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**MINUTES OF THE 1995 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH**

**OCTOBER 14, 1995
ST DAVID ARMENIAN CHURCH
BOCA RATON, FLORIDA**

I. Invocation

The first session of the 1995 ACYOA General Assembly convened at 9:25 a.m. His Grace, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church and President of the ACYOA, led the delegates in an opening prayer service. Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian, Chancellor of the Diocese of the Armenian church and Sub-Deacon Kavork Hagopian, Central Council member assisted in the service.

Following the prayer service, the 1994 Assembly Chairman, Scott Najarian (Worcester), called the 1995 General Assembly to order.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call attendance was taken and 22 delegates were present.

III. ELECTION OF ASSEMBLY SECRETARY

The Chair opened the floor for nominations of Assembly Secretary.

Kavork Hagopian (Central Council) nominated Zovig Ashjian for Assembly Secretary, seconded by Steve Megrdochian (Central Council). Zovig accepted.

IV. ELECTION OF ASSEMBLY OFFICERS

Dina Aurslanian (Central Council) nominated Scott Najarian (Worcester) for Assembly Chairman, seconded by Meline Kasparian (Central Council). Scott accepted.

Kavork Hagopian (Central Council) nominated Kim Bardakian (Bayside) for Assembly Chairman, seconded by Kristina Lutz (Detroit). Kim accepted.

Ballots were passed and a roll call vote was taken.

Scott Najarian (Worcester) was elected Assembly Chairman (20 votes) and Kim Bardakian (Bayside) Assembly Vice Chairman (2 votes).

Scott Najarian nominated Aram Topjian (Richmond) for Assembly Sergeant-at-Arms. Aram accepted. The Chair appointed Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Dallas) as Assembly Parliamentarian. Fr. Nersess Accepted.

V. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Kavork Hagopian (Central Council), made a motion to accept the Agenda as presented, Dina Aurslanian (Central Council) seconded. Motion carried.

VI. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Chair asked if there were any oppositions in reviewing the minutes after lunch. This will give the delegates a chance to read thru for any corrections.

VII. PRIMATE'S ADDRESS

(See Appendix A)

The Primate addressed the delegates and emphasized that the ACYOA should begin to focus its activities more on the teachings and service aspect of our mission. ACYOA members should commit themselves to the task of helping their peers discover and rediscover within their own hearts the value of the gift of God that has been given to them.

VIII. WELCOMING REMARKS

Fr. Zaven Arzoumanian, Pastor of St. David Armenian Church, welcomed the clergy and delegates and expressed his thanks and appreciation for coming from far and near to take part in the General Assembly. The St. David ACYOA is chaired by Henry Keshishian

IX. APPOINTMENT OF ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES

The Chair announced the appointments to the Assembly Committees. (See Appendix "B").

X. REPORT OF CENTRAL COUNCIL

(See Appendix "C")

Meline Kasparian (Central Council) Chairman, addressed the assembly on revision of the Membership Handbook and the Chapter Resource Handbook are close to completion and hopefully will be out by the end of the year.

Meline suggested that we listen carefully to the Chapter reports and get ideas from the different chapters as to what events are successful and what are the dynamics of their group.

XI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A. AUDITING COMMITTEE

(See Appendix "D")

B. SPORTS WEEKEND COMMITTEE REPORT

(See Appendix "E")

XII. ELECTIONS

The Chair stated that members of the nominating were not present at the Assembly and that he would present any candidates.

There are three (3) positions open for Central Council. Outgoing members on Central Council are John Megrđichian, Kavork Hagopian and Meline Kasparian.

Kavork Hagopian suggested that since the candidates who are not present were able to send in statements on their candidacy, nominees from this Assembly should be able to make statements as well.

Fr. Garabed Kochakian (Chancellor) when a delegate is speaking or making motion to state their names and parish where they are from so it can be noted in the records by the Secretary.

A. Central Council Candidates

Aram Topjian - (Richmond)
Kim Kasparian - (Trumbull)
Shunt Madanyan - (Palos Heights)

Kim Bardakian (Bayside) nominated John Megrđichian (Providence), Pam Moroukian (Watervliet) seconded. John accepted.

Henry Keshishian (Boca Raton) nominated Kavork Hagopian (Central Council). Kavork declined.

Kristina Lutz (Detroit) made a motion to close nominations, Henry Keshishian (Boca Raton) seconded. Motion carried.

Henry Keshishian (Boca Raton) made a motion to re-open nominations, Aram Topjian (Richmond) seconded. Motion carried.

Henry Keshishian (Boca Raton) nominated Berdj Tchilingirian (Boca Raton), Kristina Lutz (Detroit) seconded. Berdj accepted.

Lisa Topalian (Boca Raton) nominated Claudia Lousararian (Boca Raton), Meline Kasparian (Central Council) seconded. Claudia accepted.

Steve Megrđichian (Central Council) made a motion to close nominations for Central Council, Kristina Lutz (Detroit) seconded. Motion carried and nominations for Central Council were closed.

Central Council Candidates

Kim Kasparian - Trumbull
Aram Topjian - Richmond
Berdj Tchilingirian - Boca Raton

Shunt Madanyan - Palos Heights
John Megrdochian - Providence
Claudia Lousararian - Boca Raton

B. Nominating Committee

The Chair entertained a motion for nominations for Nominating Committee.

Steven Megrdochian (Central Council) nominated Meline Kasparian (Central Council), Dina Aurslanian (Central Council) seconded. Meline accepted.

John Megrdochian (Central Council) nominated Kavork Hagopian (Central Council), Kristina Lutz (Detroit) seconded. Kavork accepted.

Meline Kasparian (Central Council) nominated Kim Bardakian (Bayside), Claudia Lousararian (Boca Raton) seconded. Kim accepted.

John Megrdochian (Central Council) nominated Kristina Lutz (Detroit). Kristina declined.

Meline Kasparian (Central Council) nominated Patricia Toofangjian (Fair Lawn), John Megrdochian (Central Council) seconded. Patricia accepted.

Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Dallas) nominated Zovig Ashjian (Bayside). Zovig declined.

Meline Kasparian (Central Council) nominated Yn. Natasha Aljalian (Westchester), Kristina Lutz (Detroit) seconded. Yn. Natasha accepted.

Henry Keshishian (Boca Raton) nominated Lisa Topalian (Boca Raton), Fr. Zaven Arzoumanian (Boca Raton) seconded. Lisa accepted.

Kavork Hagopian (Central Council) nominated Sylva Nishanian (Bayside). Sylva declined.

Fr. Nersess suggested we close nominations, however, the Chair pointed out before we close nominations, that we should give the preliminary results of the Central Council run-off in order to give the individuals who do not get elected the opportunity to be nominated.

First Run-off Election for Central Council

The Chair announced that a run-off election for Central Council was necessary. Candidates with the least amount of votes were dropped.

A re-vote was taken for Kim Bardakian (Bayside), Aram Topjian (Richmond), and Berdj Tchilingirian (Boca Raton).

A roll-call ballot vote was taken.

While the ballots were being counted, the Chair explained the functions of the Auditing Committee.

Second run-off Election for Central Council

The chair announced that a second run-off was necessary. A re-vote was taken for Aram Topjian (Richmond) and Berdj Tchilingirian (Boca Raton)

A roll call ballot vote was taken for 1 more candidate.

New Central Council member is Aram Topjian (Richmond) and first alternate is Berdj Tchilingirian (Boca Raton).

Fr. Zaven Arzoumanian (Boca Raton) made a motion to close nominations for Nominating Committee, Kristina Lutz (Detroit) seconded. Motion carried and nominations for Nominating Committee were closed.

Nominating Committee Candidates

Meline Kasparian (Westchester)
Kevork Hagopian (Waukegan)
Patricia Toofangjian (Fair Lawn)
Yn. Natasha Aljalian (Westchester)
Lisa Topalian (Boca Raton)

The Chair accepted nominations for Auditing Committee.

Kim Bardakian (Bayside) nominated Kristina Lutz (Detroit). Kristy declined.

Kristina Lutz (Detroit) nominated Scott Najarian (Worcester). Scott declined.

Meline Kasparian (Central Council) nominated Lynda Chagachbanian (Fair Lawn). Lynda declined.

John Megrđichian (Central Council) nominated Pam Moroukian ()Meline Kasparian (Central Council) seconded. Pam accepted.

Kim Bardakian (Bayside) nominated Yn. Natasha Aljalian (Westchester). Yn. Natasha declined.

Kavork Hagopian (Central Council) nominated Lisa Topalian (Boca Raton), Kristina Lutz (Detroit) seconded. Lisa accepted.

Meline Kasparian (Central Council) nominated Sylva Nishanian (Bayside), Patty Toofangjian (Fair Lawn) seconded. Sylva accepted.

Kristina Lutz (Detroit) made a motion to close nominations, Aram Topjian (Richmond) seconded. Motion carried and nominations for Auditing Committee were closed.

The Chair announced that the secretary would cast one ballot.

FINAL ELECTION RESULTS

Central Council

John Megrdochian (Providence)
Shunt Madanyan (Palos Heights)
Aram Topjian (Richmond)
Berdj Tchilingirian (Boca Raton) 1st Alternate

Nominating Committee:

Meline Kasparian (Westchester)
Kavork Hagopian (Waukegan)
Kim Bardakian (Bayside)

Auditing Committee:

Pamela Moroukian (Watervliet)
Lisa Topalian (Boca Raton)
Sylva Nishanian (Bayside)

Kavork Hagopian (Central Council) made a motion to change agenda item XV Direction and Goals of the ACYOA to item XVI New Business, Lynda Chagachbanian (Fair Lawn) seconded. Discuss the motion. Meline Kasparian (Central Council) made comments as to why these items were put in this order.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Fr. Garabed Kochakian expressed concerns about the way the minutes were done. Dina Aurslianian (Central Council) explained that it was very difficult to understand the tapes as well as the notes that were returned to Central Council which were over 100 pages.

Fr. Nersess (Dallas) stated that, we table the acceptance of the minutes and return them back to Central Council, so they can work with it at their convenience and prepare the minutes of the 1994 General Assembly according to the rules and guidelines that are acceptable by our Diocese, and let Central Council send the delegates a copy and let it be part of the archives. Seconded. Simple majority vote is needed, 9 in favor and 8 opposed. Acceptance of minutes was tabled.

XIII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

(See Appendix "F")

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Budget

John Megrdochian (Central Council) Treasurer provided information on the details and breakdown of the 1996 proposed budget. See (Appendix "G")

Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Dallas) expressed his concerns about eliminating dues. If we don't have dues, the organization does not have a basis. How will we be able to determine the strength and foundation of the chapter without dues?

John Megrdochian (Central Council) stated that if Central Council determined the delegate numbers based on dues there would not be any delegates present at this assembly.

Meline Kasparian (Central Council) spoke in favor of removing line item dues under Revenues. While the National dues would be removed, the Chapters would have local dues in order to determine membership. Central Council would not collect revenue, considering not much is collected now.

The Chair suggested if there were no objections we take up the proposals, since everything that is decided, reflects on the present budget.

The Chair indicated that since proposals were not submitted 60 days in advance, the proposals will be reviewed and in order to discuss them, 2/3 vote is needed to be brought up for discussion.

B. Constitutional Amendment

#1. Submitted by Kim Bardakian, Bayside.

(See Appendix "H")

A 2/3 Vote was received. Open for discussion. Kim Bardakian spoke on this proposal.

Kim Bardakian (Bayside) made an amendment that every Church parish will elect two delegates and a priest. Aram Topjian (Richmond) seconded. Motion carried.

After lengthy discussion on membership dues, Meline Kasparian (Central Council) made a motion to table this issue until the 1996 General Assembly. Claudia Lousararian (Boca Raton) seconded. Simple majority vote taken and motion carried.

