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'83 A.C.Y.O.A. General Assembly

MINUTES OF THE 1983 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

August 31st - September 2nd, 1983
Ramada Renaissance Hotel
Scarborough, Ontario, Canada,

His Eminence
Abp. Torkom Manoogian
Primate

I. FIRST SESSION - Wednesday, August 31st, 1983

A. Invocation

The first session of the 37th Annual ACYOA General Assembly was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by the 1982 Assembly Vice Chairman, Arda Nazerian (Bayside). His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, led the delegates in an opening prayer service..

B. Roll Call

Melanie Barsamian (Worcester), Recording Secretary of the ACYOA Central Council, called the roll. 33 of a possible 49 elected delegates were present. The Chair noted that a quorum was present and the 1983 Assembly could convene.

Also in attendance was the Primate, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, and Mr. James Magarian, Executive Secretary from the Diocese to the ACYOA.

Melanie informed the delegates that Shake Ajamian (Bayside) and herself would act as recording secretaries for the Assembly proceedings.

C. Election of Assembly Chairman

The Chair opened nominations for 1983 Assembly Chairman.

Melanie Barsamian (Central Council) nominated Arda Nazerian (Bayside) - seconded by Shake Ajamian (Bayside) - Arda accepted.

John Hovagimian (Toronto) nominated Harold Kazanjian (Lawrence) - seconded by Robert Borzakian (Boston) - Harold accepted.

Ralph Der Asadourian (Central Council) nominated Michael Mousigian (Detroit) - seconded by George Jevarjian (Detroit) - Michael accepted.

Motion made and seconded to close nominations. Roll call - secret ballot vote.

Election results:

Arda Nazerian received a majority vote. Michael Mousigian received the second highest number of votes, and was thus the vice chairman of the Assembly.

Other Assembly Officers, appointed by the Chair:

Sergeant-at-Arms - Harold Kazanjian (Lawrence)
Parliamentarian - Michael Yapchaian (Watertown)

D. Adoption of Agenda

The Agenda for the Assembly, as previously sent to all delegates, was considered for adoption. Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston) requested that the Executive Secretary to the ACYOA report to the Assembly and access his year, in addition to his "Address" as noted in the agenda.

Mr. Magarian responded that he makes his annual report to the Primate in December each year, and that his comments and information on ACYOA programs are included in the Report of the ACYOA Central Council to the Delegates of the Assembly.

Item VII., dealing with acceptance of the final session of the past Assembly, was deleted, since the Assembly has directed the Central Council to approve the final sessions.

An addition of item XIIIa. was made, dealing with a report by Rev. Fr. Yeprem Kelegian on the Committee for Youth Ministry in the Diocese.

Melanie Barsamian (Central Council) moved to accept the agenda as amended - seconded by Ellen Bogosian (Palos Heights). Motion passed.

E. Adoption of Rules of Procedure

Rev. Fr. Yeprem Kelegian (Hartford) emphasized the need to adhere to the rules and not allow unnecessary tangent discussion, and give special attention to rule #14, dealing with the Rules of Conduct during an Assembly.

Motion made and seconded to adopt the rules of procedure - motion passed.

F. Welcoming Address of Host Chapter

The Chair invited Mona Selyan, Chairman of the Toronto ACYOA Chapter of Holy Trinity Armenian Church to address the delegates. Mona welcomed the Primate, clergy, Executive Secretary, ACYOA Central Council and all delegates to Toronto and wished them every success.

G. Educational Presentation

The Chair then turned the floor to Mr. James Magarian for the customary educational presentation of the Assembly. Mr. Magarian presented the first draft of the in-process ACYOA Audio-Visual Program on the Armenians in the Holy Land.

The one hour and 15 minute program will be edited and perhaps made into two or three separate slide-tape programs for use by parishes and chapters. The projected time when the programs will be available is January 1984. Discussion on the Holy Land followed the presentation.

H. Recess

The Chair recognized Sona Palvetzian of the Host Chapter Committee, who informed the delegates of the planned activities, and invited them to a welcoming buffet after the close of the Assembly session that evening.

Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston) moved to recess the Assembly until Thursday Morning - seconded by Vaughan Totovian (Central Council) - motion carried.

The Assembly recessed at 9:55 p.m., and will reconvene at 9 a.m. sharp.

II. SECOND SESSION - Thursday, September 1st, 1983

A. Opening Service

The Primate led the delegates in an opening prayer service to open the second session of the 1983 ACYOA General Assembly.

B. Acceptance of Previous Session Minutes

The Minutes of the first session of the Assembly were read and corrected. George Jevarjian (Detroit) moved to accept the Minutes - seconded by Robert Borzakian (Boston) - motion passed.

The Chair noted that there were 35 delegates present.

C. Address of Executive Secretary

Mr. James Magarian, Executive Secretary from the Diocese to the ACYOA, addressed the Assembly participants on the need for good communications, and that communicating is perhaps one of the most basic functions of human life. He also stressed the need for such communications between members of the ACYOA Chapter, members of the parish, and members of one's own family.

Mr. Magarian involved some of the members of the Assembly in his Address, and closed with the point that everything one does, and does not do, is a form of communication. The Assembly applauded Mr. Magarian at the conclusion.

Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston) requested an assessment of the parishes. The Primate informed Father Nersess that if he had any specific questions, now is the time to ask. (No questions were asked.)

D. Report of the ACYOA Central Council to the Delegates of the Assembly

The Chair invited Susan Mousigian, ACYOA Central Council Chairman, and Ralph Der Asadourian, ACYOA Central Council Treasurer, to deliver the Report.

Susan reviewed the 21 page report which included information on the various administrative functions of the Council, as well as the programs that were sponsored during the past year. The Report had been sent to the Delegates prior to the Assembly.

One of the many highlights of the Report included the newly established computerized National Mailing List. Susan stressed the need for as many names as possible from

Rev. Fr. Yeprem Kelegian suggested that the Diocese should direct the parish priests and parish councils to collect a list of all Armenian youth in their respective areas. This may avoid the problem with the youth themselves not being able to collect names.

The question on membership cards was answered by Melanie Barsamian (Central Council) who said that all cards were not sent out because dues money and proper addresses were received too late.

Mark Kashgegian (Watertown) asked if the New Britain ACYOA Chapter had filed their Report on the 1982 National Sports Weekend. Susan Mousigian (Central Council) responded by saying that only the financial section was filed, and that repeated reminders were met with no response.

It was suggested that a security deposit from the Sports Weekend Host Committee be forwarded to the Central Council, and that it be held until the full report is filed. It was also suggested that a simple questionnaire-checklist be made for simple reporting of the Sports Weekend activities.

Other general suggestions included:

- That a clergyman be appointed to the Research and Development Committee.
- That the BEMA be utilized for youth articles and information.
- That a publication be designed specifically for youth.
- That a general report on by the Research and Development Committee be made.
- That a publicity committee be appointed to handle the distribution of the Executive Update publication to the youth of the Diocese.

On "Publications and Educational Programs", Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian (Racine) asked if any future considerations were being made, in addition to the reprinting of "Sacraments and Prayers of the Armenian Church". The answer was yes, but restricted to available funds and researchers.

The question on the future of the MagMoney Project was answered by the Council Chairman, stating that the project has been terminated for a number of reasons, including cooperation and commitment on the part of the distributor and by the youth themselves.

Other comments and suggestions on the Council Report included:

- More publicity by the St. Nersess Seminary regarding the scholarship for the St. Nersess Summer Studies Conferences.
- ACYOA Day programs should be supplemented with more important content.
- Importance of retreats should be stressed, and interest in them developed.
- The protocol section of the Chapter Handbook be changed and properly stated.
- The maple leaf should be inserted on all graphics of the ACYOA emblem.

Ralph Der Asadourian (Central Council) presented the financial sections of the Report, dealing with the 1982-83 ACYOA fiscal year.

Carol Kazerian (Racine) moved to accept the Council Report - seconded by George Jevanjian (Detroit) - motion passed.

Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian commended the Council on their work. David Stevoff (Racine) commended the Council and the Executive Secretary on their work during the past year. He also read a statement on behalf on the Wisconsin ACYOA Chapter regarding the mission of the ACYOA. The statement stressed the need to witness our Christian Faith and Armenian Cultural identity. The Christian character of our Organization must be strengthened more around our Christian heritage, as lived through the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ, and as expressed through our Armenian religious

and cultural way of life.

E. Report on the Committee for Youth Ministry in the Diocese

The Chair invited Rev. Fr. Yeprem Kelegian to inform the Assembly on the progress of the Committee for Youth Ministry in the Diocese. Fr. Yeprem explained the purpose and goals of the Committee, and stated that the current situation as regards the youth of the Church prompted the creation of the Committee as suggested by the Executive Secretary. He said the simple purpose of the Committee is to seek out the best method of training Christian leaders in our Church and thereby reach out to our youth with programs and opportunity.

