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INTRODUCTION

The Central Council of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America (ACYOA) presents the following report of the functions and programs of the ACYOA.

The 1989-90 ACYOA Central Council was comprised of the following individuals:

His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Former Primate and ACYOA National President

His Grace, The Very Rev. Fr. Khajag Barsamian
Primate and ACYOA National President

Ms. Lisa Manookian (Wynnewood)	Chairman
Ms. Suzie Ashjian (Westchester)	Vice Chairman
Mr. Greg Arpajian (Cleveland) ¹	Treasurer
Mr. Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) ^{1, 2}	Recording Secretary/Treasurer
Mr. Charles Shooshan (Hartford) ²	Treasurer
Ms. Sonya Gasparian (Providence) ¹	Recording Secretary
Ms. Laurie Onanian (Watertown)	Corresponding Secretary

Suzie Ashjian and Laurie Onanian have completed their two-year terms in office.

Ms. Syraun Palvetzian assisted the Central Council in her capacity as the Executive Director of the Diocese.

Mr. Douglas Tashjian completed his third year as ACYOA Executive Secretary and submitted his resignation effective May 18th.

In March 1990, the Diocese hired Nicole Mazmanian as the ACYOA College Coordinator in an effort to reach out to and create programs for college students. Nicole is a graduate of Towson State University with a degree in Business Marketing and Management and is a member of the American Marketing Association.

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- 1 In January, Greg Arpajian resigned from the Council due to illness. Greg Saraydarian, who was initially the Recording Secretary, became the Treasurer and Sonya Gasparian, an alternate, became the Recording Secretary.
 - 2 In March, Greg Saraydarian resigned from the Council as a result of his appointment as Administrator of the Diocesan Earthquake Relief Project in Stepanavan, Armenia. As there were no remaining alternates available, the ACYOA Central Council appointed Charles Shooshan as Treasurer.

MEETINGS

The Central Council held the following meetings during the past year:

September 3, 1989	Houston, TX
October 1, 1989	Hartford, CT
October 28, 1989	New York City, NY (Diocese)
January 13, 1990	New York City, NY (Diocese)
March 17, 1990	New York City, NY (Diocese)
May 4, 1990	Worcester, MA
June 8-9, 1990	Sandwich, MA

In an effort to create a better understanding of how the Central Council functions and what duties it performs, a summary of each Council meeting is provided:

September 3, 1989: The Council met during the National Sports Weekend in Houston to select officers and distribute regional and program assignments.

October 1, 1989: The Council met for several hours to go over those transitional details and procedures which it was unable to cover at the September 3rd meeting. The following were thoroughly reviewed and discussed: the Central Council Operations and Procedures Guide, parish visitations, program assignments, the 1989 ACYOA General Assembly/National Sports Weekend, the Christian Leadership Seminar, the ACYOA Cultural Day, Hye Hokin, National Fund Raising, the ACYOA Membership Handbook and the ACYOA Chapter Resource Handbook. The Council also reviewed the calendar for 1990 and specifically discussed the General Assembly/National Sports Weekend, the Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament, the Chapter "A" Assistance Program, a memorial project in memory of His Grace, Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan, and the formation of a guidelines committee for the 75th Anniversary Commemoration of Armenian Martyrs' Day.

October 28, 1989: The Council met for one full day at the Diocese in New York City. The following were reviewed and discussed: the organization's financial status, correspondence, parish visitations, the 1989 ACYOA General Assembly/National Sports Weekend, the New England Regional Ball, the Christian Leadership Seminar, the ACYOA Cultural Day, the ACYOA Cultural Weekend, Hye Hokin, the ACYOA Membership Handbook, the ACYOA Chapter Resource Handbook, National Fund Raising, the 1990 General Assembly/National Sports Weekend, the Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament, the 75th Anniversary Commemoration of the Genocide, the Chapter "A" Assistance Program, the Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Armenian Studies Program, the banquet in Honor of His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, and the memorial project in memory of His Grace, Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan.

Specifics of Meeting: 1989 ACYOA General Assembly - The Minutes of the 1989 ACYOA General Assembly were thoroughly reviewed and corrections were made. ACYOA Cultural Day - The Council met with the Rev. Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian, Pastor of St. Mary Armenian Church in Washington,

D.C., to discuss program details. Fund Raising - Stephanie Masoian and Linda Minassian, Co-Chairmen of the ACYOA National Fund Raising Committee, presented several fund raising suggestions for the Council's consideration. Hye Hokin - The theme for the Winter issue ("Directions For A New Decade") and potential contributors were discussed. Chapter "A" Assistance Program - The Council decided to send the "Mission Team" from Providence to Livingston. 75th Anniversary Commemoration of the Genocide - As the Council was unaware at this time of what the Diocesan plan was with regard to the commemoration, it decided to recommend that each chapter sponsor a hokejash after church services on the Sunday of commemoration, so as to not put the organization in a situation of conflict. Memorial Project In Memory of His Grace, Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan - The Council discussed many ideas and possibilities with which to honor our beloved founder. In light of Srpazan Tiran's commitment and dedication to the St. Nersess Armenian Seminary, the Council wanted to coordinate the project with the building of the Nersoyan Library at the Seminary. After much discussion, the Council felt that it would be most befitting to commission a khatchkar for the Library in Srpazan's memory.

January 13, 1990: The Council met for one full day at the Diocese in New York City. The following were thoroughly reviewed and discussed: the organization's financial status, correspondence, parish visitations, the 1989 General Assembly/National Sports Weekend, the New England Regional Anniversary Ball, the Mid-West Regional Anniversary Ball, 1990 Anniversary Balls, the Christian Leadership Seminar, the ACYOA Cultural Day, the 1990 Chapter "A" Assistance Program, the banquet in honor of His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, the ACYOA Cultural Weekend, the Hye Christian Encounter, the 1990 Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament, the 1990 Armenian Studies Program, Hye Hokin, the national mailing list, the membership status, the ACYOA Membership Handbook/Directory, the ACYOA Chapter Resource Handbook, National Fund Raising, and the ACYOA College Coordinator position.

Specifics of Meeting: Administrative - The Central Council reviewed the organization's financial status in detail, correspondence sent and received, and changes in the ACYOA Chapter Chairmen & Parish Contact Listing. 1989 ACYOA General Assembly/National Sports Weekend - A great deal of discussion took place concerning those individuals who "illegally" participated in the athletic competitions and how to stop future activity of this kind from taking place. National Anniversary Ball - As no bids were received for regional anniversary balls, the Central Council decided to sponsor a National Anniversary Ball.

March 17, 1990: The Council met for one full day at the Diocese in New York City. Present at the meeting was Dr. Edward Onanian, our Diocesan Council liaison. The following were reviewed and discussed: the organization's financial status, membership dues, correspondence, parish visitations, the 1989 ACYOA General Assembly/National Sports Weekend, the 1990 ACYOA General Assembly/National Sports Weekend, the National Anniversary Ball, the 1990 Chapter "A" Assistance Program, the banquet in Honor of His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, the ACYOA Cultural Weekend, the Hye Christian Encounter, ACYOA

participation in a special program commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Genocide, the 1990 Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament, the Bibles for Armenia project, the 1990 Armenian Studies Program, Hye Hokin, the national mailing list, the purchase of the computer, the ACYOA Membership Handbook/Directory, the ACYOA Chapter Resource Handbook, National Fund Raising, regional meetings, and the ACYOA College Coordinator position.