#2. (See Appendix "H")

A 3/4 vote was taken to open for discussion. After lengthy discussion a vote was taken and motion defeated.

C. Proposals

#1. Proposal submitted by Kristina Lutz, Detroit concerning National Sports Weekend Executive Committee. (See Appendix "I")

A vote was taken to discuss the Proposal. Lynda Chagachbanian (Fair Lawn) made an amendment to the proposal, Patricia Toofangjian (Fair Lawn) seconded.

Aram Topjian (Richmond) made a motion to table this proposal, Kristina Lutz (Detroit) seconded. Motion carried and proposal was tabled.

Pam Moroukian (Watervliet) expressed concerns on tabling proposals and not being discussed at the following Assembly.

#2. Submitted by Central Council, reuniting General Assembly and National Sports Weekend. See (Appendix "I")

A 2/3 vote is needed to discuss. Vote carried for discussion.

Meline Kasparian (Central Council) made an amendment to delete "on the Thursday evening" in the event that we may need to start the meetings earlier, and not to put any constraints on the host committee or the chapter. John Megrđichian (Central Council) seconded.

Simple majority vote taken to amend the proposal. 9 in favor and 10 opposed. Amendment defeated.

Vote was taken for proposal as originally stated. Proposal passed.

#3. Submitted by Kavork Hagopian (Central Council) (See Appendix "J")

A vote was taken and proposal was defeated.

Laura Gononian (DYM) made a point of order and stated that this issue was tabled at last year's Assembly.

The Chair called the Treasurer to discuss the proposed Budget. Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Dallas) made a motion to accept the Budget as presented with with no changes, Meline Kasparian (Central Council) seconded. Motion carried.

Steve Megrđichian (Central Council) made an amendment to adopt the Budget as proposed by the Budget Committee with the following changes from the original. Revenues; Line item for dues should be zero. Changing Interest to \$2,000.00. Expenses: Lowering Diocesan/Interdiocesan Meetings to \$750.00, changing the wording from Chapter "A" program to Mission Programs and raising to \$3,000.00 and lowering Retreats to \$1,250.00, raising Scholarships to \$1,500.00 and lowering Chapter Visitations to \$4,000.00, Meline Kasparian (Central Council) seconded.

The Chair made a point of information that you cannot have a line item of zero dollar amount.

Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Dallas) questioned again the issue of eliminating dues.

Kavork Hagopian (Central Council) made an amendment to the amendment to add \$750.00 for dues and increase Retreats to \$2,000.00, Steve Megrđichian (Central Council) seconded.

Steve's Amendment is to take the advise of the Budget Committee and accept their changes to the Budget. Amendment passed.

Kavork's Amendment to change the dues structure was defeated. The Budget as amended was passed. The Budget proposed by the Budget Committee was passed.

D. National Events

The Chair asked if there were any Bids for Archbishop's Tournament. Meline Kasparian (Central Council) gave a brief definition of the Tournament.

Fr. Zaven Arzoumanian (Boca Raton) asked if there would be a 50th Anniversary Celebration.

Scott Najarian (Worcester) presented the Assembly with details on the Weekend.

A 50th Anniversary Committee was appointed by the Central Council and Scott Najarian was asked to Chair the event. It is under the umbrella organization of the ACYOA 50th Anniversary and Sports Weekend and will be held in conjunction with each other. Lisa Manookian was appointed Chairman for the 50th Anniversary Celebration and Kim Bardakian for the National Sports Weekend.

The Weekend will be held on Memorial Day. Sea Crest Hotel has been secured in Cape Cod in Falmouth, Ma - \$89 per night. 2 large banquet hall secured as well.

Friday: Golf Tournament and Fashion Show for Alumni

Saturday: Separate Alumni event at the hotel which will include dinner and entertainment which will be followed by a Reunion with dessert and Champagne.

Sunday: Fellowship banquet/buffet

Alumni Exhibit - Lecturers

Badarak will be held in the Hotel

Lynda Chagachbanian (Fair Lawn) asked if there would be an Archbishop's Tournament. Doug Aprahamian (Central Council) commented that he felt that it should be terminated. It is difficult getting teams together and hard for most individuals in meeting traveling expenses.

E. Resolutions and Courtesies

See (Appendix "K")

Kim Bardakian (Bayside) made a motion to accept the Resolution and Courtesies Report as amended, Natasha Aljalian (Westchester) seconded.

F. Other - Mission Parishes

Presented by Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Dallas). See (Appendix "L")

Dina Aurslanian (Central Council) stated that she was able to visit a Mission Parish and found it very difficult to communicate with the people.

Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Dallas) stated that it is difficult to communicate with some of the people and it is necessary to do the ground work before going to visit these communities.

Kim Bardakian (Bayside) expressed her thoughts on her trip to Armenia. She stated that it was a very interesting experience for her and the group, especially when the majority of the participants were not active in their community. She stated that we should continue sponsoring this type of trip as well as shorter ones and that every individual would get something out of it.

XV. DIRECTIONS AND GOALS OF THE ACYOA

The Chair stated that Central Council feels that this is the time to offer suggestions and solutions, having recognized the problems and how we can make this a better organization. The Central Council would like the delegates to approach them with any suggestions and work with Central Council in solving these problems.

Dina Aurslanian (Central Council) stated that the delegates should be ready to help the Central Council when called upon. The Central Council cannot do these projects alone and need the support of all the members in order to fulfill everyone's needs.

Kristina Lutz (Detroit) stated that if you have people who care about something and put the effort in accomplishing a task the benefits will far out way everything else. This is the time to do something.

Berdj Tchilingirian (Boca Raton) suggested to have "Buddy Program". It would be the responsibility of each member to bring one person who is not a member to the organization for a one year period and would be the responsibility of the member to bring this "Buddy" to any events, meetings or activities. Berdj also suggested to have a welcoming committee especially for those individuals who move to different towns. This committee's responsibility would be to create a booklet to help move into apartment buildings, places to rent, local phone numbers and to assign a person to help them out to make their move an easy transition.

