

SECOND SESSION - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1988

INVOCATION:

The second session of the 1988 ACYOA General Assembly was called to order by Chairman David Onanian at 9:06 am. The Primate led the Assembly in the opening prayer service. Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston), Aren Jebejian (Boca Raton) and Vahe Baboonian (NNJ) assisted in the prayer service.

ROLL CALL:

Laurie Batek (Assembly Secretary) called the roll. The Chair asked that all those present today who were not present yesterday, to stand and introduce themselves.

The Primate suggested and the Chair supported that all delegates follow the Rules of Procedure and speak clearly.

Armand Paboojian (Watertown), Assistant Parliamentarian, reviewed the Rules of Procedure.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION - VOLUNTEERISM:

The Chair introduced Greg Arpajian (Cleveland) who presented a program on Volunteerism. Greg pointed out that its through leadership theories and motivational skills that encourage people to participate in greater ways.

APPOINTMENT OF ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES:

The Chair made the following appointments to the Assembly Committees:

Budget Committee

Greg Arpajian (Cleveland) - Chairman
Roseann Manoogian (Detroit)
maritza Armegian (Greenfield)
Nora Ovassapian (Evanston)
Gilbert DeMirjian (Wynnewood)
Paul Kazanjian (Watertown)
Jack Mehlbaum (Wynnewood)
Melina Spinuzza (CC)

Proposals Committee

Rich Mardirosian (Hartford) Chairman
Lucine Baronian (Bayside)
Tamara Kabadian
John Sahakian (Washington)
John Megrdochian (Providence)
Valerie Pisani (Westchester)
Armand Paboojian (Watertown)
Scott Najarian (CC)

Greg Kunkunian (Wash.)

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Constitutional Amendments

Rob Shangochian (Worcester) Chairman
Edward Marootian (Cambridge)
David Onanian (Houston)
Vahe Baboornian (NNJ)
Mark Jorjorian (Worcester)
Harry Tutunjian (Watervliet)
Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston)
Michael Yapchaian

Resolutions and Courtesies

John Norian (Detroit) Chairman
Ruth Simon (Cambridge)
Andrew Martaian (NNJ)
Melanie Mikaelian (Boca Raton)
Sarkis Berberian (Wynnewood)
Dan Shadbegian (Watertown)
Fr. Haik Donikian (Detroit)

Programming

Anoush Khachoyan (Hartford) Chairman
Lisa Aurslanian (Cleveland)
Ani Kantzebedian (Dallas)
Laura Negosian (Detroit)
Susan Brewster (Hartford)
Sonya Gasparian (Providence)
James Hardy
Diane Guederian (Westchester)
Robert Haroutounian (Western Queens)
~~Greg Koukounian (Washington)~~

Religious Programming

Susie Ashjian (Westchester) Chairman
Phillip Karayan (Cleveland)
Dawn Maksud (Greenfield)
Greg Doudoukjian (NNJ)
Aren Jebejian (Boca Raton)
Arpie Koukounian (Cambridge)
Randy Dagley (Watertown)
Fr. Papken Anoushian

Inter-Diocesan

Laurie Onanian (Watertown) Chairman
Myles Couyoumjian (Detroit)
Jack Shahbazian (Houston)
Hovig Heghinian (Watervliet)
Lisa Manookian (CC)
Paulette Kasparian (WD)
Darlene Ouzoumian (WD)
Fr. Haigazoun Najarian

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS ASSEMBLY SESSION:

The minutes from the First Session were passed out to all delegates. Additions and corrections were made. Anoush Khachoyan (Hartford) made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Daniel Shadbegian (Watertown) seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

INDIVIDUAL CHAPTER REPORTS:

Doug Tashjian (Executive Secretary) explained the procedure for the presentation of the chapter reports. Doug also pointed out that the purpose of presenting these reports is to give the opportunity to exchange information and ideas.

The reports are as follows:

BAYSIDE was presented by Lucine Baronian. Lucine explained that the Bayside is a large parish without a priest at the present time. The main goal of the Bayside ACYOA Chapter is increased membership. They would also like to start functions with the neighboring Western Queens Chapter.

BOCA RATON was presented by Aren Jebejian. Aren mentioned that their parish is one of the newest and fastest growing in the Diocese. Their chapter started 2 years ago and with the building of a new church, membership has grown from 10 to 35.

