

MINUTES OF THE 1990 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA (ACYOA)
DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA

August 29 - September 3, 1990
Holiday-Inn/Middleburg Heights
Cleveland, Ohio ACYOA Seniors
St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church

THIRD SESSION
THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 1990

The Third Session of the 1990 General Assembly was opened at 4:00 p.m. by Scott Najarian (Worcester) Assembly Chairman.

ROLL CALL:

Christine Kondralian, Assembly Secretary called the roll. 59 total delegates were in attendance. This breakdowns as follows: 40-elected delegates; 9-Chapter Chairmen; 6-Reverand Clergy; and 4-Central Council members.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE SECOND SESSION:

General Assembly Secretary, Christine Kondralian (Cleveland) read the minutes. The Chair asked for any corrections and additions. A Motion was made by Edward Marootian, Jr. (Cambridge) seconded by Jill Arslanian (Cleveland). The Minutes were accepted as corrected.

REPORT OF ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL COLLEGE COORDINATOR:

The Chair invited, Nicole Mazmanian (Diocese/New York) to give her report. (SEE APPENDIX). She stated that many ACYOA and other youth attend college and universities around the country at times away from their own chapters and parishes. The accomplishment here is to introduce these members and youth to the local ACYOA Chapter and parish church for their involvement while they are attending school.

ADDRESS OF THE ACYOA ACTING EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

The Chair invited Anthony Barsamian (Worcester) Acting Executive Secretary for his report. He stated that he has only recently taken over this position since the resignation of Doug Tashjian. His involvement with the Central Council and the Diocese is his main priority. (SEE APPENDIX). He stressed the need for Youth involvement within the parishes and stated that many parishes have appointed Youth Directors. He then introduced many Youth Directors who were in attendance at the Assembly and asked them to stand.

Harry Sakarya	Canada
Randy Dagley	Watertown
Laura Gnonian	Detroit
Shake Ajamian	Wynnewood
Nicole Mazmanian	Diocese

Anthony especially thanked Charlie Shooshan (Central Council) for his untiring efforts and commended him on a job well done as Treasurer and the preparation of the ACYOA General Budget.

Anthony then thanked Gregory Arpajian (Cleveland) for his past participation with the Central Council and the 1989 General Assembly Chairman. Anthony stressed to everyone how overcome with joy we can all be at Gregory's accomplishments to in getting well. The Assembly gave Gregory a standing ovation.

The Reverend Father Nerses Jebejian (Houston) took the floor and complimented the Central Council Members for their excellent presentation of their reports and stated that a lot of hard work and effort has gone into the preparation of them.

Father Nerses also stated that in October of this year, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian newly elected Patriarch of Jerusalem will be anointed as the 96th Patriarchate of Jerusalem. He expressed his wish that the Central Council should send a telegram on behalf of the 1990 General Assembly congratulating Srbazan Hayr. Scott Najarian, Assembly Chairman thanked Father Nerses and stated that this would be taken care of immediately. Also, a telegram to His Holiness Catholicos Vazken I as a show of appreciation for all the past support shown to the ACYOA.

The Very Reverend Father Oshagan Gulgulian (Richmond) commented that at the opening prayer service of the Fourth Session of the General Assembly, a Hokehankist Service should be said for the one year passing of His Eminence, Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan. The Very Reverend Father Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armeina Church stated that the Hokehankist Service was previously arranged to take place during this Session.

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Chair asked for all Assembly Committee Chairmen to give their reports. (SEE APPENDIX).

The Reverend Father Dajad Davidian (Watertown) questioned the Chair as to what actually happens to the Committee Proposals. He questioned the Central Council on whether time is really spent to discuss each submitted Committee Proposal and if any decisions were made. Lisa Manookian (Central Council) expressed that in fact the Council Members do spend ample time on each proposal and many decisions are made.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT - ELECTIONS:

The Chair called upon Lynda Chagachbanian (Fair Lawn) to present the slate of candidates prepared by the Committee. Lisa Najarian (Worcester) assisted.

