

PRESENTED BY THE WORCESTER ACYOA

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PROPOSAL:

To create a National Convention Committee. The Convention Committee shall be charged with the following responsibilities:

- (1) To present annually to the ACYOA General Assembly a minimum of two sites for the following year's General Assembly and Sports Weekend. The presentation must include convention hotel and sports facilities, complete itinerary, complete event, hotel and sports participation rates. The presentation must also include arrangements for religious services.
- (2) To completely organize and manage the convention.
- (3) To maintain accurate and complete financial records. All profits generated from the convention shall be released to the Central Council by the end of the fiscal year in which the convention was held. All rebates due convention participants shall also be awarded by the end of this same fiscal year. The Central Council at the request of the Convention Committee may disburse to the Committee additional operating funds to supplement those funds mandated annually by the General Assembly.
- (4) To report quarterly to the Central Council and General Assembly Delegates it's progress.

Committee Membership and Elections

- The Primate shall serve as President of the Convention Committee.
- The Central Council Chairman shall be an ex-officio member.
- The Committee shall consist of seven additional members to be elected by the General Assembly.
- The Committee shall elect from amongst it's elected members a Convention Committee Chairman and Treasurer. All other appointments will be made by the Committee Chairman, with the approval of the Committee.
- Committee members will serve for a term of two years.

If the proposal is approved, the 1990 General Assembly shall elect seven members to the Convention Committee. The four nominees receiving the highest vote totals shall serve a term of two years, the remaining nominees will serve a one year term. The Committee will begin it's responsibilities upon the approval of the Diocesan Council.

NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE PROPOSAL RATIONAL:

- (1) Mandates the opportunity for General Assembly Delegates to choose the site of the National Convention.
-For conventions in the years 1985, 1987, 1988, and 1991 delegates were offered no choice in the selection of the convention site because either no bid or one bid was submitted to the Assembly for approval.
- (2) Enables the ACYOA to hold its conventions in traditional convention and vacation areas. These locations will appeal to a broader spectrum of young Armenians. New and exciting locations may enhance our ability to attract new participants, who have been increasingly flocking to other competing organizations.
- (3) Allows for continuity from year to year. The staggered elections of the Convention Committee creates a mix of both experienced and novice members.
- (4) Allows for financial continuity. As many Host Committees can attest to, there is a significant time lag between the awarding of a bid and the time they receive seed money from the Central Council. The Central Council, in turn, waits for a year or more in some instances, to receive profits from the Host Committee. Convention participants wait for many months to receive rebates due from the previous convention. These practices are all unacceptable, participants need to be reimbursed rapidly, and the Central Council needs effective cash flow to operate efficiently.
- (5) Revenues to the ACYOA will be increased. With increasing budgetary difficulties, the ACYOA is hard pressed to find funds in order to keep a status-quo, let alone offering expanded programming. With 100% of all profits earmarked for the National organization, this revenue shortage can be ebb.
- (6) Mandates that only a completely researched proposal is acceptable. The General Assembly will no longer allow bids without hotels, sports facilities and pricing confirmed in advance.