Specifics of Meeting: Administrative - The Council reviewed the financial status of the ACYOA and correspondence sent and received. 1990 ACYOA General Assembly/National Sports Weekend - The Council reviewed Cleveland's plans and discussed the possibility of adding a golf tournament to attract older participants and ACYOA alumni. ACYOA Participation in Special Program Commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Genocide - A basic outline for a program involving the ACYOA, AYF, the Armenian Network, the ASA, and the Homenetmen, was reviewed. Hye Hokin - The theme for the Spring issue ("Politics") and potential contributors were discussed. National Fund Raising - Many new suggestions were received from and discussed with Dr. Onanian. Discussion Re: Youth Involvement in the Armenian Church - A lengthy discussion was held re: the lack of youth involvement with the Armenian Church, the support and lack of support of youth in general, and possible ways to combat problems and gain support.

May 4, 1990: The Council met for two hours during the beginning of the Archbishop's Tournament weekend in Worcester, MA. The issues discussed were: membership dues, the ACYOA Membership Handbook/Directory, the organization's financial status, the 1990 ACYOA General Assembly/National Sports Weekend, and the resignation of the ACYOA Executive Secretary.

June 8-9, 1990: The Council met for 8-10 hours over a period of two days to review and discuss the following: the organization's financial status, membership status, correspondence, visitations, the 1989 General Assembly/National Sports Weekend, the 1990 General Assembly/National Sports Weekend, the National Anniversary Ball, 1990-91 Christian Educational and Cultural Programs, the special Martyrs' Day Commemoration program sponsored by the youth, the 1990 Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament, the Bibles for Armenia project, the Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Armenian Studies Program, Hye Hokin, the National Mailing List, the Membership Handbook/Directory, the Chapter Resource Handbook, National Fund Raising, College Student Program, the ACYOA Executive Secretary, the Chapter "A" Award and other matters relating to the General Assembly.

Special of Meeting: National Anniversary Ball - The Council set January 26, 1990 as the date for the National Anniversary Ball with Mr. & Mrs. Edward and Helen Mardigian as our guests of honor. Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament - The Council discussed the feasibility of having the Tournament in conjunction with the annual College Student Program - ACYOA College Coordinator, Nicole Mazmanian, provided the Council with a report of her activities since coming on board in March. General Assembly Preparation - The Council thoroughly

reviewed a draft of the annual report and discussed various responsibilities associated with the Assembly.

The Council thanks the staff at the Diocese and the Najarian family for their gracious hospitality in accommodating us at our meetings at the Diocese and in Sandwich, MA.

CENTRAL COUNCIL REGIONAL & PARISH ASSIGNMENTS

See Appendix "A."

REGIONAL CONFERENCES

Regional conferences were unfortunately neglected again this year. The only exception was the New England Region, due to the functioning of the New England Regional Committee chaired by Richard Mardirosian. The following New England Regional meetings were held:

August 1989	Cambridge
October 1989	Springfield
December 1989	Providence
February 1990	Hartford
March 1990	Worcester
June 1990	New Britain

All meetings were attended by either Suzie Ashjian or Charles Shooshan.

PROGRAMS

**Armenian Studies Program: ACYOA Earthquake Relief Team Project
June 20 - July 22, 1989**

In place of the regular Armenian Studies Program, the Central Council accepted an invitation from His Holiness, Vasken I, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, to send an ACYOA Earthquake Relief Team to Armenia to assist in the reconstruction efforts in the city of Stepanavan, Armenia.

On June 20th, twenty-six ACYOA members journeyed to Armenia to build a one-family house in the stricken city of Stepanavan. The task was completed successfully except for some interior finishing work subsequently completed by Monte Ricketts and Allan Cronk, construction professionals assigned by Kevork Hovnanian to be in charge of the project. All construction materials, food and camping supplies were sent in advance of the group; and Mr. Ricketts and Mr. Cronk also went earlier to supervise all infrastructure work.

The group was housed in a music school, a wooden structure replacing the one destroyed by the quake. They assembled showers and toilets shipped with their supplies and took care of all personal living requirements. They had occasion to visit many historical and religious sites in the area, as well as hospitals and homes, being exposed first-hand to the suffering and deprivation. Badarak was celebrated in various parishes by the Very Rev. Fr. Houssig Bagdasian, who led the group and helped to maintain a proper attitude at all times.

The people of Stepanavan were extremely hospitable, treating the group almost like family, grateful for what was being done and particularly grateful for the spirit which motivated them. Their attitude made it easier to bear the delays and difficulties that sometimes hampered the project.

The project proved to be successful in many ways. The house itself symbolized the intent of the Diocese to help rebuild. A strong bond developed between the people and the team members. And most importantly, the project represented a trial run for the massive community the Diocese is embarking upon, under the direction of the K. Hovnanian Company.

The ACYOA Earthquake Relief Team was comprised of the following individuals: The Very Rev. Fr. Houssig Bagdasian (Pastor, St. Mary Armenian Church, Livingston, NJ); Douglas Tashjian (ACYOA Executive Secretary, Westchester, NY); Bill Abajian (Livingston, NJ); Thomas Babigian (Watertown, MA); Gregory Badishkanian (Livingston, NJ); John Bashian (Cleveland, OH); Ronald Chakmakian (Tenafly, NJ); Carol Cholmakjian (Detroit, MI); George Devejian (Bayside, NY); Vartkes Hovsepian (Watertown, MA); Ani Kantzabedian (Dallas, TX); Dr. Guy Kezirian (Watervliet, NY); Gary Khachian (Trumbull, CT); David Kitabjian (Wynnewood, PA); Lisa Mardigian (Detroit, MI); Stephanie Masoian (Providence, RI); Linda Minassian (Providence, RI); Lisa Misakian (Trumbull); John Nersessian (Livingston, NJ); Benjamin Saraydarian (Bayside, NY); Artemis Shamamian (Western Diocese); Laura Simonyan (Fair Lawn, NJ); Lucine Tatosian (Evanston, IL); Timothy Torosian (Racine, WI); David Vartanian (Providence, RI); and Pamela Young (Cambridge, MA).

Numerous presentations were made by team members throughout the year, to both Armenian and non-Armenian groups, on their experiences in Stepanavan. Doug himself made the following presentations:

August 14, 1989	San Antonio	Parish community
September 19, 1989	Teaneck	Knights of Vartan
November 2, 1989	Westchester	Knights of Vartan
November 3, 1989	Detroit	Detroit ACYOA
November 7, 1989	Tenafly	Men's Club

November 16, 1989	New York	ASA (NY chapter)
November 25, 1989	California	ACYO-WD General Assembly Banquet
December 10, 1989	Albany	Parish community
March 30, 1990	St. Petersburg	Parish community
April 1, 1990	Orlando	Parish community

Many ACYOA members and chapters participated in, and frequently led, Armenian earthquake relief efforts in their parishes and organizations, assisting in the collection and shipment of emergency supplies, and in the raising of funds.

The following donated towards the team's expenses:

Hartford ACYOA	\$1,000
Fair Lawn ACYOA	711
Springfield ACYOA	1,000
Cambridge ACYOA	500
Rotary Club of Pearl River	500
Jack Seferian	200
Aram Garabedian	200
City of Providence	100
Barbara Iacoi	100
Vartouhi Melikian	50

ACYOA Mid-West Regional Anniversary Ball July 29, 1989 (Detroit, MI)

The Detroit chapter hosted the 1989 Mid-West Regional Anniversary Ball on Saturday, July 29th in the Cultural Hall of St. John Armenian Church. An Alumni Award was presented to Mr. Edward H. Korkoian.

