Brewster of Harvard is a university fundraiser and might be of some help to us.

Lisa inquired as to whether or not the National Finance Committee would be involved in any way with the ACEF. It was decided that they would be, but that new personnel would be appointed. Scott stated, however, that the bulk of the work will be generated from our office at the Diocese.

Col. Victor Arzooonian dropped in to talk to us regarding the ACEF and made suggestions on how we can effectively publicize it. He also stressed that we should have an annual fundraiser.

F. Armenian Youth Forum

Melina inquired about the possibility of utilizing the computer at the Diocese to create the Forum. Scott explained that it would be too complicated to do.

Doug indicated that Lori Kalemkerian already has a good number of articles, etc. and after the reception for the Vehapar, may have some more to include in the first issue.

Scott inquired as to how we can help Lori as it was felt by all that a primary focus of the Council should be to make sure the publication is improved to a level where we can all be proud of it.

It was agreed upon that parish council members, Diocesan Council members and other leaders in the various parishes would receive copies of the Forum, in addition to those who already receive it.

G. Dues-Paid Membership Status

Melina reported that there was no change since Sports Weekend. She stated that there were three things she was concentrating on:

- (1) Stressing the Deadline - a letter in November, a postcard in December, and delinquency letters in January;
- (2) Updating the files and coming up with a new system that won't require as much typing; and
- (3) Designing some type of membership campaign to go into effect in the beginning of January.

She further stated that the membership form is outdated.

Regarding membership cards, Scott stated that new ones should be made up so he and Melina won't have to affix their signatures on each one. Melina stated that she plans to send them out around the 3rd week of January to individuals (instead of the chapter chairmen) with a welcome packet to include the Constitution, the Prayer and Pledge of the organization, the little yellow book on How to Address Clergy, and other materials. Doug emphasized that something like this would make us look special and unique and encourage people to become a part of the organization.

Doug reported that he received dues from six members of the Lawrence chapter.

Lisa suggested that the membership directory be prepared after the end of the fiscal year and include an extra sheet later on listing those whose dues were received between the end of the fiscal year and up to the time of Sports Weekend, in order to avoid typing the whole thing at the last minute.

Greg suggested that the membership directory be put on the computer at the Diocese. Discussion followed and it was decided to play it by ear. Melina stated that she might be able to get Nora Ovassapian (Evanston) to put it on her computer.

Melina also suggested sending out postcards as birthdays approach. Lisa offered to take charge of that. Melina indicated she would send Lisa a list within two weeks. Lisa pointed out that it was a small but very concerned way of communicating to everyone.

Scott stressed that we should make more of an effort to communicate, to make people aware of what we are doing.

H. National Mailing List

Sara stated that she hasn't received anything further from the chapters.

Lisa requested a copy in order to update the Philadelphia area as there are some changes. Scott also requested a copy. Sara indicated that she would obtain copies for everyone.

Doug stated that there was an abundance of returns from the Vehapar mailing. Therefore, many changes have to be made.

I. New Format for Chapter "A" Award

Scott drafted a proposal for the restructuring of the Chapter "A" Award. The purpose for the restructuring is to base it on a point system whereby the chapter accumulating the most total points shall receive the award. Chapters accumulating a pre-determined number of points shall receive an achievement award. The awarding of points will be based on performance of certain requirements to the National organization, the local chapters, the parish and community.

By making the chapters aware of their responsibilities (that is, the criteria needed to receive the award) we can create competition and show them on a monthly basis what the point status is.

The only decision on our part would be services of the chapter to the parish/Armenian community and services of the chapter to the local community. The idea is to encourage the chapters to put on

a more refined program (i.e., taking pictures, sending out press releases, etc.) and to provide Council with as many details as possible.

Regarding "team representation," the chapter will be awarded the points just for having that representation, even if there is more than one team. In other words, for the Archbishop's Tournament, if a chapter sends a basketball team, they get 10 points; if it sends a volleyball team, it gets 10 points; if it sends a basketball team and a volleyball team, it still gets just 10 points.

Regarding individual representation, for a chapter to receive the points, the minimum number of persons designated in the Chapter "A" guidelines must be dues-paid members. Regardless of the number of persons attending, the chapter still gets the credit designated towards that criteria. Thus, the number of points is just for having that representation.

Scott stressed that when we make the chapters aware of this, we should explain each criteria.

Doug suggested re-designing the chapter monthly fact sheet so that it can be used as a checklist and suggested that a progress report be sent to all the chapter chairmen once a month to include the "points status" and other relevant happenings, as another way of communicating. He emphasized that we must take more of a business approach in our communications with the chapters.

Scott suggested that progress reports be sent to the delegates, Diocesan Council Chairmen, etc. as well as the chapter chairmen.

After much deliberation, the following point system was agreed upon:

Delegation at General Assembly	20 points
Representation at Regional Conference	10 points
Representation at Archbishop's Tournament (at least one member attending)	5 points
Team Representation at Archbishop's Tournament	10 points
Athletic Representation at Sports Weekend (at least one member represented)	10 points

Representation at Sports Weekend (at least one member attending)	5 points
Press Release sent to Youth Forum	10 points/issue
Service to Parish/Armenian Community	0-50 points
Service to Local Community	0-20 points
ACYOA Day Recognized in Parish	20 points
Educational/Cultural Program	10 points
Spiritual Program	20 points
Submission of Monthly Fact Sheets (must be postmarked 15 days following reported month)	2 points/month
Submission of General Armenian Youth Listing (must be postmarked by due date)	20 points
Submission of Chapter Membership Listing (must be postmarked by due date)	20 points
Executive Committee Listing w/Delegates (must be postmarked thirty days following elections)	20 points
Membership Dues/Renewal Form/ New Member Form (must be postmarked by due date)	20 points
Sam Nersesian Award Nomination (must be postmarked by due date)	20 points
Annual Chapter Report (must be postmarked by due date)	20 points

J. Acceptance of 1987 General Assembly Minutes

Sara commented that in the section of the report on the Central Council, where the Primate asked about the number of chapter visitations made by Central Council during the year, the comment was that "the Council should have attempted to visit all the chapters."

Scott Najarian responded that "due to the lack of funds in the budget for visitations, the Council was not able to visit all the chapters."

It was decided to add the following: "However, after consultation with the acting Executive Secretary, Council decided that since the Executive Secretary's budget for visitations was considerably higher than Central Council's, he should make an effort to visit those chapters that Council could not visit."

The addition to the Minutes helps to clarify the original response.

Appendix "L", the roll-call vote, will be included in the final version.

K. Administration

(1) Chapter Chairman/Contact List

The chapter chairman/contact list was reviewed and revised. Greg suggested that under those chapters where there is no organized chapter, the pastor's name also be listed.

(2) Chapter Visitations

The following visitations and meetings were reported:

Greg Saraydarian

9-27-87	Cambridge	Archbishop's Tournament
9-27-87	Watertown	Collegiate Dinner
10-8-87	Providence	Sports Weekend Meeting

Lisa Manookian

9-26-87	No. New Jersey	Membership/Organizational Meeting
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Scott Najarian

9-27-87	Watertown	Collegiate Dinner
9-30-87	Watertown	Meeting - Vehapar's Visit
10-8-87	Providence	Sports Weekend Meeting
10-11-87	Springfield	Volleyball Tournament/ Church Picnic
10-19-87	Worcester	Collegiate Dinner

(3) Correspondence

Scott stated that he received correspondence from Paulette Kasparian, Chairman of the Central Council of the Western Diocese, regarding their General Assembly to be held over Thanksgiving Weekend. Scott and Doug stated that they were planning on attending and participating.

Greg stated that he had sent a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Mardigian thanking them for their contribution.

We also received a letter from the Armenian Youth Federation stating that they wanted to meet with us. Scott said he will send out confidential letters, along with a copy of the letter received, to the Primate (as the President of the organization); the Honorable Judge Vincent Gurahian (as the Chairman of the Diocesan Council); and Dr. Edward Onanian (as the Diocesan Council Liaison to the ACYOA). It was decided that the matter would be taken under advisement.

(4) Publicity

Sara has sent 4 articles to be published in the Armenian weekly papers and the Youth Forum on the ASP Program, General Assembly, Sports Weekend and Summer Internship at the Diocese.

Sara stated that there is also an article on the raffle, but that we were waiting to receive a list of the winners and amounts won from Myles Couyoumjian.

Doug stated that we needed to have something in the papers on a monthly basis.

(5) Christmas Cards

All Council members signed the cards during the weekend. Sara will send them out.

5. REMARKS OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

A. Visitation Report

Doug stated that he and Lisa met with the Northern New Jersey chapter on September 26 to discuss whether or not the current regional system in that area should stay in effect and what Council's problems with the current system were. It was decided that it would stay in effect, but that it must be structured in a way where the organization could give accountability to each of the 4 parishes. Therefore, in addition to the 5 elected officers, the chapter will have 8 ACYOA parish liaisons (2 from each of the 4 parishes) and must have the active participation of the 4 clergy from those parishes. Four of the ACYOA liaisons (one from each parish) must attend each executive body meeting. Thus, they will be an extended part of the executive body of Northern New Jersey.

On September 27, he attended a meeting in Cambridge in preparation for the Archbishop's Tournament. Also on September 27, he attended a collegiate dinner in Watertown.

He announced that Northern New Jersey is planning to have a collegiate dinner on November 27 and suggested that Detroit and Philadelphia do the same thing.

On September 28, he met with Lawrence. Present were the chairman and vice chairman of the parish council; chapter Chairman, Kevin Nazerian and Vice-Chairman, Peter Aznavourian; and Randy Dagley, Youth Director of St. James Armenian Church in Watertown. Doug stated that he was given a list of 60 names and that they have the commitment of the parish behind them. Dues were turned in by 6 members.

On September 29, he met with Fr. Aved Terzian, who met with the dean of students at Clark University, and is now one of their spiritual advisers on campus.

On September 29, he met with the Hartford chapter. Doug stated that they are probably one of the most active chapters in terms of their activities and services to the community. They have been completely renovating the inside of a house which the parish purchased three years ago, working throughout the summer. The opening of that house will be sometime in November. Doug stated that they were an interesting group ranging in age from 25 to 35. They teach Armenian school during the week - about 4 or 5 of them go and several of them work with Fr. Yeprem Kelegian on Sundays. Doug stated that they had much to offer the organization and that they requested to host a leadership training program.

On October 10, he went to Wisconsin and met with the Racine chapter. On October 11, he met with the Greenfield chapter. Elections were held in both areas and Greenfield is planning to have a discussion-type program in December when the Primate visits their parish.

B. Fund Raising

Doug also visited Lehigh University and met with the Director of Development of the Fund Raising Department. He felt it was time to do a brochure on fund raising needs for the organization, to include the endowment fund and funding certain programs (i.e., asking people to be benefactors and donating a certain amount per year towards a program). But, in order to do this, he stated that we needed to come up with specific programs and specific budgeting needs because people respond to specific programs, specific budgets and specific reasons as to why the program is needed and what the expected results will be. In other words, we need to explain the program in detail, state how much funding is needed, why it is needed and what the end result will be.

Scott suggested having one page specifically for each program, talking about the program, what we will expect out of it and how

it will benefit the ACYOA, and for that reason, this is how much funding is needed to implement and carry it out.

Doug said that he would like to hire a friend of his, in advertisement, to design something and also look into types of brochures and a probable cost.

The meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m. for the preparation of the reception for the Vehapar.

The meeting reconvened at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 25, at breakfast.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of Proposals Passed at the 1987 General Assembly

(1) College Connection Sub-Committee

Greg stated that three people volunteered to assist on this committee at Sports Weekend: Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian (Washington); Nancy Bagdasarian (Cleveland); and Ben Saraydarian (Bayside).

Melina stated that she will send a letter to all chairmen requesting a contact from each chapter.

Greg suggested asking Lisa Nersesian, whose mother runs the "My Kinsmen" program at the Diocese, to get involved. He said that she worked with the program a great deal during the summer. Doug suggested that we might be able to use their data base as well.

Scott stated that our first step would be to contact the committee and have them deal with the proposal (see Appendix "A"/Proposal No. 1).

(2) Cultural Sub-Committee

Doug stated that the Weekend (see Appendix "A"/Proposal No. 2) could be scheduled for the last Weekend in January. He explained that since we intend to include dance, we must have the program before lent. But, in order to do this effectively on an annual basis, we should keep the date consistent. The earliest lent ever, falls on February 2. Therefore, it would be best to hold this program during the last weekend in January. He also stated that the very first weekend should be held in the New York area.

Doug stated that he has already spoken with the Armenian Language Lab at the Diocese and they are amenable to funding part of it and providing all necessary materials. The only real cost on our part would be paying the teachers.

Scott stressed that this is the responsibility of the cultural sub-committee. Doug stated that he would begin on the groundwork and then 4 or 5 people should be contacted to help finalize the details.

(3) National Ball Guidelines

The following personnel will be on the committee to create the guidelines for the Annual National Anniversary Ball (see Appendix "A"/Proposal No. 3): Stephanie Masoian (Providence); Nancy Bagdasarian (Cleveland); Harry Tutunjian (Watervliet), and the Chairman of this year's National Anniversary Ball.

B. Review of Resolutions Passed at the 1987 General Assembly*

(1) Christian Education Committee

Lisa indicated that she would like to contact Linda Ekizian (Washington) about chairing the committee. Greg also suggested contacting Albert Kapikian (Washington).

(2) Parish Mission Program

Concern was raised regarding whose responsibility it was to oversee the implementation of the Mission Program as it is under the jurisdiction of the Diocese.

Greg stated that if we don't take the initiative for it, put our name on it, and support it to make sure it continues, then the program will die.

Doug suggested having our own Mission Program, whereby the chapter who wins the Chapter "A" Award would send their executive body to a weaker chapter and assist them in getting better organized.

Scott expressed concern as to how we could properly train these people to act in their roles as "missionaries."

Everyone agreed that this type of program would create teamwork in each chapter to be recognized and awarded by the National organization and then be trained to assist fellow ACYOA members in other chapters.

It was decided that we would provide the chapter with leadership training (for 5 people) at their parish, transportation, lodging and meal allowance.

*(See Appendix "B" for Section 6(B)(1) through (6)).

(3) Young Adult Sunday

Scott indicated that he would send a letter and guidelines to chapter chairmen, parish council chairmen and all clergy stating that the 3rd Sunday of each month will be Young Adult Sunday.

Doug said he would send Scott a letter and guidelines sent to him by Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian (Washington, D.C.).

(4) Leadership Training Program (Hartford)

Hartford has requested to host a leadership training program, to be planned with our direction, but they need to know when we would like to have it as hotel space in Hartford is hard to get.

