

THE OFFICIAL PRAYER

OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH

ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

O Lord our Saviour Jesus Christ, Who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, give us, the youth of the Church of Armenia, we beseech You, the wisdom to know, to love, and serve You in our personal lives severally, and in the corporate life of our Organization.

You that lead men in the way, lead us, Your children, that we may be able to serve the Church through our people, with courage and vision, and in the faith of our illustrious forefathers. Inspire us, O Lord, and open our eyes to Your light, that we may cherish and profit by the heritage which our forefathers have left to us, and that we may be aware of our responsibilities as citizens of our beloved country, the United States of America (or Canada).

Fill us, O Christ our God, with Your Holy Spirit, that we may be the obedient and unselfish servants of the Will of our Heavenly Father, to Whom, together with You and the Holy Spirit, is befitting Glory, Dominion and Honor, now and always and unto the ages of ages. AMEN.

THE PLEDGE

OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

"I solomly promise and declare upon my honor, that as a member of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America, I shall, to the best of my ability, be a faithful member of the Armenian Church; shall be a devoted upholder of the Armenian cultural heritage; shall be a loyal citizen of the United States of America (or Canada); and I shall diligently abide by the objects, policies and decisions of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America. I shall not strive for personal recognition and pleasure, but will serve our Church, our community and our country, for the greater glory of God.

(2) PARISH MISSION PROGRAM:

Once a very popular and meaningful program of the ACYOA, the Mission Program fell out of use during the period when the ACYOA was experiencing organizational difficulties. The Mission Program was one that had been neglected, but has recently been given a chance to once again provide the opportunity for ACYOA members to experience it.

The Mission Program consists of a team of 4-5 members, headed by a clergyman, who visit a designated parish for one week. During this period, the team presents various programs to parish, seminars, bible study, cultural activities, as well as visit the elderly, the sick, the shut-ins, etc. Meetings with Church Organizations, especially the youth, is also a part of the program

Selection of the parish is determined by the Primate, as well as the clergy Team Leaders.

Qualified ACYOA members should be encouraged to apply as members of the Mission Team. They should have a sound knowledge of the Church, have attended ACYOA retreats or St. Nersess Summer Studies Programs, and have the abilities and desire to learn and be teachers as well. Names of qualified persons should be forwarded to the Executive Secretary and Mission Team Leaders for consideration.

(3) ACYOA DAY CELEBRATIONS:

A day selected to celebrate the meaning of the National Youth Organization of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America - the ACYOA. Local Chapters sponsor various events or activities to bring to the general local Armenian Community (and non-Armenian community) the importance of the local chapter - especially within the context of the parish.

Palm Sunday has become the custom in many parishes to celebrate the meaning of the ACYOA. Many times a banquet format is used with guest speakers and presenting of awards to outstanding members of the chapter, parish or community at large.

Suggested formats include: banquets, guest speakers, cultural exhibits, receptions, as well as dances and festivals. Chapters with varying facilities will be limited to what is available to them.

A guideline with suggestions will be published for the chapters to use as a reference.

(4) LECTURE - DISCUSSION PROGRAMS:

Yet to be a specified program of the ACYOA, this particular program might well fill the gap in most chapters in the areas of education and awareness. These lectures and discussion might be not only for chapter membership, but open to the parish at large. The intent would be for the chapter to schedule some type of educational activity a few times a year.

Suggestions include: Guest lecturers, panel discussions, debates and films.

GENERAL INFORMATION ON ACYOA ASSEMBLY AND NATIONAL SPORTS WEEKEND

[Note: The Host Committee Chairman, along with the specific area coordinators should be informed on the following items, as it concerns their area of responsibility.]

- 1. All facilities to be used during the ACYOA Assembly should be prepared and ready by 6 p.m. on Wednesday.
- 2. Any audio-visual equipment needed (i.e. slide projector, over-head projector, screens, etc.) should also be available at that time.
- 3. Microphones should be set up at the following places:
 - + At podium on head table (dais).
 - + At floor podium located just to the left of the head table.
 - + On head table where the Primate will sit.
 - + In the middle isle of the Assembly floor for delegate use.
- 4. Take note of floor diagrams for Assembly and Awards Banquet halls.
- 5. Immediately after the Assembly, or at 3 p.m. on Friday afternoon, a transitional ACYOA Central Council meeting will take place. A suitable meeting room should be provided.
- 6. During the Assembly, places for sub-committees to meet should be provided (figure on needing 5 meeting places).
- 7. If possible, any and all refreshments for meetings, receptions, etc. should be handled by the Host Committee, and not the hotel (since they charge much too much for this service).
- 8. During the Assembly, water pitchers and glasses should be provided. It has become a custom of late to have plastic cups filled with candies on the tables of the Assembly hall.
- 9. Clear and readable signs of the participating chapters should be made and placed at the tables on some type of stand. The signs should be visible and readable from both the front and the rear of the Assembly hall.
- 10. Typewriters and typists should be available on Thursday and Friday of the Assembly. Good typewriters (3 should do) are more important than typists. Copying machines are also necessary.
- 11. Information on places to eat dinner or snacks should be made available.
- 12. A proper and suitable room should be available for the Primate in the hotel. The Primate needs a large room, since he sometimes arranges meetings, etc. where he stays. In addition, and take special note, proper security for the Primate is a necessity. Local police authorities should be alerted that the head of the Armenian Church in America will be in the area for weekend.

- 13. A general registration talbe should be set up in the hotel lobby for in coming guests both for the Assembly and the Weekend.

 Clear and 'impossible to misunderstand' information and directions should be made available (i.e. places to eat expensive and inexpensive how to get to the sports facilities, where the Assembly is to take place, etc.
 - IT HAS TO BE CLEAR, NOT TOO MUCH TO READ LIKE THIS SHEET YOU'RE READING.....or you'll have alot of people asking alot of unnecessary questions.
- 14. A table for "delegate registration" should be set up outside the Assembly hall for the delegates. The Central Council will handle delegate registration.
- Do try to maintain the scheduled itineary....meaning that when a bus is suppose to leave, or a game is to begin, or a banquet is to start IT DOES. Deviating from your schedule can and will lead to bigger problems.
- 16. Be in touch with the Executive Secretary regarding all unusual matters.

 Keep him informed when problems arise at any point during the Weekend.

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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

April 16, 1983

TO:

Parish Priests, Parish Council Chairmen, ACYOA

Chapter Chairmen, and ACYOA Members

FROM:

ACYOA Central Council Chairperson

SUBJECT: 1983 ACYOA Leadership Seminar

Please be advised that the 1983 ACYOA Leadership Seminar will take place on Saturday, May 7, 1983, at the site of the Annual Diocesan Assembly, The Marriott Oakbrook, 1401 W. 22nd Street, Oakbrook, Illinois.

The Seminar is designed for the officers of the Executive Boards of the ACYOA chapters as well as for the general ACYOA membership. All interested people are encouraged to attend and learn more about group dynamincs, methods of organization and how to make meetings work. This is an opportunity to exchange ideas and discuss any areas of concern with members from other chapters. An update of the various ongoing programs of the ACYOA on a regional and a national level will also be presented.

The guest speaker for the Seminar will be Howard Hayward, Director of Counseling and Placement at Lewis University in Joliet, Illinois. He will be speaking on "Goals Setting", "Motivation", and "Values."

The itinerary for the day will be:

9:00am - 12:00pm First Seminar Session Howard Hayward
12:00pm - 1:30pm Lunch
1:30pm - 4:00pm Second Seminar Session Central Concil
6:00pm - ? Dinner - details to be announced

Please feel free to contact me if there are any questions at (313)277-1958 (H) or (313)645-0120 (B). Questions can also be directed to Ralph Der Asadourian, Central Council member (312) 234-3951 or Kevin Giragosian, Palos Heights Chapter Chairman (312) 448-1818. I look forward to seeing you soon

Sincerely,

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Susan Mousigian ACYOA Central Council Chairperson



P.S. Information regarding hotel accomodations is enclosed.

Central Council

CHICAGO MARRIOTT HOTEL/OAK BROOK: 1401 West 22nd Street, Oak Brook, Illinois 60521 (312) 325-8555

LOCATION: 25 minutes from downtown Chicago and 20 minutes from O'Hare International Airport, at the intersection of Route 83 and 22nd Street.

350 GUEST ROOMS: 12 stories, individual climate control, color TV, AM/FM radio, telephone and message light.

RESTAURANT/LOUNGE: Fennels, newly designed, light and airy casual dining featuring a wide variety of sumptuous fare. Golden Oyster, a unique dining experience featuring the finest in continental cuisine. Lobby bar, enjoy your favorite cocktail in a cozy setting.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES: Outdoor pool, game room. The Oak Brook Sports Core, equestrian capital of the Midwest, is within walking distance. Marriott's Great America Theme Park is only 40 minutes away. Golf, tennis and racquetball nearby.

MEETING FACILITIES: 18 rooms, the largest accommodating up to 1,800 for receptions, up to 1,100 for banquets. Plus 35 conference suites for up to 18 people.

SHOPS: Gift shop in hotel. World famous Oak Brook Shopping Center is across the street featuring Saks Fifth Avenue, I. Magnin, Neiman Marcus, Lord & Taylor and Sears to mention a few.

SERVICES: Room service, same day cleaning and laundry service, auto rental, photocopy service, safety deposit boxes, babysitters (on request).

SPECIAL PLANS: Escape Plan and Honeymoon Plan available, Family Plan and additional packages may be requested.

TRANSPORTATION: Commercial transportation available from O'Hare International Airport. Complimentary transportation to nearby shopping, golf, tennis and racquetball.

For details, rates and resorvations, call a professional, your travel agent, or toll free: (800) 228-9290.



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

24 May 83

TO:

All Parishes and ACYOA Senior Chapters

SUBJECT:

Administrative Forms and Related Items in Preparation for the ACYOA General Assembly in Toronto, Canada

June 30th marks the end of the ACYOA fiscal year, and with this brings the need for end-of-year reports, membership renewal for fiscal 1983-84, and general preparation for the convening of the ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY, hosted this year by the Toronto ACYOA Chapter of Holy Trinity Armenian Church.

Kindly note the following enclosures:

- 1. ARCHBISHOP'S ESSAY CONTEST:::::Deadline extension to June 30th.

 Guideline enclosed. Please encourage your members to participate.
- 2. SAM NERSESIAN SCHOLARSHIP:::::Deadline extension to June 30th.

 Application enclosed. Please feel free to reproduce the application as necessary. The Scholarship is for any worthy applicant (no age restriction) to attend the St. Nersess Summer Studies Conferences. Scholarship covers the full cost of tution for the entire Conference. [Do not confuse this with the Sam Nersesian Award, described below.]
- 3. SAM NERSESIAN AWARD:::::::::Deadline extension to June 30th.

 Nomination Form enclosed. Pastors and or Chapter Executive Committees may nominate worthy candidates from their particular parish.
- 4. ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT FORM::::::NO EXTENSION DUE JUNE 30th.

 Simplified report form to share with the ACYOA Central Council the various activities of the Chapter over the past year. Facts are compiled for reference purposes. Information is used in selection of Chapter "A" Award recipient.
- 5. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM:::::::May be forwarded with renewal dues as of
 June 30th for those current members who wish to renew their membership for
 the 1983-84 ACYOA fiscal year. [Note change of fee for membership dues.]
 Any member who has not paid for the past year is now considered "new" and must
 pay the new member membership fee (\$4.50). Renewals are not accepted after
 January 1st of the current year. A renewing member has already paid for 1982-83.
- 6. MEMBERSHIP FORM:::::::::::May be used at any time for any new member.
 Please feel free to make copies as you need them.



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7. MONTHLY FACT SHEETS::::::::::::Due the end of each month.

Simplified monthly form to remain in touch with the Executive Secretary and aid in communications....support.....sharing activities and news.... and used in selection of Chapter "A" Award recipient. Information provided on the sheets is also used in the "Here's and There's" section of the Executive Update. If there is little or no news from your Chapter, it is because the Fact Sheets are not sent in.

A few words and considerations:

z. For further clarification on the abovementioned items, consult your ACYOA Chapter Handbook. The last three pages of the Handbook cover the ACYOA Chapter "A" Award Guide for Selection, Sam Nersesian Award and Sam Nersesian Scholarship Guide for Selections. Also in your Handbook you will find other interesting pieces of information. The ACYOA Constitution and ACYOA National Sports Weekend Rules and Regulations are also found there.

If you do not have a copy, there should be one on file at your Parish Office. Copies are available from the Executive Secretary, all of which have been updated and contain the latest information on the ACYOA.

- y. Feel free at any time to call or write your ACYOA Central Council Chairman, Susan Mousigian, or any Council Member if you have any questions. The Executive Secretary is also available if you are unable to contact the Council Members.
- x. Feel free to reproduce parts or all of the Chapter Handbook, or any of the enclosures. This saves time and money and is usually the quickest solution.
- w. A mailing listing of your official delegates for the upcoming ACYOA General Assembly should be forwarded to the Executive Secretary as soon as possible. This will ensure their receiving the necessary materials and information for the various meetings. If a listing is not received at the time of the mailing, all materials will be sent to the Chapter Chairman and Pastor. Consult the Constitution [Article 10] regarding the General Assembly, and how to determine your delegate count, which correlates with your number of members. The ACYOA Central Council reserves the right to approve delegate counts, according to dues payments, and, other outstanding obligations. The General Assembly will open on August 31st and run through September 2nd, immediately followed by the National Sports Weekend all taking place at the Ramada Renaissance in Toronto.
- v. Be aware that all participants in the National Sports Weekend Athletic competitions <u>must</u> be current dues paid members of the ACYOA, on record with the ACYOA Central Council Treasurer. Please see to it that your Chapter is legitimate.

Looking forward to hearing from you, and seeing you at the Assembly/Sports Weekend.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

Executive Secretary - ACYOA

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America



DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10016 212 686-0710

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

25 May 83

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

The Primate has granted a request to change the date of the Council Meeting in Chelmsford, Mass., from July 15-17 to July 8-11. However, His Eminence stated that he will not be able to attend the meeting, and will most probably appoint a clergyman to preside, as is the custom.

We ask that all Council Members make every attempt to be at the Ss. Vartanantz Armenian Church in Chelmsford, Mass. by 8 p.m. on Friday, July 8th. There is a considerable amount of work to be done in preparation for the Annual General Assembly, and beginning Friday evening will ensure our proper review of the various materials and procedures.

To this end, we suggest a suspension of the normal agenda, and will forward a proposed agenda to the Council Chairman shortly.

We hope that all is well, and, that each Regional Representative will make a call to all respective parishes during the first two weeks of June. This call should encourage summer re-organization where necessary, as well as preparations for the Annual Assembly and National Sports Weekend. Arrangements might also be made for local visitations. (Reference "deadline" sheet 1983)

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

Executive Secretary - ACYOA

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

c.c. Primate



DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10016 212 686-0710

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

6 June 83

Dear ACYOA Central Council Members,

During a visitation to the St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church in St. Catherines, Ontario, Canada, the senior age young people organized themselves into the ACYOA Senior Division Chapter for the St. Catherines area. The meeting took place on May 27th at the Church.