Central Council

Suzie Asjian (Bayside)
Sara Andonian (Detroit)
Jill Arslanian (Cleveland)
Christine Boyajian (Cambridge)
John Diradourian (Providence)
Steve Megrdochian (Providence)
Lynda Chagachbanian (Fair Lawn)
Laurie Onanian (Watertown)
Edward Marootian, Jr. (Cambridge)

Nominating Committee	Rena Jebejian (Boca Raton) Susan Kapilian (Watertown) Chrissy Mahserjian (Watervliet) Scott Najarian (Worcester) Rachel Onanian (Cambridge)
Auditing Committee	Doug Aprahamian (Watertown) Gregory Arpajian (Cleveland) Papken Maksoudian (Watertown) Denise Meshejian (Bayside)

Scott Najarian, Assembly Chairman opened the floor for nominations to the Central Council. A Motion was made to close the nominations by The Reverend Father Karekin Kasparian (Westchester); seconded by Steve Megrđichian (Providence).

The Chair then opened the floor for nominations to the Nominating Committee. A Motion was made by Steve Megrđichian (Providence) to close the nominations. Seconded by Shake Ajamian (Wynnewood).

The Chair then opened the floor for nominations to the Auditing Committee. A Motion was made to close the nominations by Richard Mardirosian (Hartford). Seconded by Edward Marootian, Jr. (Cambridge).

The Chair then called upon Harry _____ to give his report on behalf of the Canadian Diocese ACYOA. Lucine Arslanian asked if this report could be given at the Fourth Session instead because of the late hour. The Chair asked if this was possible and a Motion was made by Lucine Arslanian (Cleveland); seconded by Denise Meshejian (Bayside). By show of hands it was unanimous.

Scott Najarian, Assembly Chairman moved that the Third Session of the General Assembly be in recess at 6:00 p.m. until tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m.

**A.C.Y.O.A. CENTRAL COUNCIL
TRANSITIONAL MEETING
MINUTES**

DATE: August 31, 1990

PLACE: Cleveland, Ohio

ATTENDANCE: Archbishop Khajag Barsamian
Sara Andonian
Suzie Ashjian
Anthony Barsamian
Lynda Chagachbanian
Lisa Manookian
Steve Megrdochian
Laurie Onanian
Charles Shooshan

CALL TO ORDER: 5:25pm

1. Opening Prayer
2. Minutes of the June 8-9, 1990, meeting were approved.
3. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Charlie reported that the Manufacturer's Hanover account has not yet cleared. He received checks from Detroit, Bayside, and one member-at-large for membership dues. He also received \$1000 seed money from Worcester from the 1990 Archbishop's Tournament.
4. **COUNCIL, REGIONAL, AND PROGRAM ASSIGNMENTS:** Positions for the 1990-91 term were distributed as follows:

Chairman - Lisa Manookian
Vice Chairman - Charlie Shooshan
Treasurer - Sara Andonian
Recording Secretary - Lynda Chagachbanian
Corresponding Secretary - Steve Megrdochian
Advisors - Suzie Ashjian (Membership)
 - Laurie Onanian (Publicity)

Surpazan Hayr suggested an article on the installation of officers be submitted to the Armenian papers.

With the expansion of Council to seven members, the regions were reorganized and assigned as follows:

New England Region - Steve Megrdochian
Mid-Atlantic Region - Lynda Chagachbanian
Great Lakes (Michigan and Ohio) - Sara Andonian
Northwest (Illinois and Wisconsin) - Suzie Ashjian
South Central (Texas) - Charlie Shooshan
South East (Georgia and Florida) - Laurie Onanian
Washington, D.C. and Virginia - Lisa Manookian

The program assignments were distributed as follows:

1991 General Assembly - Charlie
Hye Christian Encounter - Steve
Archbishop's Invitational Tournament - Lynda
National Anniversary Ball - Laurie and Lisa
Armenian Martyr's Day - Tony
Armenian Studies Program - Tony
Summer Internship in Jerusalem - Laurie
Chapter "A" Assistance Program - Steve
Leadership Seminar - Lisa
Cultural Weekend (Worcester) - Charlie, Steve, Laurie
HYE HOKIN - Laurie
Membership Handbook - Suzie
Chapter Resource Handbook - Suzie
National Fund Raising - Sara
Cultural Day - Charlie
Mailing List - Tony

5. **VISITATIONS:** It was decided that parish visitations should be coordinated with the Executive Secretary.