Greg suggested that this would be appropriate sometime during lent (preferably late February to mid-March).

(5) Regional Retreat

Sara stated that Detroit was interested in doing a retreat in the Midwest.

It was decided that this be left to the discretion of the regions until the Christian Education Committee gets underway.

(6) Instructional Divine Liturgy

Greg and Doug volunteered to approach the DRE to express Council's interest in this area, to partially sponsor it and contribute where we could.

C. How We Can Improve Our Annual Report and Organization for the 1988 General Assembly

Scott suggested keeping a diary of all our visitations (listing dates and purposes), all our national and regional mailings (listing dates and purposes), etc. and bringing the information to Council meetings. He also suggested that each Council member prepare a report on his/her assigned areas of responsibility.

It was also suggested that we propose an amendment giving the Executive Secretary voice in the assembly proceedings.

D. 1988 National Anniversary Ball

Scott said that he will send out a letter asking the chapters to bid by January 1, 1988, if they are interested in hosting the Ball.

Sara indicated that Detroit may be interested in hosting it and Melina indicated that Evanston may be interested in hosting it.

E. New Programs

(1) College Break

Doug suggested that over college break we have a spring/break retreat in Florida in the St. Petersburg/Tampa area where the Diocese has a mission parish. The parish in Tampa is already amenable to the idea. Fr. Mardiross Chevian (St. Nersess Seminary) said he would support it and get some of the seminarians involved.

Those attending would be involved in a study program till around noon, then have lunch, and be on their own from 1:00 p.m. on.

Melina expressed concern that many people might want to go away with their college friends. She also pointed out that most people on spring break don't even think about doing anything structured (i.e., meeting).

Melina also stated that Council had talked a year or two ago about doing the Archbishop's Tournament in Florida. She said that even though they had many discussions and the weekend was a social one, there were still many problems.

Doug stated that we would be looking for about 20 people.

It was decided that all Council members would talk to members of their chapters to find out when most spring breaks occur and then plan it for that week.

(2) Membership Drive

Sara stated that she had an article at home on why people should join the organization and other materials which might be helpful.

Melina stated that we should also play up the "Mardigian Challenge."

(See "Dues-Paid Membership Status" for further details).

F. Diocesan Blue Ribbon Committee and Central Council

Doug stated that the results of the survey (completed by the delegates at the General Assembly) were very impressive and that the Committee was very excited. Doug told them that he wanted to work with a sociologist on it. They told him to find a sociologist, get a commitment, and find out what he/she would

charge. They also stated to look over the survey, change it where necessary, put it on a computer and then send it out to everyone on the mailing list with an incentive that if they fill out the survey and return it, their names would be put into a raffle and the winner would receive a monetary award.

Doug stated that three meetings have been held thus far and that much information has been brought together, including all the studies that have been done on the ACYOA. Doug stated that now he, Greg Saraydarian, Nancy Basmajian, and Fr. Karekin Kasparian are going to take the information and consolidate it into a preliminary plan. Doug stated that the general consensus among everyone on the Committee is that there must be a department of youth ministry with regional youth directors. He further stated that we must keep the present structure of the organization (i.e. chapters, Central Council, General Assembly), but that we must do it in a way that will make all segments work together. He then asked Council members for comments.

Lisa expressed concern that there would be a strong lack of cooperation from the clergy.

Scott emphasized that the decision-making role of the ACYOA would be very limited and that there may not be any forum for which young people can control their destiny. He also expressed concern regarding the number of youth presently on the committee and their present involvement (or lack of involvement) in the ACYOA.

Sara added that the current youth on the Blue Ribbon Committee are an elite group of people, and not the average ACYOA members of today.

G. Certificates of Appreciation

Scott stated that Lisa would get a certificate as the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

H. ACYOA Emblem

It was decided that the organization would revert back to the old emblem as soon as the current stationery is depleted. Scott stated that he would send a letter out to all the chapters informing them to do the same.

I. Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting will be held January 15-17, 1988.

The meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa D. Manookian

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Recording Secretary

**SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS PASSED AT THE
1987 ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Proposal No. 1

That the Central Council College Connection Sub-Committee institute and administer a College Connection Outreach Program using the following suggested guidelines:

Create parish/chapter committees to include ACYOA members, parish priests, parish council members, youth directors and parents;

Obtain college enrollment directories through the Diocesan "My Kinsman" program and locally, through college directories;

Publicity - ads in college newspapers; College Connection column in Youth Forum; national and local mailings;

Activities - dinners; cultural programs (lectures, slide presentations and discussions); social activities; College Sunday;

Forum - to meet after church; discuss moral and ethical issues;

Have parish members compile lists of interested, qualified people to assist, tutor or advise those who want to enter same field.

Proposal No. 2

That the Central Council Cultural Sub-Committee institute and administer an Armenian Fellowship Weekend using the following suggested guidelines:

Weekend Program - three days if possible;

Do on national level but alternate between regions; and

Do in conjunction with Armenian Language Lab at Diocese - language, history and dance - discuss views of Armenian Church regarding moral, ethical and religious issues - social and prayer.

Proposal No. 3

That Central Council appoint a committee consisting of 4 delegates and one Council member to develop guidelines for an Annual ACYOA National Ball and submit a report to the 1988 ACYOA General Assembly.

Proposal No. 4

To eliminate the current Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Tournament and initiate the Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament, accomplishing the following goals:

Adding co-ed volleyball to the Tournament;

Not requiring that tournament be held in NYC every other year; and

Allowing Western Diocese and Canadian Diocese to participate.

**RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE
1987 ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

- (1) The ACYOA Central Council shall actively recruit members and oversee the implementation of the Christian Education Committee and instruct it to prepare guidelines, plans, and budgets for the programs mentioned below.
- (2) The ACYOA Central Council shall implement the Plan for the Parish Mission Program as it is currently outlined, and appoint and direct the Christian Education Committee with the task of insuring its staffing and implementation on a continual basis.
- (3) The third Sunday of each month shall be designated as "Sunday for Young Adults" in all parishes of the Eastern Diocese.
 - (a) Sermon shall relate Christian teachings to young adult lives;
 - (b) Young adults shall act as greeters;
 - (c) Young adults shall organize and manage fellowship hour and/or program following church service;
 - (d) Young adults shall actively participate in the church service.
- (4) The ACYOA Central Council and Executive Secretary shall institute an ongoing leadership training program for the executive officers of each ACYOA chapter on an annual basis.
- (5) The ACYOA Central Council shall direct the Christian Education Committee to develop guidelines and a budget for partially-subsidized regional retreats. These retreats shall be open to all young adults of the Armenian Church of America in order to assist in their spiritual growth.
- (6) The ACYOA Central Council shall direct the Christian Education Committee to locate, review, and design a plan to insure the effective use of the already-existing guidelines for the instructional Divine Liturgy. This plan shall strive to instruct through participation.

MINUTES OF
ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1988
ACYOA EXECUTIVE OFFICES - DIOCESAN COMPLEX
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

1. OPENING PRAYER

The meeting was opened with a prayer at 9:09 a.m. Present were His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, our Primate and National President; Syraun Palvetzian, Executive Director of the Diocese; Doug Tashjian; Scott Najarian; Sara Andonian; Melina Spinuzza; Greg Saraydarian; and Lisa Manookian.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Melina presented everyone with a detailed report. Discussion followed. We are still waiting for funds from the 1987 National Sports Weekend Committee and the ACYOA National Finance Committee. We are also waiting for receipts, etc. from the Washington chapter in connection with the 1987 Archbishop's Tournament.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Administration

(1) Chapter Chairman/Contact List

Scott stated that he would revise the list, as we have received executive body listings from six chapters.

(2) Correspondence

Scott said that he is attempting to send at least one letter to all Chapter Chairmen and clergy on a monthly basis so that a continuous line of open communication is kept. On that basis, the following correspondence has been sent out thus far:

October	Letter re: Visitation of Catholicos.
November	Packet containing Chapter Chairmen and Contact Listing, listing of Central Council Members and their Regional

	Assignments, fact sheets, membership renewal forms, etc.
December	Packet containing announcement of new format for Chapter 'A' Award, including explanations for the criteria required.
December	Letter re: bids for 1988 National Anniversary Ball.
January	Letter announcing incentive for winner of Chapter 'A' Award.

Additionally, all new Chapter Chairmen will receive, upon their election, a packet containing membership applications, fact sheets, reminder sheets, etc. This will be done on a monthly basis.

Lisa stated that in December she sent out two letters to the Mid-Atlantic Region: Letter #1 - Chapter Chairmen, Parish Council Chairmen and Clergy in parishes with organized chapters, as the first general form of communication to the Region. Letter #2 - Clergy and Parish Council Chairmen in parishes with no organized chapters, with the same information as in Letter #1, but also suggesting the formation of a chapter, or at the very least, requesting that names and addresses of all young adults living within the parish jurisdiction be provided so that Council could add them to the national mailing list.

Lisa indicated that she received correspondence from Patricia Ekizian, Vice Chairman of the Parish Council of St. Gregory's Armenian Church in New York City, in response to her letter. She read the letter and discussion took place. Lisa commented that the letter illustrated a typical reaction which is held by many. Syraun commented that although it is typical, it is not a fact. She pointed out that there is still much apathy with regard to the situation.

Lisa also reported that "thank-you" letters were sent out in mid-November to all those who contributed towards the 1987 fundraiser.

(3) Chapter Visitations

The following visitations were reported:

Scott Najarian

November	Watertown	Meetings re: Visitation of Catholicos to New England Region/Spoke to Catholicos on behalf of the Armenian youth.
December	Watertown	College Dinner for Boston area college students.
January	Providence	Meeting with Sports Weekend Committee.

Greg Saraydarian

1/3/88	Cambridge	Elections and meeting with Archbishop's Tournament Committee.
1/3/88	Watertown	Meeting with Executive Body.
1/22/88	South Florida	Visitation.

Syraun stated that Council should make as many visitations as possible to make itself more visible.

(4) Regional Meetings

Greg stated that the New England Regional Meeting was so successful that they wanted to meet four times during the year. The meeting was held on December 5th in Providence in conjunction with the Christmas with Onnik Dance. Their next meeting will be held on Sunday, March 13, 1988, in Hartford, after the Christian Leadership Training Weekend.

The Midwest Regional Meeting was held in Detroit over Thanksgiving Day Weekend and was attended by only two chapters, Detroit and Cleveland. Scott expressed some concern regarding the lack of participation by many. Lisa indicated that the meeting didn't seem to be important to many of those who should have attended.

The Mid-Atlantic Regional meeting was held on January 30 and was attended by representatives from all chapters except Washington. Syraun commented that some very good discussions and concerns came out of the meeting. The Primate addressed the participants during the meeting.

Minutes from all three regional meetings are in the process of being prepared.

(5) Publicity

Syraun emphasized that Council should be very visible in the papers at all times, with interviews, comments, etc. on a consistent and continual basis. She also stressed that articles on the programs we are implementing and the various interactions we have with the chapters should be publicized.

Scott reiterated that we should publicize every visitation, regional meeting, etc., as the more exposure we have, the more people will realize our efforts and support them.

(6) Birthday Cards

Lisa stated that cards were being sent as of the middle of January. She stated that she would like to ask an artist to create a few designs so that we can get birthday postcards printed up. This will make the sentiment a more unique one as well as save the organization money in the long run.

B. Mission Program

Greg and Doug were on the Mission Team that visited the St. Petersburg/Tampa mission parish. They explained the purpose of the Mission Team in its venture this year and discussion followed. While in Florida, they were able to meet with the South Florida chapter and several young adults from Orlando. Doug stated that there were also a large number of youth in the Miami area and that one contact down there is working with us in hopes of organizing a chapter.

Doug stated that although we have contacts in each area to send materials, we still need to go back to Florida to organize the chapters.

Doug reported that Council's share toward the mission program came to \$2,500.00. \$5,000 was allocated in our budget.

Greg reported that he is preparing an individual report on the trip with an analysis and several suggestions on how it should be done in the future.

Discussion then followed regarding whether or not it was appropriate for the Council to fund the program in the future.

C. Visitation to Western Diocese

Scott and Doug visited the Western Diocese over Thanksgiving Day Weekend and attended their General Assembly. He stated that there are similarities and differences in both groups. Their ACYOA is a combined Senior-Junior one; however, their Council members must be 18 or older. Doug indicated that there were two aspects he really liked: (1) When they broke up into groups, they discussed moral and Christian-related issues rather than organizational issues; and (2) each chapter was required to present a report to the delegates. Doug indicated that this was something we should institute in our General Assembly as well. Scott passed out a calendar of events of the ACYO-WD for the coming year.

D. Armenian Cultural Weekend

Doug passed out a detailed itinerary for the Weekend and went over it.

Council members emphasized the importance that all participants be made aware of the rules pertaining to the weekend when they arrive.

Doug stated that we had 46 people attending. The following is the breakdown:

Wynnewood	10	Detroit	4
Cleveland	8	Providence	3
No. New Jersey	6	Westchester	3
Bayside	5	Palos Heights	1
Washington	5	Watertown	1

In terms of dues, 8 renewals were received and 6 first-time memberships were received. Two additional first-time members cancelled at the last minute, however, we will retain their dues. Therefore, dues were collected from 16 people.

Discussion followed regarding the location of the Weekend. Doug stated that the reason it was done at the Diocese this year was because of the amount of groundwork involved, the resources available at the Diocese, and because it was done for the first time. After much discussion, it was decided to have two cultural weekends each year. One will be at the Diocese and the other would be hosted by a chapter.

It was also suggested that the Weekend be videotaped so that tapes could be distributed to the chapters.

E. 1988 National Sports Weekend

Scott reported that they are very organized and that their meetings are well attended by members of their Parish Council and Alumni.

On October 8, they had a general meeting with 40 in attendance. On January 20, they had a general meeting with 30 in attendance.

They have \$1,000.00 in their treasury (loan from Central Council).

The Pre-Weekend will include a social for the delegates on Wednesday and nightclubbing on Thursday.

The dance on Friday will be held in the Church hall and will include Armenian and American music. A barbecue will be held outdoors under a tent and there may be an additional function for the alumni at the Hotel.

Saturday night's banquet and dance will be held at the hotel and will feature the Roger Krikorian Ensemble.

Sunday night's banquet and dance will be held at the Rocky Point Palladium which has a capacity of 7,000. Buses will be commuting back and forth. The dance will feature the Roger Krikorian Ensemble. They may have a cocktail reception for the alumni.

The Weekend will close with a picnic on Monday to be held under the tent.

Providence has made it a priority to work with Council in revising the mailing list. To date, the list contains approximately 4,000 names. Their first national mailing will go out towards the end of February. Their theme is "Catch the Hye Spirit" and the logo will feature the Providence skyline with the Armenian Church.