In January of this year, a meeting was held with the pastor, the V. Rev. Father Kegham Zakarian, to discuss the possibility and potential of a senior age chapter in his parish. It was agreed that the time might be right, especially in light of the possibility of their convenient participation in the ACYOA General Assembly and National Sports Weekend taking place an hour's drive away in Toronto.

Thus, steps were taken to compile a mailing list and invite the young people to an introductory meeting on May 27th with the Executive Secretary. They soon illustrated their eagerness to form a chapter and begin sponsoring activities. Some had been involved with the Junior Chapter. They were informed of the proper procedures, and soon decided on officers:

SONYA HACETOGLU - Chairman
215 Glenridge Avenue #1401, St. Catherines, ONT L2T 3J7
JULIE SARKISIAN - Treasurer
5 Juliana Crescent, St. Catherines, ONT L2N 4B6
HAMEST KUDERIAN - Secretary
44 Forester, St. Catherines, ONT L2N 5Z8

The small group is anxious to contact the other young people of the parish to begin sponsoring activities and become involved with the community and ACYOA in general. They have a potential for 12-18 members.

Father Kegham will write a letter stating that a meeting has taken place, and requesting recognition and acceptance into the National Organization, as is proper procedure. We should make an effort to encourage this small, but energetic, group. Again we are faced with the situation of a chapter forming during the year, and the question of their participation in the Assembly and National Sports Weekend. Perhaps the issue is moot, and our concerns should be on encouragement and facilitation rather than legalities.

Kindly keep this in mind during out next meeting.

Sincerely yours

JAMES MACARIAN

Executive Secretary - ACYOA

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Dear ACYOA Central Council Members.

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To keep you informed regarding this year's edition of the ACYOA Armenian Studies Programs, here's the latest:

Program #1 - Capacity filled - 23 participants and 2 staff members. Average age is about 21, balanced male/female ratio. Will depart for Armenia on June 16th after orientation, luncheon, Cathedral Tour and reception with the Primate at the Diocesan Center that afternoon.

A dilemma continues to exist regarding the participation of the Western Diocese ACYO (California). Much clarification is needed on the Diocesan level. This year they had planned to participate as usual, reserving 5 spots. They then wanted to secure more spots, or "as many as they could have" based on their participants. Not granted due to our needs. They then tried to form their own group and tour (without informing us of their intentions), and met with many problems and difficulties resulting in their aborting this effort. They they wanted to rejoin our group, but we had long since filled our quotas. They then said that they had received confirmation from Holy Etchmiadzin that more participants could be accommodated, and that their participants would only "travel" with our group, and not actually be a "part" of it. In addition, we had turned down serveral potential participants because of the 25 person limit, which has always been in effect. Now, our two group leaders have 29 persons to be responsible for, 6 of which did not contribute to the overall costs of this program. Needless to say, the passage of the entire group through the Soviet Union will be nothing less than a major hassle, due to the addition of the 6 who were not part of the original list requesting visas, accommodations, transfers, etc., etc. Pray for our group leaders who will need a great deal of patience. Indeed a strange course of events with more to come.

<u>Program #2</u> - 41 requests for applications and information - 9 actual applications received - too few to form our own group. Letters sent informing and referring the applicants to our regular travel agent for possible inclusion in a commercial tour with the same group rates and similar itinerary. Many others stated that they were interested, but the timing was not good for them.

<u>Program #3 - 25 requests for applications and information - 3 applications received</u> and they were informed of same. Adverse public opinion regarding continued Middle East conflicts, as well as controversies involving our Monastery there may have hindered our efforts to form a group. Much more positive promotion and defined itinerary needed. Great potential for a fine program remains, must take advantage soon and formally begin this program if it is to ever revolve and take shape.

Do not expect much revenue from the Armenian Studies Programs this year, due to the increase in costs, little of which was passed on to the participants.

In addition, communications with Armenia will be stepped up and confirmation of dates and availability will be done 6-8 months in advance, instead of the usual 4 months. Also, we shall find out just what is the maximum capacity for transportation and accommodation in Armenia, so that we may send as many of our young people who are interested in visiting their homeland as possible.

Informatively,

Armenien Church Youth Organization Of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Church 180 Olde Westford Road Chelmsford, Massachusetts

July 8-11, 1983

AGENDA

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Minutes of Previous Meeting
- III. Treasurer's Report
 - IV. Correspondence
 - V. Old Business
 - A. Financial Securities and Funds
 - B. Leadership Seminar Report
 - C. Archbishop's Basketball Tournament Report

VI. New Business

- A. Armenian Studies Program Report
- B. Essay Contest Report
- C. ACYOA MagMoney Project
- D. Chapter Checklist Update
- E. ACYOA Awards
 - 1. Sam Nersesian Award selection
 - 2. Sam Nersesian Scholarship selection
 - 3. Chapter "A" Award selection
- F. General Assembly/Sports Weekend
 - 1. Central Council Report
 - 2. Proposed Budget
 - 3. Assembly Agenda
 - 4. Assembly Procedures
 - 5. Amendments/Proposals
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 - 9. Council Responsibilities



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- G. Discussion on Youth Ministry in the Diocese H. Preparation for Transitional Meeting
- VII. Closing Remarks
- VIII. Closing Prayer

PROTOCOL

The customs of the Armenian Church tell us that protocol, and the strict adherence to hierarchical structure and form, has played a significant role in the visible and operational features of our Church on the world perspective.

Protocol is not only important on the diocesan and world levels of our Church, but it is equally important on the local parish level, as well as in the various Organizations of the Church. Therefore, the ACYOA, as an Organization of the Diocese in America, must conform to the rules of Protocol, and follow the structural lines of courtesy to members of our Clergy.

PROPER FORMS OF ADDRESS

1. PRIMATE

When greeting the Primate (or any archbishop or bishop), you say while bowing to kiss his hand and receive his blessing:

Orhnetzek Surpazan Hayr [bless me Your Eminence]

or Asdvadz Oknagan, Surpazan Hayr [may God help Your Eminence]

And he will answer:

Asdvadz Orhneh
[may God bless you]

or Asdvadz Bahaban [may God protect you]

When speaking with the Primate, you address him as <u>Surpazan Hayr</u> or <u>Your Eminence</u>. <u>Always</u> stand when any celebate clergy (archbishop, bishop, vartabed) enters a room.

This is the form to use when addressing a letter to the Primate:

His Eminence
ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN
Primate - Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016-4885

Your Eminence:

I respectfully request the attention of Your Eminence regarding the matter.....

(close with...)

Your obedient servant, or Most respectfully,

(your name)

2. CELIBATE CLERGY

When greeting celibate clergymen, say: Asdvadz Oknagan, Hayr Soorp, which means: May God help you, Holy Father. This is usually said while bowing and kissing their hand.

Address them as Hayr Soorp or Father.

When addressing a letter, always use:

The Very Reverend Father (name)

[address]

Close your letter with:

Respectfully yours,

[your name]

3. MARRIED CLERGY

Greet them with: Orhnia Der Hayr, which means, Bless me, Father.

Address them as Der Hayr or Father, and you may kiss their hand.

When addressing letters, always use:

The Reverend Father (name)

[address]

Cloce your letter with:

Respectfully yours,

[your name]

When your ACYOA Chapter is holding any event or activity, an announcement should always be sent to the Pastor (or parish council chairman where there is no pastor) to inform him of the event. A personal invitation is also a nice touch. Many times we forget to invite the pastor, who is the President of the local Chapter.

In addition, events such as dances, banquets, outings, concerts, etc... involving tickets for admission, necessitates an invitation to the parish priest(s) inviting them as guests of the Chapter. Complimentary tickets should always be sent with the invitation. When opening a dance or any function to a region or to communities outside your parish jurisdiction, the priests from other parishes should be sent letters of invitation with complimentary tickets as well.

In this way, we are including our clergymen inour activities and events in the proper way and with respect to their position and vocation.

Similarly, Executives of the Diocese, as well as ACYOA Central Council members [in particular your Regional Representative] should also be on your mailing list. In this way, the directors and representatives are kept informed of your activities, and they in turn may suggest new ideas and attend when in your area. As the occasion dictates, letters of invitation to Diocesan Youth Directors, ACYOA Central Council members, etc. are also in order.



ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL OPERATIONS AND PROCEDURES

[revised - September 1983]

INTRODUCTION

The Central Council is the elected national body of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America, Diocese of the Armenian Church of America. The Council meets at least four times a year with the Primate and Executive Secretary to the ACYOA from the Diocese at designated locations, usually the Diocesan Center in New York City.

The major purpose of the Council is the execution of the programs and administrative aspects of the national organization, as well as maintain the national treasury of the ACYOA.

The Primate, or his representative, shall preside over all Council meetings.

All Council members are expected to attend all Council meetings, and act and dress appropriately. Reports on visitations, conferences, assignments and programs are exchanged during meetings. In addition, the office of each Council member is expected to be maintained in a proper manner. Council members must be serious and diligent in the tasks of their office and assignments.

The ability to learn, ask questions, execute responsibilities and follow through with communication to respective parishes and chapters are all part of the Council member's duty. If all Council members approach their responsibility with a serious concern for the Church and the young adult programs thereof, the feelings of accomplishment and satisfaction will naturally come.

${f l}_{f i}$ OFFICES OF THE ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL

THE CHAIRMAN:

- [1] Prepare agenda and convene all Council meetings. Agenda should be prepared in consultation with the Executive Secretary. Annoucement of meeting should be sent along with agenda at least 14 days in advance, with copies sent to Primate, Executive Secretary and others as designated.
- [2] Understand and implement parliamentary procedures during meetings, and ensure that pertinent discussion is handled properly. Meetings should begin at their designation.

nated time and without unnecessary tangent discussion that might leave important business left unfinished.

- [3] Represent the Council and the National Organization at the Diocesan level, as well as in non-Armenian Church circles. The Council Chairman is not the Chairman of the Organization, but of the Council.
- [4] Follow up on all activity and responsibilities of the Council as a whole. It is the responsibility of the Chairman to receive reports from other Council members pertaining to their assignments and offices.
- [5] Maintain communication with the Executive Secretary and inform same of ongoing Council activity and progress on programs.
- [6] Delegate responsibility to those persons, non-council members as well, who can carry out the designated task.
- [7] Maintain correspondence on the national level with the cooperation of the Corresponding Secretary. The Executive Secretary should be apprised of all correspondence, and asked for advise and assistance when necessary. Proper files for reports, correspondence, etc. should be maintained. These are turned over to the Executive Secretary at end of term of office.

THE VICE CHAIRMAN:

- [1] Work in cooperation with the Chairman being apprised of all Council activity and programs. Must be able to take over for the Chairman at any given time.
- [2] Handle assigned duties and responsibilities, maintaining files and records. These records are turned over to the Executive Secretary at the end of the year.

THE TREASURER:

- [1] Maintain the national treasury of the ACYOA, including accurate accounting of all financial aspects of the ACYOA Central Council and related activity.
- [2] Prepare monthly reports for the Diocese via the Executive Secretary.
- [3] Immediately pay bills as directed. Follow the timetable as stated in the Operations and Procedures.
- [4] Keep the Executive Secretary and Council Chairman informed of the financial situation, especially as pertains to budgetary items as the year progresses.

- [5] Maintain the dues paid membership list of the ACYOA. Work with each Council member, according to regional assignments, as regards membership dues concerns. Assist in maintaining listings proper names, addresses, etc.
- [6] Use prepared forms such as the Membership application and Membership renewal in maintaining files. All Chapters should be encouraged to use the prepared forms to assist in uniformity. Maintain files for bank statements in a neat and orderly fashion. Turn over files at end of term of office.

THE RECORDING SECRETARY:

- [1] Record the proceedings of all ACYOA Central Council meetings according to a standardized, simple format. This record should be accurate, only including the essential items and pertinent discussion.
- [2] Within two (2) weeks of the Council meeting, copies of the Minutes should be sent to the Primate, Executive Secretary, and to all Council members. Revised minutes should be so noted, and turned over to the Executive Secretary for inclusion with the permanent files.
- [3] Affix signature to important documents as needed.

THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

- [1] Handle all correspondence of the Council as directed.
- [2] Use proper wording, proper forms of address and protocol. The Executive Secretary should be informed of all correspondence, and asked to assist with proper procedures. Copies of all correspondence should be sent to the Executive Secretary as well.
- [3] Maintain files, turning over to the Executive Secretary those items for the permanent files.

2. ASSIGNMENTS

All Council members will be given assignments beyond their offices.

THE REGIONS:

Council members will be assigned regions of the Diocese to which they are responsible for ACYOA activity and programs therein. Council members should maintain close relations and communications with parishes and chapters of their

assigned regions, developing a strong and efficient network of communications.

The Regions are: New England, Mid-Atlantic, Midwest-North, Midwest-South. These regions incorporate all the parishes of the Diocese. (NOTE: The Council maintains contact and informs on programs to all parishes, regardless of whether an ACYOA Chapter is currently active there.)

The Council Chairman will oversee the regional assignments, while having one or two parishes assigned to him/her.

All parishes are to be <u>visited</u> by the Council members of the respective regions. These visitations should coincide with chapter meetings and activities. The various programs and administrative concerns should be reviewed and explained. Letters should be sent to the Pastor and Parish Council Chairman, indicating the date and time of the visitation. Those parishes without active chapters must also be visited. Coordinating such a gathering of youth should be done with the Pastor/Parish Council Chairman.

The Executive Secretary should be <u>consulted</u> prior to visitation arrangements so that the Council member may be aware of local situations and key people to be in touch with in the parish. Where possible, Council members should accompany the Executive Secretary during visitations on the Diocesan level.

Each Council member is responsible for <u>informing</u> chapters within the region of deadlines as well as announcing upcoming programs and activities.

Regional Conferences should be convened two or three times per year to initiate regional activities and interchapter activity. In addition, regional programs may be coordinated within such conferences, but certainly not restricted to them.

<u>Parish Visitation Reports</u> are to be filed with the Executive Secretary, and may be shared with other Council members. The Reports assist the Executive Secretary in keeping apprised of parish/chapter activity, as well as compared to the observations made by the Executive Secretary during Diocesan visitations.

Council members should use the "Chapter Reminder Sheets" as well as the Handbook as references on questions to ask and reminders to make during visitations. It is important that the Council take on the position of a "resource" for parishes and chapters to use when experiencing problems or needing information on proper ACYOA procedures or programs.

THE PROGRAMS:

Council members will be assigned programs to coordinate and execute. These programs will include both national participatory (i.e. Leadership Seminar) and administrative (i.e. Nat. Youth Listing). In addition, it should be noted that regional and local programs are the responsibility of the Council Regional Representative. (i.e. coordinating Regional Retreat, or advising/reminding of Martyr's Day Commemoration and ACYOA Day Celebrations)

Reports on the programs will be expected, and should be well thought out for future use and reference.