Although the affair was well-organized, there was a lack of participation and support from the Mid-West region and the local community.

1989 ACYOA General Assembly August 30 - September 1, 1989 (Houston, TX)

The 1989 ACYOA General Assembly convened at the Westin Galleria Hotel in Houston, Texas on Wednesday, August 30, 1989 and was hosted by the Houston ACYOA of St. Kevork Armenian Church.

His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate and National President of the ACYOA, presided over the Assembly proceedings.

Assembly officers were: Chairman - Greg Arpajian (Cleveland); Vice Chairman - Brian Bogosian (Lawrence); Secretaries - Lisa Manookian (Wynnewood), Lisa Najarian (Worcester) and Laurie Onanian (Watertown); Parliamentarian - Aren Jebejian (Boca Raton); Asst. Parliamentarian - Charles Shooshan (Hartford); and Sergeant-at-Arms - John Diradourian (Bayside).

Sixty-four delegates participated in the Assembly from the following chapters: Bayside, Boca Raton, Cambridge, Cleveland, Dallas, Detroit, Evanston, Fair Lawn, Greenfield, Hartford, Houston, Lawrence, New Britain, Providence, San Antonio, Tenafly, Union City, Watertown, Watervliet, Westchester, Worcester and Wynnewood. Special guests included ACYO-WD Central Council Chairman, Darlene Ouzounian and ACYOC Central Council Chairman, Harry Sakarya.

Appendix "B" lists a summary of the proposals and constitutional amendments passed.

Social highlights included a reception at the hotel and dinner at a Mexican restaurant.

In the final session on Friday morning, the Assembly expressed its sympathies and sorrow with respect to the passing of the former Primate and beloved founder of the ACYOA, Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan.

His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, hosted a luncheon on Friday afternoon, wherein the delegates were given an opportunity to discuss various issues with the Primate.

1989 ACYOA National Sports Weekend September 1-4, 1990 (Houston, TX)

The 1989 ACYOA National Sports Weekend was hosted by the Houston ACYOA of St. Kevork Armenian Church from September 1-4, 1990. Co-Chairmen for the weekend were Monica Feredjian and Annabella Sahakian. Events were held at the Westin Galleria Hotel, the Farm & Ranch Club, and the University of Houston.

Approximately 350 people were in attendance throughout the weekend and over 200 athletes representing 15 chapters competed in the athletic competitions. Members of the ACYO-WD and ACYOC also participated.

The Awards Banquet took place on Sunday evening. Winners of the major athletic awards were: Greenfield - Babayan Cup (most total points); Greenfield - Masis Cup (highest average # of average points per participant); Team Canada - John Kulhanjian Memorial Award (outstanding team sportsmanship); and Greg Arpajian (Cleveland) - Charles Yaghoobian Individual Sportsmanship Award (outstanding individual sportsmanship).

The 1989 Sam Nersessian Award (annually given to a member who demonstrates the Christian virtues of love, patience, humility and understanding) was presented to Robert Shamgochian (Worcester). Outstanding Young Christian Awards were presented to: Sara Andonian (Detroit); Ara Bagdasarian (Cleveland); Liza Hartounian (Cambridge); Dawn Maksud (Greenfield); Armand Paboojian (Watertown); and Greg Yekhtigian (Providence).

The Chapter "A" Award (given to the chapter which best fulfills the standards and requirements set forth by the National Organization) went to Providence. The Honorable Mention Award was given to Watertown and Chapter Achievement

Awards were presented to Cambridge, Cleveland, Detroit and Worcester. Certificates of Special Recognition were also awarded to the chairmen of all national and regional events and committees, as well as the General Assembly officers.

His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, presented the 1989 ACYOA Alumni Award to astronaut, Dr. James Bagian, a member of the Orbiter Discovery Shuttle Crew launched in March of 1989.

Dean Shahinian once again organized and directed the "Insights" series of lectures and discussions which took place at the athletic facility and coincided with the games.

In light of the passing of His Grace, Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan, the founder and father of the ACYOA, all dances were cancelled.

ACYOA New England Regional Anniversary Ball September 29 - October 1, 1989

The Hartford chapter hosted the 1989 New England Regional Anniversary Ball Weekend from September 29 - October 1, 1989.

Dr. Dennis Papazian, noted Armenian scholar and former ACYOA Central Council Chairman, was the guest of honor at the banquet on Saturday evening. Over 350 people attended the dance, entertainment for which was provided by the Roger Krikorian Ensemble and Shami Arslanian.

Following Badarak on Sunday, Stephanie Masoian and Linda Minassian spoke on their experiences in Stepanavan, Armenia, as part of the ACYOA Earthquake Relief Team. Following their presentation, a brunch was served in the church hall.

The weekend was very well organized and also included an evening at "Cafe Hagop" on Friday night, a scavenger hunt on Saturday morning and a picnic on Saturday afternoon.

Christian Leadership Seminar November 11, 1989 (New Britain, CT)

The Christian Leadership Seminar was held in New Britain on Saturday, November 11th. Over 60 people attended the seminar sponsored by the ACYOA Central Council and organized by the New Britain chapter. Speakers included the Rev. Fr. Michael Buttero, Pastor of the Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection; Mr. Clement Ashekian, a member of the Diocesan Council; and a management consultant from Pratt Whitney. Much thanks to Arthur Simonian for coordinating the program. The seminar is conducted annually as part of an ongoing effort to educate our members about effective leadership within the Armenian Church.

**ACYOA Cultural Day
December 2, 1989 (Washington, D.C.)**

The first ACYOA Cultural Day was held on Saturday, December 2nd in Washington, D.C. and was hosted by the Washington ACYOA. Over 85 people were in attendance at the one-day symposium sponsored by the ACYOA Central Council and organized by the Armenian Language Lab and Resource Center (ALLARC) under the direction of ALLARC Director, Sylva Der Stepanian. The theme was "Charting The Course For A Golden Era" and featured presentations by the Rev. Dr. Krikor Maksoudian, Dr. John Vartan, Dr. Kevork Bardakjian, Dr. Abraham Terian, Dr. James Jacobson and Sylva Der Stepanian.

The program included breakfast, lunch and dinner and was free of charge to ACYOA dues-paid members.

The Council extends its thanks to Sylva, the Rev. Fr. Vertanes Kalaydjian, the Washington ACYOA and the parish of St. Mary Armenian Church.

**Chapter "A" Assistance Program
January 20-21, 1990 (Livingston, NJ)**

The ACYOA Chapter "A" Award, annually given to the chapter that best fulfills the standards and requirements set forth by the ACYOA Central Council, is based on a point system, whereby the chapter accumulating the most total points wins. Chapters accumulating a pre-determined number of points receive an Achievement Award. The awarding of points is based on: (1) the fulfillment of certain obligations to the National Organization; (2) a balanced schedule of local activities; and (3) service within the parish and local communities. The winning chapter is sent to a new, inactive or reorganized chapter to assist in the organization of programs and the implementation of strategies to help increase the chapter's membership.

This program serves a dual purpose in that it rewards the winning chapter for its exemplary performance and allows the host chapter to receive the benefits of the experience and expertise of a well-organized chapter.

