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AC70A Assembly - Cleveland
Aug 30, 1990

File
AC70A
Assembly
in Hartford

I. First Session

Election of Assembly Officers
Scott Najarian - Chairman
~~Richard Edward~~

Ordination

Judges + some other
fellowship

Ordination

Parish Council
Prayer + Delegates

U.S.

5:00 - 5:30 Worship
5:30 - 6:00 Coffee Hour
6:00 - 6:30 Discern

6:00 - 8

5

April 14

U.S.

Worship
one night

St. Barbara
Award

Ordination

(2)

June, Oct, Dec, 1
1964

II. Second Session

Aug 30

Chapter Reports

- a) Bayside : 37 dues paid members
- b) Boca Raton : 14 dues paid members
- c) Cambridge : 28 dues paid members
- d) Cleveland :
- e) Detroit : 40 members
- f) Fairbairn : 20 members

- Hartford :
- Providence : 41
- Springfield : 5 members
- Watertown : 43 members
- Watervliet :
- Westchester :
- Worcester : 39 members
- Wynwood : 17 members

XV. Report of the New England Regional Committee
was other northern regional gathering

XVI. ACFOA Central Council Report

Mailing list

Ch. last years proposals

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III. Third Session

Aug. 30

45 ~~delegates~~ delegates present

- of the church committees
 - and of the church committees
- Committee Reports

- (A) Religious Programming
- Bible Study - for ACYOA
 - Aid the needy
 - Youth Sunday
 - Lenten project

(B) Proposals

~~National Convention Committee~~

(C) Programming

Bibles for Armenia

2-4 week - Inter. program in Jerusalem

Family Ministry -

Branch following Church

Open House

Family Spiritual Development

(D) Budget

(E) Inter - Diocesan

(4)

IV) Forth session Aug 31 (morning)

Proposals:

- 1) ACYOA Anniversary Ball Guidelines = passed
- 2) National Convention Committee = NO
- 3) Religious Program - ^{Programming Co-ordinator} Coordinator = tabled

Constitutional Amendments

V) Fifth session Aug 31 (afternoon)

Thanks

- Jeff Uff - + h-3-club
- Mona + her committee
- Scott - chairman
- All participant : clergy + delegates

Special Initiation of the Central Council members.

Messengers of the Holy Spirit - the Holy Spirit is the
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Aug. 31, 1990

ACYOA Central Council

Transitional meeting

Lisa = Chairperson

Sara = Treasurer

Steve = Recording

Lynda = Corresponding

Charles = ~~Vice~~ Vice - Chairman

Lannie = publicity

~~Suzie~~ Suzie = membership

Regional Assignments

New England

Steve

Mid-Atlantic

Lynda

Great Lakes

Clev + Detroit

Sara

North West
Chicago + WIDE

Suzie

South Central
Texas

Charles

South ~~East~~
Florida + Atlanta

Lannie

Washington + Richmond

Lisa

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



Note: The Minutes of the 1990 ACYOA General Assembly were never received by the Central Council from the Assembly Secretary despite numerous attempts by several individuals to obtain them as well as the tapes from the meetings. Therefore, the Council has prepared this summary of the Assembly proceedings for the delegates to the 1991 ACYOA General Assembly. Although the Central Council had allocated \$500.00 for secretarial services, the funds were never expended as the Minutes were not received.



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**FIRST SESSION
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 1990**

The First Session of the 1990 ACYOA General Assembly was opened with the opening prayer service on Wednesday, August 29th at approximately 7:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Middleburgh Heights, Ohio.

ATTENDANCE:

Fifty-five delegates were present from the following chapters: Bayside, Boca Raton, Cambridge, Cleveland, Detroit, Fair Lawn, Hartford, Providence, Springfield, Watertown, Watervliet, Westchester, Worcester and Wynnewood.

OFFICERS:

The following officers were elected: Chairman - Scott Najarian (Worcester); Vice Chairman - Richard Mardirosian (Hartford); Secretary - Christine Kondralian.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND RULES OF PROCEDURE:

The Agenda and Rules of Procedure were adopted with minimal changes.

APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN AND SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:

The Chair appointed Edward Marootian, Jr. (Cambridge) as the Parliamentarian; Charles Shooshan (Hartford) as the Asst. Parliamentarian; and Rena Jebejian (Boca Raton) as the Sergeant-at-Arms.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF THE 1989 ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

The Minutes were accepted with minimal changes.

WELCOMING ADDRESS OF ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL:

Lisa Manookian (ACYOA Central Council Chairman) welcomed the delegates on behalf of the Central Council.

WELCOMING ADDRESS OF HOST COMMITTEE:

Mona Karoghlanian (National Sports Weekend Committee Chairman) welcomed the delegates on behalf of the host committee.

RECESS:

The Assembly recessed until 9:00 a.m. the following morning.

**SECOND SESSION
THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 1990**

The Second Session of the 1990 ACYOA General Assembly was opened with the opening prayer service on Thursday, August 30th at approximately 9:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn in Middleburgh Heights, OH.

APPOINTMENT OF ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES:

After the roll call, the Chair appointed each delegate to serve on one of the following Assembly committees: (a) Religious Programming; (b) Proposals; (c) Constitutional Amendments; (d) Resolutions and Courtesies; (e) Programming; (f) Budget; and (g) Inter-Diocesan.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS SESSION:

The Minutes were accepted with minimal changes.

INDIVIDUAL CHAPTER REPORTS:

Each chapter presented a report of their chapters' activities throughout the year, their participation within their local parishes, upcoming chapter activities and parish participation in the coming year, and the successes/failures they experienced during the course of the year.

REPORT OF THE NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL COMMITTEE:

Richard Mardirosian (New England Regional Committee Chairman) presented a report on the committee's activities and efforts to strengthen the region during the past year.

REPORT OF THE ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL:

Lisa Manookian (ACYOA Central Council Chairman) presented the Report of the ACYOA Central Council which consisted of a summary of the National programs/projects carried out in 1990 by the ACYOA, the Council members assigned to coordinate those programs/projects, the regions each Council member was assigned to and the visitations made and programs participated in by Council members.

Charles Shooshan (ACYOA Central Council Treasurer) then presented the financial report of the ACYOA. (See Appendix "A").

ADDRESS OF THE PRIMATE:

His Grace, the Very Rev. Fr. Khajag Barsamian, our newly-elected Primate, addressed the Assembly. (See Appendix "B").

RECESS:

The Assembly recessed for lunch and the convening of the various committees until 3:30 p.m.

THIRD SESSION THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 1990

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

ATTENDANCE:

A total of 59 delegates were in attendance with the breakdown as follows: 40 elected delegates, 9 chapter chairmen, 6 clergy and 4 Central Council members.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF THE SECOND SESSION:

The Minutes were accepted with minimal changes.

REPORT OF THE ACYOA COLLEGE COORDINATOR:

Nicole Mazmanian (ACYOA College Coordinator) introduced herself to the delegates and gave a report on the new ACYOA College Student Program and the various programs/projects in consideration for implementation.

REPORT OF THE ACYOA ACTING EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

Anthony Barsamian (ACYOA Acting Executive Secretary) addressed the delegates and emphasized that his involvement with the Central Council and Diocese is his main priority. He stressed the need for Youth involvement within the parishes and the need for more parishes to hire Youth Directors. He then introduced those Youth Directors who were in attendance and asked them to stand. They were:

Harry Sakarya	Youth Director Diocese of Canada
Randy Dagley	Youth Director St. James Armenian Church Watertown, MA
Laura Gononian	Youth Director St. John Armenian Church Southfield, MI
Shake Ajamian	Youth Director St. Sahag & St. Mesrob Armenian Church Wynnewood, PA
Nicole Mazmanian	ACYOA College Program Coordinator Eastern Diocese

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Chairmen of the various Assembly committees gave their reports.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

Lynda Chagachbanian (Fair Lawn) and Scott Najarian (Worcester) presented the slate of candidates prepared by the Committee. They were as follows:

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

The Chair then opened the floor for nominations: first for the Central Council; second for the Nominating Committee; and third for the Auditing Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston) informed the delegates that in October, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, the newly-elected Patriarch of Jerusalem, will be annointed as the 96th Patriarchate of Jerusalem. He suggested that the Central Council send a telegram on behalf of the ACYOA General Assembly congratulating Srpazan Hayr. This was done immediately. A telegram was also sent to His Holiness, Catholicos Vazken I, as a show of appreciation for all the past support shown to the ACYOA.