6. **REGIONAL CONFERENCES:** Lisa suggested that each Council member try to coincide conferences with regional activities and that a regional committee be established in each region where possible. Sara reported that the Midwest Region has funds set up for use by that region. It was decided that these monies will be divided amongst the chapters which comprised the previous Midwest Region.

7. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. **HYE CHRISTIAN ENCOUNTER:** Steve announced that Providence will be hosting a Hye Christian Encounter the weekend of November 2-4. He will have finalized details forthcoming and fliers are being prepared.

B. **NATIONAL ANNIVERSARY BALL:** The National Anniversary Ball will be held January 26, 1991, in Boca Raton, Florida. The cost for the Banquet Dinner/Dance will be approximately \$50, and the hotel rate is \$80 per night.

C. **CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SEMINAR:** A Christian Leadership Seminar will be held in Wynnewood, PA, in the Spring.

D. **ARCHBISHOP'S INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT:** Lisa advised Lynda to contact Frank Stoneson, Diocesan Assembly Committee Chairman, regarding the details of the Assembly plans in order to coordinate activities for the Archbishop's Tournament.

E. MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK: The Membership handbook should go out by November. Suzie will contact Richard Mardirosian regarding the status of the preparation of additional binders.

F. NATIONAL FUND RAISING: Ideas are needed for means of raising funds.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. 1990-91 CHAPTER "A" ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: It was decided that the Hartford chapter (recipients of the 1990 Chapter "A" Award) will participate in a mission program with the () chapter.

B. Lynda suggested that in order to avoid the inconsistency which currently exists, chapter executive board elections, Chapter "A" Award requirements, chapter annual reports, membership dues submission due dates, and all other chapter administrative responsibilities be coordinated in such a way that they all follow the same calendar. She offered September through August as the most practical time frame. It was pointed out that this may cause conflict with the fiscal year of the parish and that the Parish Council could be contacted to determine if such a conflict exists.

C. Lynda remarked that consideration should be given to allowing the College Coordinator a voice at the General Assembly. This was agreed and will be considered for the next Assembly.

9. PRIMATE'S REMARKS: Surpazan Hayr remarked that he was pleased with the Assembly proceedings. He feels that the Council is organized; he gave his support for the work we are doing and offered his assistance in our endeavors. He looks forward to working with us.

NEXT MEETING DATE: November 8-10, 1990, at the Diocese, New York City.

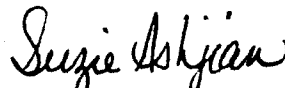
10. Closing Prayer.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Lynda Chagachbanian
Recording Secretary



Suzie Ashjian
Advisor

MINUTES OF
ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 8-9, 1990
SANDWICH, MA

1. OPENING PRAYER

The meeting began on June 8, 1990 at 4:30 p.m. with an opening prayer. In attendance were: Suzie Ashjian, Lisa Manookian, Nicole Mazmanian (ACYOA College Coordinator), Laurie Onanian, and Charlie Shooshan.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes were unavailable and the Recording Secretary (Sonya Gasparian) was not present.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

All monies are with Merrill Lynch. Below is a breakdown of the specifics discussed:

ACEF

We are waiting for a check from the Diocese - a little over \$7,000.00.

1988 National Anniversary Ball - Watervliet

We received the books. Charlie will forward them to the Auditing Committee.

✓ 1989 Mid-West Regional Anniversary Ball - Detroit

Charlie will send Sara Andonian a check in the amount of \$636.84 with a cover letter stating that Council has agreed to pick up $\frac{1}{2}$ of the net loss. (In the Constitution, there is only a provision for profits, not losses). - \$2,000 loss -

1989 New England Regional Anniversary Ball - Hartford

We received the books. Charlie will forward them to the Auditing Committee.

✓ 1989 Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament - Elberon

We received a check in the amount of \$150.00 from Watertown representing payment for the registration fee for Watertown's basketball team. We received an additional check in the amount of \$65.40. - ~~wrong~~

reissuance of a check - miscellaneous.