F. Primate's Address

The Chair invited His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church, and National President of the ACYOA, to address the Assembly. The Assembly welcomed His Eminence with a standing ovation.

The Primate stressed the importance of the youth within the Church, and that this importance rests on their active service to the Church. Understanding their faith and cultural identity, showing others through example, following through with responsibility and taking an active role are important aspects that are sometimes overlooked.

G. Appointment of Assembly Committees

The Chair announced that following the Appointment of Assembly Committees, each committee is to meet in designated areas until the opening of the Third Assembly Session, which will commence at 3:30 p.m.

The Chair then invited Susan Mousigian (Central Council) to read the Committee Appointments. The following Committees will meet and report to the Assembly:

- Budget
- Proposals and Amendments
- Resolutions and Courtesies
- Research and Development
- Religious Vocations Awareness

The names of the delegates to each committee was read, along with where the committee would meet.

Melanie Barsamian (Central Council) moved to recess the Assembly until 3:30 p.m. - seconded by George Jevarjian (Detroit) - motion passed.

III. THIRD SESSION - Thursday - 3:55 p.m. - September 1st, 1983

A. Acceptance of Previous Session Minutes

The Minutes of the second session of the Assembly were read and corrected. Motion to accept the Minutes as corrected - seconded - carried.

The Chair noted there were 41 delegates present.

✓ B. Assembly Committee Reprts

Assembly Chairman, Arda Nazerian, invited the spokesmen from the various Assembly Committees to give their reports to the Assembly.

(1) RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS AWARENESS:

Coordinated by Deacon Michael Chevian. Alice Zarzatian gave the report. Committee members include: Melanie Barsamian (Central Council), Shake Ajamian (Bayside), Karen Andonian (Detroit), Joyce Kouzouian (Boston), David Poosikian, Mark Totovian (Watertown) Carol Kazerian (Wisconsin).

Reported that the original purpose of ACYOA was to promote the Priesthood and other religious vocations through publications, literature and mission programs. Now, we should revive this intention to insure the healthy growth of our Church. We may accomplish this through the promotion of religious vocations, opportunities and careers in the Church. There is a need to make the various vocations known to the young people.

These are some of our suggestions: That a newsletter to young people contain information on religious vocations, as well as profiles on our priests and seminarians. That a slide program be developed showing the life-styles and work of our priests, as well as the life at the Armenian Seminary. That there be designated an Annual Religious Vocations Day at the parish level to learn more about religious vocations. That the mission program be used again to visit parishes in week-long programs, headed by a priest with ACYOA members as staff. That the ACYOA should sponsor a program for 10-14 year olds, concentrating on information on priesthood and religious vocations from a practical and fundamental point of view.

John Hovagimian(Toronto) moved to accept the report - seconded by Michael Mousigian (Detroit) - motion carried.

(2) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Coordinated by Susan Mousigian (Central Council). Robert Borzakian gave the report. Committee members: Joyce Boyajian (Palos Heights), Kaizar Kazarian (Wisconsin), Deborah Stepanian (Evanston), Michael Yapchaian (Watertown).

The Committee reported on their responsibilities since their formation following last year's Assembly. Committee members were appointed by the Central Council.

The Committee proposed the following: That the ACYOA Parish Mission Program be re-instituted with the cooperation of the St. Nersess Armenian Seminary using the following guidelines: (1) that the Mission Leader be the Director of Recruitment of the Seminar, if possible; (2) that the Mission Team include at least one seminarian; and (3) that the remainder of the Team be made up of ACYOA members.

Another proposal: That an ACYOA orientation program be incorporated into the Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Tournament, when the event is taking place in New York City. The orientation program would include: (1) a tour of the Cathedral Complex, (2) information and background on the ACYOA in a reception format, (3) other non-athletic social activities utilizing the many cultural attractions of the City.

Another proposal of the Committee suggested that an Alumni Reunion of all past participants in the Armenian Studies Programs of the ACYOA be held encouraging the participants to exchange their experiences and perhaps suggesting avenues of involvement in the Armenian Church and Community.

Michael Mousigian (Detroit) moved to accept the Report--seconded by Mark Totovian (Watertown) - motion carried.

(3) PROPOSALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Coordinated by Vaughan Totovian (Central Council). Craig Eranosian (Providence) gave the Report. Committee members: Kathy Terzian (Detroit), Charlie Arslanian (Cleveland), Haig Dikranian (Montreal), Steve Sirmakesyan (Montreal), Michael Yapchaian (Watertown), Nick Akgulian (Wisconsin).

The Committee reviewed the Constitutional Amendments which were received by the ACYOA Central Council, and distributed to the chapters prior to the Assembly. Each proposal was considered separately and accepted for discussion.

[NOTE: Each proposal is later brought back to the Assembly floor for determination under "proposals" which will include general proposals from the floor.]

Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) moved to accept the Report - seconded by Carol Kazerian (Wisconsin) - motion carried.

(4) CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

[Same committee members as Proposals Committee.]

The Committee reviewed the Constitutional Amendments which were received by the ACYOA Central Council, and distributed to the chapters prior to the Assembly.

[NOTE: Each amendment, as the proposals, are brought back to the Assembly floor for determination under "Constitutional Amendments".]

Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) moved to accept the Committee Report - seconded by Michael Mousigian (Detroit) - motion carried.

(5) BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Coordinated by Ralph Der Asadourian (Central Council Treasurer).

The Report was given with future reference to voting on the final budget after the various proposals which need funding are established.

George Jevardjian (Detroit) moved to accept the Report - seconded by Michael Mousigian (Detroit) - motion carried.

A motion was then made by Mark Kashgegian (Watertown) to recess until 7:00 p.m. - seconded by Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) - motion carried. The Chair then instructed the delegates to recess and meet at 7:00 p.m. sharp.

IV. FOURTH SESSION - Thursday - 7:10 p.m. - September 1st, 1983

A. Acceptance of Previous Session Minutes

The Minutes of the third assembly session were read and corrected. Motion to accept the Minutes as corrected was made by John Hovagimian (Toronto) - seconded by Greg Suin (Toronto) - motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

(1) PROPOSALS

- a. (submitted by Washington DC ACYOA Chapter on the floor - 3/4 vote of the Assembly required to accept for discussion. Motion to discuss unanimous.)

That "religious programs" be included in the itinerary of planned events of the ACYOA National Sports Weekend.

Little discussion. Motion to accept proposal made by Rev. Fr. Yeprem Kelegian (Hartford) - seconded by Carol Kazerian (Wisconsin) - motion passed - PROPOSAL ACCEPTED.

- b. (submitted by the Wisconsin ACYOA Chapter on the floor - 3/4 vote of the Assembly required to accept for discussion. Motion to discuss unanimous.)

Change in the wording of the ACYOA Pledge from, "be a faithful son of the Armenian Church" to, "be a faithful member of the Armenian Church."

PROPOSAL ACCEPTED.

- c. (submitted by the Watertown ACYOA Chapter to the ACYOA Central Council and distributed to the chapters prior to the Assembly.)

That the ACYOA Central Council develop a comprehensive membership campaign to be implemented in 1984, reflecting on the ACYOA Objectives of providing a balance of spiritual, cultural, social, educational and athletic concentrations.

Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) moved to accept the proposal - seconded by Rev. Fr. Yeprem Kelegian (Hartford) - motioned passed - PROPOSAL ACCEPTED.

- d. (submitted by the Watertown ACYOA Chapter to the ACYOA Central Council and distributed to the chapters prior to the Assembly.)

That future ACYOA National Sports Weekend Package Plans be kept to a maximum cost of \$60.00 for in hotel guests, \$80.00 for non-registered guests and pre-payment by the first week in July of \$50.00 for in hotel guests and \$70.00 for nonregistered guests - all USA currency.

PROPOSAL REJECTED.

[NOTE: This "rejected" proposal is included here for reference with Item F, page 9 of these Minutes. "Rejected" proposals are not usually included in the Minutes.]

- e. (submitted by the Watertown ACYOA Chapter to the ACYOA Central Council and distributed to the chapters prior to the Assembly.)

That a National ACYOA Scholarship Fund be established to provide scholarships to outstanding ACYOA members attending college.

SPIRIT OF THE PROPOSAL ACCEPTED.

The Assembly decided to allow the Primate and ACYOA Central Council to research the possibility of establishing an academic scholarship fund and to take the necessary steps if it is feasible.

- f. (submitted by the Proposals Committee on the floor - 3/4 vote of the Assembly required to accept for discussion - motion to discuss unanimous.)

Change in rules of National Sports Weekend. Article 3 - Regulations

(presently reads)

"All Athletic participants must be registered with the Official National Sports Weekend Registration Committee, and thereby be registered on the Sports Weekend meal-hotel Package Plan or the meal Package Plan."