3. PROPER FORMS OF ADDRESS:

1) PRIMATE

When greeting the Primate (or any archbishop or bishop), you say while bowing to kiss his hand:

Orhnetzek Surpazan Hayr or Asdvadz Oknagan, Surpazan Hayr Bless me Your Eminence May God Help Your Eminence

He will answer:

Asdvadz Orhneh or Asdvadz Bahaban May God Bless you May God Protect you

When speaking with the Primate, you address him as <u>Surpazan Hayr</u> or <u>Your Eminence</u>. Always stand when any celebate (archbishop, bishop, vartabed) enters a room.

This is the form to use when addressing a letter to the Primate:

His Eminence
ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN
Primate - Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016-4885

Your Eminence:

I respectfully request the attention of Your Emenince on the

(close with)

Your obedient servant, or Most respectfully,

2) CELEBATE CLERGY

Greet them with: Asdvadz Oknagan, Hayr Soorp = May God Help you Holy Father
This is said while bowing and kissing hand

Address them as Hayr Soorp or Father.

When addressing a letter, always use: <u>The Very Reverend Father</u>....Close the letter with: Respectfully yours,

3) LAY or MARRIED CLERGY

Greet them with: Orhnia, Der = Bless me, Father

Address them as: Der Hayr or Father

When addressing a letter, use: The Reverend Father ... Close letter with: Respectfully yours,

4) EXECUTIVES OF DIOCESE

Use the following forms when addressing letters to the Diocesan Executives:

FRANK STONESON
Executive Director
Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue
N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016
212-686-0710

NANCY BASMAJIAN
Director - ACYOA Juniors
Diocese of the Armenian Church
(same)

(working address:) 828 Brighton Street Philadelphia, PA 19111 215-722-3369 JAMES MAGARIAN
Executive Secretary to the ACYOA
Diocese of the Armenian Church
(same)

(working office)
99 Long Pond Road
Tyngsborough, MA 01879
617-256-7234 or 256-8980 - days
617-649-6875 evenings before 8p.m.

Use same form for Department of Religious Education, Department of Armenian Language Education, etc., etc.

5) ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL

Use the following forms when addressing letters to Council Members:

HAGOP HAGOPIAN

Chairman - ACYOA Central Council (home address)

MARGOS MARGOSIAN

Vice Chairman - ACYOA Central Council
(home address)

(ETC.)

- 6) ACYOA CHAPTERS

When addressing correspondance to chapter Executives, use the following form:

VARTAN VARTANIAN Chairman - Yerevan ACYOA Chapter St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church (home address)

Always place location/city before "ACYOA Chapter", followed by the affiliated parish.

4. REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURES FOR ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL WORK:

All expenses incurred while performing duties related to the ACYOA Central Council are to be reimbursed by the Organization.

This is accomplished by filling out the "Travel & Expense Record" form and sending it, along with actual receipts, to the Council Treasurer. This is to be accomplished on a monthly basis, with the Treasurer mailing the reimbursement checks within two weeks of the date on which they were received.

Reimbursement may be made for the following (among others):

Travel for: Administrative: Other

Council meetings Postage Meals while traveling
Parish visitations Telephone (up to \$12.00 per day)
General Assembly Photocopying Lodging

General Assembly Photocopying Lodging
Program Coordination Paper, etc. Transporation:

Regional Conferences (gas = .15 per mile)

NOTE: Any expenses accumulating to \$500.00 or more must be filed by the

15th of the following month or the total will be forfeited. [This rule has been instated to avoid any unusually high expense/reimburse-

ment situations that can occur after long periods of time.

NOTE: Any delinquent monthly expenses (those not filed on a monthly basis) accumulating to four and one-half months will be forfeited (will be

considered a donation). For example: Expenses incurred during the

month of April will not be paid after August 15th.

Serving on the ACYOA Central Council will cost alot of time and sacrifice. However, no one should spend money out of their own pocket and wait an unreasonable length of time to be reimbursed. Likewise, the Council should not have to pay out large amounts of money all at once because someone forgot to file for reimbursement.

FILE EVERY MONTH.

5. GENERAL

1) Parish Visitation Reports

All Members of the ACYOA Central Council <u>must</u> be in touch with the parishes of their assigned region. In addition, all parishes of the region should be visited by the Council member - especially those parishes with active or recently active chapters. Those parishes which do not have organized chapters should also be visited in order to establish the ACYOA there.

Following the Visitation, the ACYOA Central Council "Parish Visitation Report Form" must be completed and sent as soon as possible to the Executive Secretary. Copies should be made available to other members of the Council at the next Council meeting. These forms are used to check the progress of a chapter as well as assist in the questions to ask during the visitation.

At the end of the year, all Council members should have a file of copies of these reports that they mar refer to, as well as to pass on to incoming Council members.

Council members will be invited to report on specific chapters according to the assigned regions.

Whenever a visitation is arranged, the Executive Secretary should be informed. When possible, the visitations of the Executive Secretary may be considered, and Council members are encouraged to visit with the Executive Secretary.

When preparing to make a parish visitation, letter should be written to the pastor (or parish council chairman where there is no pastor) and the chapter chairman. An appropriate time and place should be arranged, and the agenda for the meeting/visitation should be discussed.

Correspondence

All ACYOA Correspondence should be properly written and use ACYOA letterhead. Copies of all correspondence should be sent to the Executive Secretary and the Council Chairman. In addition, appropriate copies should be sent to others regarding the subject — for example: when writing to a chapter outside of your designated region, a copy should be sent to the regional representative; or, when writing to a chapter, a copy should be sent to the pastor of the parish.

3) Contact and Programs

All Council members are responsible for keeping in touch with their respective Chapters, and providing detailed information on programs and activities. Don't wait for someone to inform you - you find out the necessary information.

THIS CANNOT BE STRESSED ENOUGH.

Throughout the year, brief phone calls, notes, letters, information packets, and other means of contact should be communicated and sent to the respective chapters within the assigned region. The chapters should know and be very familiar with their Regional Representative to the ACYOA Central Council.

EACH WEEK, all Council members must set aside a designated amount of time to attend to Council work and responsibities. If done on a routine basis, the work does not take too much time, and can be very satisfying and fulfilling.

It is the responsibility of each Council member to promote, organize, execute, coordinate, and/or direct the regional programs. Local program must also be encouraged and assistance given when necessary. National programs must be highly promoted and publicized in the parishes. We cannot expect a parish to participate in a program they know little or nothing about. In addition, the deadlines that are set will never be met if the chapters are not reminded, informed and made to understand what the needs of the Organization are.

The KEY to involving more and more Armenian young people is the publicizing of our programs and events. Personal contact by the Council, in tandem to the work of the Executive Secretary, is the only way to ensure that our programs and events will be successful and well attended. It will also assist in the efficient operation and administration of our work.

If there are any questions, problems, etc. ... ask. Do not wait for a coincidental call or letter. Contact the Executive Secretary if some problems arise, or if you need something. Remember, the only means to a year filled with accomplishment and success is if all Council members put in a fair amount of time each week.

SEPTEMBER

- +Transitional Council Meeting.
 Transfer/receive all Council materials
 from past/to new members follow up.
- +Receive new Diocesan Parish Directory.
 Begin contact with respective parishes
 and chapters in region.
- +Smile, you're an ACYOA Council member.

OCTOBER

- +Begin planning of: parish visitations, Fall regional Conference and/or seminar and/or workshop.
- +Final session of Assembly Minutes accepted. Final draft of Assembly Minutes to be prepared for distribution to parishes and chapters.
- +All Chapters to be contacted on updating their mailing lists, and given info on upcoming programs.
- +Council meeting.

NOVEMBER

- +Parish visitations should be started, if not before. Where visitations are not possible, telephone calls to the clergy and chapter chairmen will do.
- +Minutes of Assembly distributed.
- +Regional Conference/workshop/seminar should take place.
- +Begin promotion of Christmas/New Year's holiday activities in the parish for young adults.
- +Keep a positive attitude you're an ACYOA Council member.

DECEMBER

- +Follow up on any results of regional Conference/workshop/seminar.
- +Send Christmas greetings to respective parishes/chapters in region.
- +Plan visitations early in month, or in conjunction with holiday activities.
- +Reminders: Membership renewal dues are due January - along with an updated parish youth listing. Archbishop Tourney deadlines and details.
- +Begin Armenian Studies Programs promotion.
- +Council meeting.

JANUARY

- +Begin planning regional retreat.
- +Promote ongoing and upcoming programs.
- +Consider Anniversary Ball host, and begin planning and promotion.
- +Plan next regional Conference should be held in Feb. or March.
- +Follow up on chapters late with renewal dues and youth listings.
- +Keep on trying you're an ACYOA Council member.

FEBRUARY

- +Continue parish visitations.
- +Promote regional retreat during Great Lent is an appropriate time.
- +Archbishop's Tourney at end of month.
- +Reminders: prepare ACYOA Day celebrations for Palm Sunday; promote ASP; promote Essay Contest.
- +Promote chapter sponsorship and participation in Lenten educational programs and worship services.
- +Council meeting.

AARCH

- +Parish visitations and contact KEEP IN TOUCH!!
- +Retreats regional-local.
- +Promote: Armenian Studies Programs, reference published deadlines; Essay Contest; Leadership Seminar; ACYOA Day Celebrations.
- +Begin suggesting each chapter to commemorate Armenian Martyrs Day (April 24th)
- +Keep smiling, six months to go and and accomplish our work you're an ACYOA Council member.

APRIL

- +ACYOA Day Celebrations (usually held on Palm Sunday)
- +Martyr's Day Commemorations April 24th.
- +Promate: Leadership Seminar (May at site of Diocesan Assembly.)
- +ACYOA participation in Holy Week and Easter Services.
- +Remind ACYOA Nominating and Auditing
 Committees of their responsibilities. +Youth Camp counselors promote and
- +Sam Nersesian Award and Scholarship forms and info sent to parishes.
- +Council meeting.

MAY

- +Leadership Seminar at site of Diocesan Assembly.
- +Reminders: ASP; Essay Contest; prepare for annual chapter elections; end of year deadlines next month: Annual Report - due June 30th. New member dues for past year - June 30th Sam Neresian Award Nominations due May 30th.
- Sam Nersesian Scholarship Applications due May 30th.
- +Youth Camp counselors promote and develop interest.
- +Anniversary Balls May and June.
- +You've made the difference and kept a good line of communication with your chapters.

JUNE

- +Chapter elections remind to send new listing of executives to Exec. Sec. along with delegates.
- +Annual Chapter Reports Due.
- +New member dues due.
- +Anniversary Balls.
- +Sam Nersesian Award and Scholarship.
- +Promote summer schedule for chapters especially those with college students. Join summer leagues, etc.
- +Promote Assembly-Sports Wknd.
- +Remind Nominating and Auditing Comms. of their responsibilities.

JULY

- +Remind chapters who are late with annual reports, dues, etc.
- +Promote Assembly-Sports Weekend participation.....arrange group transportation from region...
- +Prepare necessary materials for Assembly delegates packet to be sent out August 1st.
- +Decide on Chapter "A" Award, Honorable Mention, Sam Nersesian Award and Scholarship recipients.
- +Begin Council Report.
- +Council meeting.

AUGUST

- +Finalize Council Report.
- +Send out Delegates packet.
- +Prepare Assembly materials.
- →Remind Nominating and Auditing Comm. of their responsibilities.
- +Finalize details for Assembly.
- +Promote Assembly-Spts. Wknd. participation coordinate regional transportation if possible
- +Plan to be at Assembly Site by 12 need on Wednesday of Weekend, because you're an ACYOA Council member.



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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

8 December 83

You are a unique person of this world.

Yes, you, because you have recently or in the past attended an ACYOA General Assembly - the annual business convention of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America. Therefore, you have experienced something that few people of this world have ever experienced. In fact, while attending you may have even participated in some aspect of the Assembly proceedings, and may have gotten something out of this participation - or maybe not.

The need to improve our annual gatherings (be they business, education, athletic or pleasure) is something that has now come to the forefront. Many young adults have voiced their desire to participate in such improvements, and your experience and reaction is a valuable resource to us.

Please take ten minutes right now and complete the questionaire below. Your imput will be used in designing new formats and ways of making Armenian national and regional gatherings better than ever. Your feelings and imput counts!

Thank you for sharing your thoughts and time. May the many blessings of this season of the Holy Birth be with you and your families.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING, BEING AS HONEST, SINCERE AND POSITIVE AS YOU CAN BE. If you wish to make additional comments of these or other points, kindly attach additional pages as necessary. Please be concise and to the point! Forward your questionaire and comments to: ACYOA Executive Secretary, Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, 99 Long Pond Road, Tyngsborough, MA 01879.

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38th ACYOA General Assembly COnvenes

The 38th General Assembly of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America (ACYOA) convened at the Holiday Inn in Alsip, Illinois, from August 29 to August 31. The Assembly was hosted by the Palos Heights chapter of the Ss. Joachim and Anna Armenian Church, and met immediately prior to the 15th annual ACYOA National Sports Weekend.

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate, presided over the Assembly sessions. Arrangements and administrative functions were the responsibility of the ACYOA Central Council, together with executive secretary James Magarian. Assembly participants included five members of the clergy and 45 delegates.

In his address, the Primate stressed the importance of the attachment of our young people to our church, and their awareness of their rich cultural heritage. He discussed the need for trained parish youth directors who can give these essential activities the professional and ustained attention they require. He urged the gathering to continue to aim for Christian ideals and the faith passed on to them by their fathers.

The Assembly also heard talks by Mr. Wagarian

The Assembly was also addressed by Mr. Magarian, and presented with a report by the Central Council.

A highlight of the Assembly was a talk by Fr. Garabed Kochakian, pastor of the St. Mesrob Church of Racine, who discussed "An Armenian Marriage: Role Models, Sexuality, Traditions--Are You Ready?" A lively discussion followed Fr. Garabed's portrayal of contemporary Armenian marriage, affected as it is by by the customs of our heritage.

The business session considered such matters as the commemora-



tion of the 70th anniversary of the Genocide, the status of full-time parish youth directors in the organization and its assemblies, the strengthening of the organization and the development of increased devotion to our church on the part of our young people, and the distribution of material to increase devotion. Parish support would be needed, it was felt, to assure the success of ACYOA plans and activities.

Melina Spinuzza was chairman of the Assembly sessions;

Scott Najarian, vice chairman; George Jevarjian coordinated the recording of the minutes; Michael Yapchaian and Stephen Sarkisian were parliamentarians; and Robert Shamgochian, sergeantat-arms. Assisting in other capacities were Virginia Semerdjian, Sona Diorio, and Susan Boyajian.

Scott Najarian, Dianne Kapikian and Kathy Terzian were elected to the nominating committee; Stephen Sarkisian, Robert Sham-gochian, and Lisa Manookian to the auditing committee.

Tenth Year of Teachers' Courses at Diocese



For the tenth consecutive year the Diocesan Armenian Language Lab and Resource Center held its teacher college courses this past summer, made possible by the generous support of the Gullabi Gulbenkian Foundation.