This year's "mission team" from Providence (Jeff Masoian, Stephanie Masoian, John Megrđichian, Steve Megrđichian and Linda Minassian) was sent to Livingston. The team was led by Suzie Ashjian and Doug Tashjian.

The mission team's presentation is summarized through the following five topics:

Community Building: Thought-provoking role plays designed to simulate personal reflection towards understanding of oneself and the manner in which individuals relate to each other in groups.

Individual Profile: How each person plays a vital role in their church community and ACYOA chapter.

Community Profile: How the organization fits into the church community and the roles members must play within this church family -- and how to set goals and delegate responsibilities to people with the right talents.

Prayer: An important part of everyday life and how it fits into the group as a family.

ACYOA: The procedures of the organization and the programs and activities which it sponsors nationally, regionally and locally.

The team members participated in a workshop one week prior to making their presentation.

The Council congratulates the "mission team" on an excellent presentation and thanks Vahe Baboornian and the members of the Livingston chapter for the hospitality accorded to the team.

1990 ACYOA Cultural Weekend
February 16-19, 1990 (Diocese - New York City)

The ACYOA Cultural Weekend has been one of our most successful programs since its inception two years ago. Over 35 individuals participated in the 1990 Cultural Weekend which featured seven noted Armenian lecturers who provided insight into and led discussions on some of the most contemporary issues facing our people today.

The lecturers and the subjects covered were as follows:

Dr. Dennis Papazian - Professor of History and Director of the Armenian Research Center at the University of Michigan, Dearborn
"The Politics of the Armenian Genocide and Political Amnesia"

Dr. Kevork Bardakjian - Marie Manoogian Professor of Armenian Language and Literature at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
"Armenian Identity: Definition and Challenges"

Dr. Rouben Adalian - Academic Affairs Director of the Armenian Assembly
"The Significance of the Social Transformations in Armenia for Armenians in the Diaspora"

Dr. Artin Arslanian - Vice President for Academic Affairs at Belmont Abbey College, Belmont, N.C.
"The Karabagh Conflict - The Root Causes"

Dr. Lucy Der Manuelian - noted Armenian scholar and a member of the faculty of Tufts University
"Ani: The Fabled Capital of Armenia"

Dr. John Vartan - Professor at Kean College
"Armenian Musical Instruments: History and Performance"

The Rev. Dr. Krikor Maksoudian - Director of the Krikor and
Clara Zohrab Information Center at the Diocese
"The Rise of the National Church and the Development
of the Armenian Liturgy"

The weekend began on Friday night with registration at the East Gate Tower Hotel, followed by an evening reception. It included participation in the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, all meals, and visits to the St. Nersess Armenian Seminary, the South Street Seaport and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

The ACYOA Cultural Weekend was created in an effort to enable ACYOA members to experience the teachings of trained professionals in the fields of Armenian culture, language, arts, religion, etc. In some cases, participating members have been exposed to this type of program for the first time.

Following the weekend, ACYOA College Coordinator, Nicole Mazmanian, sent out questionnaires to all participants, inviting comments from them. Every individual responding indicated that they were very enriched and more aware of their culture and the majority indicated that they would attend again next year.

Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of Martyrs' Day April 28, 1990 (New York City)

In cooperation with the AYF, the ASA, the Armenian Network and other Armenian youth organizations, the ACYOA participated in a special program on Saturday, April 28th on Liberty Island, during which a national gathering of the remaining survivors of the Genocide took place. Our portion of the program consisted of a group recitation and a salute to the survivors. Denise Meshejian, from the Bayside chapter, spoke from the ACYOA.

1990 Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament May 4-6, 1990 (Worcester, MA)

The 1990 Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament was once again held in conjunction with the annual Diocesan Assembly from May 4-6, 1990.

Participating were 13 men's basketball teams, 3 women's basketball teams, and 10 co-ed volleyball teams from 14 chapters.

The winners were: Men's Basketball - Watertown; Women's Basketball - Northern New Jersey (combined chapters); and Co-ed Volleyball - Washington, D.C.

Over 300 young adults were in attendance at the Saturday night dance. Approximately 35 package plans were sold.

ACYOA COLLEGE STUDENT PROGRAM

Though with the organization for less than a year, ACYOA College Coordinator, Nicole Mazmanian, has begun making significant strides in attempting to administer to college youth across the country. She has compiled a mailing list, created a newsletter, serves as coordinator for both the My Kinsmen and Diocesan Summer Internship programs and has been in frequent contact with Armenian clubs in various colleges and universities. Listed below are some details:

ACYOA College Mailing List

An ACYOA College Mailing List has been established with over 700 names. The names were obtained through mailing lists and directories received from various deans of student affairs and Armenian clubs. The list represents about 40 colleges and Armenian Clubs throughout the East Coast.

Armenian Students' College Communicant

The Armenian Students' College Communicant was introduced this year as a newsletter for college students. The first issue was sent out in April and the next issue will be sent out in September.

DIOCESAN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

The Diocese of the Armenian Church of America once again offered programs to satisfy the educational needs of young adults in ACYOA chapters and parishes, and the directors of the Department of Religious Education (DRE) and the Armenian Language Lab and Resource Center (ALLARC) once again provided the necessary services for chapters to organize programs for their parish communities. The Worcester chapter was the only chapter to utilize these services this year.

PUBLICATIONS

Hye Hokin

The ACYOA quarterly was issued three times this year and has been well received by many. The 1989-90 Editorial Staff was comprised of: Karen Sirabian

(Editor), Lucine Baronian (Design/Layout) and Laurie Onanian (Coordinator). The Summer 1990 issue will be distributed in late August.

The Council is making every effort to ensure that Hye Hokin is produced on a quarterly basis. The materials for each issue are submitted within the time frame requested by the Editor; however, delays have occurred during the review and production processes, making it difficult to produce each issue. While Hye Hokin is an ACYOA publication, it is produced by the Diocese and as such, must be reviewed by the Diocese prior to publication. The Council is making every attempt to facilitate the review process for forthcoming issues so that the quarterly is produced and distributed on schedule.

The Council thanks Karen for helping the ACYOA get Hye Hokin off the ground and serving as its first Editor. Karen has resigned from the publication and will be succeeded by Leda Nakas. Leda is a graduate of the University of Toronto and has worked on many newsletters and publications and occasionally writes feature articles. She is currently working at the Diocese as an Administrative Assistant for Diocesan earthquake relief efforts.

ACYOA Membership Handbook

In view of the way our dues are rolling in, it has become increasingly difficult, if not impossible, to prepare and publish the Membership Handbook and distribute it to our members within a timely manner.

The Central Council had originally planned to send the Handbooks out in mid-May. The concept is a rather simple one: Assuming that chapters submit dues on time, the Council would have enough time to process the dues, create a directory, get the material to a printer and distribute the Handbooks in two or three batches.

Due to the slow response on the part of many chapters in submitting their dues, the Council was not able to begin preparing the directory until July. Additionally, the Council felt that it would serve little purpose to prepare the Handbook in time for the Assembly when deliberations during the Assembly would undoubtedly require updating of the Handbook immediately following the Assembly. Therefore, the 1990 ACYOA Membership Handbook will be distributed in the Fall.