(proposed to read)

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

PROPOSAL ACCEPTED

- g. (submitted by the Research and Development Committee - 3/4 vote of the Assembly required to accept for discussion. Motion to discuss unanimous.)

That the ACYOA, working in cooperation with the St. Nersess Armenian Seminary, conduct an annual mission program using, if possible, the Director of Recruitment of the Seminary as the Mission Team Leader, a seminarian from the St. Nersess Seminary as one of the Team members, and ACYOA members as other Mission Team members.

PROPOSAL ACCEPTED

- h. (submitted by the Research and Development Committee as above.)

That the Annual ACYOA Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Tournament, when it is held in New York City, include educational and social events, such as a tour of the St. Vartan Cathedral complex, excursions to cultural sites of the city, reception with the Primate, orientation on what the meaning of ACYOA is, and other such non-athletic activity.

PROPOSAL ACCEPTED

1. (submitted by the Research and Development Committee as above.)

That the ACYOA organize a reunion of the participants in the ACYOA Armenian Studies Programs, and that a presentation on the tours be made at the ACYOA General Assembly.

PROPOSAL ACCEPTED.

- j. (submitted by the Research and Development Committee as above.)

That the Research and Development Committee extend and offer their services to the Diocesan Youth Ministry Committee upon the approval of the Primate and Diocesan Council.

PROPOSAL ACCEPTED.

(2) CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

- a. Article 3 - Policies - Section 5 (new section)(submitted by Watertown)

[amended to read] "To encourage education among Armenian youth."

AMENDMENT ACCEPTED.

- b. Article 4 - Membership - Section 1 (submitted by Watertown)

[presently reads] "All persons at least 18 years of age, or high school graduates, who are communicant members of the Armenian Church, are eligible for membership."

[amended to read] "All persons at least 17 years of age, or high school....."

AMENDMENT REJECTED.

[NOTE: A similar proposed amendment concerning "Associate Membership" age change from 18 years of age to 17 years of age was similarly rejected.]

- c. Article 14 - Elections - Section 4 (new section) (submitted by Central Council)

[Article 11 - Central Council - Section 4 presently reads]

"In case of a vacancy in the ACYOA Central Council created by resignation or otherwise, the ACYOA Central Council shall invite the individual who received the next highest number of votes short of election at the last General Assembly to fill the vacancy. This member shall serve until the following General Assembly."

[amended to read] "In case of a vacancy in any National Committee of the ACYOA created by resignation or otherwise, the ACYOA Central Council shall invite the individual who received the next highest number of votes short of election at the last General Assembly

to fill the vacancy. This member shall serve until the following General Assembly. In the event that the first alternate is unable to fill the vacancy, the second alternate shall be invited to fill the position. Should no alternates be available, the ACYOA Central Council shall select an ACYOA member in good standing to fill the vacancy with the same rights, privileges and responsibilities as the elected National Committee members."

AMENDMENT ACCEPTED.

(3) REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE (elections)

Assembly Chairman Arda Nazerian invited the ACYOA Nominating Committee to give their report to the Assembly and conduct the annual elections. The Nominating Committee members present were: Robert Borzakian (Boston) and John Hovagimian (Toronto).

a. Nominations for ACYOA Central Council (two year terms):

- ** George Jevardjian (Detroit)
- ** Arda Nazerian (Bayside)
- + Haig-Aram Tossounian (Toronto)
- ** Sona Palvetzian (Toronto)

- ** elected
- + first alternate

b. Nominations for ACYOA Auditing Committee (one year terms):

- ** Craig Eranosian (Providence)
- ** Susan Dadekian (Fair Lawn)
- ** Cheryl Aslanian (Cleveland)
- + Norair Yeretizian (Toronto)

- ** elected
- + first alternate

c. Nominations for ACYOA Nominating Committee (one year terms):

- ** Mark Totovian (Watertown)
- ** Kathy Terzian (Detroit)
- ** Ralph Der Asadourian (Evanston)
- + Susan Boyajian (Palos Heights)
- ++ Shake Ajamian (Bayside)
- ++ Alice Zarzatian (Cheltenham)

- ** elected
- + first Alternate
- ++ second alternates

Susan Mousigian (Central Council) moved to recess until Friday morning at 9 a.m. - seconded by George Jevarjian (Detroit) - motion carried.

The Primate offered the closing prayer.

V. FIFTH SESSION - Friday - 9:25 a.m. - September 2nd, 1983

Assembly Chairman Arda Nazerian called the delegates to order and indicated that there were 36 present. Presiding over this session of the Assembly was the Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian, Pastor of St. Mesrob Armenian Church in Racine, WI. Father Garabed was appointed by the Primate.

The Assembly, taking note of a recent plane crash in the Sea of Japan, included in the opening Prayer Service the victims of the crash.

A. Acceptance of Previous Session Minutes

Since the Minutes of the Fourth Session were not prepared, a motion was made and seconded to postpone the acceptance of the Minutes. If the Minutes are not available by the end of the Assembly, both the fourth and fifth Assembly Session Minutes will be reviewed and approved by the ACYOA Central Council, as is the custom.

Unanimously accepted.

B. Presentation on ACYOA Armenian Studies Programs

At the request of the Assembly, Arpi Kouzouian (Boston) and Rob Shamgochian (Worcester) presented their impressions of Armenia via the ACYOA "Educational Tour to Armenia" which is part of the Armenian Studies Programs. Both participated in the 1982 program and stated that the trip was an invaluable experience which will last a life time. The Assembly was very appreciative to them for their presentations.

C. Report of the Resolutions and Courtesies Committee

Arda Nazerian, Assembly Chairman, read the report. With few modifications and corrections a motion was made by George Jevarjian (Detroit) - seconded by Kathy Terzian (Detroit) to accept the report.

It was requested that the final paragraph of the Report be discussed separately and dealt with as a "resolution". The motion carried.

Kathy Terzian (Detroit) moved to accept the final paragraph of the Report as a Resolution - seconded by Kirk Norian (Detroit) - motion carried.

D. Report of the National Budget Committee

The Chair invited Ralph Der Asadourian (Central Council) to deliver the report of the National Budget Committee. Ralph then reviewed the report and the budget which was distributed to all delegates.

Correction: "disbursement page" - service charges - '82-'83 actual = \$47.30
total under the '82-'83 actual column = \$12543.96

Motion to accept the Report was made and seconded.

Robert Borzakian (Boston) moved to increase the "Archbishop's Tournament" receipts for the 1983-84 budget from \$500.00 to \$750.00 - seconded by Michael Yapchaian (Watertown). Motion passed. FINAL FIGURE.

Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston) moved to increase the "Mission Program" from -0- to \$1500.00 - seconded by Peter Babigian (Watertown). Motion passed.

Fr. Nersess moved to increase "fund raising" from -0- to \$750.00 - seconded by Peter Babegian. Motion passed.

Motion to amend the "Mission Program" from \$1500.00 to \$1000.00 made by Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) - seconded by George Jevanjian (Detroit) - motion passed.

Motion to amend the "Mission Program" again from \$1000.00 to \$1200.00 made by Dean Shahinian (Washington)- seconded by Michael Yapchaian - motion passed. FINAL FIGURE.

Motion to amend "Fund Raising" receipts from \$750.00 to \$500.00 made by Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston) - seconded by Robert Borzakian (Boston) - motion passed. FINAL FIGURE.

Motion to increase "Program research and development" from \$500.00 to \$1000.00 made by Robert Borzakian (Boston) - seconded by Peter Babigian (Watertown) - motion passed. FINAL FIGURE.

Michael Mousigian (Detroit) moved to increase receipts from "Dividends and Interest" from \$1500.00 to \$2000.00 - seconded by Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) - motion passed. FINAL FIGURE.

[NOTE: General and familiar discussion took place inbetween these various motions which is not included here.]

Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian (Racine) proposed that an "ACYOA Mission Sunday" be designated, the proceeds from which would assist the ACYOA Mission Program, and be noted under "Fund Raising" - seconded and passed unanimously.

Michael Yapchaian moved to call the question - motion to accept the National Budget as amended passed unanimously. (See "supplemental" for complete '83-84 Budget.)

E. Auditing Committee Report

Representing the Auditing Committee and presenting the Report was Michael Mousigian (Detroit). Other Committee members included Paul Parnagian (Providence) and Cheryl Arslanian (Cleveland). The Report was distributed to the delegates.

Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) noted a correction on page 2 - "New England Anniversary Ball (Lawrence)", that it was held in 1982.

Mark Kashgegian (Watertown) moved to accept the Report as corrected - seconded by Susan Mousigian (Central Council) - motion carried.

Michael Mousigian (Detroit) moved to reconsider the ACYOA Central Council Report and to add to the Report the financial statements and reports included in the Auditing Committee report - seconded by Mark Totovian (Watertown) - motion carried.