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Membership Dues

Thus far, we have only received dues from nine chapters: Bayside, Fair Lawn, Hartford, New Britain, Watertown, Watervliet, Westchester, Worcester, and Wynnewood.

Suzie took the original membership lists. She will make copies and send the originals back to Charlie.

Lisa stated she wanted a chronology of when dues come in to be attached to the financial report we present to the 1990 Assembly delegates.

Suzie has sent letters to the chapters, acknowledging those who have submitted their dues and reminding those who have not.

4. ADMINISTRATION

Correspondence

- Lisa: (a) Letter to Mrs. Margaret Zakarian re: 1990 Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament.
- (b) Letter to Primate re: Hye Hokin.
- (c) Letter from Hartford re: bid for 1991 National Sports Weekend.
- (d) Letter to Arlene Boyd - ACYO-WD inviting ACYO-WD to participate in 1990 National Sports Weekend.
- (e) Letter to Harry Sakarya - ACYOC, inviting them to participate in 1990 National Sports Weekend.
- (f) Third Quarterly Update from Central Council to Chapter Chairmen, Delegates and Clergy.

Suzie: Letters to chapters re: membership dues.

Visitations

Laurie went to Houston *of San Antonio* in May. The chapter is interested in organizing a cultural program for their parish.

* Charlie will be representing the Council at the ACYOC General Assembly in St. Catherines later this month - *young group - 1/10 our size*

Review of Chapter Chairmen and Parish Contacts

Rachel Onanian has been re-elected in Cambridge and Leslie Kalaydjian has been elected in Westchester.

* *Held in church - General Assembly
ACYOA - multi-clinic - 4-5 medical clinics.
Dorm -*

5. OLD BUSINESS

1989 ACYOA General Assembly/National Sports Weekend

Charlie will send out the refund checks to those who requested them. Lisa verified and approved the vouchers. Rebate checks have been signed and are in the process of going out. Estimated net profit to Council: \$5,000.00.

1990 ACYOA General Assembly/National Sports Weekend

The Cleveland chapter is very well organized. Lisa went over some of the major plans. Picture ID's will be taken for all athletes.

Cleveland has a contract with Continental Airlines. Continental is offering 50% off of all first class/coach fares or 5% off of all maxi-savers. In order to get this discount, individuals must call May Simsarian at Liberty Corporate Travel (1-800-624-0049).

1991 Christian Educational/Cultural Programs

We discussed the Cultural Weekend. Lisa will contact Paula Jurigian to see if she would be willing to coordinate this for us.

Providence will be hosting the Hye Christian Encounter in October and Wynnewood will be hosting the Christian Leadership Seminar in the Spring. A chapter is still needed to host the Cultural Day.

National Anniversary Ball

No bids were received earlier this year, so the Council is sponsoring a National ball. It will be held on January 26, 1991 in Boca Raton, FL. Co-Chairmen will be Rena Jebejian and Lisa Manookian. Melanie Mikaelian will take care of the finances and Laurie will take care of the publicity. Tony Barsamian is contacting Roger Krikorian for us. Lisa will send a letter to the Mardigians confirming everything. Laurie will get some menus.

Martyrs' Day Commemoration

✓ Suzie gave us an update. Denise Meshejian (Bayside) spoke on behalf of the ACYOA. Only three ACYOA members participated.

1990 Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament

There was much discussion about whether to continue having the Tournament in conjunction with the annual Diocesan Assembly. The pros and cons of having it together were discussed. Lisa reminded everyone that the rules and regulations do not stipulate that the Tournament be held in conjunction with the Assembly. We decided to draft a set of guidelines for next year and then submit them to the Primate and Diocesan Council for review.

✓ Bibles for Armenia Project

No progress as yet. Chapters have not responded.

1990 Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament

There will not be an ASP program this year for various reasons. Instead, the ACYOA and the DRE will be sponsoring a 12-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Israel and Egypt. The dates are October 8-19, 1990. The total cost is \$1,825.00 plus tax and includes airfare, all meals, tours and transfers. Lisa will meet with Elise Antreassian and Nancy Basmajian in July or August to go over details.