The Handbook will be printed in a loose-leaf format to allow for updating on a yearly basis. Binders will only be given to those who did not receive them previously. The Handbook contains the following:

- Organizational Overview
- ACYOA Prayer and Pledge
- National Organization (listing of ACYOA Central Council)
- ACYOA Constitution
- Chapter Chairmen & Parish Contact Listing
- Parish & Clergy Listing
- Editorial Staff of Hye Hokin
- ACYOA Programs (description)
- Calendar of Events

National Sports Weekend Rules & Regulations
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament Rules
& Regulations
Anniversary Ball Guidelines
1990 ACYOA National Directory

ACYOA Chapter Resource Handbook

The ACYOA Chapter Resource Handbook will undergo another revision within the next few months and is scheduled for distribution to all parishes and chapters in February of 1991. The book is currently divided into sixteen sections:

Table of Contents	Publicity
Introduction	Letters
Organizational Overview	Administrative Forms
The Chapter Executive Committee	Prayers
Standing Committees	Protocol
Meetings	Guidelines for the Submission of Proposals and Amendments to the General Assembly
Programs	Rules of Parliamentary Procedure
Budgeting	
Reports	

The sections concerning the Organizational Overview, Programs, Publicity, Letters, Administrative Forms, and Protocol will be revised and expanded. Anyone wishing to make a resourceful contribution to this Handbook is welcome to do so at any time.

FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

1988-89 National Fund Raising Committee: The David Onanian Challenge

At the 1988 General Assembly in Providence, General Assembly Chairman, David Onanian, challenged the delegates to make an investment in the organization through a monetary donation. David pledged to donate dollar for dollar, up to \$100.00, for each donation made by a delegate. Through the efforts of the National Fund Raising Committee led by Chairman, Greg Arpajian, \$1,800.00 was raised. David has been formally contacted by the Council and will subsequently match the monies raised.

The monies will be placed in the ACYOA Armenian Church Endowment Fund and the interest generated will be used for ACYOA programming.

The following is a list of the contributors and their respective contributions:

Sara Andonian (Detroit)	\$100.00
Maritza Armagan (Greenfield)	100.00
Greg Arpajian (Cleveland)	100.00
Suzie Ashjian (Westchester)	100.00
Lucine Baronian (Bayside)	25.00
Susan Brewster (Hartford)	100.00
Myles Couyoumjian (Detroit)	100.00
Sonya Gasparian (Providence)	50.00
Paul Kazanjian (Watertown)	100.00
Dawn Maksud (Greenfield)	50.00
Roseann Manoogian (Detroit)	100.00
Lisa Manookian (Wynnewood)	100.00
Richard Mardirosian (Hartford)	50.00
Stephanie Masoian (Providence)	100.00
Melanie Mikaelian (Boca Raton)	25.00
Scott Najarian (Worcester)	100.00
Laura Negosian (Detroit)	50.00
Johno Norian (Detroit)	50.00
Laurie Onanian (Watertown)	100.00
Armand Paboojian (Watertown)	50.00
Greg Saraydarian (Bayside)	100.00
Steve Sarkisian (Watertown)	25.00
Jack Shahbazian (San Antonio)	50.00
Arthur Simonian (New Britain)	25.00
Harry Tutunjian (Watervliet)	50.00

The Central Council thanks Greg, David and last year's committee on a job well done.

1989-90 National Fund Raising Committee

Co-Chairmen, Stephanie Masoian and Linda Minassian, presented several suggestions to the Council at its meeting on October 28th. The Committee had decided to sponsor several art shows as an initial project and to prepare a fund raising booklet as a long-term and continual project. Research into the possibility of art shows proved unfeasible. Additionally, due to personal reasons, Linda and Stephanie were unable to continue chairing the committee and resigned in June. The Central Council decided not to appoint a new Chairman until after the General Assembly.

Armenian Church Endowment Fund (ACEF)

The ACYOA/ACEF account has grown significantly due to the generous contributions of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Mardigian. Mr. & Mrs. Mardigian are kept apprised throughout the year of the organization's growth and accomplishments. More information will be provided in the Central Council's financial report, which will be presented at the General Assembly.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

The ACYOA offered seven awards and one scholarship in 1989. Listed below are descriptions for each and the names of the recipients.

Chapter "A" Award/Honorable Mention Award/Achievement Awards

The ACYOA Chapter "A" Award, annually given to the chapter that best fulfills the standards and requirements set forth by the ACYOA Central Council, is based on a point system, whereby the chapter accumulating the most total points wins. The chapter coming in second, wins the Honorable Mention Award and chapters accumulating a pre-determined number of points receive an Achievement Award. The awarding of points is based on: (1) the fulfillment of certain obligations to the National Organization; (2) a balanced schedule of local activities; and (3) service within the parish and local communities. The criteria used are listed with detailed explanations in the "ACYOA Chapter "A" Award Guidelines," attached as Appendix "C" to this report.

1989 Winners: Chapter "A" Award - Providence. Honorable Mention - Watertown. Achievement Awards - Cambridge, Cleveland, Detroit and Worcester.

1990 winners will be announced at the Awards Banquet during the 1990 ACYOA National Sports Weekend in Cleveland, OH.

The Sam Nersessian Award

This award is given to an ACYOA member who best exemplifies the character of a true Christian and servant of the Church. Individuals are nominated by the executive bodies of the chapter or the parish priest and the selection is made by the ACYOA Central Council.

1989 Recipient: Robert Shamgochian (Worcester).

The 1990 recipient will be announced at the Awards Banquet during the 1990 ACYOA National Sports Weekend in Cleveland, OH.

Outstanding Young Christian Award

Introduced last year, the award is given to those individuals nominated by their chapter for the Sam Nersessian Award. It is the Council's belief that those who are singled out by their chapters as fine Christians are truly deserving of an award and should be recognized accordingly.

1989 Recipients: Sara Andonian (Detroit); Ara Bagdasarian (Cleveland); Liza Hartounian (Cambridge); Dawn Maksud (Greenfield); Armand Paboojian (Watertown); and Greg Yekhtigian (Providence).

The 1990 recipients will be announced at the Awards Banquet during the 1990 ACYOA National Sports Weekend in Cleveland, OH.

Certificates of Special Recognition

Certificates of Special Recognition are given to the chairmen of all national and regional events and committees, as well as the General Assembly officers. The Certificates are awarded by the ACYOA Central Council and presented at the ACYOA National Sports Weekend Awards Banquet.

The Sam Nersessian Scholarship

This scholarship is annually given to an applicant to attend one of the St. Nersess Summer Studies Programs. Applications are sent to all chapters and parishes and the recipient is selected by the ACYOA Central Council.

No applications were received this year.

The Archbishop's Essay Contest

After a six-year hiatus, the ACYOA Central Council re-instituted the Archbishop's Essay Contest last year. The contest includes Armenian and English categories and the emphasis is on writing style and literary ability, not subject matter; however, subjects must be Armenian-oriented. The winner in each category receives a monetary award of \$150.00.

No essays were submitted to the Council in 1989; therefore no award was given. The 1990 recipient will be announced at the Awards Banquet during the 1990 National Sports Weekend in Cleveland, OH.

