

GUIDELINES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF
PROPOSALS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION
FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SCHEDULE "A"

(Pertains to proposals and/or changes to existing ACYOA documents)

The following procedure should be followed when submitting proposals and/or changes to existing ACYOA documents:

[Proposed Change] or [New Proposal/Amendment]
[Article _____, Section _____] or [Part _____, Section _____]
or [Rule No. _____]
[Name of Document]

Presently:

[Section as it presently reads, "word for word," in the document. If new proposal, skip this part.]

Proposed:

[Proposed change as it will read, "word for word," in the document]

Additional:

[Optional - to give additional direction not to be included in the document itself]

Rationale:

[Reasons in support of this proposal or proposed change]

See attached examples.

Proposed Change
Rule No. 22
Rules of Parliamentary Procedure

Presently:

All requests for the site of the next General Assembly shall be submitted no later than 60 days before the Annual Assembly to the Central Council, which shall examine the possibility of each site. The Central Council shall submit to the Assembly a list of appropriate sites for the next Assembly. The Assembly shall select its next site from the list submitted by the Central Council.

Proposed:

All requests for the site of the next General Assembly shall be submitted no later than 60 days before the Annual Assembly to the Central Council, which shall examine the possibility of each site. The Central Council shall select two or more sites for the Assembly to meet and then the Assembly will choose from these in addition to cities which have bid 60 days prior to the Assembly.

Additional:

If approved for 1989, leave to the discretion of the Central Council to choose the 1989 site.

Rationale:

To ensure that there would be a proposed site presented to the delegates.

Proposed Change
Article 3, Section 2
National Sports Weekend Rules & Regulations

Presently:

All athletic participants must be registered with the official National Sports Weekend Registration Committee, and thereby be registered on the Sports Weekend Package Plan. The Sports Weekend Host Chapter shall offer an "Eligibility Package Plan" consisting only of Friday and Saturday evening dances and Sunday Awards Banquet and Dance. At the discretion of the host chapter, a second package plan may also be made available with additional meals and events included. A ten dollar (\$10.00) discount shall be given to those who prepay in full, thirty (30) days in advance of the start of the ACYOA National Sports Weekend.

Proposed:

All athletic participants must be registered with the official National Sports Weekend Registration Committee, and thereby be registered on the Sports Weekend Package Plan. The Sports Weekend host chapter shall offer an "Eligibility Package Plan" consisting of a minimum of Saturday evening dance and Sunday Awards Banquet and Dance. The cost of this "Eligibility Package Plan" shall not exceed one-half the cost of a Sports Weekend package plan, which includes all events offered by the host chapter. A ten dollar (\$10.00) discount shall be given to those who prepay in full, thirty (30) days in advance of the start of the ACYOA National Sports Weekend.

Rationale:

To make it easier for individuals to participate in the athletic competitions.

New Proposal

Part 4, Section 3b

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament Rules and Regulations

Presently:

Section 3 - ACYOA chapters and parishes which host tournaments will be under the direction of the ACYOA Central Council. All net proceeds from the tournament and related activities (dances, dinners, ad-booklets, etc.) shall be divided with the host and the National Treasury of the ACYOA. (See ACYOA Constitution, Article 13, Section 6).

Proposed:

Renumber Part 4, Section 3 of the Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament Rules and Regulations to Section 3a and add Section 3b:

Section 3a - ACYOA chapters and parishes which host tournaments will be under the direction of the ACYOA Central Council. All net proceeds from the tournament and related activities (dances, dinners, ad-booklets, etc.) shall be divided with the host and the National Treasury of the ACYOA. (See ACYOA Constitution, Article 13, Section 6).

Section 3b - \$1,000.00 is allocated as a loan, each fiscal year, in the annual budget of the ACYOA Central Council, to be used as initial seed money by the host committee. This \$1,000.00 loan is to be repaid to the ACYOA Central Council at such time when a final accounting of the Tournament is complete and such repayment will be made with no interest accruing thereon.

Rationale:

The 1986 General Assembly granted a seed money loan in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the chapter hosting the General Assembly and National Sports Weekend. Seeing the benefits of this organizational support, we feel it is in the ACYOA's interest to grant the same support to the chapter hosting the Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament.

