

A.C.Y.O.A. GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROPOSALS AND AMENDMENTS

The following amendments and proposals were PASSED at the 1981 ACYOA General Assembly convened in Chicago, Illinois on September 2 - 4. They now await the action and approval of the Primate and Diocesan Council.

AMENDMENT:

Article 10 GENERAL ASSEMBLY - Section 9

The Chairman and Secretary of the General Assembly shall be elected from among the delegates by plurality vote. Those receiving the next highest number of votes shall be designated as the Vice Chairman and Assistant Secretary.

(amended to read)

The Chairman of the General Assembly shall be elected from among the delegates by plurality vote. The one receiving the next highest number of votes shall be designated as the Vice Chairman. THE CENTRAL COUNCIL SHALL SECURE A COMPETENT SECRETARY TO RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

PROPOSALS:

That the Diocesan Council be requested, if they see fit, to prepare appropriate amendments to the Diocesan Bylaws whereby the ACYOA may have participation in the Diocesan Assembly, having both voice and vote.

That the ACYOA develop and produce Audio-Visual Educational Programs.
(Accepted in committee report).

That the ACYOA continue the Youth Camp Program.
(Accepted in committee report).

That the ACYOA continue the Armenian Studies Program.
(Accepted in committee report).

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE
CONSTITUTION OF THE ACYOA**

The ACYOA Central Council proposes that Article 5, Section 1 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

The initiation fee and 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. Dues become delinquent with the start of the fiscal year (January 1). Should the General Assembly designate that annual dues be set at zero (\$0.00) dollars, "dues-paid membership" for purposes of this Constitution shall be determined through membership registration as prescribed by Central Council.



Article 5, Section 1 currently reads as follows:

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 fiscal year (January 1st).



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PROPOSAL

The ACYOA Central Council moves that following Proposal:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the ACYOA General Assembly confirms the use of the 1992 Palm Sunday Collection as revenues in lieu of the individual collection of membership dues for 1992 and hereby directs Central Council to refrain from the further collection of membership dues for 1992.



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PROPOSAL

The ACYOA Central Council moves that following Proposal:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the ACYOA General Assembly hereby designates that Annual Dues for Fiscal Year 1993 shall be zero (\$0.00) dollars.

GENERAL PROPOSAL
FOR
GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ACYOA
BAYSIDE, NY
SEPTEMBER 2 - 4, 1992

SUBMITTED BY ST. JAMES ACYOA, WATERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS

PROPOSAL

The St. James ACYOA of Watertown proposes that the Central Council of the ACYOA shall prepare a detailed quarterly report describing all Council visitations, their purposes and accomplishments. A general description of Council meetings, including a brief outline of items discussed, status of these items and other actions taken on them should also be forwarded.

These reports shall encompass all Central Council meetings, visitations and other activities in order to improve communication between the Council and the Chapters. Finally, these quarterly reports shall include a detailed list of expenses incurred from the meetings, visitations and activities.

Copies of these reports shall be sent to each Chapter Chairperson.

RATIONALE

The main reason for this proposal is to provide each Chapter with a brief synopsis of the Central Council's meetings, visitations and activities. This proposal is preferred in order to maintain a sound, working relationship between the Central Council and each Chapter. The Chapters of the ACYOA are entitled to this information. We believe that this proposal can only improve communications between the Central Council and each Chapter and also clarify any questions or concerns that a Chapter may have for the Central Council.

Presented by the Bayside ACYOA

Proposal:

To make all parishes of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern) and all parishes of the Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America (Eastern) eligible to participate in the Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament.

Rational:

The primary purpose of the Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Award is for the perpetuation of Armenian good will, fellowship and sportsmanship among the youth of the parishes of the Armenian Church.

“Who was right and who was wrong fifty-nine years ago is no longer relevant. What matters today is that all sides are right in seeking the well-being of the Armenian people. And all Armenians of goodwill are in clear agreement that Church unity is essential for that well-being.”

Bishop Khajag Barsamian, 1992 Diocesan Assembly, Florida

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PROPOSED: ARTICLE 10 - SECTION 4 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

PRESENTLY: THE PRESIDENT OF EACH CHAPTER SHALL BE AN EX-OFFICIO DELEGATE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITH THE POWERS OF AN ELECTED DELEGATE.

PROPOSED CHANGE: ALL CLERGY WITHIN THE DIOCESE ALONG WITH EACH PRESIDENT OF EACH CHAPTER SHALL BE AN EX-OFFICIO DELEGATE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITH THE POWERS OF AN ELECTED DELEGATE.

RATIONALE: ALL CLERGY WITH OR WITHOUT AN A.C.Y.O.A. CHAPTER TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

BENEFIT: TO MOTIVATE THE YOUTH AND UNDERSTAND THE YOUTH IN THEIR RESPECTIVE PARISHES. WITH THE ADDITIONAL INSIGHT BY ATTENDING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO CREATE AN A.C.Y.O.A. CHAPTER IN THEIR PARISH TO KEEP THE YOUTH TOGETHER.

**ST. DAVID ARMENIAN CHURCH - A.C.Y.O.A.
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PROPOSED: ARTICLE 10 - SECTION 15 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

PRESENTLY: THERE IS NOT AN ARTICLE AT THIS TIME.

PROPOSED ADDITION: THE ST. NERSESS SEMINARIANS TO HAVE AN ELECTED DELEGATE AMONGST THEMSELVES TO ATTEND THE A.C.Y.O.A. GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS AN EX-OFFICO DELEGATE WITH A RIGHT TO VOICE.