VISITATIONS

Chapter visitations and program participation with respect to the ACYOA Central Council and the Executive Secretary were as follows:

July

(June 20 - July 22, 1989 - Stepanavan, Armenia)
Armenian Studies Program: ACYOA Earthquake Relief Team
Doug Tashjian

(July 29, 1989 - Detroit, MI)
Mid-West Regional Anniversary Ball
Lisa Manookian

August

(August 10-13, 1989 - Houston, TX)
Parish Visitation: Sports Weekend Progress Visit
Doug Tashjian

September

(September 29 - October 1, 1990 - Hartford, CT)
New England Regional Anniversary Ball
Greg Arpajian, Suzie Ashjian, Lisa Manookian, Laurie Onanian,
Greg Saraydarian and Doug Tashjian

October

(October 21, 1989 - Springfield, MA)
New England Regional Meeting
Suzie Ashjian, Charles Shooshan

November

(November 2, 1989 - Livingston, NJ)
Meeting with Clergy of Northern New Jersey Parishes
Doug Tashjian

(November 5, 1989 - Cleveland, OH)
Parish Visitation: Sports Weekend Progress Visit
Doug Tashjian

(November 11, 1989 - New Britain, CT)
Christian Leadership Seminar
Doug Tashjian

(November 30, 1989 - Tenafly)
Meeting with Executive Boards of Northern New Jersey
ACYOA Chapters
Doug Tashjian

December

(December 2, 1989 - Providence, RI)
New England Regional Meeting
Suzie Ashjian, Charles Shooshan

(December 2, 1989 - Washington, D.C.)
ACYOA Cultural Day
Laurie Onanian, Doug Tashjian

(December 9, 1989 - Worcester, MA)
Parish Visitation: Cultural Program - Worcester ACYOA
Doug Tashjian

(December 10, 1989 - Watervliet, NY)
Parish Visitation: General Meeting
Doug Tashjian

January

(January 16-17, 1990 - Providence, RI)
Workshop to Prepare Providence "Mission Team" For Visitation
to Livingston
Doug Tashjian

(January 20-21, 1990 - Livingston, NJ)
Chapter "A" Assistance Program
Suzie Ashjian, Doug Tashjian

(January 25, 1990 - New York City)
Meeting Re: Youth Participation in the 75th Anniversary
Commemoration of the Genocide
Greg Saraydarian, Doug Tashjian

(January 28, 1990 - Diocese, New York City)
Banquet in Honor of His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
on the Occasion of the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination
Suzie Ashjian, Greg Saraydarian, Doug Tashjian

February

(February 10, 1990 - Hartford, CT)
New England Regional Meeting
Suzie Ashjian, Charles Shooshan

(February 16-19, 1990 - Diocese, New York City)
ACYOA Cultural Weekend
Lisa Manookian, Doug Tashjian

(February 27, 1990 - Providence, RI)
Parish Visitation: Chapter Executive Meeting
Doug Tashjian

(February 28, 1990 - Cambridge, MA)
Parish Lenten Program
Doug Tashjian

March

(March 1, 1990 - Watertown, MA)
Parish Visitation: Chapter Executive Meeting
Doug Tashjian

(March 23-25, 1990 - Cleveland, OH)
Parish Visitation: Sports Weekend Progress Visit
Doug Tashjian

(March 28, 1990 - St. Nersess Armenian Seminary)
Presentation to Seminarians Re: the State of the ACYOA
Doug Tashjian

(March 31, 1990 - Boca Raton, FL)
Parish Visitation: Meeting w/Executive Committee and Pastor
and Meeting w/ACYOA Members
Laurie Onanian, Doug Tashjian

(March 31, 1990 - Worcester, MA)
New England Regional Meeting
Suzie Ashjian, Charles Shooshan

April

(April 1, 1990 - Orlando, FL)
Parish Visitation: Discussion of ACYOA Programs
Doug Tashjian

(April 6-8, 1990 - Cleveland, OH)
Parish Visitation: Sports Weekend Progress Visit and
Speaker at Palm Sunday Brunch
Lisa Manookian

(April 8, 1990 - Bayside)
Parish Visitation
Suzie Ashjian

(April 13, 1990 - Tenafly)
Parish Visitation
Suzie Ashjian

(April 28, 1990 - Liberty Island, NY)
Special Program Involving Armenian Youth in Commemoration
of the 75th Anniversary of the Genocide
Suzie Ashjian

May

(May 4-6, 1990 - Worcester, MA)
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament
Suzie Ashjian, Sonya Gasparian, Lisa Manookian, Laurie Onanian
and Charles Shooshan

(May 12-15, 1990 - Houston, TX)
Parish Visitation: Discussion of ACYOA Programs
Laurie Onanian

June

(June 2, 1990 - New Britain)
New England Regional Meeting
Suzie Ashjian, Charles Shooshan

(June 21-24, 1990 - St. Catherines, Ontario, Canada)
ACYOC General Assembly & Mini Sports Weekend
Charles Shooshan

July

(July 30, 1990 - Cleveland)
Parish Visitation: Sports Weekend Progress Visit
Lisa Manookian

August

(August 3, 1990 - Cambridge)
New England Regional Meeting
Suzie Ashjian, Charles Shooshan

INTER-DIOCESAN RELATIONS

Due to budget and time constraints, the ACYOA Central Council was unable to either meet or have a conference call with members of the ACYOC and ACYO-WD Central Councils.

MISCELLANEOUS

Bibles For Armenia Project

In the Winter 1990 issue of the ACYOA Central Council Update, the Council requested each chapter to conduct a fund raiser and forward the proceeds to the Council Treasurer by June 15th. To date, no one has responded.

Purchase of Computer

The Central Council finally purchased a computer for the organization, which should assist us in updating the national mailing list and producing our work with more frequency and efficiency.

The Council thanks Diocesan Council member, Clement Ashekian, for assisting us with this project.

Updating of National Mailing List

The work of updating and computerizing the national mailing list is a major responsibility. For the past several years, Linda Minassian (Providence) has graciously taken on this responsibility; however, during this past year, it became increasingly difficult for Linda to continue updating the list.

While the computer was purchased in the Spring, Linda was unable to gain access to the computer at the Providence parish to produce any labels and/or copy any data onto a disc to be programmed into the ACYOA computer at the Diocese. This, in addition to problems which arose when an attempt to copy the data was finally made, made it increasingly difficult for the National Sports Weekend Committee to get its publicity out on schedule. The Central Council apologizes for the inconvenience and frustration the Committee had to go through.

The Council is trying to get the data transferred to the ACYOA computer at the Diocese where it will be maintained thereafter under the Central Council's direction.

LOOKING AHEAD: INITIAL PLANS FOR 1990-91

Armenian Studies Program

Due to increased travel to the Soviet Union and increased difficulty in travel to Armenia, this year's Armenian Studies Program will consist of a 12-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Israel and Egypt and will be held from October 8-19, 1990 in conjunction with the Department of Religious Education. The cost is \$1,825.00 plus tax and includes round-trip airfare from New York, first-class hotels with double occupancy, three meals a day and all tours and transfers.

Hye Christian Encounter

The 1990 Hye Christian Encounter will be held during October 27-29, 1990 and will be hosted by the Providence ACYOA.

National Anniversary Ball

As no bids were received for regional anniversary balls, the Central Council decided to sponsor a National Ball to be held on January 26, 1991 in Boca Raton, Florida on the occasion of the 45th Anniversary of the birth of the organization. Our honored guests will be ACYOA benefactors, Mr. & Mrs. Edward and Helen Mardigian. The Ball will be hosted by the Boca Raton ACYOA and sponsored by the ACYOA Central Council.

Memorial Project in Memory of His Grace, Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan

At its meeting on October 28, 1990, the Central Council discussed many ideas and possibilities with which to honor Srpazan Hayr. Tiran Srpazan's commitment and dedication to the St. Nersess Armenian Seminary inspired us to coordinate our project with the building of the Nersoyan Library. After much discussion, the Central Council felt it would be most befitting to commission a khatchkar for the Library in Srpazan's memory.