Participants included Nadia Duhanian, Paris; Hilda Soultanian, London; Satenig Adourian, California; Sylvia Chilingerian, Montreal; Klodet Keuceyian, Montreal; Lucy Hoyian, Toronto; Karen Koundakjian, Detroit; Verjik Ohanissian, Philadelphia; Marie Yapoudjian, Trumbull; Janet Massih, Hartford; Araxie Shamamian, New York; Salpy Sarikhanian, Houston; Janice Bargas, New Mexico; Nazeli Sanentz, Watertown; and Endza Haroutiounian, Boston.

The course designed to introduce new methods of teaching the Armenian language and culture, provide training and guidance, and instruct in the use of numerous instructional materials prepared by ALLARC.

At the end of the week-long program, participants were given a written and oral examination by Prof. James Jacobson, chairman of the Educational Department of St. Peter's College, with the assistance of Sylva Der Stepanian and Nubar Kupelian.

The graduation ceremonies and the celebration of the tenth anniversary were held in the Diocesan Center's V-Hall on Sunday, July 15, following services-in-St:-Vartan-Cathedral the celebration of the Divine Liturgy in St. Vartan Cathedral by the Canon Sacrist, Fr. Arten Ashjian.

A program of poetry recitations, songs, music and speeches was offered by the graduates. Nubar Kupelian, director of the Armenian Department of the Diocese, and master of ceremonies, introduce the benefactors of ALLARC: Mrs. Takouhie Ayvazian, Mrs. Grace Alexanian, Mrs. Mary Bedrossian, and Zareh Kapikian,

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president of the Pan Sebastia Union, on behalf of which Krikor Vosganian was invited to speak.

Sylva Der Stepanian, director of ALLARC, announced the formation of an alumni association of the graduates of these annual courses (which carry college credits), which have yielded 150 such graduates already. The first three were introduced--Mrs. Arshluys Kandaharian, Mrs. Serpouhie der Ohannessian, and Vartan Abdo--and were presented with special gifts by the Primate, for their devotion to the Armenian language and community. The benefactors were also recognized with special gifts.

The Primate closed the program, stressing the value of the church, faith and language, describing the teaching of Armenian as perhaps our most challenging work.

The grogram was followed by a reception and dinger.

Mrs. Anahid Boejekian, inspired by the program, donated \$1,000. Pledges were also made by Mrs. Bedrossian and the Pan Sebastia Union.

The 1985 Auditing Committee members consisting of:

Robert Shamgochian Lisa Manookian Stephen Sarkisian

have reviewed the 1984-85 records of:

- 1) 1984 National Sports Weekend 2) 1985 Archbishops Tournament 3) Armenian Studies Program 4) ACYOA Central Council

and have found the records to be in order and correct.

A breakdown of each event with recommendations (specific) to each catagory are as follows:

Rules, regulations for Team Registration:

- 1) Any participant must be 13 18 years of age and must be a high school student. Tavloo and Chess tournaments shall be placed in three categories: a-beginners, b-intermediates, c-advanced.
- 2) Teams must be registrered by April 27th. Send ALL TEAM registration to:

Cheryl Patapanian 52 Stony Brook Road Belmont, Mass 02178

If any questions please call: (617) 489-3833

- 3) Team Registration is only necessary for Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, and Co-ed Volleyball. \$4.00 each team, \$12.00 for all three (3). ALL Checks are to be made out to St. James ACYOA Jrs.
- 4) All teams and participants shall be allowed a ten (10) minute grace period when scheduled for a game, after-which they shall have to forfeit that game.
- 5) One chapter may have more than one team in any event and may have more than one participant in any individual events.
- 6) Number of individuals allowed on one team:
 - A. Basketball minimum of five (5) players; maximum of twelve (12) players.
 - B. Volleyball minimum of six (6) players; maximum of nine (9) players. minimum of two (2) girls on the court at ALL TIMES.
- 7) The coach of each team is responsible to have each member of his team registered as an athlete with the Personal Athlete Registra. If not, that person cannot play.

TEAM REGISTRATION

CHAPTER:		
ADDRESS:		
CITY/TOWN:	STATE:	ZIP:
BOYS BASKETBALL		\$4.00
COACH:		
ADDRESS:		
CITY/TOWN:	STATE:	ZIP:
		PHONE :
GIRLS BASKETBALL		\$4.00
COACH:		
ADDRESS:		
CITY/TOWN:	STATE:	ZIP:
		PHONE:
CO-ED VOLLEYBALL		\$4. 00
COACH:		
ADDRESS:		***************************************
CITY/TOWN:	STATE:	ZIP:
		PHONE:

DON'T DELAY! YOUR CHAPTER (\$12.00 FOR ALL 3 TEAMS) MUST BE REGISTERED BY APRIL 27 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HYE M'RSTOOM III. THE COACH'S WILL BE NOTIFIED BY MAY 14TH FOR EACH TEAMS SCHEDULE.

ARMENIAN CHURCH PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA (ACPOA)

A proposal for a continuation of ACYOA's work beyond youth and into adulthood.

At the present time, membership in the ACYOA is open-ended beyond the qualifying age of 18. Thus the membership aims and commonality of interest is ill-defined as members grow beyond an age at which they can be called "youths" or are even inclined to be.

Proposal:

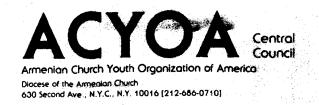
It is proposed that membership in ACYOA begin at age 18 and end at age 26 (that is, when the member reaches his/her 27th birthday). It is further proposed that a new organization, following from ACYOA be formed tentatively called "the Armenian Church Professionals of America" (ACPOA), open to any members of the Church 27 years of age and older.

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The intention is that such an organization provides an outlet for the skills and abilities of our young adults, taking into account their growing pre-occupations with careers and family, and their need to perform services for their Church beyond what might be expected of "youth". The organization would be tacit recognition that a new generation is eager to assist in church affairs, to build on what their fathers and their fathers fathers have built, together in strengthening their faith in a modern and a relevant way. In addition, ACPOA would provide an opportunity to develop regional chapters, able to operate continuance programs and service work within their regions and providing a focal point for the energies of people who may feel they are growing beyond the concerns of ACYOA.

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Correct. Please use it
As a reference.
We'll meet on Aug. 5,
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ACYOA CHAPTER CHAIRMAN & CONTACT LISTING - 1984-85 Revised

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617-354-0632
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312-564-4431
203-524-5647
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617-682-7260 617-256-9210
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PLEASE NOTE:

As new elections are held, or new contacts made, please forward new names and addresses, with telephone numbers, to:

ACYOA Executive Secretary 99 Long Pond Road Tyngsborough, MA 01879

PLEASE HELP US MAKE THIS LISTING AS ACCURATE AS POSSIBLE. Thank you.



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

8 June 84

KEVIN GIRAGOSIAN
Host Committee Chairman
1984 ACYOA National Sports Weekend
8101 West 131st Street
Palos Park, IL 60464

Dear Kevin,

This letter is to confirm our meeting for THURSDAY, JUNE 28th in the evening at Saints Joachim and Anna Armenian Church. [Please note the change of date from the 21st to the 28th.]

Thus far it appears that all is going well regarding your plans for the Assembly/Sports Weekend. The announcements and publicity have been creative and certainly attention-getting.

At our meeting we will review the many details concerning the Assembly and Sports Weekend. Anyone involved with even the smallest of responsibilities during the Weekend should be present for the part of the meeting that concerns them.

The enclosed agenda will be used that evening. You may reproduce it for the meeting participants.

If you have any questions, please do call. Looking forward to seeing you. Stay well.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MAGARIAN

cc. Primate

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

1984 ACYOA National Sports Weekend

HOST COMMITTEE - Palos Heights ACYOA Chapter

AGENDA

- Opening Prayer. I.
- Introductions, and areas of responsibility. II.
- III. Progress reports:
 - Publicity Mailings, Major Correspondence Accomodations, Registration, Banquets [a]
 - [b]
 - **Entertainment** [c]
 - [b] Assembly
 - [e] Yearbook
 - Athletics
 - Other areas
 - [ħ] Transportation
- IV. Divine Lituray.
- Athletic Facilities Equipment ٧.
- VI. Banquets, Programs.
- VII. Awards Presentations - Program.
- VIII. Security.
- IX. Other specific areas.
- Χ. Closing Prayer.

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA

1986

ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

AGENDA

			First Assembly Ses	ssion - Wednesday, August 27th - 7:30 p.m 10:00 p.m.	
			1.	Opening Prayer Service.	
			2.	Roll Call.	
			3.	Election of Assembly Chairman.	•
				Election of Assembly Vice-Chairman.	
			4.	Appointments: Parliamentarian. Sergeant-at-Arms.	
			5.	Adoption of Agenda.	
			6.	Adoption of Rules of Procedure. Introductions:	
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			8.	Welcoming Message of Host Chapter.	
			9.	Review of Itinerary and Announcements.	
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			Fourth Assembly S	ession - Friday, August 29th - 9:00 a.m 1:00 p.m.	
			19.	Opening Prayer Service.	
			20.	Acceptance of the Minutes of the Third Session.	
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			22.	Report of the ACYOA Nominating Committee - ELECTIONS:	(Greg Saragelarian
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			T_24.	Consideration of bids for selection of next Assembly site.	
			25.	Results of Elections - second ballot if necessary.	
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			27.	Good & Welfare - Announcements.	
	•		28.	Adjournment.  Presentation of "Host Banners".	
			29. 30.	Closing Prayer. Primate's blessing of incoming and outgoing	
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### ITINERARY

1986 Annual General Assembly Armenian Church Youth Organization of America Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

August 27th - 29th, 1986 Adam's Mark Hotel - Philadelphia, PA

Hosted by: Wynnewood ACYOA Chapter Saints Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church

### Wednesday - August 27th

1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Hotel & Sports Weekend Registration.
6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. - Delegate Assembly Registration.
[Registration table located outside Assembly Hall. After 7:15, see Assembly Secretary to register.]
7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - FIRST ASSEMBLY SESSION.

10:00 p.m. - 12 midnight - Reception for Assembly participants.

### Thursday - August 28th

9:00 a.m. - 12 noon - SECOND ASSEMBLY SESSION.
12 noon - 1:30 p.m. - Delegate Luncheon - hosted by the Primate.
1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - THIRD ASSEMBLY SESSION.

7:00 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. - Social for Assembly participants - Cruise

### Friday - August 29th

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - FOURTH ASSEMBLY SESSION.
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Lunch recess.
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - FIFTH ASSEMBLY SESSION (if necessary).

Friday, August 29th thru Monday, September 1st NATIONAL SPORTS WEEKEND Events and festivities.....



### 1985 ACYOA NATIONAL SPORTS WEEKEND 34 SOUTH LENOX STREET

WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS 01602



### REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

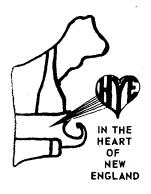
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- 5) HAND THE APPROPRIATE PACKAGE PLAN ENVELOPE TO THE REGISTRANT. THE ENVELOPE WILL BE MARKED EITHER "PACKAGE PLAN" OR "MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY PLAN". THIS ENVELOPE CONTAINS ALL THE NECCESSARY TICKETS FOR THE EVENTS THEIR PLAN INCLUDES.

### MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

** IF THEIR ARE ANY QUESTIONS WHICH YOU ARE UNABLE TO ANSWER, FIND SOMEONE WHO CAN. SPORTS WEEKEND COMMITTEE MEMBERS (Wearing blue ribbons) WILL ALWAYS BE AROUND. THEY ARE FAMILIAR WITH ALL THE EVENTS AND PROCEDURES.

HAVE FUN AND GOOD LUCK!



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### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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  - TELL THE CASH PERSON IF THEY ARE TO RECEIVE A SPORTS 4) WEEKEND PACKAGE PLAN OR A MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY PLAN
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- 6) GIVE EACH PACKAGE PLAN PURCHASER A COFFEE MUG (THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY)

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### RESTAURANTS

THIS IS A LIST OF SOME OF THE RESTAURANTS IN THE AREA. MOST ARE MODERATELY PRICED AND ALL ARE WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF THE MARRIOTT.

### BREAKFAST

Ashley's - at the Marriott - Open for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Joe the Hatter - Main Street - Diagonally across from the Marriott

Pewter Pot - Worcester Center Galleria - 752-9779

### LUNCH & DINNER ONLY

Aku-Aku (Chinese) - 11E Central Street - 792-1124

Boynton Family Restaurant - 117 Highland Street - 756-8458

Heo's (previously the Odyssey) - 145 Summer Street - 753-4367

Legal Seafood 792-1600

Margarittaville 792-6733 - All are at One Exchange Place

Firehouse Cafe 753-7899

The Loft - 90 Commercial Street - 754-2248

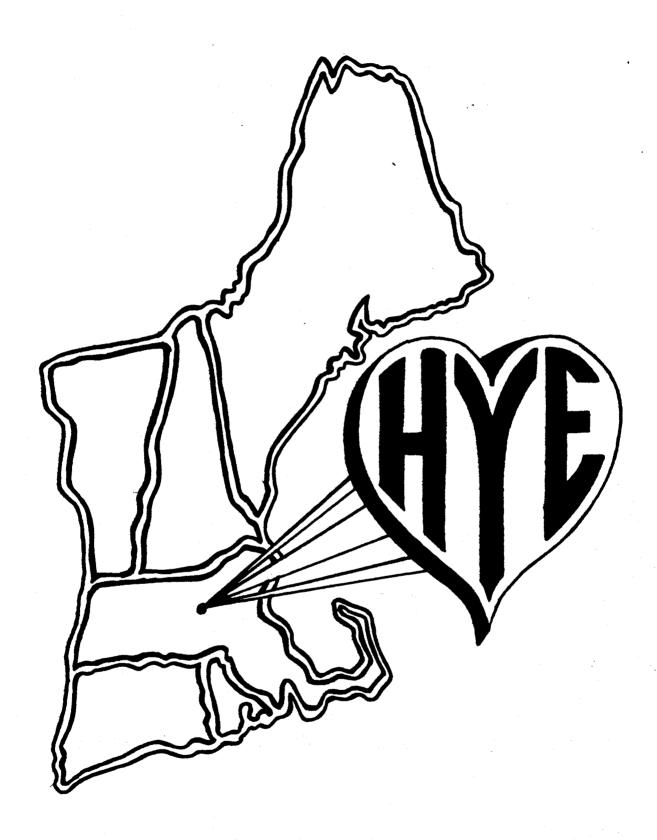
Maxwell Silverman's (Also Sunday Brunch at Maxines) - Both at 25 Union Street - 755-1200

Near East Delights (Armenian) - 51 Union Place - 755-3136

Plum's - Worcester Center Galleria - 799-0717

Rovezzi's (Italian) - 287 Main Street - 756-3524

Sole Proprietor (Seafood) - 118 Highland Street - 756-1338



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DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10016 212 686-0710

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

ATTENTION....ATTENTION....

DELEGATES TO THE 1985 ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Enclosed for your information and reference are materials pertinent to the upcoming ACYOA General Assembly, to convene at the Marriott Hotel in Worcester, Mass. Please review.