Meline Kasparian (Central Council) stated to listen to the members and see what they want. Know the dynamics of your own group and see what they works for your own group. If a chapter does not want to have meetings, don't have one. To eliminate the burden of taking on leadership roles is to rotate the roles so that they would not be the sole person responsible, and they would have less pressure in getting the job done.

Steve Megrđichian (Central Council) spoke on leadership. He stated that the Juniors are very important and we should educate them. It will take a lot of training, and we must spend a great deal of time with them. There are services available for them thru the Department of Youth Ministry and the Central Council.

Pam Moroukian (Watervliet) stated that there are parishes revitalizing, new priests being ordained and that we should all support them in any way we can.

Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Dallas) made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded and carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Zovig Ashjian
Assembly Secreatry

APPENDIX "A"

PRIMATE'S ADDRESS TO THE ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Dear ACYOA Central Council members and the delegates of the ACYOA General Assembly, who have gathered here in St. David Armenian Church in Boca Raton. It is indeed a great pleasure for me once again to have the opportunity to address this Assembly of the ACYOA, which this year takes place in Florida. On this occasion I would like to express my appreciation to Fr. Zaven and also for all the committee members, and the clergy who are participating in today's Assembly.

It is fitting that we are gathered here during the month of October, traditionally observed as Armenian Cultural month in our Diocese, and at a time when local Armenian communities and parishes sponsor a variety of programs and activities. I would like to reflect briefly on one aspect of this observance and on the example it offers to direct our action today.

Today marks the centerpiece of Cultural month, the Feast of The Holy Translators (Don Srpotz Tarkmanchatz Vartabedatz). That's why we sang at the conclusion of our service a special sharagan, hymn, dedicated to the feast of the Translators which commemorates the scholars who first translated the Holy Bible into the Armenian language. Having the Scriptures available in the native tongue of Armenia, seems to have brought out the creativity in our ancestors.

Inspired by the Word of God, the Armenian people went on to develop a distinctive and beautiful culture. The two individuals who first invisioned the Armenian Bible, St. Sahag Vartabed and St. Mesrop Mashdotz, are called the enlighteners of mind for the vital role they played in this. Flavoring of the Armenian Alphabet and translating the Bible into our native language were acts of incredible foresight, but they serve as a single basic purpose, bringing the word of God to the Armenian people. Even so, the task was a complex one, which involved traveling to the great intellectual centers of the world, where rare Biblical Manuscripts were kept and where faithful translation of this manuscripts could be made.

Needless to say, travel in the 4th Century, or the beginning of the 5th Century was not the simple task it is today. the Holy Translators had to travel on foot over through difficult and dangerous territory. It took vigorous and strong individuals to do this, so the ranks of the Holy Translators were drawn mostly from among the younger generation of priests and monks. It is profoundly meaningful to me that the word of God was transmitted to the Armenian people because of the bravery, enthusiasm and determination of a small army of youthful scholars that blessed generations, literally changed the face of the nation.

Over the succeeding Centuries, Armenians would find many creative ways transmitting the Word of God, through poetry, architect, music and other ways. Taken together, this Christian Culture helped our people to hear God's Call and most importantly it has lead us to implement God's Word in our daily lives.

In the case of the Armenian Bible, St. Sahag, St. Mesrob and the Holy Translators read the signs of the times and identify the one thing most needed by the people so that the Armenian Christian Heritage could be handed down to future generations. We should keep that example in mind, as we meet the challenges of our own age. The Church as a whole and each of Her children needs to be aware of the signs of the times or of where we were, where we stand presently and where we would like to be in the future. There are many indications from the creations of a new Independent Republic of Armenia to the election of a new Catholicos this past spring, That the Armenian people have begun a new chapter in our national and spiritual life.

As a result we are called to evaluate ourselves so that we may be prepared for the prospects which the future holds. That call evaluation seems especially important today as the ACYOA approaches its 50th Anniversary. 50 years ago in a flesh of greater optimism and inspiration, the Armenian Church Youth Organization was created out of the same sense of purpose which guided the Holy Translators. To make sure that the word of God would be heard by by anew generation of Armenians in America, in this blessed country.

After half a century of operation, the ACYOA has achieved many powerful successes, but in that time too, the surrounding cultural environment has changed and the characteristics of the group called Armenian Christian Youth, have changed as well. You are more educated, more mobile, spread out over a large geographical region than your predecessors. At the same time certain things have not changed, namely the human need for spiritual nourishment.

The signs of the times seem to indicate that the ACYOA should begin forging a new understanding of itself, one more suited to the demands of the present and the future, while more focus on the eternal truth, which motivates man's spiritual life in all ages. Along these lines in the coming months, I would like to see the ACYOA, its National, Regional and local levels, focus its activities more on the teaching and service aspects of your mission. The call to educate, to inspire, to deepen the understanding of your younger generation has been a functional organization from its beginning and it continues today as well, but so much more can be done.

The current teaching of outreach functions of the ACYOA should be considered the seed out of which a strong and more wide preaching mission may grow. None of this means the ACYOA should abandon its social function, that has been a successful, useful and durable component of ACYOA for many years and should remain so. But what I am saying is that all ACYOA functions, whether educational, social or service oriented, should be centered on fostering and developing the life in Christ, That the special way of living which originates from the teachings and examples of Jesus and which is preserved and transmitted by the Church.

This life pad is not restricted to the times we spent in a religious sanctuary, it encompasses our activities at home, school, at work in public and private. It is an entire way of leaving ACYOA is one of the ways our Church draws young people into the life in Christ, and each of you has a role to play in that important mission.

Our entire Diocese will be observing the year 1996 as the Year of The Youth and I hope this will be an opportunity for all of us, not just your generation, but our entire community to look at the prospects and challenges facing the youth of the Armenian Church today. With this in mind, let me offer some practical ideas on how the ACYOA can sharpen its focus in the coming months.

First, I feel it should be a top priority for the ACYOA to sponsor at least one teaching workshop in each region of our Diocese. The day long workshop formed has been very successful for other Diocesan organizations and I believe our young people would benefit for a similar series of ACYOA sponsored events.