Respectfully submitted,



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Haverhill	Springfield	Worcester

MID-WEST REGION

Belleville	Evanston	Racine
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Cleveland	Palos Heights	Waukegan
Detroit		

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Bayside	Livingston	Woodside
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**SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION
PASSED AT THE 1989 ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY - HOUSTON, TEXAS**

General Proposals

1. To rename the Armenian Studies Program: In honor of the 50th Anniversary of Archbishop Torkom Manoogian's ordination, the Armenian Studies Program will now be known as the Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Armenian Studies Program. Additionally, four scholarships will be established (one in each region), with the amount being determined by the ACYOA Central Council.
2. The Central Councils of the ACYOA, ACYO-WD, and ACYOC shall do the following:
 - (a) exchange names and addresses of Council members and chapter chairpersons;
 - (b) send all Diocesan-wide mailings to the Central Council members and chapter chairpersons of each Diocese (indicating whether or not the activity is open for Inter-Diocesan participation); and
 - (c) meet at least once a year or have a teleconference.
3. The Central Council shall appoint a committee to develop guidelines and instructions for the 75th Commemoration of Armenian Martyrs' Day.
4. The Central Council shall appoint a committee to organize a Diocesan-wide collection drive of specific items (toothbrushes, cough syrup, alka selzer - cold medicine, soap, blankets, hats, gloves, etc.) and prescription medications which would be collected and stored throughout the year and sent to Armenia to be personally distributed with the next Armenian Earthquake Relief Team (or ASP). Additionally, the committee would also be responsible for developing an operational plan to consolidate and store all supplies as well as insure that the recipients are trained in their proper use.
5. The Executive Secretary's office shall distribute quarterly press releases describing the current situation in Armenia as well as efforts ongoing in the United States.
6. The Sacraments and Prayers of the Armenian Church shall be republished. Any necessary assistance will be provided by the Cambridge ACYOA Seniors.
7. A "Bibles for Armenia" project shall be created in conjunction with the existing Diocesan plan. Each chapter shall conduct a fund raiser, specifically for this, and all proceeds from that fund raiser will be used to purchase Bibles written in Eastern Armenian at an approximate cost of \$5.00 per Bible.
8. An "Ecumenical Youth Fellowship and Dialogue" program shall be created to include mainstream Christian denominations such as the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Episcopal churches. The program should bring together two to three members from five to six area churches for an informal presentation/open forum-type setting.

9. A "Social Service Project" shall be held once a year by each chapter. The project shall be designed to be an investment of time and talent, not just a monetary investment.
10. It was recommended that we publish a series of "Bible Study Outlines" which reflect the teachings of the Armenian Church. These would be used on a parish or regional level and would be designed to include biblical passages, background information, discussion questions, a bibliography and resources.

Amendments to the ACYOA Constitution

The underlined sections within the body of each amendment indicate the changes within that amendment:

1. Article 11, Section 1: From among the members of the ACYOA, the General Assembly shall elect seven members to constitute the ACYOA Central Council. Only one person from any chapter may be elected to the ACYOA Central Council in any given year. The ACYOA Central Council term of office shall commence following the confirmation of the election by the Primate and Diocesan Council.
2. Article 11, Section 2: As the ACYOA Central Council terms of office expire, the vacancies shall be filled by members elected for two-year terms. If the total number of members of the Central Council is changed by amendment, the General Assembly at which the amendment is adopted shall decide how best to accommodate the change so as to keep alternate year elections as even in number as possible. No member shall hold office in excess of two consecutive terms.
3. Article 11, Section 4: In case of a vacancy in the ACYOA Central Council created by resignation or otherwise, the ACYOA Central Council shall invite the individual who received the next highest number of votes short of election at the last General Assembly to fill the vacancy to complete the term of office. In the event that the first alternate is unable to fill the vacancy, the second alternate shall be invited to fill the position. Should no alternates be available, the ACYOA Central Council shall select an ACYOA member in good standing to fill the vacancy with the same rights, privileges, and responsibilities as the elected National Committee members.

A resolution was also passed with regard to the passing of His Grace, Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan, our founder and father. The resolution expressed the delegates' sympathies and sorrow to the Primate, all reverend clergy and members of Srpazan's family. It also called for the designation of an appropriate date in the near future, whereby all chapters would be directed to sponsor a program in their respective parishes to recognize and highlight the life of the late Primate and his efforts on behalf of the Armenian Church and his accomplishments in the United States.

ACYOA CHAPTER "A" AWARD GUIDELINES

The Chapter 'A' Award is given annually to the chapter that best fulfills the standards and requirements set forth by the ACYOA Central Council. Chapters are expected to meet deadlines, file proper reports and meet the needs of ACYOA members in their parishes with a well-rounded schedule of activities throughout the year. The Award is based on a point system, whereby the chapter accumulating the most points wins. Chapters accumulating a pre-determined number of points receive an achievement award. The criteria required and explanations thereto are as follows:

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| <p>Delegation at General Assembly:
Each chapter must be represented by the chapter chairman or a delegate as outlined in the ACYOA Constitution.</p> | 20 Points |
| <p>Representation at Regional Conference:
At least one representative from each chapter must attend any regional conference held in their respective region.</p> | 10 Points |
| <p>Representation at Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament:
At least one member from each chapter must attend the Tournament. It is not necessary to participate in the Tournament. A list of those who purchase package plans will be forwarded to the ACYOA Central Council. Those who do not purchase package plans must provide the Council with a means of verification.</p> | 5 Points |
| <p>Team Representation at Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament:
A minimum of one team from each chapter must participate in basketball and/or volleyball. Participation is subject to the rules and regulations that govern the Tournament.</p> | 10 Points |
| <p>Representation at National Sports Weekend:
A minimum of one member from each chapter must attend the National Sports Weekend. It is not necessary to participate in athletic events. The verification procedure for the Archbishop's Tournament applies here also.</p> | 5 Points |

- Athletic Representation at National Sports Weekend:** 10 Points
 A minimum of two members from the chapter must participate in a minimum of one athletic event each. Participation is subject to the National Sports Weekend Rules and Regulations.
- Service to Parish/Armenian Community:** 0-50 Points
 Points will be awarded to each chapter based on the degree of service it bestows upon its respective Parish/Armenian community. Chapters will be judged at the end of the fiscal year. The number and quality of the programs as well as the manner in which the chapter communicates with the ACYOA Central Council will determine the number of points.
- Service to Local Community:** 0-20 Points
 The same criteria that applies to the Parish/Armenian Community, applies here. Examples include "Toys for Tots," donating Armenian-related books to a local library, a general donation to a selected charity, participating in a blood drive or walk for hunger, etc.
- ACYOA Day Recognized in Parish:** 20 Points
 Each chapter in conjunction with its local parish must designate one day a year as ACYOA Day (usually held on Palm Sunday).
- Educational/Cultural Program:** 10 Points
 Each chapter must sponsor a minimum of one program that is educational and/or cultural. The program may be open to the chapter, the Armenian community, and/or the general public.
- Spiritual Program:** 20 Points
 Each chapter must sponsor a minimum of one program that is spiritual. Examples include religious retreats, Bible studies, etc.
- Annual Fund Raising Activity:** 10 Points
 Each chapter must sponsor a fund raising event, at its discretion, and forward the proceeds to the Central Council for national and regional programs. Suggestions include bake sales, car washes, luncheons after Church, etc.