RECESS:

The Assembly recessed at 6:00 p.m.

FOURTH SESSION
FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 1990

The Fourth Session of the 1990 ACYOA General Assembly was opened with the opening prayer service on Friday, August 31st at 9:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn in Middleburgh Heights, OH. A special requiem service was held in memory of His Eminence, Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan, the founding father of the ACYOA, on the occasion of the first anniversary of his passing.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS SESSION:

The Minutes were accepted with minimal changes.

ADDRESS OF ACYOC REPRESENTATIVE:

Harry Sakarya (Youth Director for the Diocese of Canada) addressed the Assembly. Harry congratulated Srpazan Hayr on being elected as our new Primate and stated that he looked forward to a strong working relationship between the three Dioceses.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE:

Sara Andonian (Detroit) and Lisa Najarian (Worcester), members of the Auditing Committee, presented a report of the books audited by the Committee for national and regional programs held during 1990.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS:

There were no amendments to the Constitution for consideration.

CONSIDERATION OF GENERAL PROPOSALS:

There were two proposals for the Assembly to consider:

The first proposal was a proposal to create a National Convention Committee. (See Appendix "C"). The proposal was defeated.

The second proposal was a proposal to amend the ACYOA Anniversary Ball Guidelines to change the Anniversary Ball from a regional event to a national event. (See Appendix "D"). The proposal passed.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS AND COURTESIES COMMITTEE:

The Assembly accepted the report of the Resolutions and Courtesies Committee.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND COURTESIES:

The Assembly considered the Resolutions and Courtesies presented by the Resolutions and Courtesies Committee.

CONSIDERATION OF NATIONAL BUDGET:

Charles Shooshan (ACYOA Central Council Treasurer) went over the national budget. (See Appendix "E"). The budget was accepted as presented.

ELECTION RESULTS:

The following were elected:

ACYOA Central Council

Laurie Onanian
Suzie Ashjian

(Watertown)
(Bayside)

Steve Megrđichian (Providence)
Lynda Chagachbanian (Fair Lawn)
*Sara Andonian (Detroit)

(Note: As the Central Council was increased from five to seven members effective for the 1990-91 year, four individuals were elected for a term of two years each. A fifth individual (*) was elected to complete the term of a Council member who resigned prior to the General Assembly. This individual was elected to serve for one year).

Nominating Committee

Rena Jebejian (Boca Raton)
Scott Najarian (Worcester)
Rachel Onanian (Cambridge)

Auditing Committee

Doug Aprahamian (Watertown)
Gregory Arpajian (Cleveland)
Papken Maksoudian (Watertown)

CONSIDERATION OF NEXT ASSEMBLY SITE:

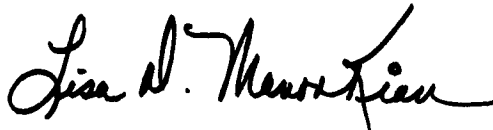
The Hartford ACYOA of St. George Armenian Church made an excellent bid to the delegates to host the 1991 General Assembly/National Sports Weekend. No other bids were presented. Hartford was awarded the 1991 ACYOA General Assembly/National Sports Weekend.

The Cleveland Committee then presented the host banners to Christine Shooshan, Chairman of the Hartford ACYOA.

BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT:

The Primate then blessed the outgoing and incoming Central Council members and gave the benediction. The 1990 ACYOA General Assembly was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa D. Manookian
Chairman
ACYOA Central Council

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Income Statement

January 1, 1989 to December 31, 1989

REVENUES

Membership Dues	\$	877.00
Sports Weekend		2,000.00
Dividends/Interest		8,412.30
Miscellaneous Income		953.11
Gain on Sale of Securities		1,275.23
Unrealized Appreciation, Investments		352.76

Total Revenues**\$ 13,870.40****EXPENSES**

Central Council Meetings	\$	3,260.64
Central Council Administration		1,931.19
Chapter Visitations/Travel		1,888.15
Interdiocesan Meetings		587.53
General Assembly/Sports Weekend		1,222.75
Publications		2,132.32
Regional Conferences		41.50
Leadership Weekends		785.51
Christian Retreat		1,414.00

Total Expenses**13,263.59****NET INCOME****\$ 606.81****Notes:**

1. Dividends/Interest comprises: Merrill Lynch Securities - \$1,237.38; Merrill Lynch Money Accounts - \$1,885.31; ACEF - \$5,289.61.
2. Unrealized Appreciation, Investments reflects the change in the value of the securities held at the end of the period which resulted solely from increases in market share price.

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Statement of Equity

January 1, 1989 to December 31, 1989

Equity, January 1, 1989		\$ 105,734.29
Prior Period Adjustments		
Accounts Receivable Anticipated in Error *	- \$ 950.00	
Sports Weekend & Tournament Seed Money Expensed in Error **	+ <u>2,000.00</u>	1,050.00
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Adjusted Equity, January 1, 1989		\$ 106,784.29
Plus (Minus) 1989 Net Income (Loss)		
Net Income		606.81
Plus Donations to Equity		
Principal Donations to ACEF		52,659.41
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EQUITY, DECEMBER 31, 1989		\$ 160,050.51 =====

* The 1988 Accounting showed an anticipated receivable of \$950.00 from the 1988 Archbishop Tournament; the uncertainty of such an estimated receipt is best not termed an accounts receivable.

** Henceforth, all seed money "loans" will cease to be referred to as either revenue or expense since these are in fact not proper expense items.

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Balance Sheet for December 31, 1989

ASSETS

Cash

Manufacturers Hanover Checking	\$ 1,378.03	
Merrill Lynch Money Accounts	<u>28,249.07</u>	\$ 29,627.10

Securities

Merrill Lynch Securities		10,764.00
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Trusts

Armenian Church Endowment Fund		117,659.41
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Accounts Receivable

Sports Weekend Seed Money	1,000.00	
Anniversary Ball Seed Money	<u>1,000.00</u>	2,000.00

\$ 160,050.51
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Accounts Payable	\$	0.00
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Equity	\$	160,050.51
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\$ 160,050.51
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Note: The ACYOA principal balance in the ACEF is not available to the organization. Interest earned on the principal is paid over to the ACYOA on an annual basis through the Diocese (interest on \$15,000.00 of the principal is restricted).

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Budget Report

January 1, 1989 to December 31, 1989

	Budget	Actual	Surplus/ (Deficit)
REVENUES			
Membership Dues	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 877.00	\$(2,123.00)
Sports Weekend	5,700.00	2,000.00	(3,700.00)
Anniversary Ball	500.00	0.00	(500.00)
Archbishop Tournament	1,000.00	0.00	(1,000.00)
Dividends/Interest	8,950.00	8,412.30	(537.70)
Miscellaneous Income/Donations *	15,000.00	953.11	(14,046.89)
Armenian Studies Program	4,000.00	0.00	(4,000.00)
Fundraising	15,000.00	0.00	(15,000.00)
Gain on Sale of Securities **	1,000.00	1,275.23	275.23
Transfer from Diocese	15,300.00	0.00	(15,300.00)
Cultural Weekend	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unrealized Appreciation, Invstmts.	0.00	352.76	352.76
	<u>\$ 69,450.00</u>	<u>\$ 13,870.40</u>	<u>(\$ 55,579.60)</u>