Proposed Change
Article 13, Section 1
ACYOA Constitution

Presently:

The fiscal year shall be from July first to June thirtieth.

Proposed:

The fiscal year shall be from January first to December thirty-first.

Additional:

This amendment shall be effective on January 1, 1989.

Rationale:

The present fiscal year is often confusing, particularly in terms of dues collection and eligibility to participate in the National Sports Weekend.

New Amendment
Article 10, Section 14
ACYOA Constitution

Proposed:

The ACYOA Executive Secretary shall have a non-transferable right of voice at the General Assembly.

Rationale:

The ACYOA Executive Secretary should have a voice at the General Assembly as he is directly involved on a daily basis with the programming and administration of the organization.

Proposed Change
Article 5
ACYOA Constitution

Presently:

Article 5

Section 1 - The initiation fee shall be designated by the General Assembly to be paid upon first joining the ACYOA, and sent by the Chapter to the ACYOA Central Council. The minimum initiation fee shall be one dollar (\$1.00).

Section 2 - Annual dues for ACYOA members shall be designated by the General Assembly. One-half of the amount shall be sent to the ACYOA Central Council Treasurer. The minimum annual dues shall be ten dollars (\$10.00). Dues become delinquent with the start of the third quarter of the fiscal year (January 1st).

Section 3 - Each chapter which is not in compliance with Article 5, Section 2, shall be subjected to a potential fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

Proposed:

To amend Article 5 of the ACYOA Constitution as follows:

- Delete Section 1.
- Re-number Section 2 to Section 1.
- Re-number Section 3 to Section 2.

Rationale:

The initiation fee, in its present form, creates an unnecessary administrative burden for both the chapters and the Central Council. The elimination of the initiation fee will relieve the extra administrative burden and simplify the dues process.

SCHEDULE "B"

(Pertains to general proposals)

The following procedure should be followed for the submission of general proposals:

[General Proposal]

Proposal:

[Self-explanatory]

Rationale:

[Reasons in support of proposal]

Example:

General Proposal

Proposal:

The ACYOA Programming Committee recommends that the Central Council re-institute the two-week trip to Armenia with a focus on older ACYOA members as participants.

Rationale:

The success of the Armenian Studies Program has been proven over the years by its increased participation. We feel this program would benefit those in the working world and help to perpetuate our cultural, faith and heritage.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT SUBMITTED TO THE 1988 GENERAL
ASSEMBLY BY THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:
ADD THE FOLLOWING:

ARTICLE 10, SECTION 14

THE ACYOA EXECUTIVE SECRETARY SHALL HAVE A NON-TRANSFERABLE
RIGHT OF VOICE AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ACYOA CONSTITUTION
SUBMITTED BY THE ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT:
AMENDMENT TO BE NAMED: ARTICLE 12, SECTION 5**

A detailed report , including financial records shall be kept by the Host Chapter. The reports and event proceeds shall be sent to the Central Council within ninety days of the event.

If written request is received by the Central Council before the deadline, the Central Council may extend the deadline by no more than an additional ninety days at their discretion.

The Bayside chapter of the ACYOA submits the following proposals to the 1988 General Assembly:

Proposal #1:

TO CONVENE THE ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY ANNUALLY ON THE FIRST WEEKEND OF MARCH.

Presently:

The Assembly is convened on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday prior to the Sports Weekend.

Proposal #2:

TO CHANGE SECTION 17-22 OF THE ACYOA RULES OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AND OR ITS REPRESENTATIVES SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SELECTING THE SITE OF AND ORGANIZING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Presently:

All requests for the site of the next General Assembly shall be submitted no later than sixty days before the Annual Assembly to the Central Council, which shall examine the possibility of each site. The Council shall submit to the Assembly a list of appropriate sites for the next Assembly. The Assembly shall select its next site from the list submitted by the Central Council.

RATIONAL:

- 1) Moving the Assembly to a weekend will allow more chapters to be represented by their most qualified delegates. Chapter chairmen and delegates are more likely to be able to make themselves available during the weekend than having to take off from work and or school to attend during the week.
- 2) The smaller scale of the event will allow it to be held where ACYOA chapters are week or non existent with the potential of bringing new enthusiasm and support to the chapter.