Special attention should be given to the delegate credential card enclosed. When properly completed and the authorized signatures affixed, the delegate is to present the card during Assembly Registration. The card permits full voice and voting privileges. However, your chapter must be in good standing with the National Organization before it can participate in the Assembly.

Good standing means the following have been completed:

- 1. 1984-85 Membership Dues paid (with applicable penalty).
- 2. Listing of Dues Paid Members.
- 3. Chapter Annual Report filed.
- 4. Listing of Chapter Executive Committee.
- 5. Filed Special Event Report (where applicable).

If you have any questions about the above, contact the Executive Secretary (617-256-7234 days) or the ACYOA Central Council Chairman (718-454-8370 evenings).

We anticipate a lively Assembly with several important proposals to consider. We hope that you are able to fully participate in the proceedings.

# Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

TO:

Pastors, ACYOA Chapter Chairmen and Delegates

to the 1985 ACYOA General Assembly

SUB IECT:

1985 ACYOA General Assembly Site and Date

All ACYOA Chapters in **good standing** are invited to participate in the 1985 ACYOA General Assembly which will convene on Wednesday, August 28th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel in Worcester, Massachusetts.

His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, and National President of the ACYOA, shall preside and address the Assembly.

Hosting this year's Assembly, and National Sports Weekend which immediately follows, is the Worcester ACYOA Chapter of the Armenian Church of Our Saviour.

Chapter delegates are:

The pastor of the parish (or parish council chairman where there is no pastor).

The chapter chairman.

The elected delegates (see ACYOA Constitution, page 6, Article 10, Section 2 for delegate counts).

Every ACYOA Chapter is urged to fulfill its obligations and send representatives to this year's Assembly. All young people of the Church are invited to attend the proceedings, however only delegates from chapters in good standing may have voice and voting privileges.

We look forward to your attendance and participation in the Assembly, and hope you will stay for the entire Weekend's festivities.

ARDA NAZERIAN

Chairman

ACYOA Central Council

c.c. Primate
Vicar General
Executive Secretary



### Airmenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

TO:

Pastors, ACYOA Chapter Chairmen and Delegates

to the 1985 ACYOA General Assembly

SUBJECT: Materials and Information for 1985 ACYOA General Assembly

Enclosed for your use and information are the following:

- 1. Itinerary for 1985 ACYOA General Assembly.
- 2. 1985 Assembly Agenda.
- 3. Delegate Credential Card.
- 4. ACYOA Central Council Annual Report
- 5. Proposals and other items.

These materials are sent directly to delegates declared by the Chapter, as well as the Chapter Chairman and Pastor. In cases where the Chapter has not yet declared delegates, it is the responsibility of the Chapter Chairman to distribute these materials.

The enclosed Delegate Credential Card is your "ticket" to participate in the Assembly with full voice and voting privileges. Complete the card, with the required signatures, and present the card during Assembly registration - Wednesday August 28th, 6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. Do not mail the card in.

Reminder: All chapters that wish to participate in the Assembly are required to fulfill their obligations to the National Organization and be in good standing (see enclosed sheet for details). If there are any questions, please do be in touch.

The Minutes of the 1984 ACYOA General Assembly were sent to all Chapters and Parishes in November, 1984, in accordance with the ACYOA Constitution. We suggest that you contact your Chapter or Pastor for copies. Additional copies will not be available.

We look forward to your positive and energetic participation in this year's Assembly. We shall consider a proposal that is intended to help the young people of the Church become more involved via increased opportunities and a more efficient administration of youth programs. Please join us with your ideas to help us grow!

> c.c. Primate Vicar General

Executive Secretary - ACYOA Diocese of the Armenian Church

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### Third Session - Thursday, August 29, 1985, 2:26 p.m.

- 20. OPENING
- The third session of the Assembly was called to order by the Assembly Chairman, Scott Najarian. The Chairman thanked His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian for graciously inviting us to the luncheon and discussion.
- 21. Acceptance of the Minutes of the Second Session
  Motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Michael Yapchian
  (Watertown), seconded by John Apkarian (Lowell). Minutes were accepted
  unanimously.
- 21a. Statistical Report from Central Council
  Arda Nazarian (Central Council) presented a statistical report on actual
  and potential membership of the ACYOA. Discussion was held. Ara Kazarian
  (Providence) made a motion to accept the report, seconded by John Harpootian
  (Providence). The report was accepted.
- 22. Assembly Proposals
  Motion was made by Micheal Yapchian (Watertown) to suspend the rules of
  Palimentary proce dure during the following items due to the nature of
  the upcoming business, seconded by John Harpootian (Providence). Motion
  passed.

Arda Nazerian (Central Council) presented proposal #17x regarding restructuring the ACYOA before the Assembly. Myles Couyoumjian (Detroit) distributed materials directed toward the proposal. Much discussion was held. Arthur Sabounjian (Watertown) requested that the Executive Director address pertinent issues in regard to the restructuring subject. Mr. Magarian declined comment at this time. Myles Couyoumjian (Detroit) made a motion to accept the proposal as is, seconded by Greg Saraydarian(Bayside). Arthur Sabounjian (Watertown) called question - votes passed 3/4 vote. Vote defeats proposal as is.

Proposal 17ay presented by Sona Palvetzian. VOICE VOTE. Defeated. Proposal read: Central Council look into the possibility of requesting from the Vehapar through the Primate of a list of possible projects the seminary of Etchmiadzin. This proposal was made by Arthur Sabounjian of Watertown, seconded by Greg Saraydarian (Bayside). Assembly voted with a 3/4 majority to bring the proposal to the floor to vote. Der Nersess Jebejian (Houston) called question, proposal passed.

George Jarvarjian (Central Council) proposed International Armenian Youth Fellowship. 3/4 passed. The proposal read - Starting in 1986, a bi-annual International Armenian Youth Fellowship Week or Weekend be held to be implimented by the Executive Secretary and Central Council. Fr. Jebejian called question - proposal defeated.

Robert Shamgochian (Workester) proposed that the ACYOA Central Council provide to host chapter of the General Assembly and National Sports weekend a loan in the amount of \$1000.00 if the host chapter so requests. This loan would be repaid by the host chapter upon completion of the GA/NSW financial report. 3/4 passed to bring to vote, proposal defeated.

Sona Palvetzian (Central Council) proposed the the Assembly as a body retain the Armenian/Canadian Youth remain members of the ACYOA of the eastern diocese. 3/4 passed. Discussion closed by His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian.

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Shake Ajamian (Central Council proposed Armenian Canadian Youth be accepted as adjacent members to particiapte in all programs and activites offered by the Eastern Diocesean ACYOA. Proposal defeated due to undefined terms in said proposal.

Arda Nazarian (Centreal Council) moved that we reconviene Friday at 10:00 am in order that individual committees may meet, seconded by Melanie Spinuzza (Evanston), Assembly agreed.

Gary Townsend (Lawrence) made a motion to recess, seconded by Louis Mikatrian (Worcester).

Session ended with a prayer at 6:18pm

Meeting 13.7.1985

# I. General Assembly

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A. Proposal for restructuring to complement regionalization in the Diocese.

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- (B.) Proposel renovation of a church in Armenia.
- C. Dedicating the Assembly to the 70th anniversors.

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  for 70th anniversors.

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### International Armenian Youth Fellowship

A proposal for an annual gathering of Armenian young people from sister Dioceses.

With creation of a Canadian Diocese, this is the last year in which the Canadian young people will be taking a direct part in the ACYOA assembly and sports activities. But there is no reason why there should not be a maintenance and strengthening offices among the various youth organizations of our Church, Therefore, it is proposed that, starting in 1986, an international Armenian Youth Fellowship week or Weekend be held. Initially, it would bring together young people from the Eastern, Western and Canadian Dioceses. But if the program of the sports weekend conferences and seminars and socializing is successful, there is no reason why such an annual event could not be extended to welcome young Armenians from other parts of the world, from Europe, from South America, from Erevan and elsewhere. The week of the weekend of fellowship, moving each year to a different Diocese, would be open to all young people

The annual gathering is an excelent means of building, a) strong ties among our youth.

of ACYOA age.

- b) injecting youthfull vigor into the affairs of the Church,
- c) building the profile of the Armenian Church Nationaly and Internationaly.

It brings together the strands of faith, health and fitness and culture in an open and inviting way, and with the expansion of the idea, would give North American youth more opportunity to come to understand the breadth and depth of the Armenian Culture around the world.

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#### HAYR SOORP:

Frank said that he would cover part of my last trip to NYC. I sent the voucher with the remainder to him.

As per the notice, expenses will be curtailed:

1. Jan. issue of "Executive Update" will be prepared and printed in December - about 200.00

- 2. Special order of plastic cover frames for photos and files about 70.00
- 3. Office costs through Dec. should be under 100.00

Presently I have a conflict on the same day as the N.E. Regional parish meeting - I shall try to make it. Please ask Surpasan about the Jan. meeting date of the Central Council - preferably in New England (Chelmsford) since travel costs are a major consideration with the Council right now.

If you have any other needs, please inform. Also,

If you have any other needs, please inform. Also, what format will the year end "Annual Department Report" take? I should like to begin on this soon.

Stay well Hayr Soorp.

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### ACYOA

PROPOSAL FOR RESTRUCTURING TO COMPLEMENT REGIONALIZATION IN THE DIOCESE.

#### Introduction:

The Diocese of the Armenian Church has initiated its master plan for regionalization. This is a result of many years of study and research to find the most effective way of administering to the needs of the faithful spread out in the Eastern and Midwestern parts of the United States.

The Proposal for the ACYOA is aimed at complementing the Diocesan plan, as well as improve and initiate an efficient method of developing and executing programs for the young people of the Diocese.

The Diocesan regionalization project has already begun in the New England area and will soon be started in other areas of the Diocese. The "Region" has its various committees, coordinators, etc., etc., supervising the activities of the Departments of Religious Education, Social Services, Finances, Liturgical Education, Public Relations, Ethnic Studies, General Programming, as well as Youth Development. Within this structure, the ACYOA will function with its own regional emphasis, complementing the work and efforts of the other regional departments.

### General Proposal:

That the ACYOA be restructured to complement the Diocesan regionalization project, with the following objectives.

### **OBJECTIVES:**

- 1. To request the Diocese hire regional field workers who will address the following, among others: regional programming of educational series, retreats, athletics, recreation, art competitions, outings, picnics, college campus activities, seminars, etc.
- 2. To restructure the present ACYOA administration (Central Council and General Assembly) into the following:
  - a) Each parish will have an ACYOA Chapter which will follow the basics of the present ACYOA Constitution insofar as it speaks to the local parish situation.
  - b) Each parish will appoint or elect 2 parish youth representatives who will represent the parish at regional conferences.
  - c) Regional conferences will convene at least twice a year for the purpose of interaction, discussion on regional programming, solving problems, sharing resources, and developing the region. The conference will also appoint or elect a regional representative, who, together with the Regional Field Worker, will represent the region at the Annual Diocesan Youth Forum.
  - d) Annually, the Diocese will sponsor a **youth forum** which will provide an opportunity for the young people of the Diocese to assemble for the purposes of participating in discussions, conferring on problems, seminars, workshops, religious and cultural programs, as well as a general "youth forum" to exchange ideas on new programs and projects.

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- 3. To utilize the ACYOA Constitution on the local parish/chapter level only. On the regional and national levels, governing rules and regulations will be administered through specific programming needs. (i.e. National Sports Weekend Rules and Regulations would govern this specific program.) As programs are developed, specific rules will be set up specific for the program.
- 4. To request the Diocese set up a "youth fund" that will be used to finance youth related programs, workers, directors, administration, etc. The Diocesan Offices would handle all bookkeeping.
- 5. To turn over to the Diocese, specifically the Youth Fund, all funds and assets of the ACYOA. These funds would be used to help cover some of the costs of the new structure, as well as pay for regional field workers. The present system of dividing profits from national (one half) programs, and regional (one quarter) programs with the host parish or chapter would remain the same.

#### Transition:

The ACYOA Central Council will focus their efforts over the next year in setting up the aforementioned points and objectives, whereafter the new structure would be initiated.

#### 1984 ACYOA National Sports Weekend

Gross Income Expenses	\$41,515.00 - 33,613.00	
Net Income	\$7,902.00	
Additional Expenses (post report)	\$927.52	
Net Profit	\$6,974.48 =======	
1/2 Profit to ACYOA Central Council	\$3,487.24	(CHECK DEPOSITED)

^{*} Complete documentation from the weekend was not available. This report based on available data. Auditing Committee finds funds in order.

#### 1985 Archbishop's Basketball Tournament

Gross Income Expenses	\$8,863.00 7,040.77	
Net Income	\$1,822.84	
1/2 Profit to ACYOA Central Council	\$911.42	(CHECK NOT CLEARED YET)

#### 1985 ASP Financial Report

Gross Income Expenses	\$28,605.00 26,126.59	
Net Income Checking Account	\$2,478.41 168.23	
Net Profit	\$2,646.64	
Starting Balance Net Profit	\$1,679.06 2,646.64	
Subtotal Budgeted transfer to ACYOA Ending Balance	\$4,325.70 3,000.00 \$1,325.70	(CHECK NOT CLEARED YET)

^{*} ASP Profits directly correspond to fees paid by participants

#### 1985 ASP Financial Report (continued)

Recommendation of Auditing Committee:

- (1) Charges to participants should more directly correspond to the <u>actual</u> expenses occurred, thereby not supporting our national budget through the unsolicited donations of participants (funding their own trips).
- or (2) The excess proceeds go to the Holy See of Etchmiadzin in a form appropriate to express appreciation for their hospitality to the group.

#### CENTRAL COUNCIL BOOKS

The checking account was audited for the period 24-JUL-84 through 21-JUN-85. Accounts appeared in order. The following observations were made:

(1) A \$10.00 bank error in our favor (22-MAR-85 through 19-APR-85 statement)

Starting Balance Gross Income Reported	\$1,787.43 10,262.35
Subtotal Gross Expenses Reported	\$12,049.78 10,137.49
Net Income	\$1,912.29
Undeposited Proceeds from Archbishop's Tounament	911.42
Undeposited Proceeds from ASP Program	\$3,000.00
Total Net Income (ending balance)	\$5,823.71 ========

^{*} Approximate total based on books and known deposits outstanding.

Recommendation of Auditing Committee:

(1) A checking account which draws interest (NOW account) should be used, if possible.

#### Merrill Lynch Ready Asset Trust

Starting Bal. 6/84

2099.43 shares

Dividends

108.63

Total Shares

2208.06

1 share = 1 dollar

Account closed as of Dec. 31, 1984. Assets liquidated into Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner and Smith Inc. Securities Account

Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner and Smith Inc .-- Securities Act.

Opening Bal. 6/30/84	20165.62
Transfer from Ready Assets	2208.06
Net Gains	1411.01
Net Worth as of 7/27/84	23784.69

^{** **} Day to day operations were maintained by Ralph DerAssadourian No Report Presented to the Auditing Committee.