Second, the ACYOA should emphasize the idea of service to the Church community and people in general. A wonderful example of a successful program is the ACYOA Armenia Service Program, which takes a group of young Armenian-Americans to Armenia during the summer. As you will discover from talking to the participants of this passed summer re-focussing our sights on service can be exciting and revitalizing to individuals and to the community as a whole.

Third, I feel the ACYOA should give some thought to revising its definition of membership. We need to ask "How can we include the greatest number of you people as active ACYOA participants?" Among our local communities I frequently find that there are many young people involved in various ways, in parish life. They are not just a part of ACYOA, "How do we attract them?" How can we reach out more to those who are already interested in the Church but who for one reason or another do not feel at home in ACYOA?

Of course, if we are truly serious about ACYOA's mission of outreach, we need to reach beyond the boundaries of our parishes and bring in people who left to themselves might have little to do with the Church. in this mission of Evangelizing to our younger generation we have greater opportunity today than ever before in recent history.

Across the United States, across this country, indeed also around the world there is a tremendous revival of interest in spiritual matters, especially among the young, the youth. I have seen this development here in America and in my travels in the Republic of Armenia, and I saw it on an enormous scale last week when the Pope John Paul II visited New York and New Jersey.

The wholesome love of God, Church and Family, which was on display by so many Christian youth was a refreshing change from the usual expression of our culture. In place of the usual stereotypes of alienated complaining and rebellious youth, millions of people saw young Christians who were filled

I believe these and other expressions, of the power of the Christian spirit are the signs of our old times. They suggest to me that the present moment offers a unique opportunity to Evangelize the young people of our community, of our parishes in our entire Diocese. This effort will need leaders, just as the effort to translate the Bible into Armenian required leadership, and as the example of the Holy Translators suggests that leadership may come from the younger generation of the Church.

I expect each of you as ACYOA delegates, as devoted sons and daughters of the Armenian Church who have over the years proven your own enthusiasm and commitment to Christ and His Church, to take the lead in your local parish activities. I want you to draw from your own faith experience, to share your Armenian Christian heritage with others, hopefully to inspire your youthful brothers and sisters, to become active in the Church themselves.

Our heritage with faith and devotion to God is a treasure, a gift that God has given to our people and that he renews with each passing generation. Sadly, the world often tries to distract us from recognizing this gift and young people are especially vulnerable to these distractions, but as Christians, we are commanded to focus our attention on truth. In the upcoming year of the youth, all ACYOA members should commit themselves to the task of helping their peers discover and re-discover within their own heart the value of the gift God has given us, and in doing so, we may all re-discover our true identities as the sons and daughters of God.

May God continue blessing you.

APPENDIX "B"

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Budget Committee

Doug Aprahamian (Central Council)
Fr. Zaven Arzoumanian (Boca Raton)
Lynda Chagachbanian (Fair Lawn)
John Megrđichian (Central Council)
Steve Megrđichian (Central Council)
Pamela Moroukian (Watervliet)
Sylva Nishanian (Bayside)
Aram Topjian (Richmond)

Proposals Committee

Dina Aurslanian (Central Council)
Kim Bardakian (Bayside)
Manuel Dayenian (Waukegan)
Meline Kasparian (Central Council)
Henry Keshishian (Boca Raton)
Claudia Lousararian (Boca Raton)
Shunt Madanyan (Palos Heights)
Scott Najarian (Worcester)

Resolutions and Courtesies Committee

Yn. Natasha Aljalian (Westchester)
Kavork Hagopian (Central Council)
Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Dallas)
Kristina Lutz (Detroit)
Doreen Nersessian (Central Council)
Lisa Topalian (Boca Raton)

APPENDIX "C"

1995 ANNUAL REPORT ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL

MEETINGS

Central Council held a total of five meetings over the course of the year, at which the Primate of the Eastern Diocese, His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, or Diocesan Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian presided. Laura Gononian and Dn. Greg Doudoukjian, both of the Diocesan Department of Youth Ministry were also present at most meetings.

ACTIVITIES

Fall - All Council members sent introductory letters to chapter contacts and contacted the ACYOA Chapter Chairmen or Youth Directors in their respective parish assignments. Council Chairman addressed a gathering of the ACYOA Juniors of the Bayside parish of Holy Martyrs on the occasion of their Thanksgiving celebration. Central Council held its first meeting at the Diocesan complex in New York

Winter - Central Council had plans to sponsor retreats in two regions this year. Because of lack of attendance, the Northeast/Mid-Atlantic Retreat was canceled. The retreat held in the Midwest, which consisted of a one day rather than weekend format, was very successful. Council's second meeting was held in conjunction with a visit to St. David, Boca Raton, by the Primate and Diocesan staff. Council members were pleased to meet Mrs. Helen Mardigian, wife of the late Edward Mardigian, both of whom have been great benefactors of the ACYOA. Council members attended a banquet in honor of the parish priest, Rev. Fr. Zaven Arzoomanian. Council members attended a weekend sponsored by the ASCA of the University of Michigan with the Primate, St. Nersess Seminary and Diocesan Staff. Various presentations were given to inform the students of details regarding the ACYOA Armenian Service Program. Council's third meeting took place in Southfield, MI in conjunction with a visit to St. John's accompanied by Diocesan Staff. Council members participated in a program hosted by the DYM for the ACYOA Junior-age group, and met with the ACYOA Senior Executive Board to discuss plans and prospects for future events.

Spring - Two Council members organized assisted with a meeting of a prospective young ACYOA group in the Lansing, Michigan area. Two Council members attended a meeting of a prospective ACYOA Junior group in Livingston, NJ with Department of Youth Ministry staff. Council members attended various celebrations of "ACYOA Day" on Palm Sunday as well as the 80th Anniversary Martyrs Day commemorations throughout our Diocese. Two Council members attended Diocesan Assembly, participated in the panel with Diocesan delegates and Diocesan staff entitled "Total Youth Ministry" and Council Chairman addressed the Assembly. Central Council members attended the Archbishop's Invitational Tournament which was hosted by the ACYOA chapter of the Church of our Savior (Worcester), and held their fourth meeting of the year. Central Council approved the sponsorship of publication of a Lectionary and the book of "Prayers & Sacraments," both of which will be made available to the Diocesan community at large. Council participated in a working meeting directed primarily at the revision of the Chapter Resource Handbook and preparation for the General Assembly.