CAMBRIDGE was presented by Edward Marootian. The Chapter is presently working on a goal of consolodation. All of their programs have been expanding and for the first time last Spring, they hosted the Archbishops Tournament along with the Diocesan Assembly.

CLEVELAND was presented by Greg Arpajian. This chapter presently has 30 members. They have hosted various successful functions and their future goal is to get more of their members to participate.

The Chair called a 5 minute recess at 10:17 am.

The Asembly reconvened at 10:25 am.

DETROIT was presented by Laura Negosian. This Chapter has 60 active members. Detroit sponsored last years General Assembly and Sports Weekend as well as many other social and church functions.

EVANSTON was presented by Melina Spinuzza. This Chapter has 46 dues paid members. One of their goals is to get more people involved. They have hosted various functions throughout the year as well.

GREENFIELD was presented by Maritza Armagian. This Chapter is newly formed and includes 12 members. Their mainly consisted of hosting social events and serving their parish. They are now planning a Christian Leadership Program due to be held in October.

HARTFORD was presented by Rich Mardirosian. The Hartford Chapter is an active community with a rising membership. Three years ago they started out with 9 members and now they have expanded to 27. Many of its members are activley involved in church procedures, as well as cultural, religious and recreational activities.

HOUSTON was presented by Fr. Nersess Jebejian. Fr. Nersess thanked Doug Tashjian (Executive Secretary) for coming to Texas and facing the immigrant youth as well as forming 2 new chapters.

David Onanian (Houston) pointed out the importance of forming an active group in Houston. Their future goal is to double and triple in size.

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY was presented by Greg Doudoukjian. The NNJ Chapter consists of 5 parishes. Some goals include starting religious committee for educational and spiritual activities such as Bible Studies. They also have had a number of various social functions.

PROVIDENCE was presented by Stephanie Masoian. This past year has been spent preparing and working hard for this years General Assembly and Sports Weekend. The Providence Chapter has also kept up with their regular activities including the annual Christmas Dance.

The Chair momentarily intervened to introduce Fr. Garen Gdjanian, pastor of the Watervliet Parish.

RACINE - Chapter was not represented.

SPRINGFIELD - Chapter was not represented.

TRUMBLE - Chapter was not represented.

WASHINGTON was presented by Greg Kumkumian. This Chapter consists of about 30 members. They have hosted a number of various functions. The core of their active members concentrates on volunteering in their community. Greg made special thanks to their pastor for his assistance and support.

WATERTOWN was presented by Daniel Shadbegian. This Chapter consists of about 67 members with full support of their parish council and pastor. Their goals include increasing their membership by 20%, forming a hospitality group, building a strong communication system and offering rides to college students.

WATERVLIEF was presented by Harry Tutunjian. This Chapter started out in January of 1987 with 7 members and presently reports 30 members. They have hosted a number of functions. And their future goal is to develop some type of cultural program after church on a regular basis.

WESTCHESTER was presented by Suzie Ashjian. This Chapter presently has about 24 members with a goal of recruiting many more. They have hosted a number of events and are planning a Christian Leadership Weekend in the near future.

WESTERN QUEENS was presented by Robert Haroutounian. This is a newly formed Chapter with 8 members. They have had 3 major cultural events since officially becoming a chapter in March of this year. And their goal is boosting their membership by presenting and publicizing more of their functions in Armenian.

WORCESTER was presented by Rob Shamgochian. This Chapter has 30 active members. The various events they have hosted in the past year have all drawn large attendance. Their goals include developing more collegiate programs.

WYNNEWOOD was presented by Sarkis Berberian. This Chapter includes 36 members with 10 active members. They have attended various national functions as well as hosted a number of events. Their goals include increased membership.

REPORT OF THE NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL COMMITTEE:

The Chair asked Rich Mardirosian (Hartford), Chairman of the New England Regional Committee to present their report. Rich pointed out that the ACYOA as a whole nationally has needs and that the formation of this committee would help fulfill those needs. A regional conference was held on April 9 of this year with the election of a committee to work with Central Council. Rich introduced the newly elected committee:

John Megrđichian (Providence) Vice Chairman
Linda Minassian (Providence)
Armand Paboojian (Watertown)
Steve Sarkissian (Watertown)
Harry Tutunjian (Watervliet)
Tony Barsamian (Worcester)

The committees accomplishments include the birth of the Trumble and New Britain Chapters, helping to strengthen Springfield and a New England Regional Newsletter. Rich also thanked Doug Tashjian (Executive Secretary) and all the New England Regional Chapters for their support.