F. Selection of Next Assembly Site and Date

The Chair invited representatives of the Palos Heights ACYOA Chapter of Ss. Joachim and Anna Armenian Church to make their presentation and bid for the 1984 General Assembly and National Sports Weekend. (No other bids were made).

Kevin Giragosian, Chairman of the Palos Heights Chapter, presented the bid which included general information on facilities and research already done, as well as an amusing film to promote the event. The Assembly applauded the effort.

Susan Mousigian (Council) moved to accept the Palos Heights Bid - seconded by Michael Mousigian (Detroit) - motion passed unanimously.

G. Other

Susan Mousigian moved that the various appendices of the minutes be included in the copy sent to all Chapters - seconded by Michael Yapchaian - motion carried.

Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian again requested that the Executive Secretary address the Assembly and access the past year.

Mr. Magarian stated that he would answer any questions that Fr. Nersess had, and, that if Fr. Nersess wished to discuss certain items at length, Mr. Magarian would make himself available after the Assembly. No questions were asked.

Deacon Michael Chevian (At large) suggested that in the Chapter Handbook, the references made to the St. Nersess Summer Studies Conferences (included in the information on the Sam Nersesian Scholarship) include the fact that the Conferences are sponsored by both the Eastern and Western Dioceses of the Armenian Church of America.

Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian noted that in the "protocol" section of the Handbook the information on "kissing the hands of clergy" be corrected. The custom is not limited to celibate clergy.

Mr. Magarian stated that those corrections and updates will be included in the revision which is to be done by the end of the year.

H. Good and Welfare

Susan Mousigian, outgoing Chairman of ACYOA Central Council extended her appreciation to the delegates and fellow-Council members for their cooperation over the past two years. She offered her assistance where needed in the future.

Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston) remarked on the "informal" attire of the delegates and suggested that more suitable clothes be worn during the Assembly Sessions.

Melanie Barsamian (Central Council) thanked the outgoing members of Central Council, Susan Mousigian and Ralph Der Asadourian for their two years of service to the ACYOA.

Arda Nazerian, Assembly Chairman (Bayside) extended her appreciation to all and entertained a motion to adjourn the 1983 ACYOA General Assembly. Moved by George Jevanjian and seconded by Kathy Terzian (Detroit).

The Assembly adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

The Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian invited the out-going and incoming ACYOA Central Council members to be blessed in the customary closing prayer service of the Assembly.

The ACYOA Central Council, in its meeting in October, reviewed and accepted the fourth and fifth sessions of the Assembly Minutes.

Melanie Barsamian

MELANIE BARSAMIAN
Recording Secretary
ACYOA Central Council

Arda Nazarian

ARDA NAZERIAN
Chairman
ACYOA Central Council



SUPPLEMENTAL

APPROVED ACYOA BUDGET - FISCAL 1983-84

| <u>RECEIPTS</u> | <u>82-83 Budget</u> | <u>82-83 Actual</u> | <u>83-84 Budget</u> |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Membership Dues | \$ 2500.00 | \$ 1734.96 | \$ 2000.00 |
| National Sports Weekend '81 | 500.00 | 514.08 | - |
| National Sports Weekend '82 | 3800.00 | 5110.19 | - |
| National Sports Weekend '83 | - | - | 4000.00 |
| Dividends & Interest | 2200.00 | 2125.55 | 2000.00 |
| Publications | 1000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Armenian Studies Programs | 5000.00 | 3500.00 | 3500.00 |
| Regional Anniversary Balls | 200.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 |
| Camp Program | 1000.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 |
| Archbishop's Tournament | 1250.00 | 595.40* | 750.00 |
| Audio-Visuals | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Donations | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Fund Raising | 3000.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 |
| <u>TOTALS</u> | 20650.00 | 13580.18 | 13350.00 |

* \$510.40 from the 1983 Archbishop's Tournament, and \$85.00 from the 1982 Archbishop's Tournament.



APPROVED ACYOA BUDGET - FISCAL 1983-84

| <u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> | <u>82-83 Budget</u> | <u>82-83 Actual</u> | <u>83-84 Budget</u> |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Central Council Meetings | \$3000.00 | \$4358.54 | \$3000.00 |
| Central Council Administrative | 3500.00 | 2304.59 | 2500.00 |
| Regional Chapter Visitations | 1500.00 | 937.82 | 800.00 |
| General Assembly and National Sports Weekend | 2000.00 | 2222.81 | 2000.00 |
| Leadership Seminar | 300.00 | 266.70 | 300.00 |
| Publications | 5000.00 | 1110.30 | 1500.00 |
| Archbishop's Tournament | 200.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Standing/Special Committees | 500.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 |
| Scholarships and Awards | 400.00 | 260.00 | 400.00 |
| Mission Program | 500.00 | 0.00 | 1200.00 |
| Audio-Visuals | 500.00 | 106.31 | 400.00 |
| Donations | 200.00 | 125.00 | 100.00 |
| Program Research and Development | 1000.00 | 803.59 | 1000.00 |
| Service Charges | 0.00 | 47.30 | 0.00 |
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| <u>TOTALS</u> | 18600.00 | 12542.96 | 13300.00 |



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'84 A.C.Y.O.A. General Assembly

MINUTES OF THE 1984 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Armenian Church Youth Organization of America
DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA

August 29-31, 1984
Holiday Inn Hotel, Alsip, Illinois
Host: Palos Heights, Illinois

His Eminence
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

FIRST SESSION - Wednesday, August 29, 1984, 7:45 p.m.

A. INVOCATION

The first session of the 38th Annual ACYOA General Assembly was called to order by the 1983 General Assembly Chairman, Arda Nazerian (Bayside) at 7:55 p.m. His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church, and National President of the ACYOA, led the delegates in an opening prayer service.

B. ROLL CALL

George Jevarjian (Detroit), Recording Secretary of the ACYOA Central Council, called the roll. 27 of a possible 35 elected delegates were present. The Chair noted that a quorum was present and that the 1984 Assembly could convene.

Also in attendance was Mr. James Magarian, Executive Secretary to the ACYOA from the Diocese, as well as two guest observers from the ACYO-Western Diocese, John Yaldezian and Tory Topjian. Two observers from the Houston Armenian Church were introduced.

His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate, presided over all sessions of the Assembly.

C. ELECTION OF ASSEMBLY OFFICERS

Nominations for Assembly Chairman were opened by the Chair.

Kirk Norian (Detroit) nominated Melina Spinuzza (Evanston) - seconded by Craig Eranosian (Providence) - Melina accepted.

Robert Shamgochian (Worcester) nominated Scott Najarian (Worcester) - seconded by Shake Ajamian (Bayside) - Scott accepted.

George Jevarjian (Central Council) moved to close nominations - seconded by Shake Ajamian (Bayside) - nominations closed - roll call - secret ballot vote.

(NOTE: The secretaries for the Assembly are pre-selected by the ACYOA Central Council, according to the custom of past Assemblies.)

Election results: Melina Spinuzza (Evanston) received a majority, Scott Najarian (Worcester) was thus the Vice Chairman.

D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Arda Nazerian (Central Council) suggested that an insertion be made between items XIX and XX of the Agenda allowing John Yaldezian of the ACYO-Western Diocese and Dean Shahinian coordinator of the "INSIGHTS" seminars of the Sports Weekend, to address the Assembly.

Moved by George Jevanjian (Central Council) - seconded by Nora Ovassapian (Evanston) - passed.

Susan Boyajian (Palos Heights) moved to change the starting time of the Thursday evening session from 7:45 p.m. to 6 p.m., making the scheduled Educational Program part of the Assembly proceedings - seconded by Peter Boghosian (Palos Heights) - passed.

A motion was made and passed to move Committee Reports from Session 4 to Session 3.

Craig Eranosian (Providence) moved to accept the Agenda as amended - seconded by Nora Ovassapian (Evanston) - passed.

E. ADOPTION OF RULES OF PROCEDURE

Susan Boyajian (Palos Heights) moved to accept the standard ACYOA Rules of Procedure - seconded by Peter Boghosian (Palos Heights) - passed.

The Chair informed the Assembly that the Sergeant-at-Arms and Parliamentarian would be appointed in the next session.

F. WELCOMING ADDRESS OF HOST CHAPTER

The Chair invited Susan Boyajian, Chairman of the General Assembly Host Committee of the Palos Heights ACYOA Chapter of Ss. Joachim and Anna Armenian Church to address the participants in the Assembly. Susan welcomed the Primate, Clergy, Executive Secretary, ACYOA Central Council and all delegates to Palos Heights and wished them every success.

G. EDUCATIONAL BRIEFING - "Public Relations"

The Chair invited Arda Nazerian, Chairman of the ACYOA Central Council, to address the delegates. Arda presented a very informative and interesting discussion of the differences between publicity and public relations. She also stressed the need to promote the ACYOA and its goals in the Parishes and communities. A discussion followed regarding the possibility of lowering the age of the Senior ACYOA, in order to encourage the youth of the Church to remain active.