- Submission of Monthly Fact Sheets:*** 2 Points/Per Month
 The fact sheets inform the ACYOA Central Council of local happenings. They must be postmarked 15 days following the reported month and should be sent regardless of whether activity takes place.
- Submission of General Armenian Youth Listing:*** 20 Points
 Listing of the names and addresses of all Armenians living within the parish jurisdiction. Initially, a master list is established, names for which can be obtained from the parish's baptismal records, as well as from ACYOA membership lists. The list is forwarded to the ACYOA Central Council, which then integrates it with the National Mailing List.
- Submission of Chapter Membership Listing:*** 20 Points
 Listing of names, addresses, and phone numbers of all members of chapter. The list must be submitted to the ACYOA Central Council by January 1st and updated periodically.
- Executive Committee Listing w/Delegates:*** 20 Points
 Consisting of the names, addresses, phone numbers and positions of each member, this list must be forwarded to the ACYOA Central Council within thirty (30) days following elections.
- Membership Dues/Membership Renewal Forms:*** 20 Points
 Memberships must be renewed and the designated form forwarded to the ACYOA Central Council Treasurer by January 1st. Dues are \$10.00 per person, half of which is forwarded to the Council. Chapters which have not renewed by January 1st will be assessed a penalty fee. New members must fill out an application form. All membership applications, dues, and renewal forms must be submitted by January 1st (beginning of fiscal year).
- Sam Nersesian Award Nomination:*** 20 Points
 The Priest and/or Executive Body should nominate at least one individual from their chapter. Nominations are due by June 30th.

Annual Chapter Report:*

20 Points

A self-explanatory form requiring general information, the report must be filed with the ACYOA Central Council by June 30th (end of third quarter of fiscal year).

Notes:

1. Those criteria marked with a (*) are the responsibility of the Executive Body.
2. A "member" is defined as a dues-paid member for the current fiscal year (January 1st to December 31st).
3. Each program is eligible for only one category. For example, a cultural program held on ACYOA Day will only be credited towards ACYOA Day.

As an incentive to this program, the Executive Body (maximum of 5 members) of the winning chapter will receive funding to visit a new, inactive, or reorganized chapter. This is known as the Chapter 'A' Mission Program. The ACYOA Central Council will subsidize the transportation, lodging and meals for the group. The winning chapter is announced at the National Sports Weekend Awards Banquet.



Annual Report for the Period
January 1, 1989 - December 31, 1989
and
Interim Report for the Period
January 1, 1990 - May 31, 1990

SECTION 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

Chapter: _____ Parish: _____

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SECTION 2 - MEMBERSHIP

1. Total number of dues-paid members last year: _____
2. Total number of dues-paid members this year: _____
3. Total number of new dues-paid members this year: _____
(Note: If an individual did not pay his/her dues last year, but paid for the previous year, he/she is considered a new member).
4. Approximate number of active members: _____
5. Reasons for increase or decrease in dues-paid members: _____

6. Reasons for increase or decrease in active members: _____

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SECTION 3 - CHAPTER ACTIVITIES/EVENTS/PROGRAMS

1. List below all annual events and programs - providing name, date(s), type (i.e. cultural, religious, social, athletic, educational, service-oriented, etc.) and approximate number in attendance: _____

2. List other events and programs held this year - providing name, date(s), type (i.e. cultural, religious, social, athletic, educational, and service-oriented) and approximate number in attendance: _____

3. On a separate sheet of paper, please provide detailed information (i.e. programming, level of chapter participation, attendance, etc.) for the following, being as descriptive as possible, and attaching copies of any documentation:

ACYOA Day
Educational/Cultural Program(s)
Spiritual Program(s)

4. Please list below the reasons for the success or failure of any given program: _____

SECTION 4 - MEETINGS

1. Number of general membership meetings: _____
How often? ___ bi-monthly ___ monthly ___ bi-weekly ___ Irregularly
2. Average number of members attending each meeting: _____
3. Number of executive committee meetings: _____
How often? ___ bi-monthly ___ monthly ___ bi-weekly ___ Irregularly
4. Reasons for good attendance: _____

5. Reasons for poor attendance: _____

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SECTION 5 - SERVICE

1. List below the ways in which this chapter serves the Parish: _____

2. Indicate the number of members who:

_____ serve on the altar	_____ teach in the Church School
_____ sing in the choir	_____ teach in the Armenian School
_____ assist the ACYOA Jrs.	_____ are dues-paid members of the parish
_____ serve on the Parish Council	_____ other _____
3. Does the chapter have a Parish Council liaison? _____
If so, is the liaison helpful? _____
Is the liaison concerned? _____
4. Does the chapter meet with other organizations? _____

If so, for what purpose(s)? _____

5. On another sheet of paper, please provide detailed information (i.e. programming, level of chapter participation, attendance, etc.) for the following, being as descriptive as possible, and attaching any additional documentation:

Service to Parish/Local Armenian Community
Service to Local Community

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SECTION 6 - FINANCIAL

Please attach an income and expense statement for the 1989 calendar year including, but not limited to, dues sent to the ACYOA Central Council, parish contributions, expenses relating to any programs and activities, and expenses for delegates to the General Assembly. Also, list the total cash on hand as of the date this report is being prepared.

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SECTION 7 - CHAPTER & INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION

1. List the names of those individuals who participated as delegates in the 1989 General Assembly in Houston, Texas:

2. Indicate the teams the chapter fielded for the 1989 National Sports Weekend in Houston, Texas:

3. Provide the names of two individuals who participated in the athletic competitions of the 1989 National Sports Weekend in Houston, Texas:

4. Provide the names of two additional members who attended the 1989 National Sports Weekend in Houston, Texas, but did not participate in any athletic competitions:

5. Indicate the teams the chapter fielded for the 1990 Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament in Worcester, Massachusetts:

6. Provide the names of two additional members who attended the 1990 Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitation Tournament weekend (Worcester, MA) but did not participate in the Tournament itself:

7. Indicate the names of two members who participate in a regional conference, providing the complete date (i.e. month/day/year) and conference location: _____

8. Please indicate with an "x" the following programs that members of your chapter have participated in:

- _____ 1989 Armenian Studies Program
- _____ 1989 Hye Christian Encounter (Cleveland)
- _____ 1989 Hye Christian Encounter (Greenfield)
- _____ 1989 Christian Leadership Seminar (Westchester)
- _____ 1990 Christian Leadership Seminar (New Britain)
- _____ 1989 Cultural Weekend (New York City)
- _____ 1990 Cultural Weekend (New York City)
- _____ 1989 Cultural Day (Washington, D.C.)
- _____ Other

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SECTION 8 - ORGANIZATIONAL

1. What new programs should the ACYOA consider on the national, regional, and local levels? _____

2. If you have any additional suggestions or comments with regard to any other aspect of the Organization, positive or negative, please indicate:

If you need more space, please feel free to attach additional pages.

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SECTION 9 - CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE/DELEGATES

On a separate sheet of paper, please provide the name, address and telephone number of each member of the Chapter Executive Committee and each delegate to the ACYOA General Assembly. Please provide two lists, one for 1989 and one for 1990.

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Signature of Chairman: _____

Signature of Recording Secretary: _____

Signature of Treasurer: _____

Signature of Pastor: _____