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- 1. Meeting called to order by Melina Spinuzza (Evanston) at 8:15 p.m.
- 2. Roll call was taken by recording secretary George Jevarjian (Central Council) 22 members were present.
- 3. Election of Officers:

John Apkarian (Lowell) nominated Gary Townsend (Worcester), seconded by Michael Yapchaian (Watertown), accepted.

Mike Yapchaian (Watertown) nominated John Harpootian (Providence), seconded by Dan Shadbegian (Watertown). Declined.

John Harpootian (Providence) nominated Sara Martinian (Providence), seconded by Ara Kazarian (Providence).

Myles Couyoumjian (Detroit) nominated Scott Najarian (Worcester), seconded by Gary Townsend (Worcester). Accepted.

Motion to close nominations- John Harpootian (Providence),

Sara Martinian (Providence). Passed

Roll call vote by ballots was taken.

Results are: Scott Najarian (Worcester) Chairman

Gary Townsend (Worcester)

Vice Chairman

#### 4. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion to accept the agenda as written. Sara Martinian (Providence)/Gary Townsend (Lawrence)

#### Discussion:

Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) asked why the appointment of committees was omitted.

James Magarian stated that the assembly would act as a committee of the whole.

Robert Shamgochian (Worcester) moved that #14 be moved to  $\#16\frac{1}{2}$ .

Lisa Manookian (Wynnewood) stated that the report of the auditors would not be completed at that time. Robert Shamgochian withdrew his motion. Lisa Manookian (Wynnewood) moved that #14 be moved to  $20\frac{1}{2}$ . Seconded by Myles Couyoumjian (Detroit) Myles Couyoumjian made a friendly amendment that #18 be moved to 20-3/4.

Lisa Manookian accepted the friendly amendment.

Voice vote was taken on the amendment. Passed.

Voice vote was taken on the amended agenda. Passed.

5. Motion to accept rules of procedure as outlined in the ACYOA Chairman's Handbook.

Michael Yapchaian (Watertown)/Gary Samedon (Bayside).

6. Introduction of Guests & Officials:

The V. Rev. Fr. Khajag Barsamian, Vicar General,
Asbed Zakarian, Worcester Parish Council Chairman
Lisa Kalustian, Western Diocese Central Council Chairman
Nicole Bedikian, Western Diocese Central Council Vice Chairman

7. Appointment of Parliamentarian:

Scott Najarian (Worcester) appointed Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) and John Harpootian (Providence)

8. Welcoming Address of Host Chapter:

Wold Found Chairman

Asbed Zakarian welcomed the delegates to Worcester.

Lisa Kalustian gave a brief synopsis of the activities of the ACYOA and the Western Diocese.

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9. Review of Itinerary and Announcements:

Louis Mikitarian (Coordinator of the 1985 General Assembly) informed the delegates of the itinerary. The V. Rev. Khajag Barsamian invited all of the delegates to lunch with Archbishop Torkom Manoogian at 12 noon Thursday.

James Magarian distributed bumper stickers of the 1970's to the delegates.

10. Motion to Recess until 9:00 A.M., Thursday, August 29th.

George Jevarjian (Central Council)/Sara Martinian (Providence)

Passed.

Meeting was closed with Hayr Mer.

## Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

June 1, 1986

Hi.

How are you? I hope everyone is enjoying life, what with the warm, sunny weather and all. I am fine. Here's the latest scoops, news info, etc. that I have:

- 1. I've finally condensed my minutes from the April meeting. My summary is enclosed. (Better late than never. I hope it will still be of some help.)
- 2. I'm sending each of you the dues paid member sheets for your region. This is up to date status, right off the press. I'm sending copies to the chapter chairman, parish council chairman and clergy. Jim and Shake will receive copies for each of the chapters.
- 3. Shake has received the new checks. I should get them within the week and then will promptly reimburse each of you who is waiting. I am enclosing another new reimbusement form for each of you. Please make copies for yourselves and use them. It makes my job much easier if you fill these out completely.
- 4. The Midwest Ball problems have been settled and Ball plans are again in full swing. The Ball will be October 17, 1986. It will be at Lake Forest Academy, Ferry Hall. It is an old mansion. It's very different. The night promises to be a night to remember. Check your calendars. I know that attendance from both the Council and the Diocese would be an honor.
- 5. We held the Leadership Seminar in May. It went well. All who participated gave positive reviews. We participated in the DRE lectures as planned. Representatives from Boston, Evanston, Wisconson, Worcester, Wynnewood and Detroit attended. Although the program went well, it wasn't actually a Leadership Seminar; something to discuss at our next meeting...
- 6. I just received my plane tickets for our next meeting. The only flight out I could get won't arrive in Boston until Friday night. I'll be a little late, but I'll be there.

That's about all for now. Never fear, I will be in contact again soon. Stay Well.





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* Work with Melina on Leadership Seminar.
FR. KHAJAG:
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MELINA:
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TO: ACYOA Chapter Chairman

Delegates to the 1986 ACYOA General Assembly

Parish Priests

FROM: ACYOA Central Council

DATE: November 27, 1986

RE: 1986 ACYOA General Assembly

Enclosed is a copy of the Minutes of the 1986 ACYOA General Assembly, as well as a listing of all delegates present.

The minutes of the last session were approved by the ACYOA Central Council in accordance with the Bylaws at their meeting at the Diocese on October 3, 1986. The Minutes have also been approved by the Diocesan Council.

We extend our sincere appreciation to all of you who helped to make the 1986 ACYOA General Assembly a productive and successful one.

Our special thanks to Steve Sarkisian (Watertown) for his assistance to Central Council in this regard.

Enclosures cc: Primate

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Congratulations are in order for all of you who participated in this years ACYOA Convention. We accomplished a great deal this year, in comparison to the last few, and what was even more encouraging was the positive and optimistic attitude we all had in the assembly.

As this years chairman I would like to thank you again for your participation and remind you of your responsibilities over this next year. We are all elected delegates for the remainder of the 1986-87 year and therefore we are all responsible to help the organization carry out its duties at the chapter and national level. We should be active in keeping our own chapters aware of its responsibilities. This will make it easier for central council to do its job.

I have compiled a list of the delegates from the assembly registration cards and enclosed a copy to all of you. Hopefully this will be the beginning of a national membership list that will enable us all to keep better informed and in closer touch with each other.

May we have a strong and productive year and future.

Your Friend,

Stephen J. Sarkisian

cc. Primate
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## MINUTES OF THE 1986 GENERAL ASSEMBLY ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA

August 27-29, 1986 Adam's Mark Hotel

Host: Wynnewood ACYOA Seniors

St. Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church

#### FIRST SESSION - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 1986

#### A. INVOCATION

The first session of the 1986 ACYOA General Assembly was called to order by 1985 Assembly chairman, Scott Najarian (Worcester), at 7:55 p.m. His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, and the National President of the ACYOA, led the delegates in the special opening prayer. Very Rev. Fr. Haigazoun Najarian (Etchmiadzin), Robert Shamgochian (Worcester), and Vartan Ajamian (Bayside) assisted in a prayer service.

#### B. ROLL CALL

Sara Martinian (Central Council), ACYOA Central Council Recording Secretary called the roll. The Chair noted that 42 out of an eligible 70 delegates were present. A quorum was established and the Assembly officially convened.

Also in attendance were: His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian; Very Rev. Fr. Khajag Barsamian, Vicar General; Very Rev. Fr. Haigazoun Najarian; Rev. Fr. Paree Metjian; Rev. Fr. Tateos Abdalian; and Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian. Lisa Kalustian from the ACYO Western Diocese was present to observe the Assembly proceedings.

#### C. ELECTION OF ASSEMBLY OFFICERS

Nominations for Assembly Chairman and Vice Chairman were entertained by the Chair.

Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) - nominated Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) - seconded by John Harpootian (Providence).

Robert Shamgochian (Worcester) nominated Stephen Sarkisian (Watertown) - seconded by Melina Spinuzza (Central Council).

Greg Saraydarian moved to close nominations - seconded by John Apkarian (Lowell) - passed - nominations closed - secret ballot held.

Election results: StephenSarkisian Chairman
Michael Yapchaian Vice Chairman

#### D. APPOINTMENTS: PARLIAMENTARIAN/SERGEANT-AT-ARMS/ASSEMBLY SECRETARY

The Chair appointed Lori Kalemkerian (Northern New Jersey) as parliamentarian and John Apkarian (Lowell) as Sergeant-at-Arms. Sara Martinian (Central Council) was appointed by the Host Committee as Assembly Secretary.

#### E. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Shake Ajamian (Central Council) motioned to add a line item 12(a) for the address of the Acting Executive Secretary - seconded by Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) - passed.

Sara Martinian (Central Council) motioned to re-word item 16 to read "By-law" Amendments. Seconded by Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) - passed.

Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) motioned to accept the amended agenda, seconded by Shake Ajamian (Central Council). Voice vote - agenda accepted.

#### F. ADOPTION OF RULES OF PROCEDURES

Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) so moved. Seconded by Robert Shamgochian (Worcester). Voice vote passed.

#### G. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND OFFICIALS

The Chair noted the following guests and officials:

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Eastern Diocese Very Rev. Fr. Khajag Barsamian, Vicar General of the Eastern Diocese Very Rev. Fr. Haigazoun Najarian, newly arrived from Etchmiadzin and serving in our Diocese

Rev. Fr. Tateos Abdalian, Greenfield, WI Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian, Houston, TX Rev. Fr. Paree Metjian, Wynnewood, PA

Central Council - Shake Ajamian, Chairman Scott Najarian, Vice Chairman Melina Spinuzza, Treasurer Sara Martinian, Recording Secretary

Acting Executive Secretary - Anthony Barsamian Central Council, Western Diocese - Lisa Kalustian

#### H. WELCOMING MESSAGE OF HOST CHAPTER

Lisa Manookian, Host Committee Chairman, welcomed the Assembly delegates.

#### I. REVIEW OF ITINERARY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian announced the resignation of Executive Secretary, James Magarian. He then introduced Anthony Barsamian who will serve as acting Executive Secretary until a permanent secretary is found.

Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) motioned to move into the second session of the agenda. Seconded by Melanie Mouradjian (Boston). Second session reports were not completed. Thus, Robert Shamgochian (Worcester), motioned to select item 16 to be discussed by the Assembly. Seconded by Scott Najarian (Central Council). Passed.

#### J. BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

Amendment to National Sports Weekend Rules and Regulations (Appendix A).

Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) motioned to re-number the amendment (Appendix A) to read Section 5. Seconded by John Apkarian (Lowell). Passed.

John Harpootian (Providence) made a friendly amendment to read (Appendix B).

Seconded by Ara Kazarian (Providence). Passed. 23-18

The Chair was relinquished to the Vice Chairman, Michael Yapchaian. Secret ballot - motion passed.

Stephenreturned to the Chair.

Sara Martinian (Central Council) moved to recess. Lori Kalemkerian (Northern New Jersey) seconded.

Assembly recessed at 9:40 p.m.

SECOND SESSION - THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 1986 - 9:15 A.M.

#### A. OPENING PRAYER SERVICE

The Primate led the Assembly in the opening prayer service. Fr. Tateos Abdalian, Aren Jebejian and Nishan Akqulian also assisted in the service.

#### B. ROLL CALL

Sara Martinian, Assembly secretary, read the role. 39 delegates were present. Also in attendance were: His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian; Very Rev. Fr. Khajag Barsamian, Vicar General; Very Rev. Fr. Haigazoun Najarian; Rev. Fr. Paree Metjian; Rev. Fr. Tateos Abdalian; Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian; and Rev. Fr. Aved Terzian.

Lisa Kalustian from the ACYO Western Diocese brought greetings from our friends in California and brought us news about the happenings and activities of the Western Diocese.

#### C. ACCEPTING OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS SESSION

Sara Martinian, Assembly secretary, read the minutes of the previous session. Additions and corrections were made, Ara Kazarian (Providence) motioned to accept the corrected minutes, seconded by Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) - minutes were accepted as corrected.

#### D. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL

Central Council chairman, Shake Ajamian, presented the Annual Report. Discussion was held and corrections were made. Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston) motioned to accept the report, seconded by Melanie Mourajian (Boston) - report accepted.

#### E. ADDRESS OF THE ACTING EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Anthony Barsamian, newly appointed Acting Executive Secretary addressed the Assembly with his plans for strengthening the ACYOA as it exists. By concentrating on the expertise of our members into specific committees and programs that he outlined. His feeling is that together we can change the face of the ACYOA now and in the future.

Due to time constraints Myles Couyoumjian (Detroit) motioned to change agenda items to accommodate the Primate and the Auditing Committee, seconded by Shake Ajamian (Centra Council). Passed.

#### F. ADDRESS OF THE DIOCESAN PRIMATE, HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN

The Primate addressed the Assembly as to the history and direction of our organization. His Eminence made the following points:

In retrospect we look at our American-born Armenian leaders and find that many of them are ACYOA Alumni. We, as ACYOA members, are the leaders of today and the future. We should continue to challenge ourselves and continue to develop leaders. We should examine our past and create the new structure as the future and continue to look forth and lead our youth. (The Primate's Address is attached - Appendix C)

#### G. RECESS

Sara Martinian motioned to recess, seconded by Ara Kazarian (Providence).

The Primate invited the Assembly to be his guest for lunch following adjournment.

Assembly recessed at 12:00 noon

THIRD SESSION - THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 1986 - 1:55 P.M.

#### A. CALL TO ORDER/ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS SESSION

Assembly chairman, Steven Sarkisian called the Assembly to order. Welcoming Rev. Fr. Karekin Kasparian.

Assembly secretary, Sara Martinian (Central Council), read the minutes of the previous session. Corrections were made. Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) motioned to accept the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Ara Kazarian (Providence). Minutes were accepted as corrected.

#### B. THE REPORT OF ACYOA AUDITING COMMITTEE

Robert Shamgochian of the Auditing Committee presented the report. Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston) motioned to approve the report. Seconded by Sara Martinian (Central Council). Report was accepted.

Steven Sarkisian (Watertown) reported on his visit to the Western Diocese ACYO Assembly relating the similarities and differences between our organizations.

#### C. ASSEMBLY AMENDMENTS - NATIONAL SPORTS WEEKEND RULES

Article 3, Section 1 (See Appendix D)

Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) motioned to table the issue to bring forth an alternative suggestion. Seconded by Myles Couyoumjian (Detroit). Passed.

Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) introduced a new proposal to read: (See Appendix E).

Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) motioned to continue discussion for the point of clarity as alteration. Seconded by Shake Ajamian (Central Council). Passed.

Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) made a friendly amendment to read: (See Appendix F). Seconded by Shake Ajamian (Central Council).

Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) withdrew his motion.

John Harpootian (Providence) made a friendly amendment to read (See Appendix G). Seconded by Ara Kazarian (Providence). Amendment passed.

Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) proposed a friendly amendment to read (See Appendix H). Seconded by John Harpootian (Providence). Amendment passed.

Chair called question.

Proposal reads: (See Appendix H). Passed.

Chair took a brief recess.

Sara Andonian (Detroit) motioned to re-open the Article 3, Section 15. Seconded by Greg Saraydarian (Bayside). Passed.