EXPENSES

Central Council Meetings	\$ 5,680.00	\$ 3,260.64	\$ 2,419.36
Central Council Administration	2,500.00	1,931.19	568.81
Visitations/Travel	2,000.00	1,888.15	111.85
Interdiocesan Meetings	2,375.00	587.53	1,787.47
General Assembly/Sports Weekend	2,900.00	1,222.75	1,677.25
Publications	7,545.00	2,132.32	5,412.68
Scholarships/Awards	820.00	0.00	820.00
Regional Conferences/Activities	2,000.00	41.50	1,958.50
Central Council Committees	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Archbishop Tournament	536.00	0.00	536.00
Cultural Weekend	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00
Armenian Christian Studies	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Chapter A Assistance Program	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
Leadership Weekends	6,000.00	785.51	5,214.49
Christian Retreats	5,000.00	1,414.00	3,586.00
Mailing List	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00
Video Library	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00
Youth Ministry Library	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Transfer to Savings ***	2,594.00	0.00	2,594.00
	<u>\$ 69,450.00</u>	<u>\$ 13,263.59</u>	<u>\$ 56,186.41</u>

* ACEF Principal Donations are not included here since the funds are not available for operating expenses; these donations appear as additions to Equity.

** Renamed from Securities Liquidation for better accuracy.

*** This is not an appropriate budget item; it is not an expense.

NOTE: \$2,000.00 from each side of budget has been removed relating to Sports Weekend and Tournament Loan line items not appropriate for budget.

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Income Statement

January 1, 1990 through August 27, 1990

REVENUES

Membership Dues	\$ 4,050.80
Sports Weekend	6,801.05
Anniversary Ball	137.17
Archbishop T. Manoogian Tournament	1,580.40
Dividends and Interest	8,814.86

Total Revenues

\$ 21,384.28

EXPENSES

Central Council Meetings	\$ 4,291.69
Central Council Administration	2,895.46
Chapter Visitation and Travel	1,372.16
Interdiocesan Meetings	319.32
General Assembly & Sports Weekend	9,039.43
Publications	1,594.04
Regional Conferences and Activities	847.59
Central Council Committees	267.30
Leadership Weekends	386.58
Chapter Achievement Assist. Prog.	1,044.79
Computer	2,734.58
Loss on Sale of Securities	21.46
Investments - Unrealized Loss	15.34

Total Expenses

\$ 24,829.74

NET DEFICIT TO DATE 1990

(\$ 3,445.46)

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Budget Update

As of August 27, 1990

REVENUES	Budget	Actual	Surplus (Deficit)
Membership Dues	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,050.80	\$ 1,050.80
Sports Weekend	0.00	6,801.05	6,801.05
Anniversary Balls	750.00	137.17	(612.83)
Archbishop T. Manoogian Tourn.	500.00	1,580.40	1,080.40
Dividends and Interest *	8,550.00	8,814.86	264.86
Donations	500.00	0.00	(500.00)
Fund Raising	26,910.00	0.00	(26,910.00)
	<u>\$40,210.00</u>	<u>\$21,384.28</u>	<u>(18,825.72)</u>
EXPENSES			
Central Council Meetings	\$ 5,830.00	\$ 4,291.69	\$ 1,538.31
Central Council Administration	3,160.00	2,895.46	264.54
Chapter Visitation and Travel	2,750.00	1,372.16	1,377.84
Interdiocesan Meetings	2,525.00	319.32	2,205.68
General Assembly & Sports Weekend	3,000.00	9,039.43	(6,039.43)
Publications	1,625.00	1,594.04	30.96
Scholarships & Awards	820.00	0.00	820.00
Regional Conferences & Activities	2,000.00	847.59	1,152.41
Central Council Committees	1,000.00	267.30	732.70
Leadership Weekends	6,000.00	386.58	5,613.42
Christian Retreats	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Chapter Achievement Assist. Prog.	3,000.00	1,044.79	1,955.21
Computer	3,500.00	2,734.58	765.42
Loss on Sale of Securities	0.00	21.46	(21.46)
Investments - Unrealized Loss	0.00	15.34	(15.34)
	<u>\$40,210.00</u>	<u>\$24,829.74</u>	<u>\$15,380.26</u>

* The Budget entry for this line item has been adjusted by reducing it by the amount previously shown as an expense known as "Securities Reinvestment"; "Securities Reinvestment" no longer appears as an expense as it is not properly so included.