Arda also asked the delegates for their opinion regarding the publishing of a public relations handbook or guide including the goals and purposes of ACYOA. The delegates felt this would benefit the Organization.

Mr. James Magarian, Executive Secretary to the ACYOA, then gave a brief explanation of the functions of the various Assembly Committees.

The Chairman of the Assembly then read the "purposes" of ACYOA to the Assembly.

The Chair then entertained a motion to recess until Thursday morning - seconded by George Jevarjian (Central Council) - the Assembly recessed at 9:35 p.m.

SECOND SESSION - Thursday, August 30, 1984, 9:30 a.m.

A. OPENING PRAYER SERVICE

The Primate led the Assembly delegates in the Opening Prayer Service.

B. APPOINTMENTS

The Chair announced the following appointments: Steve Sarkisian (Watertown) and Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) were appointed Parliamentarians. Robert Shamgochian (Worcester) was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms.

C. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ASSEMBLY SESSION

The Minutes of the First Session of the Assembly were read and corrected. Shake Ajamian (Bayside) moved to accept the Minutes as amended - Charles Cholmakjian (Detroit) seconded - passed.

D. ADDRESS OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Mr. James Magarian, Executive Secretary to the ACYOA from the Diocese, address the delegates on three major points: 1. Influences on the young people of today; 2. ACYOA as a vehicle of opportunity of the young people of the Armenian Church to participate in the life of the Church and community; 3. Importance of leaders, and their priorities with regard to ACYOA.

E. REPORT OF ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL

Arda Nazerian, Chairman of the ACYOA Central Council, and Vaughan Totovian, Treasurer of the ACYOA Central Council, presented the 1983-84 Report to the Assembly. The Report had been previously mailed to all parishes and chapters. In order to save time, Arda summarized each section of the Report. Certain questions were raised after the report in regard to Council procedures and operations. Vaughan Totovian then presented the Financial Section of the Report. Various questions were posed and answered satisfactorily.

Kathy Terzian (Detroit) moved to accept the Report - seconded by Diane Kapikian (Bayside) - motion passed.

F. ADDRESS OF THE PRIMATE

His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church and National President of the ACYOA, addressed the Assembled delegates. The Primate spoke on the importance of being active in pursuing the goals and ideals of the Organization, and reminded the delegates that 1985 marked the 70th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide of 1915.

His Eminence went on to say that the young people cannot be quitters, and that there are many accomplishments yet to be realized, both in the ACYOA and in the Church as a whole.

G. ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

George Jevarjian, ACYOA Central Council Recording Secretary, presented the Committee assignments: Membership Campaign Program, Religious Programming, Program Ideas, General Proposals, Constitutional Amendments, National Budget, Resolutions and Courtesies

Each Committee was instructed to meet during the three hour Committee Sessions, following the recess for lunch, and that they will report during the Third Assembly Session.

The Chair then entertained a motion to recess - seconded by Lisa Kazanjian (Wynnewood) - passed - the Assembly recessed at 12:20 p.m.

THIRD SESSION - Thursday, August 30, 1984, 3 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER - ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ASSEMBLY SESSION

The Assembly Chairman called the Third Assembly Session to order, and invited the Assembly Secretary to read the previous Session's Minutes. The Minutes were read and corrected, and accepted.

B. Assembly Committee Reports:

PROGRAM IDEAS COMMITTEE:

Kathy Terzian (Detroit) presented the Committee Report - considerable discussion took place. An outline of the Report was presented to the Assembly Secretary and distributed to the delegates.

Fr. Nerses Jebejian (Houston) suggested local and national programs that may receive community-wide recognition - some ideas included Martyrs Day Blood Drive, Armenian oriented College Night.

Peter Babikian (Watertown) recommended that the ACYOA ought to clarify its goals in order to attract more members.

Sona Palvetzian (Central Council) and Arthur Sabounjian (Watertown) pointed out that we can't lose sight of the religious side of the Organization, plus that we should realize that we're not necessarily trying to appeal to "them" because "we" are the heart of the organization.

Nancy Chobanian (Wisconsin) moved to accept the Committee Report - seconded by Diane Kapikian (Bayside) - motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT:

Kirk Norian (Detroit) presented the Committee Report. An outline was presented to the Assembly Secretary and distributed to the delegates.

Section Six was deleted because of the fact that most Church School graduates are not of age to qualify for membership in the ACYOA. An alternate plan will be discussed at a later date.

A motion was made to accept the Report as amended - seconded - passed.

The Chair then entertained a motion to recess until 6 p.m. - seconded by George Jevanjian (Central Council) - passed.

It was noted that the Educational Presentation on "Marriage" would take place precisely at 6 pm, and that all delegates were expected to attend.

FOURTH SESSION - Thursday, August 30, 1984, 6 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Melina Spinuzza, Assembly Chairman, called the delegates to order at 6:20 p.m.

B. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

The Chair then turned over the floor to the Rev. Father Garabed Kochakian, Pastor of St. Mesrob Armenian Church of Racine, Wisconsin, to make the Educational Presentation to the Assembly and guests.

Fr. Garabed had prepared a most interesting and informative discussion on marriage, entitled: AN ARMENIAN MARRIAGE - Role Models, Sexuality, Tradition - "Are you ready?" Fr. Garabed presented material that he had researched on the customs and traditions of the Armenians concerning marriage, as well as an explanation of the Sacrament. He then went on to discuss current trends and expectations. A lively discussion with varying questions followed his presentation.

The Chair thanked Fr. Garabed for his well prepared presentation, and then invited John Yaldezian, Chairman of the ACYO Central Council of the Western Diocese of the Armenian Church. John gave a brief description of the ACYO in his Diocese and explained some of the programs, including the way the Juniors and Seniors are run as one Organization.

The Chair then invited Dean Shahinian of Washington, D.C. who planned and coordinated the "INSIGHTS" seminars for this year's ACYOA National Sports Weekend. He announced the times and topics: Friday - 6 p.m. - "How Do You See Yourself" by Yerezgin Papazian; Saturday - 4:30 p.m. - "How Great is God" by John Merigian; Sunday - 4:30 p.m. - "The Ideal Parish", by Dean Shahinian.

C. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ASSEMBLY SESSION

The Assembly Secretary read the Minutes of the previous Assembly Session. Motion to accept the Minutes was made by Charles Cholmakjian (Detroit) - seconded by Peter Babikian (Watertown) - passed.

D. ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE REPORTS (con't)

RELIGIOUS PROGRAMS COMMITTEE:

Lisa Kazanjian (Wynnewood) reported to the Assembly that the proposals made by the Committee will be brought up at another time during the Assembly. Susan Boyajian (Palos Heights) moved to accept the Report - seconded by Roseann Manoogian (Detroit) passed.

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE REPORT:

Coordinated by John Harpootian (Providence). The Report was presented by Michael

Yapchaian (Watertown). Committee Members included: Sona Palvetzian (Central Council), Michael Yapchaian (Watertown), Ari Doghramadjian (Montreal), Roseann Manoogian (Detroit), Robert Shamgochian (Worcester), Kevin Giragosian (Palos Heights, and Charles Arslanian (Cleveland).

The Committee reviewed the proposals which were received by the ACYOA Central Council and distributed to the Chapters prior to the Assembly. Each proposal was considered separately and accepted for discussion. The Committee also reviewed proposals submitted during the Assembly.

(NOTE: Each proposal will be brought up during the agenda item "Consideration of Proposals".)

John Harpootian (Providence) moved to accept the report - seconded by Ari Doghramadjian (Montreal) - passed.

NATIONAL BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Report was presented by Vaughan Totovian (Central Council). Steve Sarkisian (Watertown) moved to accept the Report - seconded by Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) - passed.

E. CONSIDERATION OF GENERAL PROPOSALS

1. Submitted by Palos Heights:

To eliminate the overall award for the Chapter accumulating the most points during the sports competition of the National Sports Weekend, and therefore to retire the Babayan Cup.

DEFEATED.

2. Submitted by the ACYOA Central Council:

In remembrance of the Armenian Martyrs, and in cooperation with the events commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the victims of the Armenian Genocide of 1915 by the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America:

THAT - The ACYOA refrain from sponsoring in any way social events (i.e. dances, parties) on the local, regional, or national level during the month of April, 1985, and each year thereafter during the week of April 24th.

Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) moved to accept the Proposal - seconded by Peter Babikian (Watertown) - ACCEPTED.

3. Submitted by ACYOA Central Council:

That the ACYOA Central Council and the Chapters pursue and cooperate with the various commemorative events to be sponsored by the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America during 1985, marking the 70th Anniversary of the victims of the Armenian Genocide of 1915.

Steve Sarkisian (Watertown) moved to accept the Proposal - seconded by Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) - ACCEPTED.