They have secured three facilities for the sporting events, all of which are within a half-mile from the others. All contracts have been signed.

Due to time constraints, the board games may begin on Friday night. A suggestion was made to have an exhibition volleyball game on Sunday featuring the Clergy v. ACYOA Central Council members of the Eastern and Western Dioceses.

Group photos will also be taken of the delegates and at the big banquet on Saturday (or Sunday (?)) night so that years from now there is something to look back on. It was suggested that this be done on a yearly basis. Greg suggested that maybe we should change the Sports Weekend Rules to make this mandatory.

Hotel rates are: \$62/single; \$66/double; \$72/triple; and \$76/quad. It is unlikely that they will be able to negotiate a flat rate.

The Yearbook will be a commemorative one and will include things of a historic nature.

Their next meeting will be held on February 17, 1988. Scott and Doug will attend.

F. 1988 National Anniversary Ball

Watervliet was the only chapter to present a bid; therefore, they will host the Ball. The chapter expressed concern regarding an Armenian band, as they wanted a "name" band, and were having difficulty retaining one. Greg said he would contact them and try to assist them in that respect. Harry Tutunjian is the Chairman.

G. 1988 Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament

Greg reported that the athletic facility is in Watertown. St. James Armenian Church in Watertown will also be utilized. Accommodations are being handled by the Brookline Holiday Inn.

The committee has requested to do a booklet to help raise funds and they have the full backing and approval of the Diocesan Assembly Committee to do so. Greg said he sent them several sample booklets from the various national events as guides for them to go by.

On Friday, we will join the Diocesan delegates in a Clam Bake. The games will be all day on Saturday. The Committee is attempting to schedule the finals around the Diocesan Assembly meetings so that those delegates who wish to attend the finals can do so.

There will be a combined banquet. The program will be a Diocesan Assembly-oriented one and the awards will be given out after the Benediction. The dance will be geared towards the ACYOA.

They are trying to keep the package plan under \$50.00 and have been reminded that a \$10.00 discount must be given to those who are ACYOA members.

Scott expressed concern regarding the package plan and how the profits will be distributed.

Greg stated that the Diocesan Assembly Committee has been very cooperative and that they would expect reimbursement out of the package plan per head for their events that we participate in.

Doug stated that he sent them reports from the Tournaments held in Watertown and Washington. Doug also contacted Steve Sarkisian (Watertown) and asked him to contact Rob Nahabedian (Co-Chairman of the Tournament) to assist the Committee. Steve has already been in touch with them.

Doug also inquired as to whether a mini-insights program will be held. He stated that he spoke with Dean Shahinian who was amenable to doing it.

Greg suggested that there be one program and that the topic should not just relate to the youth who are there, but also to everyone so that delegates and others can attend. Syraun suggested an open forum instead of a structured setting.

Since we are not staying with the Diocesan delegates, if we intend to have a program, it would be more practical to have it at the athletic facility.

Discussion then followed regarding future coordination of the Diocesan Assembly and the Tournament.

H. Armenian Church Endowment Fund (ACEF)

A news release went out this past week regarding Mr. Mardigian's \$50,000 contribution to the Fund. Doug distributed copies of the release to everyone.

The Primate stated that next year's budget should include the interest received as a line item.

The Primate also suggested that the news release be shortened and sent to all parishes to include in their newsletters. Doug and Sara will work on this.

The total amount in the ACEF is \$65,000.00.

I. Armenian Youth Forum

Doug stated that Lori Kalemkarian has material for two issues. She is presently completing the typesetting. The first issue will come out in March. The second issue will come out in April.

Discussion followed regarding the problems with the Forum.

Doug stated that if we have a new editor each year, we will lose several months of consistency, as each new editor will have to go through a period of orientation.

Greg added that it is even more difficult in that Lori is not only acting as the layout designer and editor, but she is also rewriting and typing everything, in addition to pasting it up.

Lisa stressed that at some point we will have to get a committee together in the New York area, so that it can be done at the Diocese (as the Diocese should be our permanent base) because we cannot have one person doing all the work that is

presently being done by Lori. Also, if we don't have a permanent base, we will have different editors handling the responsibility for one or two years, lose a great deal of consistency if the next editor is from another area and lose efficiency during the turnover. She stated that at the very least, a committee must be formed in the New York area to help out with the various responsibilities that are needed to put the entire publication together.

Syraun suggested that the committee should be in charge of compiling the articles for the Forum. Doug suggested that people be given specific responsibilities in connection with the publication (i.e., chapter news coordinator, national events coordinator, literary coordinator, etc.).

Lisa stated that once this is done, if those people concentrate on at least those specific areas, it would alleviate the burden on the editor and more materials would be ready on a timely basis. She further stated that if the committee was short of any materials, they could always go back to the Guardian and borrow some articles, as there are many articles that are of great relevance to today's youth. Sara also commented that she might be able to send Lori articles on certain topics.

Syraun also pointed out that there should be a message from the Central Council Chairman, the Executive Secretary and an occasional article from one of the clergy.

J. Dues-Paid Membership Status & Membership Drive

Melina handed out a listing of all those who have paid their dues. She stated that many of the large chapters have yet to send their dues in.

Lisa inquired as to what state we were in compared to last year at this time. Melina stated that we were about the same.

Melina informed us that letters will be sent to those chapters whose dues were not in by December 31, informing them that they are required to pay a \$25.00 penalty fee. She also suggested introducing an amendment to the Constitution to raise the penalty fee.

Doug requested a clarification on the fiscal year. Melina stated that July 1st to June 30th is the fiscal year. July 1st to December 31st is the renewal period.

Doug pointed out that there is no incentive on paying on time. He stated that the entire concept of the way people pay their dues must be revamped. He stressed that somehow people have to be convinced that they are paying dues to the organization because they want to help the organization or because they feel obligated to the organization and not because they must do so to play sports.

Melina stated that individuals must also feel that they are benefiting from paying their dues. She added that individuals are given \$10 rebates for the Archbishop's Tournament and Sports Weekend.

Discussion followed regarding eligibility for the Archbishop's Tournament and Sports Weekend. Sara read the rules and concerns were clarified. Participants in the Archbishop's Tournament do not have to be dues-paid members, but must represent a parish of a North American Diocese.

Melina stated that she will send a letter and a list to all chapter chairmen of all their members who are paid up and all those who are eligible for renewal, etc. She also intends to send postcards to those who have not renewed since last year.

Doug suggested sending a bill to all of last year's members who should be renewed and send another bill to our mailing list. He emphasized that a letter (membership letter) should be sent with the bill so that we are, in effect, bringing our case to the individual person.

Sara stated that she and Melina are working on a membership letter. She stated that we could either send it through the mailing list or put an ad in the Armenian papers. Copies of the letter were passed out and the Council reviewed it with the Primate.

Scott pointed out that the problem is that individuals must pay their dues to the chapters, who in turn, must send 1/2 to Central Council. The only way we can send a bill is if we introduce a proposal to the delegates at this year's Assembly. If accepted, the change will help to facilitate sending out the membership cards and packets in a more efficient manner.

Melina then introduced a membership proposal that she has been working on. (See Appendix "A"). The proposal was reviewed and discussed in detail.

With regard to promotional tools (i.e., buttons, etc.), Doug stated that Fr. Baret Yeretian knows of someone who makes lapel pins and that Fr. Nourhan Manoogian knows someone who make patches.

Scott emphasized that the Handbook must be revised and done in time for this year's Assembly. It was decided that each of us would take an issue and work on it.

Lisa offered to put the package together on computer at the Diocese after all segments have been received. Doug stated that he will orient her with the hardware at the Diocese and Lisa stated that she will have a rough draft completed for everyone by the next meeting.

K. National Mailing List

Doug stated that Providence has diligently been working on revising the mailing list. It should contain approximately 4,000 names when their first mailing is sent out.

He also added that two of the national mailings out of the Diocese were sent by first class mail. From both mailings, approximately 400 pieces came back. Doug emphasized that we must do at least two first class mailings every year, otherwise we won't always receive the incorrect pieces.

Doug stated that Providence is computerizing everything and can print labels and file according to zip code, chapter, etc. He suggested that they temporarily be put in charge of the mailing list as they have an IBM-compatible computer and that all they would have to do is keep the list on a separate disc that can be transferred to the Diocese.

L. New Format for Chapter 'A' Award

Scott stated that the response thus far has been very good. All chapters were given a grace period until February 1st to get their materials in and materials were received in bulk from six chapters and competition has already started to build up.

Regarding the mission program for the winning chapter, Scott suggested that it would be best to decide the location at the transitional Council meeting in Providence.

Greg stated that it would be more appropriate to announce the location at the Awards Banquet during Sports Weekend.

Doug stated that maybe we should send an application to all mission parishes and have them state what their plans are for the year and why they feel they would need assistance in that regard.

Greg pointed out that any parish that responds in such a manner, in all probability, does not need the guidance.

Regarding the criteria, Scott stated that we should create a form to be used in conjunction with determining points for certain criteria (i.e., service to parish and service to local community).

Lisa suggested that rather than using a form, we use suggested guidelines and send those guidelines to the chapters so that they will be more aware of what Council is looking for.

M. National Ball Guidelines Committee

The Committee members are: Harry Tutunjian (Watervliet); Stephanie Masoian (Providence); Nancy Bagdasarian (Cleveland); and one other member from the Mid-Atlantic region. Greg is representing Council on the Committee.

N. Young Adult Sunday

Doug passed out a packet sent to him by Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian (Washington, D.C.) and suggested that Council prepare guidelines utilizing Der Vertanes' materials.

Scott felt that it was inappropriate for the Council to send out material to a priest on how to conduct a sermon for young adults.

Doug added that this was an area where the Primate may be able to assist us with as not everyone is allowed to deliver a sermon and a certain degree of protocol must be understood.

The Primate briefly explained what Fr. Vertanes was trying to accomplish.

Discussion then followed regarding how some of the other chapters have adopted the program within their own parishes.

Syraun suggested that the Primate send out a letter and guidelines to all clergy, at the suggestion of the Council.

Doug stressed that it would then be our responsibility to work with each chapter to work with their respective pastor, to implement the program.

Melina suggested that we should inform the chapters that this was passed as a suggestion at the Assembly, this is how it is working so far, etc.

The Primate felt that we weren't ready to suggest to all pastors and parish councils at this time to do such a thing. He further stated that a suggestion should come down from the Council to the chapters to approach their respective pastors and parish councils and present to them the idea of designating one Sunday (the 3rd Sunday of every month) as Youth Sunday.

Sara and Melina will compile a list of suggestions to be reviewed by the Primate, Syraun and Doug. They will then be sent out as suggestions to the chapters. The Primate also gave us permission and encouragement to contact the clergy ourselves.

0. Leadership Training Weekend

Doug handed out a pamphlet which was recently mailed to everyone on the national mailing list. On a more personal level, Fr. Yeprem Kelegian and the various committee members are making personal contact with each chapter.

Greg stated that we should encourage all chairmen to attend. Scott stated that he would send a letter and pamphlet to all chapter chairmen stressing that they attend.

Lisa expressed concern that if this is open to everyone on a first come, first serve basis, then we cannot guarantee each chapter the right to send two representatives. She stressed that no chapter should be denied participation because we have reached our quota of people.

Doug responded that Hartford has been made aware that it should keep two spots open for each chapter.

Doug then described the set-up of the program:

Friday night will be a social of some sort so that people can meet one another.

On Saturday, the morning session will feature Mr. Barry Zorthian who will basically speak about leadership and leadership qualities in voluntary organizations. Following lunch, Fr. Paul Brant, a specialist in young adult ministry, will speak on leadership within the Church.

Doug stated that in both cases, it will be some lecture, some presentation, some discussion, and some role playing and other types of learning experiences. In this way, an emphasis is placed on listening and learning.

The panel for the panel discussion will consist of people who are involved actively in the ACYOA and/or the Church:

Christine Sarkisian, Sunday School Superintendent of St. James Armenian Church in Watertown;

A member of the Parish Council of St. George Armenian Church in Hartford;

A member of the ACYOA Central Council;

Someone from the Diocesan Council (possibly Daniel Dorian);

Fr. Yeprem Kelegian, Pastor of St. George Armenian Church in Hartford; and

Nancy Basmajian, Director of the ACYOA Juniors.

After dinner, there will be a problem-solving session. Situations will be presented, and the participants will be divided into groups which will have leaders. Each group will discuss a given problem and then present its solution to the entire group. Randy Dagley, Youth Director of St. James Armenian Church in Watertown, will coordinate this.

On Sunday, the group will attend church services and a luncheon will follow.

Lisa suggested getting the seminars and group and panel discussions on videotape.

General discussion took place on the feasibility of videotaping various programs throughout the year. It was decided that we should try to tape as much as we can and worry about the editing later.

P. Diocesan Blue Ribbon Committee

The Committee has now made it a priority to come up with proposals on an annual basis and work towards long-term goals. Doug clarified that the Blue Ribbon Committee is like a think-tank. He stated that they understand the need for more programs, more staff, and more money. Their objective is to take their understanding of these needs and organize them as part of a long-term master plan with a suggested annual implementation plan leading towards the eventual

accomplishment of its final goal - the implementation of a Department of Youth Ministry with regional youth directors. It will, in all probability, heavily endorse the 1988 and 1989 budgets for the ACYOA Executive Secretary.

Presently, Greg is the only Council member on the Committee. Doug requested that since Scott cannot attend most meetings, Sara, Melina or Lisa should attend when he is unable to do so.

Q. College Break Program

Doug reported that he checked with approximately 100 colleges and that there were too many spring breaks for the organization to feasibly do anything during a break and attract a good number of people.

Discussion followed regarding when would be the best time for us to have a program for college students.

Syraun suggested that it might be a better idea to set a goal for developing a program that can be instituted on college campuses, even if it is a videotape of a seminar or lecture.

Doug stated that rather than us going out onto the college campuses, we should be training our chapters to go to the colleges in their area and recruit college students and get them involved on a local level. He stated that this should be done in addition to the "My Kinsmen" program.

Melina pointed out that there is a different focus for a college group and a different focus for an ACYOA chapter.

Syraun suggested that we provide some type of a program so that parish priests and ACYOA chapters can host or give a program in their locale for college students. Sara suggested a slide show or a detailed discussion that can be followed.

Doug suggested that we visit the Youth Ministry departments of some of the colleges in our areas and obtain literature on their programs, so that we have something to work with.