Summer - Central Council continued with plans to host a Cultural Workshop in Southfield, MI at St. John's in conjunction with the annual "November Dance" held over Thanksgiving Day weekend. Greg Arpajian Memorial Scholarships were given to two young ACYOA members to attend the St. Nersess Summer Conferences, and the Sam Nersesian Memorial Scholarship was given to another young ACYOA member to attend St. Vartan Camp. The ASP program was held from mid-July to August with the participation of 15 ACYOA members from our Diocese. Council will continue to work with the DYM on plans for two trips to Armenia next summer, the ASP and a young professionals trip to Armenia. 1995 ACYOA National Sports Weekend, which carried the appropriate theme "Run the Good Race", was organized by the St. Leon ACYOA chapter of Fair Lawn, NJ, and was held over Labor Day weekend. Representatives from Central Council attended several Sports Weekend planning meetings, and assisted the committee in preparation for the event.

CHAPTER INFORMATION

Central Council members were in contact with parish priests, chapter chairs, youth directors, or other chapter representatives throughout the year through telephone contact, personal communication, and frequent mailings. Council conducted surveys of the above listed through a questionnaire in an effort to determine areas for concentration. Central Council is happy to report that several formerly active chapters have been revived, and several other chapters are considering hosting National Events in the coming years. Council members have attended chapter meetings, addressed ACYOA functions, and offered the resources of Central Council to chapters.

SUMMARY

This has been a transition year for our organization. The traditional chapter structure consisting of an Executive Board and regular chapter meetings has disintegrated. While most groups maintain some degree of activity as an ACYOA and within their parishes, most have met less frequently than in previous years. We are encouraged by the existence of very strong Junior groups within our Diocese, but we are concerned that the lack of an active Senior group in many parishes may leave those of age to become involved on the Senior level at a loss for where to go. We realize that we must redirect our energies on the Junior groups to assist and guide them towards staying within our church, especially as they prepare for the challenges of college. We also recognize that we must change our structure to reflect the current status of our group, by eliminating the current dues structure which has become obsolete. Our aim is to be as flexible as possible while maintaining the existence of less-formal ACYOA groups throughout the Diocese, which are active both as ACYOA groups and within their own parishes and communities.

Unfortunately, attendance at both National Events this year was low in comparison to recent years. As this is the second year in which Sports Weekend and General Assembly have been held separately, and chapters have had difficulty in meeting the financial requirements of sending representatives to the Assembly, we have submitted a proposal to reunite the two events. We are pleased to report that in 1996, the 50th Anniversary of our organization, a planning committee headed by Scott Najarian will coordinate the 50th Anniversary Celebration/Sports Weekend to be held over Memorial Day. We hope that this date will be more convenient to college-aged students, and we hope to make this a multi-generational celebration at which current ACYOA members and ACYOA alumni will come together to celebrate the founding of our organization. We all look forward to making the changes which we feel will result in a stronger, healthier ACYOA. Central Council needs the assistance of local youth, parish priests, youth directors, and any other concerned church member to accomplish this task.

**ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE PERIOD 1/1/95 THROUGH 9/30/95**

REVENUES:

MEMBERSHIP DUES 1995	\$ 70.00
INTEREST: ACEF	\$ 15,531.41
1994 ARCHBISHOPS TOURNEY-BAYSIDE	\$ 1,547.90
1993 SPORTS WEEKEND-WATERTOWN	\$ 573.60
1994 NATIONAL SPORTS WEEKEND-SEED MONEY	\$ 3,176.00

TOTAL REVENUES

<u>\$ 20,899.11</u>

EXPENSES:

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETINGS	\$ 4,699.21
DIOCESAN/INTERDIOCESAN MEETINGS	\$ 137.97
ADMINISTRATIVE:	
POSTAGE/COPIES	\$ 128.09
PHONE	\$ 258.11
SPORTS WEEKEND	\$ 1,133.30
GENERAL ASSEMBLY-1994	\$ 274.45
ARCHBISHOP'S TOURNAMENT	\$ 1,054.48
CHAPTER VISITATIONS	\$ 3,168.82
RETREATS	\$ 377.52
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 74.81

TOTAL EXPENSES

<u>\$ 11,308.76</u>

NET INCOME (LOSS)

<u>\$9,592.35</u>

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
List of Accounts Receivable
September 30, 1995

1993 Archbishops Tourney -Wynnewood	\$1,000.00
1995 Sports Weekend - Fairlawn	\$1,000.00
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>\$2,000.00</u>

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
INCOME STATEMENT/BUDGET REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD 1/1/94 THROUGH 12/31/94

REVENUES:

MEMBERSHIP DUES 1994
 INTEREST: ACEF
 1991 ANNIVERSARY BALL
 1994 ARCHBISHOPS TOURNEY SEED MONEY
 CULTURAL PROGRAMS
 1993 SPORTS WEEKEND

TOTAL REVENUES

EXPENSES:

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETINGS
 DIOCESAN/INTERDIOCESAN MEETINGS
 ADMINISTRATIVE:
 POSTAGE/COPIES
 PHONE
 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
 CHAPTER VISITATIONS
 NEWSLETTER/HYE HOKIN
 CHAPTER "A" PROGRAM
 RETREATS
 SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS
 SPORTS WEEKEND*
 ARCHBISHOPS TOURNEY
 CHAPTER CHAIRS MEETING
 CULTURAL PROGRAMS
 CONTINGENCY

TOTAL EXPENSES

NET INCOME (LOSS)