Hye Hokin

Lisa and Laurie discussed the problem with the current issue. Every attempt is being made to clear up the problems so that we can send it out before Sports Weekend.

✓ National Mailing List

There have been numerous problems concerning this. Providence's computer has been crashing -- it is almost kaput. Linda Minassian and Carol Norigian are the only two who can bypass the problems in order to get either a printout or a set of labels. Linda is unable to get access to the computer due to conflicts with Fr. Baret. Carol Norigian has been very uncooperative. Cleveland is very upset as they have had to scrap one mailing for Sports Weekend and have several more planned. Lisa will look into the situation to try and clear it up.

✓ Membership List/Directory/Handbook

Suzie will speak to Richard Mardirosian about getting the blue binders. Suzie is working on the Directory. Lisa is working on the Handbook. Lisa revised the "Organizational Overview" of the Handbook and passed out copies to everyone for their input.

✓ Chapter Resource Handbook

Will be ready in February. Cannot be done this year due to lack of time and funds.

National Fund Raising

Lisa suggested having a raffle for a rug commemorating the Armenian Genocide. She showed us a picture of the rug. The Council was against this.

We may still be able to have the Art Show at the One World Festival in September. Lisa will talk to Doug.

Scott is working on a fund raising booklet. Lisa will contact him to see if we can get a draft by our August meeting.

Report of ACYOA College Coordinator - Nicole Mazmanian

Nicole gave us an update of her activities. She has started a mailing list (700 names), put together a college newsletter, is coordinating the "My Kinsmen" program, and is organizing the Summer Internship Program.

ACYOA Executive Secretary

The Council revised both the current job description and ad for the ACYOA Executive Secretary. Lisa will fax **copies** to Syraun next week.

THE MEETING BROKE **FOR DINNER AT 6:00 P.M.** AND RESUMED AT 11:00 P.M. AFTER LAURIE ARRIVED. THE COUNCIL ADJOURNED FOR THE DAY AT 12:25 P.M.

ON SATURDAY, JUNE 9TH, THE COUNCIL AGAIN MET FOR SEVERAL HOURS TO DISCUSS NEW BUSINESS.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Review of 1989-90 Report of the ACYOA Central Council/Executive Secretary

Lisa presented a draft of the report and we reviewed it page by page. We made corrections and additions. Lisa will revise it and send us a second draft within a few weeks.

Calculation of Points for Chapter "A" Award, etc.

We reviewed each chapter's file and awarded points accordingly. The Awards to be given at the National Sports Weekend banquet are as follows:

Chapter "A" Award - Hartford
Honorable Mention - Watertown
Achievement Award - Worcester

Only four chapters sent their material in on time.

Certificates of Special Recognition

✓ Lisa will take care of. They go to chairmen of all national and regional programs and events.

Archbishop's Essay Contest

Lisa received one essay - from Greg Norsigian of Hartford. Council members read the essay. We will make a presentation to Greg at the National Sports Weekend Banquet.

Proposals/Constitutional Amendments

✓ The Council will be proposing that the Anniversary Ball be changed from a regional event to a national event.

Sam Nersessian Award

The Sam Nersessian Award will be given to Paula Bechakian (Watertown) and Richard Mardirosian (Hartford). No applications for a scholarship were received.

Miscellaneous

We received a letter from Scott Najarian re: using the name ACYOA Srs. as opposed to ACYOA to describe the organization. Scott pointed out that the organization was founded as the "ACYOA" and should therefore, be described as such. The Council agreed.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The last session ended at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Suzie Ashjian".

Suzie Ashjian
Vice Chairman

**MINUTES OF
ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 18, 1990
NEW YORK, NY**

1. OPENING PRAYER

The meeting began at 11:00 a.m. with a prayer led by Hayr Soorp Khajag Barsamian. In attendance were: Lisa Manookian, Laurie Onanian, and Charlie Shooshan, and Syraun Palvetzian.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were presented and reviewed. One minor change was made - Laurie also visited San Antonio.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Charlie is currently working on the books so that all will be in order for the Assembly. He mentioned how difficult this process has been, as he is the fourth treasurer this year. When he received the books in March, very little had been done. In 1989, we lost \$2,000. In 1990, to date, we have no estimate, but we have been under budget in several areas. Despite the fact that the National Fund Raising Committee raised no money, we will be in good shape. We also received some unexpected income - as with the \$5,000 made during Houston Sport's Weekend.