R. College Connection Sub-Committee

Scott inquired about the formation of the College Connection Sub-Committee. Greg pointed out that because a proposal was passed at the General Assembly in Detroit, a committee must be appointed, however, the only thing we can do is give them a budget and ask them to meet and come forth with a proposal on implementing college outreach programs.

Discussion followed regarding whether or not we are obligated to appoint a committee. Sara read the proposal directly from the Minutes of the 1987 General Assembly. We are obligated to appoint a committee.

Scott argued that we should study the situation first and then form a committee as we are not sure of what needs to be done. Greg stated that the proposal directs us to appoint a committee and that the committee's responsibility is to look at the situation and tell us what needs to be done.

The Primate stated that before we form a committee we must make it clear what we want them to look into.

Doug stated that he felt that we should study the situation between now and the next meeting, after we have made contact with some colleges, and then appoint a committee at our next meeting.

Syraun stated that since the proposal was passed, we must appoint a committee. However, she added that the committee should consist of educators in college institutions as well as ACYOA members, because we need expertise from those in the field in order to properly administer to the needs of our college students. Once appointed, they should meet for one day, study and analyze the situation, and go back and prepare individual reports with specific suggestions as to what direction the organization should take. Everyone agreed that this was the best way to approach the situation. Syraun, Doug and Melina will coordinate the appointment of committee members.

S. Status of Reports and Funds Due from National Events

Melina stated that a report and funds have been received from Cleveland and we know what we should approximately be getting from Detroit with regard to Sports Weekend. Myles Couyoumjian (Detroit) will be transferring the funds from the raffle within the next month.

5. REMARKS OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

A. Chapter Visitations

The following visitations were made since the last Council meeting:

11/21/87	Northern New Jersey	College Dinner.
1/9/88	Northern New Jersey	Elections and discussion of programming.
1/10/88	Bayside	Organizational meeting.
1/10/88	Westchester	Social gathering.
1/11/88	Union City	Organizational meeting.
1/17/88	Providence	Assistance to Sports Weekend Committee - revising of National Mailing List.

1/18/88	Hartford	Final plans for Christian Leadership Weekend.
1/18/88	Springfield	Discussion of programming.
1/22/88	South Florida	Discussion of programming.

Future visitations will include:

2/7/88	Northern New Jersey	General meeting.
2/28/88	Union City	Membership meeting.

Between late February and May, visitations will be made to Houston, Dallas, Cleveland, Miami, Wynnewood and parts of the New England and Midwest regions.

B. Regional Meetings

Doug was present at the following regional meetings:

12/5/87	Providence	New England Regional Meeting.
1/31/88	New York City	Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting.

C. Other

Doug also participated in the following:

11/27-11/30/87	ACYO-WD General Assembly in California.
12/28/87	St. Nersess Winter Study Conference - Session with college youth.

D. Budget

The budget was discussed in great detail, but we were unable to come up with reasonable contributions. Therefore, Melina and Doug will meet tomorrow to study the budget figures to come up with reasonable budget contributions for 1988 and 1989.

E. Fundraising

Doug stated that he has been working with Susan Brewster, who is a fundraiser for Wesleyan University. She is willing to help us design a fundraising brochure, stating our specific needs, what these specific needs would cost, and what we hope these specific needs will accomplish. Examples of specific needs include needs for programs, pledges, endowments, scholarships, and giving for a specific capital investment (i.e., a computer). Doug stated that the brochure should be distributed through Col. Victor Arzoumanian's offices, along with a pledge card. The members of the organization (i.e., National Finance Committee and other local chapter representatives) would then act as agents and solicit

contributions, on a parish level, for the endowment fund, or for any other needs we might have. Doug stressed that we must appeal to the people, provide them with good logic and give them concrete details.

Doug suggested a 4-page brochure and an endorsement from a prominent member of the Armenian community, such as Edward Mardigian. He further suggested that we make a list of everything we wanted to make a case for and give the information to Susan who would consolidate it and create the brochure. He estimated that the production cost of the brochure would be approximately \$6,000.00. Doug stated that he would find out how much it would cost to produce it, how long it would take to produce it and what the cost would be depending on the number of pages, colors, etc.

Scott stressed that we must make this a priority so that the brochure is in the hands of the Diocesan Assembly delegates way before the Diocesan Assembly.

Greg reported that Dadour Dadourian is willing to help us raise funds and that if we have his support, in addition to Edward Mardigian's support, then we have a pretty good support team behind us.

Doug also presented Council with a brochure of another phase of fundraising (the promotion and sale of credit cards) as an example of the varied methods in existence today with regard to major fundraising.

F. 40th Anniversary of Ordination of Rev. Fr. Arten Ashjian

This year the 40th Anniversary of the Ordination of Rev. Fr. Arten Ashjian will be celebrated. Fr. Ashjian is the Canon Sacrist of the St. Vartan Cathedral. A banquet will be held in his honor in April. Scott will send a congratulatory letter on behalf of the Council.

G. Financial Support for Armenian Children in Lebanon

Doug suggested we institute a campaign and request donations from individual ACYOA members, our local chapters and other individuals to assist the children in Lebanon.

The Primate suggested that the chapters collect the money and send it to the Council. Scott stated he would send a letter out to the chapters.

H. 20th Anniversary of St. Vartan Cathedral

This year the 20th Anniversary of St. Vartan Cathedral will be celebrated. Doug stated that he would inform us of any details. Scott will send a congratulatory letter on behalf of the Council.

I. Armenian Martyrs' Day

Doug stated that on April 23, a program will be held at the Diocese in commemoration of Armenian Martyrs' Day. The program will be sponsored by the ACYOA Srs. and Jrs. departments and it is hoped that it will set an example to encourage local Sr. and Jr. chapters to sponsor local commemorations each year.

J. Armenian Studies Program

Doug presented the Council with some preliminary information on this year's program. The dates, although they are subject to change, are: June 18 through July 17; the cost, approximately \$1,400.00 - \$1,600.00.

Doug has contacted the following agents thus far:

Coloyan Travel	(Edward Coloyan)
Sidon Travel	(Garo Avakian)
Presidential Travel	(May Simsarian)
George Alexander Travel	(Ann Devejian)
Treasure Travel	(Maria Papouban)

He suggested hiring a photographer and/or journalist to cover the trip, so that we can provide educational materials for the youth, promote our homeland and its way of life to Armenians and non-Armenians, and promote the ASP to potential participants.

Doug stated that he will try to get all of the information out by March 1st.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Joint Meeting - Central Councils - Eastern & Western Dioceses

The Council reviewed the calendar of the ACYO-WD for the 1988 year and discussed various dates and sites: The dates we will suggest to the ACYO-WD Central Council are April 8-10 and April 15-17; the sites, Chicago, California, or Las Vegas.

It was also suggested that the Canadian Diocese be invited to participate. Scott will make the contact on behalf of the Council.

B. Certificates of Appreciation

Scott inquired about additional Certificates of Appreciation for those who have contributed exceptional efforts to the organization. It was decided that Anoush Kachoyan and Lana McCoy would receive Certificates in connection with their work for our reception for the Vehapar; Tony Barsamian, in his role as Executive Secretary for 1987; and Laura Bilizarian, for her contribution towards the Armenian Youth Forum.

7. FUTURE MEETINGS

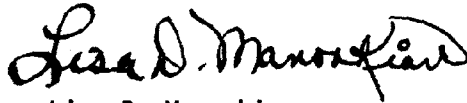
The next two Council meetings will be held on the following dates at the following locations:

April 29, 30 and May 1	Washington, D.C.
July 8, 9, 10	Connecticut (Camp Vartan)

8. CLOSING PRAYER

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lisa D. Manookian". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L".

Lisa D. Manookian
Recording Secretary

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America
1988 Membership Proposal

Membership Packet

1. Letter *Melena + Sara*
To welcome members, outline year, explain ACYOA, Handbook, etc.
500 letters x .03 printing/letter=15.00 \$ 15.00
 2. Membership Cards *Melena*
Physical proof of membership in ACYOA for members to keep.
500 cards x .05/card = 25.00 25.00
 3. Button *Melena*
To give to each member as a PR tool; also to hand out to people to promote ACYOA (ie parishes, ACYOA Day, Diocesan Assembly, Etc.)
5000 count, one color, plastic coated 500.00
 4. Handbook *Lisa*
Given to each member. Containing the following:
 1. 1988 National Officers/Assignments
 2. 1988 Chapter Chairman/Contact List
 3. 1988 Parish list
 4. Official Prayer/Pledge
 5. Organizational Overview
 6. Programs
 7. Constitution
 8. Rules of Parliamentary
 9. Sports Weekend Rules
 10. Archbishop's Tournament Rules
 11. Anniversary Ball Guidelines

Also, this cost is high for first year only. Considerable reduction in cost thereafter because notebook can be added to and subtracted from. This will keep costs for future year printing down; Also, there will be space for the Membership Directory pages, thus helping to keep these costs down.

Cost: 34 pages x .03/page = 1.02
1 Notebook x 1.50 = 1.50
2.52 x 500 = 1,260.00 1,260.00

Notebook will measure approx. 5"x8"
 5. Envelopes 500 x .10/envelope = 50.00 50.00
 6. Postage .50 x 500 = 250.00 250.00
- \$2,100.00

6. Membership Directories - *Melina*

A listing of all dues paid members Names, Addresses,
and Phone Numbers by chapter.

30 pages x .03/page x 500 = 450.00 \$ 450.00

7. Envelopes

To mail membership directories to members

500 x .10 = 50.00 50.00

8. Postage

.25 x 500 = 125.00 125.00

\$ 625.00

Also: News articles
Press Releases
Ads (Youth Forum)

Possibilities: Current Youth Forum in each membership packet
Membership Applications for friends in membership packet
'How to Address the Clergy' Booklet included
letter from President and Chairman (each year)
Minutes of Prior Assembly

SUPPLEMENTAL

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ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT



A PLAN FOR
PARISH MISSION PROGRAM

Under the Auspices of the Diocese of the Armenian Church
in Cooperation with St. Nersess Armenian Seminary

Submitted to The Diocesan Council

by Fr. Karekin Kasparian -- January 21, 1987

- GOAL
1. To promote spiritual awareness;
 2. To stimulate interest in the Church;
 3. To foster appreciation of cultural and religious heritage; and
 4. To strengthen loyalty in Church organizations and parish schools.
- MEANS
1. Organized daily Bible study, worship services, educational programs.
 2. Home and hospital visitations.
 3. Meetings with members of Church organizations and teaching staffs of Armenian and Sunday Schools.
 4. Personal counseling, private confession and Badarak.
- DURATION
- One week -- Monday to Sunday.
- PARTICIPANTS
- A team consisting of a priest, 2 seminarians and 2 or 3 young people (preferably participants or graduates of St. Nersess Summer Study Seminars and/or ACYOA members).
- PARISHES
1. Mission parishes with up to 75 families;
 2. Organized parishes with no pastor.
 3. Weak parishes with pastors.
 4. Large parishes with pastors.
- PREFERRED DATES
1. Fourth Week of Lent.
 2. Third or fourth week in May.
 3. First week in June.
 4. First or second week in September.

TENTATIVE DAILY SCHEDULE MISSION PROGRAM

- A. Monday, pm Mission Team's arrival, meeting with Pastor and/or Parish Council, settling at lodging places.
- B. Tuesday through Saturday
- 10:00 am - Worship and Bible study (theme: "Christian Family Living")
12 noon Parishioners invited.
- 12 noon - Luncheon visit at parishioners' homes (teams divided in order to visit two homes each meal).
2:00 pm
- 2:00 pm - Hospital and home visitations in groups of two.
4:00 pm
- 4:00 pm - Preparation for evening program.
5:30 pm
- 5:30 pm - Dinner visit at parishioners' homes.
7:30 pm
- C. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday - Religious, Cultural Programs
- 8:00-8:30 pm Evening Service
8:30-8:45 pm Folk Singing
8:45-10:00 pm: Program (followed by refreshments)

D. Wednesday, Friday - Group Meetings

8:00-10:00 pm Wednesday - Church School Teachers
Armenian School Teachers

Friday - Youth Group
Choir Members and Deacons

E. Sunday

- Divine Liturgy (Mission Team participating)
Special collection suggested for St. Nersess Seminary
- Farewell Luncheon with entire parish invited
- Departure after luncheon program

MISSION PROGRAM -- WORK PLAN

PRIMATE

1. Appoint coordinator of mission program
2. Commissions - a) determine dates.
b) select parishes.
c) appoint participating clergyman; (provide substitute clergyman for absence from Sunday Badarak).
d) notify Parish Council of the appointed priest.
3. Communicate with mission parishes and participating priests, providing necessary information about the program.

COORDINATOR

1. Organize teams.
2. Prepare programs and materials, based on a theme for the week.
3. Follow up communication with mission parish (priest or parish council, or key person to organize local arrangements with a committee to consist of representatives of all church organizations and a parish council member as liaison).
4. Organize intensive program of preparation for mission team, reviewing individual responsibilities.
5. Compile guidebook for team members, containing:
 - a) Copies of communications from Primate and Coordinator to mission parish.
 - b) Outline of daily activities.
 - c) Text of worship services.
 - d) Outline of Bible discussion.
 - e) Map of cities in parish.
 - f) "Guidelines for Parish visitations."
 - g) "Guidelines for visiting the sick"
 - h) Words and music of selected folk and church music.
 - i) Outlines of talks in daily programs.
 - j) Outlines of discussions with church organizations and teachers.
 - k) Evaluation form.
 - l) Copy of basic PR material.
6. Prepare Guidelines for local organizing committee for handling the following arrangements under the supervision of the Coordinator:
 - a) Lodging for the team (preferably all together in a home, or school dorm)
 - b) Luncheon and dinner hosts, 2 groups for each meal, a total of 4 hosts daily - 20 families for the week.
 - c) A vehicle and a guide with each group to visit homes and hospitals.
 - d) Compile list of the sick and homes to be visited afternoons.
 - e) Insure maximum attendance at programs as well as organizational meetings.

- f) Arrangements for worship, Bible class, audio/visual and office facilities.
 - g) Conduct publicity and public relations as follows, based on information furnished by Coordinator:
 - 1) flyer to entire parish and neighboring Armenian parishes, to be received about 4-6 weeks prior to mission week;
 - 2) posters in church hall, about 2 months prior;
 - 3) parish newsletter, for 2-3 months prior;
 - 4) notice and reminder in church - 4-6 weeks prior;
 - 5) local or area Armenian radio, 4-6 weeks prior;
 - 6) Armenian-American weekly newspapers - 4-6 weeks prior;
 - 7) local newspapers - 2 weeks prior; also, during mission week, to take photo;
 - 8) local, or area T.V. station, where possible; and
 - 9) reminders to church organizations and teaching staffs about three weeks prior.
7. Compilation of evaluations and report to Primate and Diocesan Council, with recommendations for future mission programs.