CENTRAL COUNCIL REPORT:

The Chair introduced and welcomed Central Council Chairman Scott Najarian

(Worcester). The report was reviewed page by page and various typographical changes were made to the report.

Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston) made a motion to accept the Central Council report as amended at a later date during the assembly along with its financial report. Armand Paboojian (Watertown) seconded the motion. Two thirds majority accepted the motion.

The Chair asked the Central Council and the Executive Secretary to stand and be recognized.

ADDRESS OF THE PRIMATE:

The Primate addressed the Assembly.

The Chair asked for approval by acclamation that the Primate's address be disseminated to all Armenian youth of the Diocese.

The Chair entertained a motion to recess. Greg Arpajian made a motion to recess. Aren Jebejian (Boca Raton) seconded the motion. The Assembly recessed at 12:24 pm.

THIRD SESSION - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1988

CALL TO ORDER:

The Third Session of the 1988 ACYOA General Assembly was called to order by Assembly Chairman David Onanian at 3:15 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Laurie Batek (Assembly Secretary) called the roll.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS SESSION:

The Chair entertained a motion to suspend the agenda and present the minutes of the previous Assembly session at a later date.

Phillip Karayan (Cleveland) motioned this suggestion. Anoush Khachoyan (Hartford) seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Each committee Chairman presented their reports along with their recommendations.

The Chair momentarily intervened to acknowledge the presence of Fr. Hovnan Derderian from the Canadian Diocese.

The Chair at this time also welcomed the following clergy: Fr. Mampre Kouzouian (Cambridge), Fr. Papken Maksoudian (Cambridge), Fr. and Dr. Krikor Maksoudian (Arlington) and Fr. Nourhan Manougian (Springfield).

All recommendations will be distributed to the Assembly members before the next session.

ADDRESS OF THE ACYOA EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

Executive Secretary, Doug Tashjian, addressed the Assembly.

Aren's Barsamian, former acting Exec. Secretary addressed the Assembly

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT- ELECTIONS:

The Chair called upon Aren Jebejian (Boca Raton) to give the nominating committees report:

Central Council	Suzie Ashjian (Westchester) Laura Negosian (Detroit) Laurie Onanian (Watertown)
Auditing Committee	Sarah Andonian (Detroit) Gregory Arpajian (Cleveland) Greg Sarayderian (Bayside) Roseann Manoogian (Detroit)
Nominating Committee	Rich Mardirosian (Hartford) Lucine Baronian (Bayside) Ben Sarayderian (Bayside) Harry Tutunjian (Watervliet)

The Chair opened the floor for nominations by the Assembly members.

Fr. Baret Yeretian (Providence) made a motion to close nominations for Central Council. Greg Doudoukjian (NNJ) seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Paul Kazanjian (Watertown) made a motion to close nominations for the nominating committee. Jack Shahbazian (Houston) seconded the motion. A motion was passed.

Daniel Shadbegian (Watertown) made a motion to close nominations for the auditing committee. Armand Paboojian (Watertown) seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

The Chair entertained a motion to suspend the rule of having a double slate. Fr. Baret Yeretian (Providence) made a motion to suspend the rule of having a double slate. Fr. Haigazoun Najarian (NY) seconded the motion. A motion was passed.

ADDRESS OF THE WESTERN AND CANADIAN DIOCESE REPRESENTATIVES:

Fr. Hovnan Derderian from the Diocese of Canada addressed the Assembly.

Paulette Kasparian, ACYOA Central Council Chairman of the Western Diocese addressed the Assembly.

Greg Doudoukjian made a point of accidentally omitting the Livingston parish as part of their Chapter in Northern New Jersey.

The Chair entertained a motion to recess. Edward Marootian (Cambridge) made a motion to recess. Greg Doudoukjian (NNJ) seconded the motion.

The Assembly recessed at 5:43 pm.