Charlie spoke with Col. Arzoomanian regarding our ACEF account. As the Diocese receives one check from ACEF each year, it is the responsibility of Council to request our portion.

Hayr Soorp suggested that "Donations to ACYOA" be included in the treasurer's report, so that these donations are properly acknowledged.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE

Lisa sent a letter to Syraun requesting our portion of the ACEF check. Syraun presented it to Charlie today.

Chairman of Chicago's ACYOA, Raffi Hazarian resigned.

Hayr Soorp and Lisa visited Cleveland in July to discuss and finalize plans for Sports Weekend. They both noted how well organized the host committee is.

Charlie went to the ACYOC (Canada) General Assembly and Sports Weekend, on June 25. He found the experience very rewarding. Their meetings are held in Church, which seems to lower the amount of debate. St. Catherines in Montreal was the host chapter. About 60 youth attended the weekend, with 30 delegates. Accomodations were at a local college, which made it easy to attend sporting events, as they were held on campus. Next year the weekend will be held in Vancouver. Earthquake project - they are raising funds to open a multi-medical clinic in Armenia.

5. REVIEW/DISCUSSION OF ASSEMBLY PROCEDURES

Lisa noted that there will be a report form for each chapter to complete -- which will be given to the Assembly Secretary for inclusion in the minutes. A big problem we have had is that the chapter representatives read the material too fast and the secretary is unable to record it properly.

We will have a professional secretary to take minutes of the Assembly. The sessions will also be taped and reviewed to assure the accuracy of the minutes.

Proposals to the Assembly:

Two were submitted - one from Central Council and the other from Worcester. Both are attached to these minutes. The Council feels that the Worcester proposal should not pass for the following reasons:

1. No control over the quality of the committee members
2. By having the Assembly in a resort area - people will be tempted to skip the meetings.
3. Having the Assembly where an organized chapter exists provides our members with the opportunity to meet other Armenian communities.
4. Hosting the Assembly promotes good will among the chapter members and the parish.
- 5 Our revenue may decrease - the majority of our income comes from the booklet, dances, and picnic - if we are not in an Armenian community, these will inevitably decrease.

6. PLANS FOR 1991

Armenian Studies Program: Syraun suggested that Lisa call Mr. Hovnanian to inquire about a project for next year. This year's program was cancelled since we felt it was not an appropriate time to have a vacation tour of Armenia.

Hayr Soorp suggested we have a "Mission Armenia" program

next year. The ACYOA could distribute bibles and religious pamphlets, organize an outdoor concert with a spiritual theme, perhaps Badarak and Baptism could be held outside, followed by a madagh. Council will contact Greg Saraydarian for suggestions of Armenian music groups and other information. Also, Greg will be asked to send a one page report of his work in Armenia - to be read at the Assembly.

Hye Christian Encounter: Will take place in Providence - October 27-29. No other details available.

National Anniversary Ball: Boca Raton - January 26, 1991 Will take place in St. David's Mardigian Hall at the request of Mr. and Mrs. Mardigian. The hall can accomodate 400 for a dinner-dance. We will clear some tables after dinner to make room for dancing. No advertising will be done in the Armenian newspapers, so as not to attract too many people. Tickets are expected to cost \$50.00. Rena Jebejian and Lisa Manookian are co-chairing the event. Laurie Onanian will take care of the program and publicity.

Entertainment: Roger Krikorian Ensemble, Shami and Steve, and the Karatzin Singers (from Hartford).

Council decided to honor Mr. and Mrs. Mardigian by naming the Cultural Weekend after them. During the Ball, they will also be presented with a token gift (crystal, etc.) Hayr Soorp will give them a personal gift during Sports Weekend on behalf of ACYOA.