Note: The actual expense for General Assembly & Sports Weekend shown above includes \$6,988.96 of expenses for 1989 Assembly not paid until 1990.

Note: Seed money "loans" have been equally deleted from each side of Budget (see note at bottom of page A2).

PRIMATE'S ADDRESS

DEAR ACYOA DELEGATES

I am very happy to be here today to share with you this memorable occasion, to be better acquainted with each one of you and to learn from you. *[It also gives me a great spiritual uplift to have with us as guests the Primate of California and Canada, His Eminence Archbishop Vatche Hovsepien and the Very Rev. Hovnan Derderian. Their presence here signifies the unity of the Armenian Church on the North American continent and the brotherly love that prevails in our Church. Having them here at my side gives me greater strength, assurance and determination to carry the heavy burden of the yoke of Christ on my weak shoulders.]*

The present Convention in particular will help me as your new Primate to understand you and your needs better. This is a most opportune time in my life to turn to you, since I am not agewise far removed from you by a wide gap. The past experience of my predecessors, Archbishops Tiran Nersoyan and Torkom Manoogian, serve as a witness to the fact that if a newly-elected Primate of this vast Diocese wishes to achieve any results during his tenure of office, he must be sensitive to the youth movements in our Church. From the first day of my election as Primate of the Eastern Diocese last May, I decided to follow the example of great churchmen such as Archbishop Tiran and Patriarch Torkom, now the occupant of the Holy Apostolic See of Jerusalem, by directing my attention to the youth and the ACYOA. One of the points I made in my acceptance speech to the Diocesan Assembly that elected me was the promise that I would make every effort to strengthen the ACYOA and create a department of youth at the Diocesan Headquarters.

Today I come here with a more elaborate proposal, one that aims at reviving our traditional values and strengthening the roots of our Church community. We shall try to establish within our Diocese a FAMILY MINISTRY, of which the YOUTH MINISTRY will be a part. Family Ministry will draw the people of our Diocese together into a single unit or a family so that everyone will feel himself or herself as

a member of the one and the same corporate body of Christ. In all the parishes throughout our Diocese we would like to see a spirit of love, brotherhood, tolerance and acceptance, so that the youth may not be patronized by their elders, the old may not be rejected by their juniors, the newly-arrived immigrants may not feel alien and the American-born may not be led to think of themselves as less Armenians. We would like to see an interaction among the different church and community organizations, generations, classes of people and Armenians in general. The resultant atmosphere from such interaction may perhaps keep within the fold of the community the thousands of youth, college and post-college age men and women living away from home, who drift away from Armenian life, get involved in non-Armenian institutions and usually never return to the bosom of our Church.

I realize that the Family Ministry is a most ambitious program that deserves a great deal of attention. For that reason, I felt that we should tackle the first step as soon as possible. Consequently, the Diocese contacted a professional organization to assess our resources on a national scale, examine our needs and make recommendations. The research by this firm is already on its way and representatives will get in touch with various individuals in our parishes during the next several months.

It was unfortunate for the organization that the ACYOA Executive Secretary, Douglas Tashjian decided to return to his profession after two and a half years of very useful service to the youth of our Diocese. We were fortunate to have him and are thankful for all the wonderful work he did, including the revival of the ACYOA monthly publication and his exemplary accomplishments in the earthquake relief effort. While the Diocese is still looking for a replacement, Antranig Barsamian was appointed as interim Executive Secretary. Having served in this capacity in the past for over a year, he will bring his knowledge and experience to this office. In addition to this appointment, Steve Sarkisian was assigned to pursue a special project researching the state and needs of our young people from Birth until marriage. Steve's report will be made available soon and we are very thankful for his effort throughout the summer months.