	<u>BUDGETED</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>OVER (UNDER)</u>
	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 555.00	\$ (1,945.00)
	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 14,111.74	\$ 1,611.74
	\$ -	\$ 2,175.00	\$ 2,175.00
	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
	\$ -	\$ 160.00	\$ 160.00
	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -	\$ (8,000.00)
	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 18,001.74	\$ (4,998.26)
	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,466.50	\$ (533.50)
	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,776.07	\$ (223.93)
	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,228.53	\$ (1,271.47)
	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,281.20	\$ (218.80)
	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 4,113.95	\$ 1,613.95
	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,055.33	\$ (444.67)
	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 875.00	\$ (625.00)
	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ (1,500.00)
	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 488.50	\$ (4,511.50)
	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,085.39	\$ 585.39
	\$ -	\$ 203.75	\$ 203.75
	\$ -	\$ 1,560.01	\$ 1,560.01
	\$ -	\$ 433.19	\$ 433.19
	\$ -	\$ 316.79	\$ 316.79
	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ (500.00)
	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 17,884.21	\$ (5,115.79)
	\$0.00	\$117.53	

*Excludes \$3500 in seed money distributed to
 1994 Sports Weekend Committee

**ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET**

ASSETS:

CASH: MERRILL LYNCH CASH MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT
1991 ANNIVERSARY BALL - BOCA RATON*

SECURITIES: MERRILL LYNCH SECURITIES

TRUSTS: ARMENIAN CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:

1993 ARCHBISHOPS TOURNEY SEED - WYNNEWOOD

1993 SPORTS WEEKEND/ASSEMBLY SEED - WATERTOWN

1994 SPORTS WEEKEND SEED - CAPE COD

1995 SPORTS WEEKEND

TOTAL ASSETS

LIABILITIES & EQUITY:

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

EQUITY

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

	12/31/94	12/31/93
\$	2,604.43	\$5,979.31
		\$2,175.00
\$	7,570.00	\$8,785.00
\$	200,025.00	\$229,844.88
\$	1,000.00	\$1,000.00
		\$1,000.00
\$	3,500.00	\$1,000.00
\$	1,000.00	
\$	<u>215,699.43</u>	<u>\$249,764.19</u>
	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$	<u>215,699.43</u>	<u>\$249,759.19</u>
\$	<u>215,699.43</u>	<u>\$249,759.19</u>

**ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
BALANCE SHEET
As of 12/31/94**

ASSETS:

CASH: MERRILL LYNCH CASH MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT	\$ 2,604.43
SECURITIES: MERRILL LYNCH SECURITIES	\$ 7,570.00
TRUSTS: ARMENIAN CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND	\$ 200,025.00
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:	
1993 ARCHBISHOPS TOURNEY SEED - WYNNEWOOD	\$ 1,000.00
1994 SPORTS WEEKEND SEED - CAPE COD	\$ 3,500.00
1995 SPORTS WEEKEND	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 215,699.43

LIABILITIES & EQUITY:

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$0.00
EQUITY	\$ 215,699.43
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 215,699.43

APPENDIX "D"

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Auditing Committee has reviewed the books of the ACYOA Central Council and found them to be in order.

The books of the 1995 Archbishop's Tournament were not closed and prepared for our review. They will be made available for the 1996 Auditing Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Moroukian
Scott Najarian
1995 Auditing Committee

APPENDIX "E"

1995 ACYOA National Sports Weekend Report

PRESENTATION:

ACYOA General Assembly in Boca Raton, FL, October 14, 1995
Presented by Patricia Toofangjian and
Lynda Chagachbanian

Please keep in mind that this is a preliminary report and does not incorporate all of the evaluation or suggestions from the committee which are to follow in the completed report.

I. Overview

- Organizing Committee consisted of an Executive Committee plus a dedicated committee of 10 members
- Meetings were held twice a month in the beginning. The last 3 months they were held weekly.
- Agenda for the weekend consisted of the following:
 - *Friday Evening: Dance with Armenian and American bands at the hotel
 - *Saturday: Sports Competition
Insights
Dance at a local club with an Armenian band and DJ
Hook Up with a DJ at the hotel
 - *Sunday: Divine Liturgy and Brunch at St. Leon, Fair Lawn, NJ
Sports Finals
Banquet and Ball with Armenian band and DJ at hotel
Hook Up with DJ at hotel
 - *Monday: Farewell Picnic with Armenian Band at St. Leon

II. Publicity

- We had three (3) national mailings between January and June
- Chapter Chairmen mailings through August
- We sent out three (3) Sports Weekend newsletters to Chapter Chairmen and parish priests with a note to reprint them in their parish monthly papers.
- Multiple press releases were in the Armenian Reporter and Mirror Spectator which included calendar of events and 1/2 page ads in the weeks prior to Sports Weekend.
- Attendance by our committee members at local events to distribute flyers and spread the word about Sports Weekend since November 1994
- Updates and announcements were put in our own parish monthly paper to keep our parishioners up to date
- Two (2) personal invitation letters were sent to the clergy emphasizing the importance of their attendance.
- A letter of invitation was sent to St. Nersess Seminarians.

III. Attendance

- Approximately 150 ACYOA members purchased package plans.
- "At door" attendance was much less than expected.
- The highest total number of people in attendance at any given event was 260.
- Sports - There were 5 Men's Basketball teams, 2 Women's Basketball teams, and 5 Volleyball teams registered. While these numbers were significantly lower than in previous years, it was a struggle to even get this many teams. Individual sports participation was minimal.
- Several reasons for this low attendance have been speculated, such as the conflict with AYP Olympics and its proximity to our event, the loss of momentum from the cancellation of the event last year, a disinterest on the part of young people in this sort of sports tournament format, and a question of the interest on the part of young people in the ACYOA and the Armenian Church. These possible reasons and others need to be discussed by the ACYOA on a national level as well as locally.
- Clergy attendance was low despite repeated efforts through correspondence to make them feel welcome at Sports Weekend. We emphasized the importance of their participation as our spiritual leaders, especially in light of the fact that this year's Sports Weekend had a very spiritual focus. Other than our Primate, and the pastor and pastoral intern of St. Leon, there were only four (4) priests and one (1) deacon in attendance throughout the weekend. While we appreciated those who were there, the Committee was disappointed that more clergy, especially those from the 8 local parishes, were not present.
- Although measures were taken by the Committee to emphasize the importance of the Badarak, only approximately 30 ACYOA members were present at the Divine Liturgy that Sunday.
- We wish to stress that the young people who were at Sports Weekend were a "good crowd" of "quality" people and were very responsive to the new ideas and the activities that were planned. Even though the numbers were low, the Weekend was run smoothly and was a lot of fun for all who attended.