Fr. Tateos Abdalian (Wisconsin) made a friendly amendment to read (See Appendix K). Seconded by Greg Saraydarian (Bayside). Passed.

Tom Gengozian (Wisconsin) moved the question - amendment passed.

Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston) called the question. Seconded by Fr. Tateos Abdalian (Wisconsin). Proposal passed.

Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) motioned to remove the tabled proposal. Seconded by Michael Melikian (Providence). Passed.

Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) called the question. Armand Paboojian (Watertown) seconded. Proposal defeated.

Lucine Arslanian (Cleveland) proposed Article 4, Section 5 to read (See Appendix L).

Motion to discuss the proposal brought by Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston). Seconded by Fr. Tateos Abdalian (Wisconsin). Passed.

Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) proposed a friendly amendment to read (See Appendix M). Seconded by Armen Paboojian (Watertown). Passed.

Fr. Tateos Abdalian (Wisconsin) proposed to amend the constitution concerning age of members - subject ruled unconstitutional. The Chair welcomed Fr. Haig Donikian (Detroit).

Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) proposed (See Appendix N). Privilege to discuss - defeated.

Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston) proposed to adopt and distribute to the general membership copies of the Probation Guidelines established by Central Council. Discussion passed.

Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) called question. Passed.

Melina Spinuzza (Central Council) requested to suspend agenda. Seconded by Scott Najarian (Central Council). Amendment raised was unconstitutional.

Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston) made a proposal to read (See Appendix 0). Discussion passed.

Permission for roll call requested by Assembly secretary, Sara Martinian (Central Council). Seconded by required number of delegates. Quorum present.

Proposal passed.

Fr. Tateos Abdalian (Wisconsin) proposed to suspend agenda. Seconded by Melina Spinuzza (Central Council). Passed.

Fr. Tateos Abdalian (Wisconsin) proposed to amend the agenda to include Item 21(a) - "New Business." Seconded by Melina Spinuzza (Central Council).

Sara Martinian (Central Council) called question - passed.

Permission for roll call requested by Assembly secretary, Sara Martinian (Central Council). Seconded by required number of delegates. Quorum present.

Proposal passed.

Fr. Tateos Abdalian (Wisconsin) proposed to suspend agenda. Seconded by Melina Spinuzza (Central Council). Passed.

Fr. Tateos Abdalian (Wisconsin) proposed to amend the agenda to include Item 21(a) - "New Business." Seconded by Melina Spinuzza (Central Council).

Sara Martinian (Central Council) called question - passed.

Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston) moved to recess. Seconded by Nishan Akgulian (Wisconsin).

Recess at 5:30 p.m.

#### FOURTH SESSION - FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 1986 - 9:30 A.M.

#### A. OPENING PRAYER

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, led the Assembly in a prayer service. Fr. Karekin Kasparian (Westchester), Anthony Barsamian and Scott Najarian assisted in the service.

#### B. CALL TO ORDER/ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS SESSION

Assembly secretary, Sara Martinian (Central Council) called the roll. 29 delegates present.

Also in attendance were: His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian; Very Rev. Fr. Khajag Barsamian, Vicar General; Rev. Fr. Tateos Abdalian; Rev. Fr. Karekin Kasparian; Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian; Rev. Fr. Haig Donikian; Rev. Fr. Aved Terzian; Very Rev. Fr. Nourhan Manoogian.

Assembly secretary, Sara Martinian (Central Council), read the minutes of the previous session. Corrections were noted. Motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Shake Ajamian (Central Council) - seconded by Robert Shamgochian (Worcester). Minutes were accepted and corrected.

#### C. PROPOSALS

Melina Spinuzza (Central Council) proposed to designate annual dues to be \$10.00 - seconded by Greg Saraydarian (Bayside). Discussion held. Passed.

Fr. Karekin Kasparian (Westchester) proposed to accept ACYOA committees as presented by Anthony Barsamian (Appendix P). Seconded by Greg Saraydarian (Bayside). Discussion held. Proposal defeated.

#### D. NATIONAL BUDGET

Fr. Tateos Abdalian (Wisconsin) motioned to cut the amount of funds for Central Council meetings from \$4,000.00 to \$2,000.00

Fr. Karekin Kasparian (Westchester) made a friendly amendment to cut the amount of funds for Central Council meetings from \$4,000.00 to \$3,000.00 - seconded by Sara Martinian (Central Council).

Fr. Tateos Abdalian (Wisconsin) called the question - seconded by Fr. Karekin Kasparian (Westchester). Defeated.

Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston) motioned to cut the Central Council Administrative budget from \$3,500.00 to \$2,500.00 - seconded by Fr. Karekin Kasparian (Westchester). Defeated.

John Harpootian (Providence) motioned to add donations of \$5,230.00 into the National Budget for 1986-87 under receipts/donations -- seconded by Greg Saraydarian (Bayside). Defeated.

Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston) motioned to have the chair appoint a three member committee to present a balanced budget - seconded by Shake Ajamian (Central Council). Passed.

The Chair appointed John Harpootian (Providence), Melina Spinuzza (Central Council) and Robert Shamqochian (Worcester) to the budget committee.

Fr. Tateos Abdalian (Wisconsin) motioned to table the budget discussion - seconded by Mike Melikian (Providence). Budget discussion tabled.

#### E. NEW BUSINESS

Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) resubmitted Appendix Q. Seconded by George Tekeyan (Watertown). Defeated.

Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston) motioned to transfer \$15,000.00 out of the Merrill Lynch account into the Armenian Church Endowment Fund and be designated as a line item - ACYOA Fund - and that the interest be transferred yearly to ACYOA Central Council for educational and religious programs - seconded by Fr. Karekin Kasparian (Westchester). The question was called by Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston) seconded by Shake Ajamian (Central Council). Passed.

#### F. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Shake Ajamian (Central Council) moved to table the report of the Nominating Committee - seconded by Sara Martinian (Central Council). Passed.

#### G. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Fr. Tateos Abdalian (Wisconsin) gave an educational presentation concerning the issues surrounding consideration of the priesthood by our youth and dedication and service to our church.

Lori Kalemkerian (Northern New Jersey) moved to recess until 2:10 p.m. - seconded by Michael Yapchaian (Watertown).

Recess 12:30 p.m.

#### FIFTH SESSION - AUGUST 29, 1986 - 2:55 P.M.

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

Assembly chairman, Stephan Sarkisian called the Assembly to order at 2:55 p.m.

#### B. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS SESSION

Lori Kalemkerian read the minutes, they were corrected. Sara Martinian (Central Council) motioned to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Shake Ajamian (Central Council), minutes were accepted as corrected.

#### C. NATIONAL BUDGET

Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) motioned to discuss the tabled budget issue, seconded by Scott Najarian (Central Council). Melina Spinuzza (Central Council) presented the revised budget prepared by the newly appointed budget committee. Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) motioned to accept the budget, seconded by John Harpootian (Providence). Budget approved. (Appendix R)

#### D. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) moved to discuss the tabled reports of the Nominating Committee, seconded by Sara Martinian (Central Council). Shake Ajamian (Central Council) represented the Nominating Committee.

Nominees for the Nominating Committee: (Three to be elected)

Lori Kalemkerian (Northern New Jersey) Michael Chardukian (Wisconsin) Stephanie Masoian (Providence)

Nominees for Auditing Committee: (Three to be elected)

Shake Ajamian (Bayside) Sara Martinian (Providence) Stephen Sarkisian (Watertown)

Ara Kazarian (Providence) moved that the secretary cast one vote for the nominees of the Nominating Committee and later for the nominees for the Auditing Committee, since the number of nominees equaled the number to be elected, seconded by John Harpootian (Providence). Passed.

Nominees for Central Council: (Two to be elected)

Sara Andonian (Detroit) 24 votes Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) 18 votes

Lisa Manookian (Philadelphia) 15 votes (alternate)

Scott Najarian (Central Council) moved to suspend the agenda. Passed.

Scott Najarian (Central Council) proposed to reconsider Appendix S. Sara Martinian (Central Council) called the question, seconded by Shake Ajamian (Central Council). Proposal passed.

Sara Andonian (Detroit) moved to suspend the agenda. Passed.

Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) proposed Appendix T.

Melina Spinuzza (Central Council) made a friendly amendment (Appendix U). Amendment passed.

Myles Couyoumjian (Detroit) moved to suspend the agenda. Passed.

Fr. Karekin Kasparian proposed Appendix V. Discussion. Proposal passed.

Myles Couyoumjian (Detroit) moved to return to line item 21c "New Business" to discuss the topic of Regional Anniversary. Fr. Karekin Kasparian (Westchester) (PROPOSAL) "move that the 40th Annual Assembly undersee the decision of the Primate and Central Council to observe the ACYOA 40th Anniversary Regional Celebration in the manner that the appointed committees are pursuing."

Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) made a friendly amendment to change 40th Assembly to the 1986 Assembly - accepted.

Proposal passed as corrected.

#### D. BIDS FOR NATIONAL SPORTS WEEKEND

Detroit submitted a bid for the 1987 National Sports Weekend presented by Sara Andonian. The Assembly unanimously elected the site for the 1987 Weekend to be Detroit.

At this time the election results were announced.

The Assembly Secretary read a telegram that is to be sent to His Holiness Catholicos Vazken I.

Judge Vincent Gurahian addressed the Assembly on behalf of the Diocesan Council.

Fr. Tateos Abdalian (Wisconsin) suggested that we look into video taping future assemblies for historical and educational purposes.

Regional representatives and past Central Council members addressed the Assembly.

Sara Martinian (Providence) made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Shake Ajamian (Bayside). Assembly was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Lisa Manookian (Philadelphia) presented Sara Andonian (Detroit) with the Host Banner for the 1987 Sports Weekend.

The Chair invited the outgoing, current and incoming members of the ACYOA Central Council to come forward to be blessed - His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian blessed the members and led the Assembly in a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara J. Martinian

Assembly Secretary

Stephen Sarkisian Assembly Chairman Scott Najarian

Central Council Chairman

APPENDIXES

#### APPENDIX A: Article 2, Section 4

\$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 Sports Weekend Executive Committee of the respective Host Chapter.

#### APPENDIX B:

\$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 Sports Weekend Executive Committee of the respective Host Chapter.

... This \$1,000.00 loan is to be repaid to the ACYOA Central Council at such time when a final accounting of the Sports Weekend is complete and such repayment will be made with no interest accruing thereon.

#### APPENDIX C:

PRIMATE'S ADDRESS AT THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF ACYOA, WYNNEWOOD, PENNSYLVANIA AUGUST 28, 1986

It is a great joy that we are commemorating the forty years of fruitful service of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America.

It is appropriate on this wonderful occasion that we recall, with loving gratitude, one of the key people responsible for the formation of the ACYOA - Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan, who worked so diligently to bring about the formation of the first Constitutional Assembly in January of 1946.

One of the main reasons for the success of the ACYOA over these many years has been the emphasis on the establishment of a strong parish base for the organization. It was not set apart from the structure, but was, and is, very much a part of the Church.

In addition to providing a variety of programs, including sports and entertainment that would be of interest to young men and women, the ACYOA undertook a great many projects that were of immediate value to the local parishes and to our church overall.

Perhaps most important of all, the ACYOA undertook the sponsorship of publishing a number of books and other documents that have helped to enhance the teachings of our Church. Many of these publications were utilized by the Department of Religious Education when it began operations.

The story of the growth of the ACYOA has not been without its thorny side as well. It would not be truthful to say that the forty years were filled only with success.

Twenty years ago, in the early and mid-1960's, the ACYOA was affected, as were so many other organizations and institutions in America, by the dramatic changes that swept through society - especially with respect to our youth. Young men and women everywhere, at every level of the economy and society, were "dropping out," or "turning off" - or, more unfortunately, "turning on" to one substance or another. There were new religions, new communes, new lifestyles. The ACYOA was touched, along with other parts of American society as well. For two years, the annual General Assembly Weekend was suspended - and things were not as they should have been.

Fortunately, there was still strength at the parish level. Much of the work of the national section was handled by the Diocese. Yet, two very valuable programs were inaugurated during this painful period - activities that still provide benefits to the participants as well as to the Church.

We are referring to the Armenian Studies Program which provides a means for members of the ACYOA to go back to their historic "home," where most have never been. That is to Armenia. They have a chance to experience in a very meaningful way, the customs, the people, the language, the beauty - all that make our Armenian heritage so precious to us.

During this same period, about fifteen years ago, the National Sports Weekend began attracting nearly a thousand young people from all around the country to participate in a wide variety of sports competitions, entertainment and, in general, have a wonderful opportunity to meet young people of similar backgrounds and interest.

In addition to sponsoring sports competitions, the ACYOA continued to foster its educational contributions through such efforts as the development of audio-visual programs that help to explain the character of the Church liturgy and other important topics.

We are pleased to see how the ACYOA has continued to place emphasis on the development of leaders, recognizing leadership qualities early on: by conducting such leadership programs as the Sam Nersessian Awards which call attention to young people who exemplify the characteristics one would hope to find in a sincere Christian, devoted to his or her church and faith.

The scholarship programs, that send young people to attend courses at St. Nersess Seminary, offer another example of the kind of positive approach to developing leaders.

Perhaps the finest compliment that can be paid to the ACYOA on its 40th anniversary is the fact that some many of our American-born clergy and lay workers were members of the ACYOA in their early years. Of course, we can trace a very high percentage of marriages over the past 40 years to couples who first met while attending ACYOA events.

Because of these and many other facts, the ACYOA is so vital to the future of our Church. We are a relatively small ethnic group, yet we are not weak.

It is people who make the ACYOA work - people who contribute to the strength of our Church and the general welfare of the Armenian community in America. Those of you who are taking part in ACYOA now - who are here today - are the leaders of today - and of tomorrow. The history of the last 40 years has proven this to be true.

The mantle of leadership brings with it not only justifiable acclaim - it also carries a great deal of responsibility. That is not something to be taken lightly. It means that you are in positions where you give direction - not by issuing orders, but by the example you set. Many individuals with whom you come in contact are affected by what you do - and what you don't do. You may not realize it, but you are role models for younger people. You must act accordingly.

You are responsible adult Christian men and women.

It is not easy to be a Christian these day, but we must remind ourselves - when was it ever so?

Ask your grandparents and other relatives who survived the Armenian genocide of 1915 - they know how hard it can be to maintain the Christian faith. For them and their contemporaries, it meant facing death - literally. For those of us enjoying the freedoms of this country, being a Christian means that we have to resist the temptations to do all those things that we know are contrary to our Christian Armenian beliefs - but which are deemed acceptable by the rest of society.

Often the biggest challenge for today's Christian is to say "No!" - when faced with a chance to do something we know to be wrong - while the rest of the world says it is all right. That is where your leadership must come in - through your actions as Christian Armenians.

Will this always be easy? Of course not, but who said that good things can be achieved without some effort? Your role, as leaders, will be even more demanding, since it will be up to you to provide the example, to show the way.

We had the benefit of a commentary from one of the young men who served as a summer Task Force Intern at the Diocesan Headquarters last month.

Very accurately, he pointed out that it would be correct to call you "leaders of today", recognizing that in your present roles you are functioning in leadership capacities already.