The Chairman of the Assembly entertained a motion to recess the Assembly - seconded by Arda Nazerian (Central Council) - passed - the Assembly recessed at 9:40 p.m.

FIFTH SESSION - Friday, August 31st, 1984

A. Opening Prayer Service.

The Opening Prayer Service was officiated by the Primate, and officially opened the fifth session of the Assembly at 9:30 a.m. Melina Spinuzza chaired the session.

B. Minutes of Previous Session

Assistant Assembly Secretary, George Jevanjian, read the Minutes of the previous session. Corrections were made.

Motion to accept the Minutes by Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) - seconded by Arda Nazerian (Central Council). Minutes accepted.

C. Continuation of Consideration of General Proposals:

#4 Submitted by ACYOA Central Council: (3/4 vote of Assembly needed for consideration - passed)

"That the ACYOA make a donation to the Diocesan Commemorative effort for the 70th Anniversary of the Victims of the Armenian Genocide of 1915. The donation would be on the advisement of the Primate."

The Proposals Committee accepted the idea of the proposal, but did not recommend the wording as presented. They proposed a similar, re-worded, proposal.

A motion was made and seconded to vote on Proposal #4.

DEFEATED.

#4A Re-worded Proposal by Proposals Committee (3/4 vote of Assembly needed)

"That the General Assembly direct the ACYOA Central Council to make a donation to the Diocesan Commemorative effort for the 70th Anniversary of the Victims of the Genocide of 1915. The donation would be on the advisement of the Primate. And that it encourage its local chapters to make similar donations to their respective parishes."

Motion to consider Proposal #4A by Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) - Seconded by Nora Ovassapian ✓ Motion passed.
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Arda Nazerian (Central Council) moved to accept Proposal #4A - seconded by Sona Palvetzian (Central Council).

PROPOSAL PASSED.

#5 Submitted by Proposals Committee (3/4 vote of Assembly needed - passed)

"This Committee recommends the adoption of the position drafted by the 1982 Diocesan Assembly condemning terrorism and all its forms."

Arthur Sabounjian (Watertown) moved to place this proposal under "Resolutions" - seconded by Michael Yapchaian (Watertown)

PROPOSAL ACCEPTED.

#6 Submitted by the Religious Program Committee (3/4 vote of Assembly needed)

"That the ACYOA Central Council and Executive Secretary promote, provide, and distribute material to all parishes necessary for a Winter retreat to be held some time in January of 1985, using the topic "Lonliness", and Father Yeprem Kelegian as the resource. It is suggested that it be an overnight retreat, if possible using the facilities of an official retreat center."

Motion to consider the proposal by Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) - seconded by Peter Babigian (Watertown) - motion passed.

Motion to accept the proposal by Belinda Amerigian (Detroit) - seconded by Nora Ovassapian (Evanston).

Discussion included clarification on intent. Each parish is to have its own retreat.

PROPOSAL PASSED.

#7 Submitted by the Religious Program Committee (3/4 vote of Assembly needed)

"That the ACYOA Central Council and Executive Secretary promote, provide and distribute material to all parishes for a Spring retreat to be held some time in May of 1985, using the topic "Hassles", and Father Yeprem Kelegian as the resource. It is suggested that it be an overnight retreat, if possible using the facilities of an official retreat center."

Motion to consider the proposal by Belinda Amerigian (Detroit)-seconded by Nora Ovassapian (Evanston)- motion passed.

Motion to accept proposal by Peter Babigian (Watertown) - seconded by Lisa Kazanjian (Wynnewood).

PROPOSAL PASSED.

#8 Submitted by the Religious Program Committee (3/4 vote of Assembly needed)

"That the ACYOA Central Council and Executive Secretary promote, provide and distribute material to all parishes to have "Lenten Dialogues", held once a week during Lent, using Arthur Sabounjian as the resource."

Motion to consider the proposal by Peter Babigian (Watertown) - seconded by Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) - motion passed.

Motion to accept proposal by Peter Babigian (Watertown) -seconded by Michael Yapchaian (Watertown).

PROPOSAL PASSED.

The Chair then requested of the Assembly any other general proposals for consideration. No other proposals were made.

D. Consideration of
Constitutional Amendments (2/3 vote needed to pass)

Submitted by the Watertown ACYOA Chapter: Article 8 - Section 8

"The President of the Chapter shall be the Pastor in charge of the local parish or such representative delegated by the Pastor and employed by the parish for youth activities. The President of the Chapter shall have the responsibility of insuring all action taken by the Chapter or any of its committees is consistent with the objectives and policies of this Constitution. The President shall preside over the Chapter Annual Membership and monthly Membership Meetings. In case of a tie in any voting, the President shall cast the deciding vote. In the event there is no local Pastor or Parish Council, the Chapter Chairman and ACYOA Central Council shall have these responsibilities."

Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) serving as spokesman for the Constitutional Amendments Committee, explained that the Committee did not recommend the amendment as worded, and suggested that the words "employed by" be replaced with the word "serving".

Arthur Sabounjian (Watertown) asked if this amendment was against the Diocesan By-Laws.

The Primate advised the Assembly that the proposed amendment was in violation of the Diocesan By-Laws in that it released a Pastor from duties that are clearly defined by the Diocesan By-Laws. The amendment would have to be re-worded.

The amendment was not considered as initially worded, or as re-worded by the Constitutional Amendments Committee.

A re-wording of the amendment was introduced by Michael Yapchaian (Watertown).
Article 10 Section 5:

"The Parish Youth Director, duly employed by the Parish for youth activities shall be an ex-officio delegate to the ACYOA General Assembly with the powers of an elected delegate."

Motion made to consider the amendment (3/4 vote of Assembly needed) made by Stephen Sarkisian (Watertown) - seconded by Sona Palvetzian (Central Council) - passed.

Motion made to accept the amendment by Stephen Sarkisian (Watertown) - seconded by Peter Babigian (Watertown). Discussion.

Arthur Sabounjian (Watertown) said that the reason for the words "duly employed" are to prevent someone from being appointed at the last minute for the purpose of gaining voting privileges at the ACYOA General Assembly.

The Primate stated that several parishes are interested in employing youth directors, and that His Eminence is in favor of the idea of the amendment, and especially in its strict wording. His Eminence also said that parishes should be encouraged to spend money to employ youth directors.

A 2/3 vote of the Assembly needed for Constitutional Amendments was not received.

AMENDMENT NOT ACCEPTED.

At a later time, after suspended agenda, this proposed amendment was again brought to the Assembly floor.

Stephen Sarkisian (Watertown) read an amended version of the proposed amendment:

"The Parish Youth Director who is appointed by a parish or group of parishes to serve the youth of the parish(s) on a regular basis shall be an ex-officio delegate to the General Assembly of the ACYOA with the powers and privileges of an elected delegate."

Peter Babigian (Watertown) moved to accept the proposed amendment - seconded by Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) - discussion.

Questions were raised regarding guidelines for qualified Youth Directors, and the opportunity of large parishes to employ, versus small parishes who cannot.

A 2/3 vote was not received for the proposed amendment.

AMENDMENT DEFEATED.

E. Consideration of National Budget

Vaughan Totovian, ACYOA Central Council Treasurer, presented the Proposed National ACYOA Budget which was reviewed by the Assembly Budget Committee.

Motion made by Scott Najarian (Worcester) to accept the Proposed National Budget - seconded by Shake Ajamian (Bayside) - discussion.

Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston) moved to amend the budget by decreasing the "Educational Workshops" line item from \$700.00 to \$500.00 - seconded by Steve Sarkisian (Watertown) - amendment PASSED.

Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston) moved to amend the budget by removing the \$100.00 allocated to "Scholarships & Awards" - seconded by Stephen Sarkisian (Watertown) - discussion.

It was noted that usually the allotment for Scholarships and Awards is over \$300.00. This year, no applications were received for the scholarships, and thus no money will be given in this area. Thus, a figure of \$100.00 was placed for the line item to appear in the National Budget. The following year, the amount could be adjusted.

It was suggested that "asterisks" be placed on the line item to indicate the need next year, allowing the money to be used elsewhere.

Vote taken, amendment to budget PASSED.

Miles Couyoumjian (Detroit) moved to amend the proposed budget by adding a new line item "Miscellaneous" and placing \$300.00 there - seconded by Belinda Amerigian (Detroit) - amendment PASSED.

Arda Nazerian (Central Council) moved to accept the National Budget as amended - seconded by Scott Najarian (Worcester).

BUDGET ACCEPTED AS AMENDED (see attachment of final budget figures)

Fifth Assembly Session (con't)

F. Report of Resolutions and Courtesies Committee

Stephen Sarkisian (Watertown) presented the report of the Assembly Committee on Resolutions and Courtesies.

Motion by Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) to accept the Report and extend the courtesies of the Assembly - seconded by Shake Ajamian (Bayside) - discussion.