There will be a weekend package plan - to consist of a Friday evening event, Banquet and Dance on Saturday evening, and Brunch on Sunday. Syraun and Charlie suggested we have the Anniversary Ball in Florida every year.

Cultural Weekend:

Council was considering having it in Boston - since it would be easier for us to arrange, as many Council members are in New England. Syraun suggested we have it in Worcester to commemorate the 100th anniversary. During Sports Weekend, Council will approach Der Aved on the subject.

Martyr's Day Program: Hayr Soorp must first decide on the general program before we can make plans.

Christian Leadership Seminar: Wynnewood, PA - Spring. No details yet. Lisa and Shake Ajemian will probably coordinate.

Cultural Day: no bids yet
Syraun will talk to Sylva Der Stepanian about organizing a program in Texas. Perhaps all three parishes (Houston, Dallas, San Antonio) will host the event - each on a different day during the weekend.

Archbishop's Tournament: The following suggestions for improvement were made:

Have one hotel - to house both ACYOA members and Diocesan delegates. To allow them the opportunity to mingle.

Have a separate buffet dinner for the ACYOA - the night of the banquet. Sitting through all the speeches is quite tedious for the average ACYOA member (perhaps even for the average Diocesan delegate!)

Incorporate a youth session into Friday's Assembly agenda.

Make sure that enough room is reserved for ACYOA members for Sunday's Brunch. Last year we were not permitted to attend due to lack of space in the church hall.

7. UPDATE ON YOUTH MINISTRY PROJECT

Steve Sarkisian is currently working on the report. He spent this summer gathering research. He will have some sort of report ready by the Assembly.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Bibles for Armenia: Unfortunately, this project has not been initiated this year. None of our chapters offered to purchase bibles. Charlie blames it on our lack of knowledge regarding the spiritual situation in Armenia. We must strongly emphasize the need for religious materials during the coming year. The Diocese is currently printing copies of the New Testament, which will be ready by the end of September.

Executive Secretary position: Hayr Soorp will ask Tony Barsamian to fill the position temporarily. Once the Youth Ministry report is reviewed, we will have a better understanding of the qualifications for this job. Once our needs are established, a search will begin.

Membership List: Since we have had great difficulty in retrieving the list from Providence, the Primate will send a written request to Hayr Baret.

Suzie has been storing names of new dues-paid members in her computer.

Chapter Handbook: It will be updated - with an expanded section on protocol. After all the information is revised, it should only need updating once every two years.

Public Relations for Central Council: Many of our members do not understand the structure of the organization or that a Council exists. To rectify this, we must make an effort to become more visible - through press releases in the Armenian papers and while sponsoring events. In order to try to make ourselves more available to our members, the Primate will perform a installation of officers service during Badarak. This will take place at the Cathedral, following our first Council meeting, in October. Following Badarak, there will be a brunch for all local ACYOA chapters to attend and meet with the Central Council.

Hye Hokin: Our latest issue is currently being printed. Copies will be sent to the Assembly for distribution to the delegates. The Primate will meet with our Diocesan Liaison, Dr. Ed Onanian, next week to revise the review process.

Letter to the Patriarch: Council will send a letter to His Beatitude congratulating him on his elevation to Patriarch.

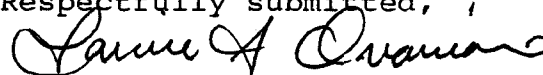
Summer Internship Program in Jerusalem: Laurie suggested that we host a 4 to 8 week internship program. His Beatitude would outline his needs, re: type of professionals and work to be done. The interns' schedule would also include lessons in history, culture, and religion - and also day trips to local historic sites. The program would be organized similar to the ASP House program, with applicants submitting qualifications for review and approval to the Diocese. The Primate will call His Beatitude for his input and approval.

Council Member : Our Recording Secretary, Sonya Gasparian has missed the last two meetings and neglected to inform the Council regarding her absence. Lisa will ask of her intentions. If she is unable to attend future meetings, she will be asked to resign and her position will be filled during the Assembly.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting closed with a prayer given by the Primate, at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, ,



Laurie Onanian - Corres. Secy.