The question, however, that will always remain with us, is: "Where are we going from here?"

What lies ahead for the ACYOA? Next year, next decade, next century.

The year 2001, the start of another century, will be upon us in less than 15 years. It is not too soon to think about where the ACYOA can be - should be - at that time.

How is the ACYOA going to become even more meaningful for those who participate? How will you make it attractive to those who are not taking part, but should be participants?

Undoubtedly, each of you knows someone - several individuals, perhaps - who should be seated here today. We are talking about people you know, who have the background and the talents to be valuable additions to ACYOA leadership. How can you reach out to these people - in a persuasive, positive way - to bring them into the organization?

These are the kinds of questions you must address - along with the many others - if you are to fulfill your responsibilities as leaders.

As many of you may recall, last year we mentioned some new programs that we hope to see initiated in the Diocese that will complement the goals of the ACYOA. It is gratifying to see that these are moving ahead.

Plans are moving ahead for "International Youth Fellowship Week" that will bring to our Diocese young men and women from other parts of the world to spend some more time with our young people. While this will begin on a modest basis, with individuals from other Dioceses in California and Canada, we look forward to seeing young men and women from abroad joining this kind of Assembly, as our own representatives visit other parts of the world on behalf of the ACYOA.

The Campus Ministry program, we spoke about in the Diocesan Assembly in May, we hope will get under way in the near future.

A group of ladies wrote to us and told us they wanted somehow to serve the church and its people. They were concerned about our children, most particularly our young people in colleges, away from home and family. idea is beautiful in its motivation - to contact every parish in our Diocese and compile the names of college students who are at school in different cities. By circulating this information, they hope that families in the cities, where these students live, will invite them into their homes, share with them meals and comfort and fellowship. In this way, these Armenian ladies hope to reinforce the family values with which these Armenian young people have been raised. Along the way, they may prevent the drift and alienation which may only be the result of loneliness. Whatever the obstacles, we know that our Armenian ladies One of the reasons we are so sure is the are willing to meet the challenge. recollection of similar gestures made during World War II when Armenian families everywhere in Europe sought out and welcomed Armenian soldiers from many countries into their homes. Their many kindnesses have not been forgotten to this day, and this stretching out of the community's hand to its own, in both a real and symbolic way, is something that we, in the Diocese, should emulate.

We mentioned the just-completed "Summer Intern" program. This was the first time the Diocese has undertaken such an operation - and it was gratifying and successful. Four young people, all members of the ACYOA, came to work at our headquarters in New York City. They were assigned to specific tasks in the administration of the Diocese.

They met with Diocesan officials and the Primate daily, at meals and in services, as well as in work assignments. Having the benefit of face-to-face communication, especially on a continuing basis, with the young people of our Church, can only be helpful to the clergy and the Diocesan staff.

You can be sure that this program will be continued - and expanded - in the coming years. It gave the interns a unique opportunity to see how their Diocesan Headquarters operates.

There is something else that can be gained through that intership program. It is the concern for the future: but based on a knowledge of the past.

To plan properly for the years to come, we must study the past. Despite some people's opinions to the contrary, all that has gone before, should not be forgotten. There is much to admire, much to build on, in the annals of the ACYOA. You should examine these past forty years carefully, to determine those elements that have brought about the success we celebrate now. Utilize the best of what has taken place and create the new structure for the future.

We have called you leaders of today - and so you are. Act as leaders, as Christian Armenian men and women. You know that God will be with you, and bless you.

#### **APPENDIX D:** Article 3, Section 1

All athletic participants must be dues paid members or Members-at-Large of an Armenian Church Youth Organization that is officially recognized by the Diocese in which it exists and must be recognized by the ACYOA Central Council. Members of the ACYOA must be recognized through written application 45 days prior to the National Sports Weekend. Associate members are not eligible to participate in sporting events.

### APPENDIX E: Article 3, Section 15

Members of a North American Diocese of the Armenian Church Youth Organization may participate in the ACYOA National Sports Weekend with the following eligibility requirements.

All participants must be members in good standing according to the constitution of their Diocese and their central council. Both their own central council and the ACYOA Central Council must approve their participation.

Teams may be entered from a single chapter or may combine within their Diocese, with both Central Councils approval, in accordance with Article 2, Section 1 and Section 2 of the ACYOA National Sports Weekend Rules and Regulations.

Individual participants may either represent their home chapter in individual events only or request to represent an Eastern Diocese Chapter with Central Council's approval.

## APPENDIX F:

Members of a North American Diocese Armenian Church Youth Organization may participate in the ACYOA National Sports Weekend with the following eligibility requirements.

All participants must be members in good standing according to the constitution of their Diocese and their central council. Both their own central council and the ACYOA Central Council must approve their participation.

Teams may be entered from a single chapter or may combine within their Diocese, with both Central Councils approval.

Individual participants may either represent their home chapter in individual events only or request to represent an Eastern Diocese Chapter with Central Council's approval.

## APPENDIX G: Article 3, Section 15

Members of a North American Diocese Armenian Church Youth Organization not including the Eastern Diocese may participate in the ACYOA National Sports Weekend with the following eligibility requirements.

All participants must be members in good standing according to the constitution of their Diocese and their central council. Both their own central council and the ACYOA Central Council must approve their participation.

Teams may be entered from a single chapter or may combine within their Diocese, with both Central Councils approval, in accordance with Article 2, Section 1 and Section 2 of the ACYOA National Sports Weekend Rules and Regulations.

Individual participants may either represent their home chapter in individual events only or request to represent an Eastern Diocese Chapter with Central Council's approval.

#### **APPENDIX H:** Article 3, Section 15

Members of a North American Diocese Armenian Church Youth Organization not including the Eastern Diocese may participate in the ACYOA National Sports Weekend with the following eligibility requirements.

All participants must be members in good standing according to the constitution of their Diocese and their central council. Both their own central council and the ACYOA Central Council must approve their participation.

Teams may be entered from a single chapter or may combine within their Diocese, with both Central Councils approval.

Individual participants may either represent their home chapter in individual events only or request to represent an Eastern Diocese Chapter with Central Council's approval.

## APPENDIX I: Article 3, Section 15

Members of a North American Diocese Armenian Church Youth Organization not including the Eastern Diocese may participate in the ACYOA National Sports Weekend with the following eligibility requirements.

All other eligibility requirements as stated in the ACYOA National Sports Weekend Rules and Regulations with the exception of Article 2, Section 1 and Article 3, Section 1 must be abided by.

All participants must be members in good standing according to the constitution of their Diocese and their central council. Both their own central council and the ACYOA Central Council must approve their participation.

Teams may be entered from a single chapter or may combine within their Diocese, with both Central Councils approval.

Individual participants may either represent their home chapter in individual events only or request to represent an Eastern Diocese Chapter with Central Council's approval.

#### APPENDIX J: Article 3, Section 16

All teams and individuals shall receive any and all awards for their winning performances during the sports competition.

Points will be accumulated towards the overall awards only by teams and individuals representing the Eastern Diocese.

Points shall be awarded to the first three ACYOA participants in the descending order in which they finish.

## APPENDIX K: Article 3, Section 16

All teams and individuals shall receive any and all awards for their winning performances during the sports competition.

## APPENDIX L: Article 4, Section 5

In addition to an overall award for the chapter with the most points, there shall be an additional award for the chapter with the highest average points per person participating. There shall be a minimum of 5 participants per chapter to qualitfy. This is to make competition fairer for smaller chapters.

## APPENDIX M: Article 4, Section 5

There shall be an award for the chapter with the highest average points per person participating, with the requirement that there be a minimum of 5 participants per chapter to qualify.

#### APPENDIX N: PROPOSAL

Until the Canadian Diocese forms a supported and recognized Youth Organization, members of the Canadian Diocese will be allowed to participate in the ACYOA Sports Weekend with the following requirements.

Potential participants must join the ACYOA as Members-at-Large and submit their requests 90 days in advance to the ACYOA Central Council.

Teams may be entered from a single parish or may combine within their Diocese, with the ACYOA Central Council's approval.

Individual participants may either represent their home parish in individual events only or request to represent an Eastern Diocese Chapter with Central Council's approval.

Respectively submitted, Watertown ACYOA

## APPENDIX 0:

That the Advisory Committee appointed at the 1985 Assembly continue its work and that the Central Council give a report at the 1987 Assembly.

### APPENDIX P:

#### NEW ACYOA CENTRAL COMMITTEES:

#### ACYOA Alumni Foundation:

A committee made up of ACYOA alumni, for the purpose of involving them within our organization. This year is the ideal year to implement this program.

## ACYOA College Connection:

A committee that will develop ways of reaching out to Armenian college students. Sponsoring religious, educational, cultural, and social activities for students on their campuses.

#### ACYOA Finance Committee:

A committee established to initiate an aggressive fund raising campaign to finance these new Central Council Programs.

#### ACYOA North American Sports Weekend Committee:

A committee that will generate a high sense of spirit for the coming Sport Weekend. This committee will be a public relations branch of the Central Council, and will work with the host chapter. If the proposal for a North American Sports Weekend passes, this committee will be engaging in an active "PR" campaign to build excitement throughout the continent.

#### ACYOA Cultural Committee:

A committee that will divide itself into regional committees, with the purpose of promoting ACYOA sponsored cultural programs throughout the Diocese. Hopefully, these programs will build membership and strengthen us financially.

#### ACYOA Christian Education Committee:

A committee that will work closely with the Departments of Religious Education and Armenian Language Lab at the Diocese, to develop Christian Armenian Programs for ACYOA members.

#### ACYOA Spiritual Development Committee:

A committee that will devote itself to the Spiritual nurturing of our membership. Through activities such as Bible Studies, Seminars, and Retreats, this committee will serve a major need of young Armenian Christians.

## ACYOA Genocide Recognition Committee:

A committee that will stay abreast of the current activities that surround the effort of Genocide Recognition, and will inform the membership of any new developments.

## The New ACYOA Publication:

This committee will develop a new ACYOA Central Council Newsletter. This committee will be the most structured, consisting of an editor, writers, and visual artists. The first publication of this newsletter will be late September or early October. "Look for it!!"

## APPENDIX Q:

Be it proposed that Article 2, Section 5 regarding the \$1,000.00 seed money for host chapters of Sports Weekend, be separate from Article 2. Creating a new Article 8, entitled "Hosting".

ACYOA NATIONAL BUDGET

Receipts	Budget	Actual	Budget
	1985-86	1985-86	1986-87
Membership Dues National Sports Weekend Regional Anniversary Balls Archbishop's Basketball Tournament Dividends and Interest Donations Armenian Studies Program Sports Weekend Loan	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,130.03	\$ 2,600.00
	4,000.00	3,835.49	4,000.00
	150.00	- 0 -	- 0 -
	1,600.00	1,069.70	2,000.00
	2,000.00	1,052.85	1,200.00
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	3,700.00	1,000.00	3,500.00
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	\$13,450.00	\$ 9,088.07 911.42* 3,000.00** 	\$14,830.00

# APPENDIX R: (continued)

Disbursements:	Budget 1985-86	Actual 1985-86	Budget 1986-87
Central Council Meetings Central Council Administrative Chapter Visitations/Travel General Assembly/Sports Weekend Leadership Seminar Publications Archbishop's Basketball Tournament Standing Committee Scholarships and Awards Audio-Visual Programming Donations Service Charges Educational Programming Advisory Committee Armenian Studies Program Regional Conferences Sports Weekend Loan to Host Chapter	\$ 4,000.00 2,800.00 800.00 2,000.00 300.00 1,200.00 500.00 100.00 150.00 100.00 100.00 2,500.00 2,000.00	\$ 2,015.84 3,053.49 1,927.57 2,211.31 245.50 2,176.07 -0- 380.00 -0- 140.06 -0- -0- -0-	\$ 3,500.00 3,000.00 500.00 1,800.00 -0- 1,000.00 500.00 -0- 380.00 -0- 150.00 -0- -0- -0- -0-
	\$16,950.00	\$12 <b>,</b> 149 <b>.</b> 84	\$14,830.00

^{*} ABT 1984-85 (Deposited 1985-86 fiscal year)

# ** ASP

# Central Council Books:

Starting Balance (7/1/85) Gross Income Reported	\$ 1,034.00 12,999.49
Subtotal	14,033.49
Gross Expenses Reported	12,149.84
Net Income	\$ 1,883.65

# Merrill Lynch Security Account:

Total Evaluation	(7/27/85)	\$23,784.69
Dividends	(1985-1986)	1,052.85
Total Evaluation	(6/27/86)	27,354.19

#### APPENDIX S:

To transfer \$15,000.00 out of the Merrill Lynch account into the Armenian Church Endowment Fund and be designated as a line item - ACYOA Fund - and that the interest be transferred yearly to the ACYOA Central Council for educational and religious programs.

#### APPENDIX T:

Be it proposed that the ACYOA General Assembly direct the Central Council, its Executive Secretary pro temp, and Advisory Committee to initiate and implement the following subsidiary committees:

#### APPENDIX U:

Be it proposed that the ACYOA General Assembly direct the Central Council, its Executive Secretary pro temp, and Advisory Committee to initiate and implement if feasible the following subsidiary committees:

## 1) ACYOA ALumni

A committee comprised of former members of the ACYOA established for the purpose of initiating an aggressive fund-raising campaign to finance new ACYOA programs.

## 2) ACYOA College Connection

A committee that will develop ways of reaching out to Armenian college students by means of sponsoring religious, educational, cultural and social activities for students on their campuses.

#### 3) ACYOA Public Relations Committee

A committee that will generate a high sense of spirit and enthusiasm for the national programming of ACYOA. A principal focus for this committee would be the promotion of the ACYOA Sports Weekend on a North American scale.

## 4) ACYOA Cultural Committee

A committee that will divide itself into regional committees with the purpose of promoting ACYOA sponsored cultural programs throughout the Diocese. This committee would stay abreast of current activities and development regarding Genocide recognition.

## 5) ACYOA Christian Education Committee

A committee that will work closely with the Departments of Religious Education and Armenian Language at the Diocese to develop Christian Armenian programs for the spiritual nurturing of our membership through activities such as Bible studies, seminars and retreats.

## 6) The New ACYOA Publication

A committee will develop a new ACYOA newsletter. The committee will be comprised of an editor, writers and visual artists. The newsletter would carry on the high level of quality aspired by its predecessor publications, The Guardian and The Keghard.

#### APPENDIX V:

Proposal Re: Function and Responsibility of the Advisory Committee

In as much as the ACYOA Central Council members are burdened with traditional and current duties and the need is for additional activities for the growth of the organization, I move that the appointed Advisory Committee be charged with the responsibility of advising and assisting in the initiation and implementation of such outreach programs as well as contribute to the spiritual nurture, educational enlightenment, cultural enrichment and membership growth of the national organization. The Advisory Committee will work with regional committees which will be appointed by the Central Council and the Executive Secretary for the planning and execution of these programs. The Advisory Committee and the regional committees will function in consultation with the Central Council and the Executive Secretary, under the supervision of the Primate.