Scott Najarian (Worcester) moved to amend the Courtesies to include the clergymen who attended the participated in the ACYOA Assembly - seconded by Kirk Noraian (Detroit) - amendment PASSED.

A voice vote was taken to accept the Report and extend the Courtesies as amended.

PASSED. (This Report included the adoption of the 1982 Diocesan Resolution condemning terrorism.)

G. Report of the Nominating Committee - Elections

Nominations for:

1. ACYOA Auditing Committee (3 positions)

- Stephen Sarkisian (Watertown)
- Robert Shamgochian (Worcester)
- Lisa Manoogian (Wynnewood)

There being no other nominations, Arthur Sabounjian (Watertown) moved to have the Secretary cast one vote for the nominees. Accomplished.

2. ACYOA Nominating Committee (3 positions)

- Scott Najarian (Worcester)
- Diane Kapikian (Bayside)
- Kathy Terzian (Detroit)

There being no other nominations, Arthur Sabounjian (Watertown) moved to have the Secretary cast one vote for the nominees. Accomplished.

3. ACYOA Central Council (2 positions)

- Shake Ajamian (Bayside) - elected
- Susan Boyajian (Palos Heights) - elected
- Charles Cholmakjian (Detroit) - alternate

H. Selection of Site and Date for the 1985 ACYOA General Assembly

ACYOA Central Council Chairman, Arda Nazerian, reported that there were no bids to host the 1985 General Assembly to date, however several Chapters had indicated their willingness to take on the project. The ACYOA Central Council will pursue the most qualified Chapters and their abilities to handle the event, which includes hosting the National Sports Weekend immediately following the Assembly. A decision will be reached before November 1st.

I. GOOD AND WELFARE

A question was raised as to exactly what "good and welfare" is.

Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) explained that this item gives a chance for anyone to say something for the good and welfare of the Organization.

Kirk Norian (Detroit) congratulated Melina Spinuzza (Evanston) on Chairing the Assembly, this being her first Assembly as a delegate.

Peter Babigian (Watertown) asked about the slide program presented at last year's Assembly on the Holy Land and Jerusalem, and if a title had been selected. Mr. Magarian, ACYOA Executive Secretary, explained that the official title has not yet been selected, and that a considerable amount of editing was yet to be done, as well as dividing the long program into separate short programs on specific topics.

George Jevarjian (Central Council) extended thanks to those who had served the Assembly as Secretaries - Virginia Semerdjian, Arda Nazerian, and Sona Diorio.

Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) suggested that everyone should review the ACYOA Constitution and the Rules of Procedure so that the process here will more along better.

The Primate encouraged all delegates to promote and participate where possible in the Yerevan Youth Festival to be held in Yerevan, Armenia, in August 1985. Handouts with information were distributed.

J. ANNOUNCEMENTS

George Jevarjian (Central Council) reminded the Assembly that the "INSIGHTS" seminars will take place during the Weekend, and that everyone should try to attend.

Arthur Sabounjian (Watertown) announced that a Bible Study will take place at 2 p.m. today in room 503.

Kevin Giragosian (Palos Heights) welcomed everyone and said that complimentary "T-shirts" and official Weekend tumbler-glasses will be given to all participants on the package plan.

K. ADJOURNMENT AND FINAL BLESSING OF PRIMATE

The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn the Assembly - moved by George Jevarjian (Central Council)- seconded by Nancy Chobanian (Wisconsin) - Passed.

All members of the ACYOA Central Council, outgoing and incoming, were asked to come forward for a blessing by the Primate. The Primate led the entire Assembly in a closing prayer and blessed the outgoing and incoming Council members.

The Assembly closed at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

VIRGINIA SEMERDJIAN, ARDA NAZERIAN, SONA DIORIO, GEORGE JEVARJIAN

(NOTE: Minutes of the 5th and final Assembly Session were approved by the ACYOA Central Council at a meeting of the Council at the Diocese Oct. 26-27, 1984, as is the custom for approval of the final session.)

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ACYOA National Budget - 1984-85

| <u>RECEIPTS</u> | <u>Budget</u> <u>'83-84</u> | <u>Actual</u> <u>'83-84</u> | <u>Percent</u> <u>'83-84</u> | <u>Budget</u> <u>'84-85</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Membership Dues | \$ 2000.00 | \$ 1030.34 | 11.4 % | \$ 2200.00 |
| Nationl Sports Wkdn. | 4000.00 | 1811.15 | 20.0 | 4000.00 |
| Dividends & Interest | 2000.00 | 1521.91 | 16.8 | 2000.00 |
| Armenian Studies Prgms. | 3500.00 | 3500.00 | 38.6 | 3000.00 |
| Regional Anniversary Balls | 100.00 | 0.00 | ---- | 225.00 |
| Camp Program | 500.00 | 500.00 | 5.5 | ----** |
| Archbp's Basketball Tourney | 750.00 | 406.50 | 4.5 | 1500.00 |
| Donations | 0.00 | 43.00 | 0.5 | 100.00 |
| Fund Raising | 500.00 | ---- | ---- | 0.00 |
| MagMoney | 0.00 | 244.16 | 2.7 | ----** |
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| TOTALS | \$13350.00 | \$9057.06 | | \$13025.00 |

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ACYOA National Budget - 1984-85

| <u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> | <u>Budget</u> <u>'83-84</u> | <u>Actual</u> <u>'83-84</u> | <u>Percent</u> <u>'83-84</u> | <u>Budget</u> <u>'84-85</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Central Council Meetings | \$ 3000.00 | \$ 3723.42 | 31.2 | \$ 4000.00 |
| Central Council Adminstr. | 2500.00 | 2021.42 | 16.9 | 2500.00 |
| Chapter Visitations | 800.00 | 1490.33 | 12.5 | 1500.00 |
| Gen. Assembly/Spts. Wknd. | 2000.00 | 1779.16 | 14.9 | 2000.00 |
| Leadership Seminar | 300.00 | 213.72 | 1.8 | 250.00 |
| Publications | 1500.00 | 907.33 | 7.6 | 1100.00 |
| Archbp's Basketball Tourney | 0.00 | 0.00 | --- | 200.00 |
| Standing Committees | 100.00 | 0.00 | --- | 100.00 |
| Scholarships & Awards | 400.00 | 370.00 | 3.1 | 0.00* |
| Mission Program | 1200.00 | 232.69 | 1.9 | ----** |
| Audio-Visual Programs | 400.00 | 743.93 | 6.2 | 400.00 |
| Donations | 100.00 | 25.00 | 0.2 | 100.00 |
| Program R & D | 1000.00 | 53.75 | 0.4 | ----** |
| Service Charges | 0.00 | 85.58 | 0.7 | 75.00 |
| MagMoney (Refunds) | 0.00 | 284.25 | 2.4 | ----** |
| Educational Workshops | ---- | ---- | --- | 500.00*** |
| Miscellaneous | ---- | ---- | --- | 300.00 |
| TOTALS | \$13300.00 | \$11990.58 | | \$13025.00 |

* No applications for Scholarships - Will need budget for 1985-86

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*** New Program

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LIST OF OFFICIAL PARTICIPANTS AND DELEGATES

1. His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church
2. James Magarian, ACYOA Executive Secretary
3. Arda Nazerian, Central Council
3. Vaughan Totovian, Central Council
4. Sona Palvetzian, Central Council
5. George Jevarjian, Central Council

6. V. Rev. Fr. Varoujan Kabaradjian, Evanston
7. Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian, Houston
8. Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian, Wisconsin
9. Rev. Fr. Aved Terzian, Worcester
10. Rev. Dcn. Semp Aljalian, Diocese

11. Shake Ajamian, Bayside
12. Diane Kapikian, Bayside
13. Lucine Arslanian, Cleveland
14. Charles Arslanian, Cleveland
15. Cheryl Arslanian, Cleveland
16. Belinda Amerigian, Detroit
17. Charles Cholmakjian, Detroit
18. Myles Couyoumjian, Detroit
19. Kirk Noraian, Detroit
20. Roseann Manoogian, Detroit
21. Kathy Terzian, Detroit
21. Nor Ovassapian, Evanston
22. Melina Spinuzza, Evanston**
23. Ari Doghramadjian, Montreal
24. Alain Tchaderjian, Montreal
25. Peter Bogosian, Palos Heights
26. Susan Boyajian, Palos Heights
27. Gail Giragosian, Palos Heights
28. Kevin Giragosian, Palos Heights
29. Craig Eranosian, Providence
30. John Harpootian, Providence
31. Lily Tossounian, Toronto
32. Peter Babigian, Watertown
33. Arthur Sabounjian, Watertown
34. Stephen Sarkisian, Watertown**
35. Michael Yapchaian, Watertown**

36. Nancy Chobanian, Wisconsin
37. Scott Najarian, Worcester**
38. Robert Shamgochian, Worcester**
39. Diana Ahakinian, Wynnewood
40. Lisa Kazanjian, Wynnewood
41. Lisa Manookian, Wynnewood
42. Mary Odabashian, Wynnewood

GUESTS

43. Nina Barsamian, Houston
44. Ani Mavoulian, Houston
45. John Yaldezian, Western Diocese
46. Tory Topjian, Western Diocese

SECRETARIES

47. Virginia Semerdjian
48. Sona Diorio

** indicates Assembly Officer



D. APPOINTMENTS: PARLIAMENTARIAN/SEARGEANT-AT-ARMS

The Chair appointed Lori Kalemkerian (Northern New Jersey) as parliamentarian and John Apkarian (Lowell) as Seargeant-at-Arms.

E. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Shake Ajamian (Central Council) motioned to add a ~~line~~ item ~~12~~ 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. ^{Robert} Seconded by Rom 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. Khajag Barsamian/Vicar General of the Eastern Diocese
Very Rev. Haigazoun Najarian/~~Newly~~ arrived from Etchmiadzin and serving
in our Diocese

~~Very Rev. Tateos Abdalian~~

Rev. Tateos Abdalian (Greenfield, WI)
Rev. Nersess Jebejian (Houston, TX)
Rev. Parea Metjian (Wynnewood, PA)

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

^{Executive}
Acting ~~General~~ 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 ~~furtherr into the agenda~~ 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~~ select item 16 to be discussed by the Assembly. Seconded by Scott Najarian (Central Council). Passed.

J. BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

Article 2, New Section 4

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

John Harpottian (Providence) made a friendly amendment to read

Seconded by Ara Kazarian (Providence). Passed.

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

Steven returned to the Chair.

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

Assembly adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE 1986 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SECOND SESSION - THURSDAY, , AUGUST 28, 1986

A. INVOCATION

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

B. ROLL CALL

Sara Martinian, Assembly Secretary, read the role. 39 Delegates were presnet. Also in attendance were: His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian; Fr. Khajag Barsamian, Vicar General; Fr. Haigazoon Najarian; Fr. Paree Metjian; Fr. Tateos Abdalian; Fr. Nersess Jebejian; and 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 activites 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 Barsmian, newly appointed Acing Executive Secretary addressed the Assembly with his plans for strengthening the ACYOA as it exists. By concentrating on the expetise 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 Kouyomjian (Detroit) motioned to change agenda items to accomodate the Primate and the Auditing Committee, seconded by Shake Ajamian (Central Council). Passed

F. ADDRESS OF THE DIOCESEAN 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.

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

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

Ajournment 12:00 pm

THIRD SESSION - THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 1986

1:55 p.m.

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

Assembly Chairman Stephen Sarkisian called the Assembly to order. Welcoming Fr. Karekin Kasparian.

Assembly Secretary, Sara Martinian (Providence), 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 PART 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.

Stephen 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 attached #1)

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 attached #2).

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 attached #3). Seconded by Shake Ajamian (Central Council).

Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) withdrew his motion.

John Harpottian (Providence) made a friendly amendment to read (See attached #4). Seconded by Ara Kazarian (Providence). Amendment passed.

Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) proposed a friendly amendment to read (See attached #5). Seconded by John Harpottian (Providence). Amendment passed.

Chair called question.

Proposal reads: (see attached #5). Passed.

Chair took a brief recess.

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

Melina Spinuzza (Central Council) proposed Article 3, Section 15 be amended to read (see attached #6). Seconded by Greg Saraydarian (Bayside).

Chair called question - passed.

Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) proposed Article 3, Section 16 (see attached #7).

Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston) motioned to discuss the issue. Seconded by Greg Saraydarian (Bayside). Passed.

Fr. Tateos (Wisconsin) made a friendly amendment to read (see attached #8). 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 attached #9).

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 attached #10). Seconded by Armen Paboojian (Watertown). Passed.

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

Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) proposed (see attached #11). 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 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 attached #12). Discussion passed.

Permission for roll call requested by Assembly Secretary, Sara Martinian, (Providence). 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 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. Der 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 (Providence), called the roll. 29 Delegates present.

Also in attendance were: His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian; Fr. Khajag Barsamian, Vicar General; Der Tateos Abdalian; Der Karekin Kasparian; Der Nerses Jebejian; Der Haig Donikian; Der Aved Terzian; Hayr Nourouk Manookian.

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

C. PROPOSALS

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

Der Karekin Kasparian (Westchester) proposed attachment #1. seconded by Greg Saraydarian (Bayside). Discussion held. Proposal defeated.

D. NATIONAL BUDGET

Der Tateos Abdalian (Wisconsin) motioned to cut the amount of funds for Central Council Meetings from \$4000.00 to \$2000.00.

Der Karekin Kasparian (Westchester) made a friendly amendment to cut the amount of funds for Central Council meetings from \$4000.00 to \$3000.00 - seconded by Sara Martinian (Central Council)

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

Der Nerses Jebejian (Houston) motioned to cut the Central Council Administrative budget from \$3500.00 to \$2500.00 - seconded by Der Karekin Kasparian (Westchester) Defeated.

John Harpootian (Providence) motioned to add donations of \$5230.00 into the National Budget for 1986-87 under receipts/donations-- seconded by Greg Saraydarian (Bayside). Defeated.

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

The Chair appointed John Harpootian (providence), Melina Spinuzza (Central Council) and Rob Shamgochian (Worcester) to the budget committee.

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

E. NEW BUSINESS

Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) resubmitted attached #2. Seconded by George Tekeyan (Watertown). Defeated.

Der Nerses 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 the ACYOA Central Council for educational and religious programs - seconded by Der Karekin Kasparian (Westchester). The question was called by Der Nerses Jebejian (Houston) seconded by Shake Ajemian (Central Council). Passed.

F. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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

G. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Der Tateos Abdalian (Wisconsin) gave an educational presentation concerning the issues surrounding consideration of the priesthood by our youth.

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

Recess 12:30 p.m.

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.

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

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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.

Steven returned 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

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B. ROLL CALL

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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 O). 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 Shamgochian (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.

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)

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| 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 Ajanian (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

Steven 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 days, 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. Their 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 are willing to meet the challenge. One of the reasons we are so sure is the 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 qualify. 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 O:

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".

APPENDIX R:

ACYOA NATIONAL BUDGET

| <u>Receipts</u> | <u>Budget</u> <u>1985-86</u> | <u>Actual</u> <u>1985-86</u> | <u>Budget</u> <u>1986-87</u> |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Membership Dues | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 2,130.03 | \$ 2,600.00 |
| National Sports Weekend | 4,000.00 | 3,835.49 | 4,000.00 |
| Regional Anniversary Balls | 150.00 | - 0 - | - 0 - |
| Archbishop's Basketball Tournament | 1,600.00 | 1,069.70 | 2,000.00 |
| Dividends and Interest | 2,000.00 | 1,052.85 | 1,200.00 |
| Donations | - 0 - | - 0 - | 530.00 |
| Armenian Studies Program | 3,700.00 | 1,000.00 | 3,500.00 |
| Sports Weekend Loan | - 0 - | - 0 - | 1,000.00 |
| | <u>\$13,450.00</u> | <u>\$ 9,088.07</u> 911.42* 3,000.00** | <u>\$14,830.00</u> |
| | | <u>\$12,999.49</u> | |

APPENDIX R: (continued)

| Disbursements: | <u>Budget</u> 1985-86 | <u>Actual</u> 1985-86 | <u>Budget</u> 1986-87 |
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| Central Council Meetings | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 2,015.84 | \$ 3,500.00 |
| Central Council Administrative | 2,800.00 | 3,053.49 | 3,000.00 |
| Chapter Visitations/Travel | 800.00 | 1,927.57 | 500.00 |
| General Assembly/Sports Weekend | 2,000.00 | 2,211.31 | 1,800.00 |
| Leadership Seminar | 300.00 | 245.50 | -0- |
| Publications | 1,200.00 | 2,176.07 | 1,000.00 |
| Archbishop's Basketball Tournament | 500.00 | -0- | 500.00 |
| Standing Committee | 100.00 | -0- | -0- |
| Scholarships and Awards | 300.00 | 380.00 | 380.00 |
| Audio-Visual Programming | 150.00 | -0- | -0- |
| Donations | 100.00 | -0- | -0- |
| Service Charges | 100.00 | 140.06 | 150.00 |
| Educational Programming | 100.00 | -0- | -0- |
| Advisory Committee | 2,500.00 | -0- | -0- |
| Armenian Studies Program | 2,000.00 | -0- | -0- |
| Regional Conferences | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| Sports Weekend Loan to Host Chapter | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| | <u>\$16,950.00</u> | <u>\$12,149.84</u> | <u>\$14,830.00</u> |

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

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Central Council Books:

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

Merrill Lynch Security Account:

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| 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.