ACYOA SENIORS MONTHLY REPORT - MARCH 1988Christian Leadership Weekend (3/11 - 3/12)

Fifty ACYOA members participated in a two day seminar for the purpose of teaching leadership skills in the church community. Members in attendance were from: Bayside, Cleveland, Detroit, Hartford, Providence, Union City, Watertown, Watervliet, Westchester, Worcester and Wynnewood.

The program included: Lectures by Mr. Barry Zorthian and Fr. Paul Brant, Director of the Rose Hill Campus Ministry at Fordham University, followed by open discussion; Panel presentations and discussion, led by four ACYOA members and Mr. Dan Dorian, Diocesan Council member; and leadership exercises and role plays, led by Randy Dagley, youth director, St. James Armenian Church in Watertown.

The program was organized by the Rev. Fr. Yeprem Kelegian and Richard Mardirosian, Hartford ACYOA Chairman, and other members of the Hartford chapter.

We hope to repeat this program in the fall in another Diocesan region.

Visitations

Providence: Met with Stephanie Masoian, Linda Minassian, and John (3/1) Megrudichian who are working with me to update the national mailing list.

Worcester: Was the guest speaker for a Lenten Dinner. Spoke about the (3/2) temptations and struggles of young people in America, the implications for the Armenian Church, and possible solutions.

Cleveland: Visited with an established chapter which is very active in (3/18-19) the parish. They have taken on much service responsibility, especially with the absence of a pastor. Nancy Basmajian made a visit in conjunction with mine. I feel the impact of a joint visitation is very positive, and we plan to do more in the future.

Western Queens: Visited with the parish youth group, Sevan, which has been (3/25) in existence for the past few years. We discussed the objectives and programs of ACYOA, with the intention of the Sevan group becoming an ACYOA chapter. I learned that there are many Armenian immigrants living in this area of Queens who are not affiliated with any Armenian Church. The Rev. Fr. Mamigon Vosganian will write a letter to the Primate requesting recognition as an ACYOA chapter.

Other Activities

Blue Ribbon Committee: Steve Sarkisian and I completed a report to be presented to the Diocesan Council which incorporated the salient points previously cited in minutes and reports completed by committee members.

The report covered: Introduction, Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations.

Fund Raising: Working with Susan Brewster, Hartford ACYOA chapter member and Development Officer at Conn. Wesleyan College, on a fund raising brochure for ACYOA. We hope to have a rough draft by April.

Symposium: Attended a symposium at St. Nersess Armenian Seminary which covered the history, characteristics, problems, etc., of the Armenian Diaspora.

Palm Sunday: Spoke at the ACYOA Day/Palm Sunday Dinner following Church service at St. James Armenian Church in Westchester.

Karabagh: Participated in the Peace March for the reunification of Karabagh with Armenia.

Contacted local ACYOA chapters to encourage them to participate.

Douglas Tashjian

Executive Secretary

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ACYOA SENIORS MONTHLY REPORT - FEBRUARY 1988

Cultural Weekend (2/12 - 2/15)

Forty-seven ACYOA members participated in our first cultural weekend. Members in attendance were from: Cleveland (8), Wynnewood (8), Detroit (5), Bayside (5), Washington (4), Providence (3), Union City (3), Westchester (3), Fair Lawn (2), Tenafly (2), Cheltenham (1), Palos Heights (1), and Watertown (1). Included in the group were nine first-time members and nine members who renewed their membership. Participants ranged in age from 18 - 34. The average age was 25.

Lodging was provided at the Doral Park Avenue Hotel (38th Street and Park Avenue), and all meals and classes took place at the Diocese. The topics covered were: Armenian Language (Zarmine Boghosian, Ani Chatmajian, Louise Kalemkerian, Nectar Sarkissian); The Divine Liturgy/Discussion on Increasing Church Participation (Rev. Fr. Karekin Kasparian); History of Etchmiadzin/Unity - Facts and Legalities (V. Rev. Fr. Haigazoun Najarian); Key Events in Armenian Church History (Rev. Fr. Arten Ashjian); The Armenian Self Image as Reflected in its Literature (Dr. Kevork Bardakjian); The Genius of Gomidas (His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian); and Armenian, American, and Turkish Attitudes and Actions, Before, During, and Since the Genocide (Dr. Dennis Papazian). Social events took place at St. Mary Armenian Church (Saturday night) and the Dardanell~~es~~^{es} Restaurant (Sunday Night). His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian attended the majority of classes and meals.

Comments from participants and instructors have been positive. We hope to make Cultural Weekend an annual program at the Diocese (comments were positive regarding the visit to the Diocesan Complex and the participation of the Archbishop), with at least one similar program in other regions.

Visitations

Dallas (2/19-2/20): I met with 40 young adults on Friday night and gave a presentation about ACYOA objectives and programs. About half of those in attendance were married. I was told there were about 75 young adults in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area who attend social events. The majority of the community is foreign born, and is not familiar with ACYOA. Ramon Nazarian, parish council chairman, will appoint a committee to organize youth programs for the parish. This will take place over the next year. Individuals, and possibly teams, will be encouraged to participate in ACYOA national programs. I took names and addresses of those in attendance, and the balance will be forwarded to me. Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian was in attendance and will assist in the development of this committee.

On Saturday, I visited the Armenian School. There were about 30 children in attendance. The school uses Armenian Language Lab curriculum.

Dallas appeared to me to be a vibrant, young immigrant community with potential for establishment and growth in Armenian School, Sunday School, ACYOA Jr., and ACYOA Sr. programs.

Houston (2/20-2/21): I met with 12 young people ranging in age from 14-33, and gave a presentation about ACYOA Jr. and Sr. objectives and programs. Most of the attendees had participated in one or more Diocesan youth programs including: St. Vartan Camp, St. Nersess Summer Studies/Deacon Training, ACYOA Central Council (David Onanian). An ACYOA committee of 4 Sr. and 3 Jr. members ^{was formed} with the purpose of organizing chapters. Their first project will be to develop and manage an ACYOA Day program on Palm Sunday.

The Houston community is also a vibrant and immigrant parish. Youth programs which have been offered to the community have been political. The young people I spoke to see a need for a church based organization and will present ACYOA as an co-existing alternative which will be offered as a choice to parents and young people. Two parents who were ACYOA alumni attended the meeting which was presided over by Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian.

Hartford (2/29) I met with Rev. Fr. Yeprem Kelegian, ACYOA Chairman, Richard Mardirosian, and 15 members to finalize plans for the chapter's hosting of Christian Leadership Weekend (3/11-3/13).

Central Council Meeting - February 6, 1988

All members of Central Council, Syraun Palvetzian, and I attended the meeting, held at the Diocesan Center. The meeting was presided over by His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian. We discussed the progress of national programs: Cultural Weekend (Feb.), Christian Leadership Weekend (March), Archbishop's Tournament (May - in conjunction with Diocesan Assembly), ASP Tour (June/July), Anniversary Ball (July), General Assembly/Sports Weekend (Labor Day Weekend), and Youth Forum Publication (scheduled issues).

Actions resulting from the meeting:

- (1) Central Council support of Executive Secretary's 1988 and 1989 budgets, with Central Council contribution to support a portion of new programs.
- (2) Approval of fund raising plans.
- (3) Formation of College Outreach Committee to investigate potential programs. This will include members who are college educators.
- (4) Development of membership drive and new member informational package.

- (5) Plan to support and initiate Youth Sunday throughout the Diocese.
- (6) Need for increased visitations by Central Council members.
- (7) Plans to organize meeting with ACYO-WD Central Council.

Other Activities

- (1) Attended 40th Anniversary of the Ordination of Rev. Fr. Arten Ashjian
- (2) Planning Martrys Day Program, with Nancy Basmajian, for April 23, at the Diocese.

Douglas Tashjian
Executive Secretary

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MINUTES OF
ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING
SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 1988
THE INN AT FOGGY BOTTOM
WASHINGTON, D.C.

1. OPENING PRAYER

The meeting was opened with a prayer at 9:29 a.m. Present were His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, our Primate and National President; Doug Tashjian; Scott Najarian; Sara Andonian; Greg Saraydarian; and Lisa Manookian.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

As Melina was unable to attend, Scott stated that he will have her prepare a report and mail it out to us. He also made a list of checks needed (in addition to reimbursement to Council members) and said he would ask Melina to send them out right away.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Administration

(1) Correspondence

Greg read a letter that he sent on behalf of Council to Fr. Arten Ashjian on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of his ordination. The letter was read at the Banquet in honor of the occasion.

Scott reported that he sent out a progress report with an updated Chapter Chairmen & Contact Listing to all chapters. He stated that he will send out a packet on the awards within the next few weeks.

(2) Annual Report/General Assembly Materials

Scott stated that he will have a draft of the Annual Report prepared by the July meeting. Greg suggested including Doug's visitations as a part of our report.

Council agreed. Doug stated that he would like to make a presentation at the General Assembly highlighting some important issues and concerns, and hand out an outline for the delegates to follow. The Primate stressed that the issues and concerns must be presented in a positive perspective in order to encourage and motivate the delegates.

Scott stated that we should also make a list of all the articles that have appeared in the newspapers. Greg further suggested having a display of all the articles. Doug will look through the editions at the Diocese and photocopy the articles.

Additionally, as each chapter turns in its Annual Report (forms to be sent by Scott), it will be given a set of videotapes of the Cultural and Leadership Weekends for its use. Scott stated that he can reproduce tapes for \$3.00 each.

(3) Chapter Visitations

The following visitations were reported:

Greg Saraydarian

April 22 Watervliet Preparation for National
Anniversary Ball.

Lisa Manookian

April 29 Washington Visitation.

Doug suggested that we inform him when we have time to make visitations and stated that he would like to make arrangements with each of us to visit a chapter in our regions.

(4) Regional Conferences

The Second New England Regional Conference was held in Hartford on April 9th. Greg reported that there was more participation and that a New England Regional Committee was formed, chaired by Richard Mardirosian of Hartford. Richard requested Council to provide him with several names so that he can contact individuals and complete the Committee. The Committee's main function will be to work with the smaller chapters within the region. Doug suggested that Council draw up guidelines. Greg stated that for right now they do not need a Treasury; however, they do not know there are provisions within the Constitution should they choose to have one.

The participants suggested that Council provide support materials that they can use as resources (i.e., guidelines for cover letters, etc.). They also

discussed the separation of the General Assembly from the National Sports Weekend.

The Primate inquired as to whether or not anyone from the New England Regional Council was present. Greg stated that no one was, however, he would make sure the Committee worked with the Council. At the Primate's suggestion, it was decided that a letter be written to Fr. Nourhan Manoogian (as the presiding officer of the Council) and Zarvin Kasparian (as the Chairman of the Council) informing them of the Committee and asking for their assistance and guidance when necessary.

Minutes of the Meeting are in the process of being prepared.

(5) Regional Activities

Sara stated that Detroit and Cleveland are planning something for the region to include the Juniors and that Evanston and Racine are planning a "get-away" Weekend.

(6) Fact Sheets

Scott stated that he will give Council copies of all the Fact Sheets he has received at the July meeting.

B. Report of Inter-Diocesan Meeting

Scott reported to the Primate the results of the meeting. In attendance were 6 members of the ACYO-WD Central Council and 4 members of the ACYOA Central Council. Additionally, Fr. Vartan Kasparian (Diocesan Council Chairman of the Western Diocese) and Doug Tashjian, ACYOA Executive Secretary were present. The meeting was held at the Landmark Hotel in Las Vegas. Fr. Vartan led us in the meeting. Each group talked about its programs and where each wanted to head. We also discussed the possibility of a joint project--an Inter-Diocesan camp for one week in the Summer of 1989; interacting with each other during our respective Sports Weekends and the Archbishop's Tournament; youth problems in general; and other common problems which both Councils have observed in our respective Organizations and Dioceses.

Minutes were taken and will be prepared. A press release will also be prepared. *? not yet*

Scott stated that Paulette Kasparian, ACYO-WD Central Council Chairman, sent him a list of the criteria they use to determine their chapter award winner.

Doug suggested that next year members of the Canadian Diocese should also be invited.

C. Christian Leadership Weekend

Greg summarized the Weekend for the Primate and those Council members unable to attend. The Weekend was a very successful one. However, Greg stated that there were a very small handful of people who hardly participated. He further suggested that for future subsidized events, those who do not participate should be billed for the actual event. Doug pointed out that the room itself was not conducive as it was long and narrow and should have been wider.

Greg added that approximately half of the group carpoled to the Karabagh rally in New York.

Expenses went below what was anticipated. Hartford is in the process of preparing a report.

D. Cultural Weekend

Sara summarized the Weekend for the Primate and those Council members unable to attend. Both Sara and Lisa expressed problems with the way the language classes were set up. Lisa suggested getting input from the teachers, as well as from some of the participants. Doug stated that for next year, once applications for the Weekend are received, he will send out a form detailing what language classes will be offered and ask the participants to make a choice.

Scott suggested that the Cultural Weekend be held annually over Presidents' Weekend. Council agreed.

E. 1988 National Sports Weekend

Scott stated that there was nothing new to report.

F. 1988 National Anniversary Ball

Preparations are coming along fine. Greg reported that the group is planning a trip to Lake George on Saturday. The Ball will include a banquet, program and dance on Saturday night. Greg stated that they are trying to get California Governor George Deukmejian to come to the banquet, as he is originally from Troy. The band is a coast-to-coast all-star band featuring Richard Hagopian, Khachig Kazarian, Mal Barsamian, Ron Tutunjian and Paul Mooradian. The cost for the band is \$3,500.00. The package plan is \$55.00 and there will be a \$10.00 discount for ACYOA members. The plan includes the banquet, the bus trip to Lake George, the dance and possibly the nightclub in the hotel. The banquet alone is \$30.00.

Scott stressed that we are going to have to publicize the Ball. It was also stressed that the band be informed that they are not permitted to play Turkish music.

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The Primate suggested creating an ACYOA band and sponsoring them so they can perform in the name of the ACYOA. Sara will look into the possibility and try to obtain some names. Doug suggested expanding the idea to include all types of artists (i.e., poets, writers, etc.).

G. 1988 Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament

Greg stated that there are 25 teams participating. The Committee has also obtained a third sports facility to accommodate them, if necessary. Greg expressed concern regarding the number of package plans sold. He stated that only 54 package plans have been purchased by our group. Greg pointed out that the capacity for the banquet is 400 and the Assembly delegates and local community will number approximately 300. Therefore, there are only approximately 100 seats for our group. Greg stressed that we instruct those who have not already sent in their plans, to do so right away.