- 3) The smaller scale of the Assembly will also give small chapters an opportunity to host the Assembly, where only large chapters (such as Providence, Detroit and Wynnewood) have taken on the Assembly and Sports Weekend in the past.
- 4) The size and nature of the Assembly will allow for more interaction between delegates and clergy resulting in a stronger organization.

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

PROPOSAL TO THE 1987 ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY SUBMITTED BY THE ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL

PROPOSAL:

Be it proposed in accordance with Article 12, Section 3 of the ACYOA Constitution, that a Guidelines Committee be formed to develop guidelines for an Annual ACYOA National Ball. The Guidelines Committee will submit a report and proposals to the 1988 General Assembly. The Committee shall consist of four delegates (one of these shall be a Central Council member).

RATIONALE:

ACYOA Anniversary Balls have been held sporadically in the past without formal guidelines. Increased confusion by Host Chapters has been noted. During the past decade very few Balls have taken place, primarily due to poor publicity, poor attendance regionally and lack of sufficient guidelines. It would seem that a single National Ball would be appropriate given these considerations. A Standing Committee of the 1987 Assembly would create the necessary guidelines as mandated by the Constitution. The Committee would report to the 1988 General Assembly for action on it's proposal.



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

PROPOSAL TO THE 1987 ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO AMEND THE ACYOA CONSTITUTION SUBMITTED BY THE ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL

**THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OFFERS THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT FOR
ASSEMBLY DISCUSSION IF THE PROPOSAL TO HOLD THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY ON PRESIDENT'S WEEKEND PASSES.**

AMENDMENT:

Article 13, Section 1 shall read: The fiscal year shall be from January first to December thirty-first.

PRESENTLY:

Article 13, Section 1 reads: The fiscal year shall be from July first to June thirtieth.

ADDITIONAL

With acceptance of the above amendment, Article 5, Section 2 would read: Dues become delinquent with the start of the third quarter of the fiscal year (July 1st).

This amendment shall be effective on January 1, 1987. 8

Elections for Central Council, Nominating Committee, and Auditing Committee shall take place as usual during the February, 1988 Assembly. This would reduce the terms of current and newly elected Council members to 1 1/2 years and Nominating and Auditing Committees to 6 months.



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RATIONALE:

If the General Assembly convenes during February, the ACYOA will be better served with a fiscal year ending on December 31st.

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PROPOSAL TO THE 1988 ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO AMEND THE ACYOA CONSTITUTION

AMENDMENT:

Article 13, Section 1 shall read:

The fiscal year shall be from January first to December thirty-first.

PRESENTLY:

Article 13, Section 1 reads:

The fiscal year shall be from July first to June thirtieth.

ADDITIONAL:

This amendment shall be effective on January 1, 198⁹.

RATIONALE:

The present fiscal year is often confusing, particularly in terms of dues collection and eligibility to participate in the National Sports Weekend.

PROPOSAL TO THE 1988 ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO AMEND THE ACYOA CONSTITUTION

AMENDMENT:

Article 5, Section 2 shall read:

Annual dues for ACYOA members shall be designated by the General Assembly. One-half of the amount shall be sent to the ACYOA Central Council Treasurer. The minimum annual dues shall be ten dollars (\$10.00). Dues must be forwarded to the Central Council Treasurer within the calendar year. ~~After becoming delinquent, dues will be considered as not paid.~~

PRESENTLY:

Article 5, Section 2 reads:

Annual dues for ACYOA members shall be designated by the General Assembly. One-half of the amount shall be sent to the ACYOA Central Council Treasurer. The minimum annual dues shall be ten dollars (\$10.00). Dues become delinquent with the start of the third quarter of the fiscal year (January 1st).

RATIONALE:

This amendment will make dues collection and payment easier, as the chapters and Central Council will be working with calendar year dates.

To be considered a member of the national ACYOA, it is still in the best interests of individuals and chapters to pay dues early in the calendar year.

PROPOSAL TO THE 1990 ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

PRESENTED BY THE WORCESTER ACYOA

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 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.