Realizing well that the Youth Ministry in our Church could not succeed without bringing into the Church the young people who are in college, Nicole Mazmanian was appointed as our College Coordinator. For the past several months she has gathered information on Armenian students in colleges and compiled an impressive list. Ultimately these young Armenians will be contacted and encouraged to enlist in various Diocesan or parish programs. One such program, called "MY KINSMAN PROGRAM" had already been established four years ago and has served as an extended family for Armenian students away from home.

The ACYOA can and must play an important role in implementing our plans for a Family Ministry in order to help in these difficult times the extended Armenian family, the Armenian people, here in America, in the Middle East and particularly in Armenia. The future leaders of our people and the Parish Council members, delegates, priests and bishops of our Church will come from your ranks. You are young, vibrant and idealistic; your zeal is what the Armenian people and the Church community need. Get involved, and involve your friends and relatives in the Church. Be a part of Christ's family. May God bless you and give all of you the wisdom to choose His way.

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 it's 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 ebbed.
- (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.

Currently:

ACYOA Anniversary Ball Guidelines

1. The event shall be hosted annually and shall be called "The ACYOA Anniversary Ball."
2. The host chapter, in each region, shall be selected from those submitting bids to the Central Council. If no bids are received in a timely manner, the Central Council shall appoint a chapter to host the Anniversary Ball.
3. The event will have an alumni orientation (i.e. reunion, etc.) as well as encourage the participation of current ACYOA members.
4. The format for the Anniversary Ball shall be left to the discretion of the host chapter:

Option A

A weekend format consisting of a Friday evening mixer; a daytime attraction/event followed by a banquet and ball on Saturday; and Sunday Badarak followed by a brunch or picnic.

Option B

A one-day banquet and ball format.

5. The Central Council treasurer shall provide the host committee with seed money of \$1,000.00, immediately upon request.
6. This event is subject to the Membership Incentive Program. All dues-paid members on record with the ACYOA Central Council at least one week prior to the event and who have paid the full package plan price shall receive a refund of \$10.00.
7. A detailed report including financial records shall be kept. The report shall be turned over to the Central Council at the close of the event. The Central Council shall lend prior years' reports to the host chapter upon request.
8. The financial report, with all necessary receipts, statements, etc., shall be turned over to the Auditing Committee for review.

Proposed:

National
ACYOA Anniversary Ball Guidelines

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Rationale:

The concept of having regional balls is not working. In 1989, there were only two balls. One was successful, the other was not -- and both drew only a handful of people from outside the home parish. A National ball will attract more people. Additionally, the return on the investment of time of the people involved is not sufficient to warrant having four balls in one year.

Consistency is also very important. When we establish a program and set guidelines, we must strive for consistency within that program. If we do not, it gives the impression that the program is not a viable one.

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
1991 Proposed Budget

REVENUES

Membership Dues	\$ 3,000.00		
General Assembly & Sports Weekend	5,000.00		
National Anniversary Ball	2,500.00		
Archbishop T. Manoogian Tournaments	1,000.00		
Dividends and Interest	<u>11,500.00</u>		
Subtotal		\$23,000.00	
Fund Raising	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>	
Total Revenues			\$38,000.00 =====

EXPENSES

Central Council Meetings	\$ 7,000.00		
Central Council Administration	3,000.00		
Chapter Visitation and Travel	3,000.00		
Interdiocesan Meetings	1,500.00		
General Assembly & Sports Weekend	4,500.00		
Publications	1,500.00		
Scholarships and Awards	1,000.00		
Regional Conferences and Activities	1,000.00		
Central Council Committees	<u>500.00</u>		
Subtotal		\$23,000.00	
Cultural Day	500.00		
Cultural Weekend	5,000.00		
Christian Retreats	3,000.00		
Leadership Seminars	3,500.00		
Chapter Achievement Assist. Prog.	<u>3,000.00</u>		
Subtotal Programs		<u>15,000.00</u>	
Total Expenses			\$38,000.00 =====