Greg stated that he spoke to Rob, Ed and Helene Dorian about the \$10.00 rebate, both before and after. Unfortunately, it was not made clear that there will be a rebate available. What the Committee did was give ACYOA participants a reduced rate. The problem is that for those who have not paid their dues, the incentive is not being given to those who have. Scott suggested that Council spend the money and give the rebates to those who are entitled to receive them to avoid problems, provided that we are making a profit. The Council agreed.

Concern was also raised regarding how the profits would be disbursed. Greg stated that he would get a clarification from Ed Marootian and Helene Dorian. Scott suggested that for future Tournaments, the Council member assigned to the Archbishop's Tournament should be a sitting member on the Committee.

Discussion followed regarding whether or not to continue having the Tournament in conjunction with the Diocesan Assembly--as a situation may arise where the Assembly is in a location where there is no organized ACYOA chapter. Sara stated that at this point we can't answer the question. She said that we should wait and see what the outcome is this year and then take a look at the situation. She added that the Diocesan Council may not even want the two events to be held together.

Doug reported that on Friday night there will be three panels participating in 3 1/2-hour panel discussion sessions. One panel will be on Unity, the other on the ACYOA, and the third on another subject. Doug stressed that Council members should be around for those sessions.

H. Chapter 'A' Award

Scott stated he would have the point standings ready by the July meeting. He suggested that we consider sites for the Mission Program.

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I. Dues-Paid Membership Status and Membership Drive

Greg stated that dues were received for 28 members, since our last meeting.

Lisa presented a draft of the Membership Handbook and asked Council members to get back to her with comments. Lisa stated that due to numerous commitments, she was unable to go to New York to put the Handbook on computer at the Diocese. Once the final revisions have been made, the Handbook will have to either be entered on computer at the Diocese (as it is currently on an integrated computer and cannot be transferred) or scanned. Lisa also pointed out that if we don't want the lettering to be any smaller than it already is, and if we want to reduce the handbook to half of its present size, then we should use publishing software. Greg suggested that we have a short meeting during the Archbishop's Tournament to go over the new material in the Handbook. Between now and then, Scott said he would gather additional materials for the Handbook and forward them to Lisa. ?

J. National Anniversary Ball Guidelines Committee

Greg stated that he has been in contact with most of the Committee members. Stephanie Masoian (Providence) will send him the two sets of guidelines she received when Providence did the New England Regional Ball, and the Committee will use that as a base.

K. Fiscal Year

The Council discussed the pros and cons of changing the fiscal year to a calendar year. The Primate suggested that if we go to a calendar year, we should prepare a 2-year budget to accommodate for it (i.e. 7/1 to 12/31 - 1/2 year; 1/1 to 12/31 - 1 year; and 1/1 to 6/30 - 1/2 year). Dues could be renewed anytime during the calendar year. Greg suggested raising the penalty fee and basing it on the number of renewals received from the previous year. Scott stated that it's not right to penalize people for paying their dues when we should be encouraging people to pay their dues by offering something positive instead of negative. Sara and Lisa will look into getting a few chapters to co-sponsor a proposal.

L. Young Adult Sunday

Sara stated that she and Melina are still working on the suggestions and will present Council with something at the July meeting.

5. REMARKS OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

A. Visitations

Doug gave Council members a summary of the visitations he made between February and April and explained the problems, concerns and progress within the various chapters. The following visitations were made:

Dallas	February 19-20	Introductory meeting.
Houston	February 20-21	Organizational meeting.
Hartford	February 29	Preparation for Christian Leadership Weekend.
Providence	March 1	Assistance with re-organization of mailing list.
Worcester	March 2	Guest Speaker at Lenten Dinner.
Cleveland	March 18-19	General meeting - Discussion of programming. In conjunction with Nancy Basmajian.
Western Queens	March 25	Met with Executive Board of Sevan Youth Group (planning to become an ACYOA chapter).
No. New Jersey	April 4	Met with Executive Board - discussed programming.

Doug stated that Miami, Dallas, Houston, and Western Queens are ripe for organization.

B. Other Appearances and Activities

New York	February 28	40th Anniversary of Ordination of Rev. Fr. Arten Ashjian.
New York	March 13	Karabagh Rally.

Westchester	March 27	Palm Sunday ACYOA Day Banquet - Guest Speaker.
Hartford	April 9	Second New England Regional Conference.
Las Vegas	April 15-17	Inter-Diocesan meeting with ACYO-WD.
New York	April 23	Martyrs' Program - Diocese. Co-sponsored by ACYOA Srs. and Jrs. departments.

C. National Mailing List

Doug stated that the National Mailing List is in much better shape. The new list has 2,400 names. The old list, which has been deleted down, has 1,200 names. Thus, we have a total of 3,600 names. The old list contains the names of people who we never received returns on. The only thing we know about them is that when flyers were sent out, they got to a destination; but we don't know if it's their actual address, their parents' addresses, if they're married, etc. Doug stated that a postcard will be sent out to those 1,200 people to find out if they want to receive mail or if they can give us more information. Doug stated that the list is on computer in Providence and by the time Sports Weekend is over, it should be on computer at the Diocese.

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Additionally, Doug stated that the list is being coded by chapter and each chapter will be given a printout at the General Assembly.

As we only have lists from organized chapters and chapters which are becoming organized, Doug asked Council members to contact several parishes with no organized chapters and get mailing lists from them of all the young adults living within the parish jurisdiction.

D. Armenian Youth Forum

Doug stated that he received approval from Syraun for the Forum to be produced at the Diocese. Syraun will appoint someone at the Diocese to work with Doug in getting it out. Doug stated that he would like to get an issue out before the summer programs and asked for certain materials from Council members. Doug reported that he received a letter from Lori Kalemkerian stating she was resigning as Editor of the Forum and informed Council that Philip Karayan from Cleveland had expressed interest in being the Editor. Scott stated that it would be more appropriate for the new Administrative Assistant in the ACYOA Department to be the Editor as it will give us more control and increase efficiency in getting the newsletter out in a timely fashion.

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E. Diocesan Blue Ribbon Committee

The Blue Ribbon Committee has been studying youth participation in ACYOA programs and parish life, analyzing the needs of today's youth, and examining the needs of the Armenian Church. Doug and Steve Sarkisian (Watertown) have prepared a report consisting of the Committee's findings, conclusions, and recommendations based on the information gathered. Doug gave Council members a copy of the report and stated that it will be presented to the Diocesan Council.

Doug stated that the Diocesan Council is going to ask the Diocesan Assembly for \$5,000.00 to continue the Committee. Doug stated that he would like to see the Committee as a permanent advisory board.

Additionally, Doug stated that the Committee is backing the Executive Secretary's proposed '88 budget.

F. Armenian Studies Program

Doug stated that he sent out letters and posters. As of the meeting, 7-8 were received, but several more are forthcoming. Fr. Arnak Kasparian (Tenafly) will be leading the group.

G. Martyrs' Day Program

Doug stated that the program held at the Diocese on April 23rd, was a success. A program will be held annually at the Diocese, sponsored jointly by the Senior and Junior departments. Doug also suggested encouraging the chapters to sponsor local programs on Martyrs' Day or at the minimum, a cultural program.

H. College Connection Sub-Committee

Doug stated that he tried to set something up, but the only time available is the same weekend as the Central Council meeting in July. Doug suggested that we have the discussion on college outreach during our meeting. Scott stated that it would not be feasible as the July meeting always encompasses a lot. He suggested that the Committee meet on its own and submit a report on its recommendations. Greg suggested giving them a set of guidelines.

I. Fund Raising Program and Brochure

Doug presented Council with a 3-page sample of the brochure. He asked Council members to get back to him with comments.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Preparation for July Meeting/End of Fiscal Year

Scott stated that he will send the Auditing and Nominating Committees letters to remind them of their responsibilities.

B. Consideration of 1989 Assembly Location

Several suggestions were made. Council will follow up with several chapters.

C. Certificates of Appreciation

Scott inquired about initial Certificates of Appreciation for those who have contributed exceptionally to the Organization. It was decided that Richard Mardirosian (Hartford) would also receive one.

7. NEXT MEETING

July 9, 10 Camp Vartan
 Windsor, CT

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Primate adjourned the meeting with a prayer at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa D. Manookian
Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF INTER-DIOCESAN MEETING
ACYO-WD CENTRAL COUNCIL & ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL
SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 1988
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA**

1. OPENING PRAYER

Fr. Vartan Kasparian (Diocesan Council Chairman of the Western Diocese) opened the meeting with a prayer at 2:16 p.m.

2. ATTENDANCE

In attendance from the Western Diocese were:

Fr. Vartan Kasparian
Paulette Kasparian (Chairman)
Darlene Ouzounian
Dennis Takessian
James Kaplan
Haig Movsesian
John Miranian

In attendance from the Eastern Diocese were:

Doug Tashjian (Executive Secretary)
Scott Najarian (Chairman)
Melina Spinuzza
Greg Saraydarian
Lisa Manookian

Note: Throughout these Minutes, the Western Diocese shall be referred to as the "ACYO-WD" and the Eastern Diocese shall be referred to as the "ACYOA."

3. POLICIES/PROCEDURES/GENERAL ISSUES

The following policies, procedures and general issues were discussed and comparisons were made:

A. Structure

The ACYO-WD is a combined Junior/Senior organization, whereas the ACYOA Juniors and ACYOA Seniors are two separate organizations.

B. Dues/Financial Requirements

Paulette stated that ACYO-WD chapters can set their own dues, but they are required to turn in \$5.00 per person to the ACYO-WD Central Council. It is the only financial requirement that the ACYO-WD Central Council requires of its chapters. They have approximately 300 dues-paid members.

Scott stated that ACYOA chapters collect \$10.00 per person and must turn in \$5.00 for each renewal and \$6.00 for each new person to the Council. Greg added that in the event of a deficit in the national budget, each chapter is apportioned by dividing equally among all potential delegates of the General Assembly.

C. Administrative Matters/Chapter Reporting

The ACYO-WD requires each chapter to submit quarterly reports. The reports are forms that must be filled out and sent back to the ACYO-WD Central Council. With each quarterly report, the chapters must submit attendance sheets and minutes of all general and executive meetings.

At the end of the year, each chapter fills out an Achievement Award report. Paulette stated that the criteria include parish activities, community activities, social activities, religious activities, number of general and executive meetings held, number of quarterly reports sent in, and other administrative requirements.

She added that the Council also requests each chapter to send it notices of all meetings and activities in order to keep the Council abreast of what's happening.

Scott stated that all ACYOA chapters are required to turn in monthly fact sheets and an annual report (both of which are prepared forms sent to the chapters by the ACYOA Central Council). He stated that up till now, these along with other administrative requirements, have determined the Chapter 'A' Award winner. He related that the Council has developed a new list of criteria for the award (i.e., the quality and type of programs sponsored by each chapter, the administrative requirements fulfilled to the National Organization, the level of participation by each chapter and its individual members in national events, and the level of service bestowed on the local Armenian and non-Armenian communities) that is being implemented this year. He went on to say that each criteria is allocated a certain number of points, whereby the chapter accumulating the most points wins. Lisa added that this provides for competition between the chapters in a positive way.

Scott also stated that each chapter must turn in: (1) a nomination for the Sam Nersessian Award—given annually to an ACYOA member who has demonstrated Christian virtues of love, humility, patience and understanding; (2) a General Armenian Youth Listing--a listing of all young adults living within the parish jurisdiction; (3) a chapter

membership list; (4) an executive committee list with delegates; and (5) a membership renewal form--sent up with membership dues.

D. Central Council Meetings

The ACYO-WD Central Council meets approximately every six weeks in alternating regions. Jim explained that it gives the Council an opportunity to meet with an individual chapter or attend an event sponsored by a chapter. Fr. Vartan Kasparian is always present at their meetings.

Scott stated that the ACYOA Central Council meets approximately every two months. He stated that since His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian (Primate of the Eastern Diocese) likes to be present at Council meetings, the Council must either meet at the Diocese in New York or in a location where the Primate is visiting.

E. National Events

Paulette stated that the ACYO-WD Central Council coordinates and does the legwork for all events; however, the General Assembly is hosted by a selected chapter.

Scott stated that most of the ACYOA national events are hosted by individual chapters, with Council members serving as liaisons.

F. Eligibility for Sports Weekend

Paulette stated that participants in the ACYO-WD Sports Weekend must be dues-paid members of the ACYO-WD for six months before participating. All members must attend a minimum of 5 out of 6 general meetings per year. (Note: The ACYO-WD requires all chapters to have a minimum of 6 general meetings per year).

Scott stated that participants in the ACYOA National Sports Weekend must be dues-paid members by the end of the fiscal year (June 30th) and must purchase package plans.

Paulette inquired as to what the requirements would be for members from the ACYO-WD to participate in the ACYOA National Sports Weekend. Scott stated that the ACYOA Central Council requires that ACYO-WD participants meet the eligibility requirements of the ACYO-WD Central Council for the ACYO-WD Sports Weekend.

G. Relationship with Primate and Diocesan Council

Paulette stated that the ACYO-WD Central Council has a good working relationship with their Diocesan Council and Primate.

Scott said that the ACYOA Central Council has a liaison on the Diocesan Council who is informed and receives minutes of all Council meetings.

In addition, he stated that the Primate is at each meeting and whenever possible, the Executive Director of the Diocese is also present.

H. Involvement of Clergy

Paulette stated that in the Northern and Central Regions, the clergy are very involved, and the chapters are strong; however, in the Southern region, the clergy are not as involved, and the chapters are not as strong.

Scott said that the ACYOA has similar problems, but that the Council tries to combat them by consistently keeping in touch with each chapters through visitations and communications and assisting them whenever possible.

Both groups agreed that the clergy play a very important role in the growth and strength of the chapters.

I. Other Issues

Other issues touched upon included the language problem and how it is not readily admitted and dealt with--thus, pushing young people away; the level of respect for the organizations by peers and elders; the lack of encouragement to better programs and carry forth responsibilities and how it effects the progress or lack of progress of the organizations; the lack of understanding of all problems in general by peers, elders, etc. and the disciplines needed both by and for the organizations to ensure continual progress.

Other miscellaneous issues were also discussed (i.e. organizational newsletters, etc.).

4. PROGRAMS

Paulette went down the Calendar of Events of the ACYO-WD (see Appendix "A") and gave specifics on the following:

Annual Religious Retreat

The retreat is held in the mountains and led by a priest who selects a topic for open discussion. It is open to the Senior members. Attendance is approximately 30.

Regional Leadership Conferences

Held in March, all chapter executive committees within the region are invited to attend. A topic or theme is chosen each year for open discussion and leadership techniques are applied to it.