RATIONALE: THE SEMINARIANS AT ST. NERSESS WILL BE THE NEXT PRIESTS OF OUR PARISHES. MANY OF THE SEMINARIANS BELONGED TO AND HAVE GROWN UP WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE A.C.Y.O.A. CHAPTERS IN THEIR OWN PARISH. THEY WILL BRING THEIR GOOD IDEAS AND INSIGHTS TO PASS ALONG TO THE REST OF THE DELEGATES AND PARISH PRIESTS AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

BENEFIT: THE SEMINARIANS WILL BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE AND RELATE TO A.C.Y.O.A.'S NEEDS. THEY WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO AID IN THE FORMATION OF THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH AND CHURCH ORGANIZATION. THEREBY ATTENDING THEY THEMSELVES WILL HAVE AN INSIGHT INTO THE A.C.Y.O.A.'S GOALS AND ASPIRATIONS. THE SEMINARIANS KNOWING THEIR OWN GOALS WILL BE ABLE TO BETTER AID THEIR FUTURE A.C.Y.O.A. CHAPTER AS THE PRESIDENT, TO ACHIEVE HIGHER GOALS.

PROPOSALS SUBMITTED AT 1994 ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1

PROPOSAL: Rebates for eligible ACYOA events (as outlined in the ACYOA Membership Handbook) shall be distributed before the conclusion of the event. Seed \$ shall be returned to Central Council before the conclusion of the event.

Rationale: To accelerate the reimbursement process and the closing of the books for auditing purposes.

Yes

2

PROPOSAL: ACYOA Central Council will provide a \$20 rebate to all ACYOA members who are also full-time students with a valid ID and letter from Parish Priest (or Parish Council Chair in the absence of a Parish Priest) confirming service to the church. This rebate will be given to the first 25 eligible applicants. Names of recipients will remain confidential.

Rationale: To encourage participation of students in ACYOA events and in their own parishes.

Yes

3

PROPOSAL: ACYOA Central Council will allocate \$1,000 for the purpose of package plan reimbursement for ACYOA members to any National ACYOA events. These will be up to \$100 per person, per event, not to exceed the cost of the event, with members eligible to receive only one award per year. No more than five awards will be given for any one event. These reimbursements will be awarded on the basis of financial need, and service to the church as confirmed by Parish Priest (or Parish Council Chair in the absence of a Parish Priest). Names of recipients will remain confidential.

Rationale: To encourage participation in ACYOA events by those members who may otherwise be unable to participate due to financial constraints, and to encourage service to the church.

Yes

4

PROPOSAL: Any dues-paid member of a parish is eligible for automatic membership in ACYOA, as well as all rights and privileges pertaining to ACYOA membership.

Rationale: To encourage ACYOA members to become dues-paid members of their parishes.

Yes

PROPOSALS SUBMITTED AT 1994 ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#5

PROPOSAL: For any year in which there are no chapters bidding on General Assembly, ACYOA Central Council may convene General Assembly in conjunction with Sports Weekend, in the same location, with ACYOA Central Council sponsoring the event.

Rationale: To ensure well-organized and well-participated national events.

#6

PROPOSAL: To restore the per diem allowance of \$12 for meals for ACYOA Central Council members on official Council business, and to increase the amount for mileage reimbursement to .25 cents per mile.

Rationale: To update ACYOA policies and make a recommendations based upon 1993-1994 Council's experience.

#7

PROPOSAL: News releases about ACYOA/ACYOA Central Council must be submitted to ACYOA Central Council for approval and distribution.

RATIONALE: To ensure a positive image for ACYOA.

#8

PROPOSAL: ACYOA Central Council will hire a Chapter Programming Coordinator. ACYOA Central Council will petition the Primate and Diocesan Council for funding for this position. *with ACYOA raising funding ~~from~~ to establish this position*

RATIONALE: To develop and support implementation of programs and to serve as a resource for ACYOA Council and Chapters. This position will report to ACYOA Central Council on its findings and progress, and assist Council in profiling each Chapter and determining their specific needs.

Tabled

Constitutional Amendment Proposal:

Article 5: Last section of 1 should be deleted. The following should be added:

Dues will be collected from January 1 through March 31. Due become delinquent on April 1. Paying dues during this time frame determines representation at the General Assembly and entitles one to all the right and privileges pertaining to membership for the respective calendar year.

Delete Section 2.

Proposal: In 1996, the National Sports Weekend and General Assembly will be reunited. The events will begin on the Thursday evening prior to Sports Weekend.
Rational: To lessen the financial burden and encourage participation in the General Assembly and Sports Weekend.

Proposed Process for Printing Hye Hokin

1. ACYOA CC appoints Hye Hokin Editor and Board to collect and edit articles
2. Send to the attention of the Primate for His or staff review
3. Document returned to editorial board following approval by the Primate
(The Chancellor intervenes if there are issues)
4. Document is typeset and prepared for printing by editorial board
5. Printing is the sole responsibility of the ACYOA Central Council. Council may choose their own printer who will directly bill them accordingly
6. Inform Department of Development (Rev. Dr. Keith Muhleman) of expected mailing, class of mail, number of pieces to be mailed and mailing date. Department of Development will determine amount for mailing and inform ACYOA Central Council so that they may prepare a check to cover costs for postage
7. ACYOA takes prepared mailing to Post Office and fills out proper forms
8. Hye Hokin is mailed