ACYO Day/Quiz Bowl

Members take over the duties of the Parish Council during services. Each chapter forms a team and studies on a topic selected by the Council. The teams then travel to the church whose chapter is hosting the quiz bowl in their region and compete with those teams.

Scott then summarized the programs of the ACYOA. A calendar of events (see Appendix "B") is attached.

5. JOINT PROJECT

At Fr. Vartan's suggestion, both Councils decided to look into the possibility of a joint retreat at the newly-purchased Western Diocese camp in Fresno. Fr. Vartan stated that athletics could be incorporated. He elaborated on the facilities available (two lakes, amphitheater, accommodations for up to 300 people at one time, cabins, archery and rifle ranges, two sets of tennis courts, horses, basketball courts, and other numerous buildings).

Paulette suggested that we could have classes in the morning, free time in the afternoon and open discussions in the evening. With regard to publicity, each Council would be responsible for publicizing it in their respective organizations.

The Councils will look into the the feasibility of planning the retreat for mid-August of 1989.

6. ADJOURNMENT/CLOSING PRAYER

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Manookian
Recording Secretary
ACYOA Central Council

ACYC-WD CENTRAL COUNCIL 1987-1988 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER	19	Central Council meeting to be held at St. John Cathedral, Hollywood 10:00 a.m.
JANUARY	15-18	14th Annual religious Retreat to be held at Skylake Yosemite Camp
FEBRUARY	6	Central Council meeting to be held at St. Mary Church, Yettam 10:00 a.m.
MARCH	1	First quarterly report due (quarter ending Feb. 1)
	5	Central Region Leadership Conference- Sts. Sahag-Mesrob Church, Reedley 10:00 a.m.
	12	Southern Region Leadership Conference - St. John Cathedral, Hollywood 10:00 a.m.
	12	Central Council meeting to follow conference
	26	Northern Region Leadership Conference - St. John Church, San Francisco 10:00 a.m.
APRIL	8-9	ACYC Junior Retreat in regions - details to follow
	23	Central Council meeting to be held at St. Andrew Church, Santa Clara 10:00 a.m.
	24	Martyr's Day
MAY	7	Central Council meeting to be held at St. Paul Church, Fresno 10:00 a.m.
	27-29	24th ANNUAL SPORTS WEEKEND IN FRESNO
JUNE	1	Second quarterly report due (quarter ending May 1)
	19-26	15th Annual Cultural Retreat to be held at Linkey Creek
JUNE/JULY		Armenian Studies Program
JULY		ACYC-WD Central Council Picnic - details to follow
AUGUST	20	Central Council meeting to be held at St. John Church, San Diego 10:00 a.m.
SEPTEMBER	1	Third quarterly report due (quarter ending August 1)
	18	ACYC DAY/Quiz Bowl in regions
NOVEMBER	9	Chapter dues, Achievement Award and Scholarships must be in - ABSOLUTE DEADLINE
	12	Central Council meeting to be held at St. Mary Church, Yettam 10:00 a.m.
	15	Fourth quarterly report due (quarter ending Nov. 1)
	25-27	39th ANNUAL ACYC-WD GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOSTED BY ST. MARY ACYC OF YETTEM

1987-1988
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 24, 1987	Reception with His Holiness, Vasken I Catholikos of All Armenians
October 24-25, 1987	Central Council Meeting New York City, NY
November 28, 1987	Midwest Regional Conference Detroit, MI
December 5, 1987	New England Regional Conference Providence, RI
January 30, 1988	Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference New York City, NY
February 6-7, 1988	Central Council Meeting New York City, NY
February 12-15, 1988	Cultural Weekend New York City, NY
March 11-13, 1988	Leadership Training Weekend Hartford, CT
March 27, 1988	Palm Sunday/ACYOA Day
April 9, 1988	2nd New England Regional Conference Hartford, CT
April 15-17, 1988	Inter-Diocesan Meeting Las Vegas, NV
April 23, 1988	Martyrs' Day Celebration Kavookjian Hall, Diocese
April 30, 1988	Central Council Meeting Washington, D.C.
May 13-15, 1988	Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament (held in conjunction with the Annual Diocesan Assembly) Cambridge, MA
June , 1988	Diocesan Summer Internship New York City, NY

June 19 - July 20, 1988	Armenian Studies Program (ASP) Educational Tour to Armenia
July 9-10, 1988	Central Council Meeting Cape Cod, MA
July 22-24, 1988	National Anniversary Ball Albany, NY
August 31 - September 2, 1988	General Assembly Providence, RI
September 2, 1988	Central Council Transitional Meeting Providence, RI
September 3-5, 1988	National Sports Weekend Providence, RI

**MINUTES OF
ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING
SATURDAY, JULY 9, 1988
CAPE COD, MA**

1. OPENING PRAYER

The meeting was opened with a prayer at 10:36 a.m. Present were Doug Tashjian; Scott Najarian; Sara Andonian; Melina Spinuzza; Greg Saraydarian; and Lisa Manookian.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the April 29th meeting were accepted as presented.

3. MINUTES OF INTER-DIOCESAN MEETING

Lisa presented Council members with a copy of the Minutes. The Minutes were accepted. Lisa also sent Paulette Kasparian a copy.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Melina presented everyone with a detailed report. She stated that she has received a check from Detroit for Council's share of the net profits from the 1987 National Sports Weekend; however, we have not yet received Detroit's financial report. Sara stated that Myles Couyoumjian is working on a detailed financial report.

Discussion took place regarding the completion of reports for national functions. It was decided that we would submit a proposal to the General Assembly regarding the turning in of reports in a timely fashion.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Administration

No correspondence, visitations, etc. were reported.

B. 1988 National Sports Weekend

Linda Minassian dropped by and presented Council with an up-to-the-minute report and requested information from Council and assistance in some respects. The following is a summary:

All preparations for the General Assembly will be ready by noontime on Wednesday. Scott told Linda that we needed two tables outside, a bulletin board, and easel. He stated that Council will take care of the other materials. Linda stated that the room will be open all day. She stated that the room is square and will have a raised platform and microphones. The Committee has also secured an office to include typewriters, a copy machine, etc.

Lisa inquired as to whether or not the Committee had secured a secretary to take the minutes of the Assembly, as she was unwilling to do so. Linda stated that they have been looking to secure someone for the entire proceedings.

Linda stated that the Committee was preparing boxed lunches for the delegates for the subcommittee meetings on Thursday. She also stated that 6-7 meeting rooms have been secured for that purpose.

The cruise on Thursday night will be leaving Newport Harbor at 8:00 p.m. Linda requested that the Assembly proceedings adjourn at 6:00 p.m. to allow enough time to get everyone to Newport Harbor, as it is 1 1/2 hours away. Linda stated that food will be provided on the cruise so the delegates won't have to worry about dinner. Sara suggested that Council schedule the meetings to end at 5:00 p.m., in case the proceedings run over schedule.

The luncheon on Friday (to be hosted by the Archbishop) has been scheduled for noontime.

The Alumni Dance is on Friday at the hotel. The Richie Berberian Ensemble will be playing. A special alumni package plan is being offered. The Weekend kick-off for ACYOA members will be at the Church. Dinner will consist of chicken and ribs and a live band will be playing. Linda stated that the Providence City Council is blocking the entire street for our group. A special package plan is available for the clergy.

The games on Saturday are scheduled to start at 8:00 a.m. The facility is approximately six miles away (within 10 minutes away). She stated that all events are in one building, except the tennis and track and field will be about 1/4 of a mile away. The buses are costing \$113 each for the Weekend.

With regard to the Insights program, Linda stated that Fr. Baret Yeretian (Pastor) is worried about not enough people showing up. He would, therefore, like to have one program, gear it towards the issue of "Karabagh" and invite Dr. Dennis Papazian to speak.

On Saturday night, there will be a poolside reception for all clergy, delegates, chapter chairmen, invited guests, etc. The reception will be held right before dinner. Saturday's banquet will be a sit-down chicken dinner and the dance will follow. After the dinner, the people in the room will be asked to leave so that tables can be broken down in preparation for the dance. The cap on the banquet is 450. There will be no program.

Sunday Badarak will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will finish at 11:30 a.m. A buffet-style brunch will follow and shuttles to the athletic facility will start at noontime. Special invitations have been sent out to the clergy asking them to participate in the Clergy v. ACYOA Volleyball Game to be held on Sunday.

The banquet and dance on Sunday will be held at the Rocky Point Palladium, which is approximately 20-25 minutes from the hotel. There will be shuttling back and forth. The Palladium can hold over 1,000 comfortably. The program will center on the alumni and there will be a reception for the alumni prior to the banquet. A souvenir will be given out to everyone who attends the banquet.

Dance tickets for all nights will be \$10. The Roger Krikorian Ensemble will play on both nights until 2:00 a.m. and then hook-ups will follow till 5:00 a.m. The hook-ups will be in the same rooms that the General Assembly will be convening in.

Monday's picnic will feature Shish Kebab and the New England Ararat Orchestra.

Linda stated that they are working on a deal with a car rental agency for all those who fly into Green Airport in Warwick.

With regard to further publicity, Linda stated that there will be one more mailing promoting the Weekend.

Doug will speak to Syraun regarding Surpazan's travel expenses and check as to whether either or both Fr. Haigazoun Najarian and Fr. Khajag Barsamian will be attending.

Scott will write letters to the Western and Canadian Dioceses inviting them to participate. It was decided that we would provide those coming with complimentary package plans.

C. National Mailing List

The new list contains over 2,600 names and has finally been completed. There are an additional 1,000 names for which we only know that whenever material was sent, it got to a destination. The list is coded by chapter, parish, clergy, Diocesan delegates, St. Nersess Seminary, etc. Council members requested copies for their own use. Linda stated that the list will be transferred to the Diocese in September or October.

D. 1988 National Anniversary Ball

Doug stated that Harry was really worried as they have only received a few reservations with two weeks to go.

Scott suggested that at this point the only thing that Harry can do is to make phone calls to each chapter to find out the number of people going.

Doug suggested that Council members also make calls. Lisa stated that she will call the chapters in her region.

E. National Anniversary Ball Guidelines

Greg handed out several copies of the proposed Guidelines (attached as Appendix "A").

Discussion took place re: when to have the Ball. Sara questioned having it in the Fall as it is holiday season and a time when local chapters are very active. The problem with the spring and summertime is that there are several national events back-to-back. It was decided that the date of the Ball would not be restricted to a certain time of year, except during Lent.

Doug inquired as to why there had to be a ball every year. Greg stated that the Assembly directed the formation of a Committee to come up with Guidelines. Therefore, that question will have to be placed to the delegates.

Greg will refer Council's suggestions to Harry Tutunjian (Watervliet) and Stephanie Masoian (Providence). The final Guidelines will be presented to the delegates.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 1:32 p.m. and resumed at 2:46 p.m.

F. 1988 Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament

Discussion took place regarding this year's Tournament. The following observations were made:

1. Overall, the Tournament and related activities were not organized well.
2. There wasn't enough interaction with the Diocesan delegates and clergy as there could have been.
3. The advertising and publicity were not well done.
4. The host chapter itself was not visible at any time during the Weekend.

Discussion took place regarding coordinating the Tournament with the Diocesan Assembly again next year. Greg stated that he has spoken with Fr. Haigazoun Najarian (Pastor of St. Stepanos in Elberon, the site of the 1989 Assembly). Doug also spoke to Fr. Haigazoun and the members of the 1989 Diocesan Assembly Committee and stated that they are willing to work with the ACYOA, but there is a question of who is going to do the work. Greg stated that he would be willing to coordinate the Tournament next year. Doug added that it would be a perfect opportunity to organize a chapter.

G. Armenian Youth Forum

Doug stated that he felt the Forum should be published by the Council. Lisa stated that she would be willing to take on the editing, and general coordination and formation of a Committee for next year, as long as the production end (i.e. printing and mailing) is coordinated through the Diocese.

Concern was raised regarding the cost to produce the newsletter. Lisa stated that we must produce it in a professional manner and suggested having a few ads in each issue to offset some of the cost.

Doug stated that he will attempt to use the resources currently available at the Diocese to get out a summer issue and have it ready by the General Assembly. If time allows, he will do a national mailing.

H. Dues-Paid Membership Status/Membership Drive & Handbook

Lisa suggested that we do a national mailing consisting of an open letter to all individuals, a copy of the ACYOA Today (revised version), a listing of all chapter chairmen and contacts, and a blank envelope and card. She added that we will be promoting our chapters on a national level. She further suggested that we could provide each chapter chairmen and contact with a courtesy copy of the handbook so that they will have information at hand when people contact them. Doug added that we could provide copies of the packets to university Armenian clubs and suggested having the ACYOA Today pamphlet typeset on computer at the Diocese. The Council agreed that we should give it a try.

Lisa then presented everyone with a second draft of the proposed Membership Handbook. She stated that she would like to have as updated a version as possible and a copy of the national mailing, as it would go out, to present to the delegates at the Assembly.

Doug suggested that the Handbook be entered on computer at the Diocese now. Lisa stated that it was a bit premature as the decisions passed at the General Assembly could change a good part of the Handbook. She stated that if we started entering it before the Assembly and didn't complete it before the Assembly, it would be difficult for the typist to revise. Additionally, she stated that little revisions are being made here and there based on conversations with Council members and others. The actual Handbook, will be sent out to all dues-paid members beginning in February or March of 1989. The size of the Handbook will be 5 x 8 and the pages will be double-sided within sections only.

I. Fund Raising Programs and Finance Committee

Lisa presented a suggestion for a possible campaign for the Finance Committee, to be reappointed this year. Council members were a little skeptical about it. It was decided that the Committee be appointed and charged with looking into several possibilities.

Doug stated that he received the contract for the credit card program, but there were mistakes that should have been corrected from a previous draft. Ed Chapien is looking over the legal aspects of the contract for us. Doug handed out sample sketches of what the card would look like to Council. Specifics of the agreement are as follows:

1. We will receive \$1 for each time someone signs up and \$4 for each renewal.
2. There is no annual fee for the first year of enrollment.
3. We won't get any percentage of sales because the organization isn't large enough.
4. The annual percentage rate is 16.9%.

Doug stated that the brochure for the ACEF is almost done. Lisa asked whether or not the brochure was going to state the amount of funding we need for each program. Doug stated that the brochure will concentrate on our religious, cultural and educational programs and will include a message from Mr. Edward Mardigian and quotes from participants of the Cultural and Leadership Weekends. It will discuss what was done this past year and the creation of the Endowment Fund. It will not mention specific amounts.

Suggestions were made for the new Finance Committee. It was decided that we would wait until after the Assembly to appoint the Committee.

J. New England Regional Committee

Doug stated that one of our goals for next year should be to create regional committees in the other regions. He pointed out the success that the New England Regional Committee was making and commented on the motivated individuals involved. He stated he envisions the regional committees to work with the Central Council regional liaisons, as an extension of the Council, and emphasized that the committees should help with visitations, networking communication, the coordination of regional events, and getting chapters within the region started.

The New England Regional Committee, which was just formed this year, has a 5-member executive body. Each member has been assigned chapters in the region. Currently on the Committee's agenda is starting regional athletic competitions, a regional newsletter, and assisting in the publicizing of a dance that the Springfield chapter has scheduled for October. Richard Mardirosian, Committee Chairman, has already made a visitation to Trumbull.

Doug stated that regional committees need concerned people willing to put forth their time and effort. He emphasized that there are people who are willing to give their time, not necessarily to their local parish, but possibly on a regional level. And by forming these committees, we are putting in the structure of the organization a position for those people

willing to work on this level, thus satisfying a personal need and getting and keeping people involved.

Scott stated that money must be made available in the budget under a new line item. Lisa suggested expanding the line item, "Regional Conferences" and calling it "Regional Conferences/Activities," to which the Council agreed. An amount of \$500.00 per region was suggested for next year's budget.

Scott suggested that the New England Regional Committee give a presentation on what the Committee has done, what they have planned, etc. The Council agreed. Scott will include it in the agenda.

K. Dues-Paid Membership Directory

Melina is in the process of completing this year's directory. She stated that copies will be available at the General Assembly.

When the Membership Handbook goes out in 1989 to every dues-paid member, the directory will be a part of it.

L. ACYOA Standing Committees

Scott sent out letters to both the Auditing and Nominating Committees reminding them of their responsibilities for the General Assembly.

Sara stated that Laura Negosian (Detroit) contacted her and stated that she made many calls and could not secure people to run for the Central Council. Greg stated that he spoke to Aren Jebejian (South Florida) who suggested that the Committee send out letters to qualified individuals, suggesting positions that they should run for. Council members made a few more suggestions. Sara will take them back to Laura.

The following books must be audited by the Auditing Committee:

- 1987 National Anniversary Ball (Cleveland)
- 1987 Armenian Studies Program
- 1987 National Sports Weekend (Detroit)
- 1988 Cultural Weekend (Diocese)
- 1988 Leadership Training Weekend (Hartford)
- 1988 Central Council Books

Sara stated that Roseann Manoogian (Detroit) is the only member of the Auditing Committee who will be present at the General Assembly.

M. Young Adult Sunday

Suggestions were made and brought up by Council members at the regional conferences and on visitations. Unfortunately, the program was only instituted by Washington and Watertown. Melina stated that Evanston attempted it, but that it didn't go over well. She added that if the parish

priest isn't behind the program, it will fall apart. Scott will include this in the annual report.

5. REMARKS OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

A. Calendar of Events

Doug presented Council with a proposed calendar for next year and stated that he would like to have it finalized as much as possible by the General Assembly. The Council went down the calendar and suggestions were made. Several chapters have committed to hosting the Cultural and Leadership Weekends. Other suggestions were made.

Doug stated that he would like to work on the Cultural and Leadership Weekends next year (one of each to be held in both the Fall and Spring). Suggestions were made as to what time of the year the Weekends should be planned for. Greg stated that Lent would perfect. Other suggestions were made.

B. Administrative Assistant

Doug stated that there will be an Administrative Assistant working in the ACYOA Department next year. After getting input over the past several months from various individuals with regard to the responsibilities the Assistant will have, Doug developed a final list and presented it to Council. (See Appendix "B").

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Sam Nersessian Scholarship

No applications were received.

B. Sam Nersessian Award

Four applications were received. Susan Bergoudian (Watertown) was selected.

C. Replacement of Rotating Trophies

The John Kulhanjian Memorial Sportsmanship Award has completely collapsed and the Men's Archbishop's Tournament trophy is full. The Council agreed to purchase new trophies in place of them.

Melina suggested giving plaques to the individuals who comprise the group that wins a team trophy.

D. 1989 National Sports Weekend

No chapters have come forward to bid for the Weekend.

E. Chapter "A" Award and Outstanding Chapter Awards

The Chapter "A" Award will be given to Watertown and the Honorable Mention Award will be given to Providence. Achievement Awards will be given to Cleveland, Wynnewood, Worcester, and Detroit. A chart listing the criteria met by each chapter and a list with the points awarded are attached as Appendix "C."

The meeting adjourned for dinner at 6:02 p.m. and resumed at 10:36 p.m.

7. GENERAL ASSEMBLY PREPARATION

A. Annual Central Council Report

Scott asked for and received comments regarding information in this year's report.

B. Budget

Melina presented to and discussed with Council a proposed budget. She emphasized that all expenses for the General Assembly and programs carried out by the organization should be reflected in our budget. She will prepare a final budget and send it to Scott for inclusion in the Annual Central Council Report.

C. Agenda/Itinerary

The agenda/itinerary was reviewed, discussed and finalized.

D. Chapters In Good Standing

Melina went over the list of chapters in good standing. The following chapters are in good standing: Bayside, Cambridge, Cleveland, Detroit, Evanston, South Florida, Hartford, Lawrence, Providence, Watertown, Watervliet, Westchester, Worcester, and Wynnewood. The following chapters are not in good standing: Greenfield, Lowell, Northern New Jersey, Racine, Springfield, and Washington, D.C.

E. Proposals and Amendments

Bayside, Detroit, and Wynnewood have submitted a joint proposal to change the fiscal year. No other proposals have been submitted.

F. Presentation of Executive Secretary

Doug's activities will be integrated into the Annual Central Council Report.

G. Outstanding Event Reports

Reports from the following National events are still outstanding: 1987 ACYOA National Sports Weekend (Detroit); 1988 Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament (Boston); 1987 ACYOA National Anniversary Ball (Cleveland); 1988 Cultural Weekend (New York City) and the 1988 Leadership Training Weekend (Hartford).

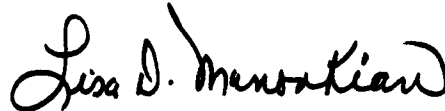
8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the Transitional Meeting following the close of the General Assembly in Providence (Friday, September 2, 1988).

9. ADJOURNMENT/CLOSING PRAYER

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer at 1:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa D. Manookian". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L".

Lisa D. Manookian
Recording Secretary

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

NATIONAL ANNIVERSARY BALL GUIDELINES

1. The event shall be hosted annually and shall be called "The National Anniversary Ball".
2. The host chapter shall be selected from those submitting bids to Central Council. If no bids are received in a timely manner the Central Council shall appoint a chapter to host the Anniversary Ball.
3. The event will have an alumni orientation (i.e. reunion, etc.) as well as encourage the participation of current ACYOA members.
4. The format for the Anniversary Ball shall be left to the discretion of the host chapter:

Option A: A weekend format consisting of a Friday evening mixer; a day time attraction/event followed by a banquet and ball on Saturday; and Sunday Badarak followed by a brunch or picnic.

Option B: A one day banquet and ball format.

5. The Central Council treasurer shall provide the host committee with seed money of \$1,000. immediately upon request.
6. This event is subject to the Membership Incentive Program. All Dues Paid ACYOA Members on record with the ACYOA Central Council at least one week before the event and who have paid the full package plan price shall receive a refund of \$10.
7. A detailed report including financial records shall be kept. The report shall be turned over to the Central Council at the close of the event. The Central Council shall lend prior year's reports to the host chapter upon request.
8. The financial report, with all necessary receipts, statements, etc., shall be turned over to the Auditing Committee for review.



Central Council

Assistant in ACYOA Department

Responsibilities

- (1) The efforts of this person would be geared toward ages 18-22.
- (2) Develop and update mailing list of college students at their campus addresses, adding incoming students and deleting graduates.
- (3) Work with ACYOA chapters to sponsor programs which will attract college students to the chapter.
- (4) Work with parishes to develop programs to attract college students to the church community. This can include: summer internships in parishes, teaching positions, etc.
- (5) Create and develop programs to attract college students to be offered on campus or in the parish.
- (6) Visitations will be primarily to college campuses to organize students, implement programs, etc.
- (7) Develop and publish a college outreach newsletter geared toward college students to be sent to campus addresses.
- (8) Coordinate ACYOA or Diocesan programs which are meant to attract college students. This would include existing programs such as the Armenian Studies Program and the Diocesan Summer Internship Program, and programs to be developed in the future.
- (9) Serve as liaison to the Kinsman Program.
- (10) Assist the Executive Secretary in the implementation of ACYOA national programs.

1987-88 CHAPTER 'A' AWARD POINT DETERMINATIONS

<u>CRITERIA</u>	<u>BAYSIDE</u>	<u>CAMBRIDGE</u>	<u>CLEVELAND</u>	<u>DETROIT</u>	<u>EVANSTON</u>
Delegation at General Assembly	20	-----	20	20	20
Representation at Regional Conference	10	-----	10	10	-----
Representation at Archbishop's Tournament	5	5	5	5	5
Team Representation at Archbishop's Tournament	10	10	10	10	10
Representation at National Sports Weekend	5	-----	5	5	5
Athletic Representation at National Sports Weekend	10	-----	10	10	10
Article sent to <u>Youth Forum</u>	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Service to Parish/Armenian Community	5	-----	25	25	25
Service to Local Community	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Recognition of ACYOA Day	20	20	20	-----	20
Educational/Cultural Program(s)	10	-----	10	10	10
Spiritual Program(s)	-----	-----	20	20	-----
Submission of Fact Sheets	2	-----	22	12	22
Submission of General Armenian Youth Listing	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Submission of Chapter Membership List	20	20	20	-----	20
Submission of Executive Committee List w/Delegates	-----	-----	20	20	20
Submission of Membership Dues/Forms	20	20	20	20	20
Sam Nersessian Award Nomination	-----	-----	-----	20	-----
Submission of Annual Chapter Report	-----	-----	20	20	-----
TOTALS	137	75	237	207	187

<u>CRITERIA</u>	<u>S. FLORIDA</u>	<u>GREENFIELD</u>	<u>HARTFORD</u>	<u>LAWRENCE</u>	<u>LOWELL</u>
Delegation at General Assembly	20	-----	-----	-----	-----
Representation at Regional Conference	-----	-----	10	10	-----
Representation at Archbishop's Tournament	-----	5	5	5	5
Team Representation at Archbishop's Tournament	-----	10	-----	10	-----
Representation at National Sports Weekend	5	5	-----	5	-----
Athletic Representation at National Sports Weekend	10	10	-----	10	-----
Article sent to <u>Youth Forum</u>	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Service to Parish/Armenian Community	10	-----	-----	-----	-----
Service to Local Community	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Recognition of ACYOA Day	-----	-----	20	20	-----
Educational/Cultural Program(s)	10	-----	-----	-----	-----
Spiritual Program(s)	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Submission of Fact Sheets	8	-----	-----	-----	-----
Submission of General Armenian Youth Listing	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Submission of Chapter Membership List	-----	-----	20	20	-----
Submission of Executive Committee List w/Delegates	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Submission of Membership Dues/Forms	20	-----	20	20	-----
Sam Nersessian Award Nomination	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Submission of Annual Chapter Report	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
TOTALS	83	30	75	100	5

<u>CRITERIA</u>	<u>NNJ</u>	<u>PROVIDENCE</u>	<u>RACINE</u>	<u>SPRINGFIELD</u>	<u>WASHINGTON</u>
Delegation at General Assembly	20	20	20	-----	20
Representation at Regional Conference	10	10	-----	-----	-----
Representation at Archbishop's Tournament	5	5	5	-----	5
Team Representation at Archbishop's Tournament	10	10	10	-----	10
Representation at National Sports Weekend	5	5	5	-----	5
Athletic Representation at National Sports Weekend	10	10	10	-----	10
Article sent to <u>Youth Forum</u>	---	-----	-----	-----	-----
Service to Parish/Armenian Community	5	25	-----	-----	-----
Service to Local Community	---	-----	-----	-----	-----
Recognition of ACYOA Day	---	20	-----	-----	-----
Educational/Cultural Program(s)	---	10	-----	-----	-----
Spiritual Program(s)	---	20	-----	-----	-----
Submission of Fact Sheets	4	22	-----	-----	-----
Submission of General Armenian Youth Listing	---	-----	-----	-----	-----
Submission of Chapter Membership List	---	20	-----	20	-----
Submission of Executive Committee List w/Delegates	20	20	-----	-----	-----
Submission of Membership Dues/Forms	---	20	-----	-----	-----
Sam Nersessian Award Nomination	---	20	-----	-----	-----
Submission of Annual Chapter Report	---	20	-----	-----	-----
TOTALS	89	257	50	20	50

<u>CRITERIA</u>	<u>WATERTOWN</u>	<u>WATERVLIET</u>	<u>WESTCHESTER</u>	<u>WORCESTER</u>	<u>WYNNEWOOD</u>
Delegation at General Assembly	20	20	20	20	20
Representation at Regional Conference	10	10	10	10	10
Representation at Archbishop's Tournament	5	5	5	5	5
Team Representation at Archbishop's Tournament	10	10	-----	10	10
Representation at National Sports Weekend	5	5	5	5	5
Athletic Representation at National Sports Weekend	10	10	-----	10	10
Article sent to <u>Youth Forum</u>	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Service to Parish/Armenian Community	25	15	10	25	10
Service to Local Community	20	20	-----	-----	-----
Recognition of ACYOA Day	20	20	20	20	20
Educational/Cultural Program(s)	10	-----	10	10	10
Spiritual Program(s)	20	-----	-----	20	-----
Submission of Fact Sheets	22	4	4	16	22
Submission of General Armenian Youth Listing	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Submission of Chapter Membership List	20	-----	-----	20	20
Submission of Executive Committee List w/Delegates	20	20	20	20	20
Submission of Membership Dues/Forms	20	20	20	20	20
Sam Nersessian Award Nomination	20	-----	-----	-----	20
Submission of Annual Chapter Report	20	20	-----	-----	20
TOTALS	277	179	124	211	222

NUMERICAL TOTALS

Watertown	277 (Chapter 'A' Award)
Providence	257 (Honorable Mention)
Cleveland	237 (Achievement Award)
Wynnewood	222 (Achievement Award)
Worcester	211 (Achievement Award)
Detroit	207 (Achievement Award)
Evanston	187
Watervliet	179
Bayside	137
Westchester	124
Lawrence	100
Northern New Jersey (NNJ)	89
South Florida	83
Cambridge	75
Hartford	75
Racine	50
Washington, D.C.	50
Greenfield	30
Lowell	5