IV. New Ideas

- Many new or expanded ideas were implemented throughout the Weekend, which include:
 - 1) Friday night's event was made of equal caliber to Saturday night's event rather than being a simple mixer.
 - 2) Our hospitality bags were designed to include only those items that are consistent with the principles for which the ACYOA and the Armenian Church stand. For example, no cigarette or alcohol company sponsored products were included. We did include religious materials and items that convey a positive message.

- 3) Parish Awareness Day - We sponsored a brunch and program for our parishioners to educate and update them on the details of our Sports Weekend. This was very well received and also assisted us in getting monetary donations and assistance for the Weekend.
- 4) Hokehankisd - A special invitation was given to ACYOA members to offer prayers for family and friends.
- 5) Hospitality Information Packet - This packet was distributed to the Weekend participants and included the following:
 - a) details of each event
 - b) a special Badarak invitation
 - c) spiritual materials
 - d) restaurant, shopping and radio station information
 - e) important phone numbers and NJ laws
 - f) area sites and attractions
 - g) and more!This eliminated a lot of questions and confusion on the part of our attendees, who appreciated having that information available to them.
- 6) We gave mugs and sports Bibles for awards as opposed to trophies. We felt that this was a practical and useful gift to our athletes.
- 7) Our most important change or new idea was the strong emphasis we placed on the Church and Christianity throughout the whole weekend.
 - a) We chose a biblical reference for our theme of "Run the Good Race".
 - b) We included a ticket for Divine Liturgy in the package plans to emphasize its importance and that it should not be overlooked.
 - c) Our centerpieces for the Banquet were table tents which were printed with Bible quotes pertaining to athletic themes.
 - d) Each of our winning athletes was presented with a Sports Bible which contained personal religious experiences written by professional athletes.
 - e) Each page of our Commemorative Booklet was highlighted with a biblical quote.
 - f) We took a bold step to stop all sports competitions for our Insights program, the theme for which was "Religion and Sports".

It is important to note that each of these ideas or changes were very well received by the participants of Sports Weekend. The Committee is very proud of what we accomplished.

V. Finances

To raise funds we received booklet donations and sold 50/50 raffle tickets. In addition to this, we wrote letters to area businesses -- received many product donations as a result. Despite all of our efforts, we netted an estimated (\$14,000) loss on this event. The reason for this loss was the lack of attendance. Inability to meet our quotas resulted in unexpected expenses from the hotel such as charges for banquet rooms throughout the weekend and Sunday Banquet meals. We received \$31,000 from registration plans, which was only half of our expected number of 300 package plans (this would have brought in \$62,000). This financial matter is currently being worked out between the Sports Weekend Committee and the Central Council.

VI. Suggestions for the future

- We recommend that the Central Council automatically forward to the host chapter all recent Sports Weekend reports which are available to them. This would greatly assist the current host chapter in its planning. Also, perhaps designing a format for these reports which could be submitted to the host chapter in advance would assist the host chapter in keeping track of attendance, financial, and planning records and assure that final reports include all of the necessary information.
- Before attempting to organize such a grand event, be sure that the Sports Weekend Committee is headed by a strong executive body in order to ensure proper leadership of the event.
- We strongly recommend that Saturday night's Hook Up be deleted from the agenda. It has been poorly attended in the past few years, and, more importantly, it conflicts with the goal of the ACYOA to have its members prepare for and attend Divine Liturgy Sunday morning.
- We recommend that the national mailing list be revised on a regular basis to ensure that all individuals receive information and that postage is not wasted by incorrect addresses.
- We recommend that measures be taken to enforce deadlines and to obtain as much preregistration as possible.
- We suggest a serious evaluation be done regarding the sports and their importance to today's youth. (Perhaps redesign the type of sports offered? Include more spiritual/moral education programs/discussions in the weekend's agenda and place less emphasis on sports?)
- The banquet has been chronically something that most people do not look forward to attending except to receive their awards. We suggest considering distributing awards immediately following the final games as a "closing ceremony". This would encourage more ACYOA members to be present during the finals. In conjunction with this, make the banquet into a buffet or something that would be less formal and less expensive for participants. If speeches or greetings are necessary, have them done at the brunch/luncheon after Church or at the evening dinner in a different format.
- We strongly recommend that the changes initiated in the 1995 Sports Weekend be continued and/or new ideas be created. Don't be afraid to make changes and be different!!!

APPENDIX "F"

INDIVIDUAL CHAPTER REPORTS

BAYSIDE - Presented by Sylva Nishanian

- Dues paid members: 20
- Fellowship hour
- Skiing
- Help at Junior Sports Weekend
- Men's Basketball Team
- Church Picnic
- Superbowl Party
- Palm Sunday Dinner
- Pumpkin picking

BOCA RATON - Presented by Henry Keshishian

- Dues paid members: 12 Average attendance: 30
- Cultural Day
- Bingo
- Palm Sunday Dinner
- Halloween party
- Martyrs Day Celebration
- Church Picnic and Bazaar
- Pool party
- Visits to other local parishes
- 3 members on Parish Council

CLEVELAND: Presented by Dina Aurslanian

- Dues paid members: 20 Average attendance: 20
- Palm Sunday Dinner
- Church landscaping
- DYM retreat
- Weekend retreat
- Lenten Dinner
- Family nights
- Sports Luncheon
- Martyrs Day Celebration
- Cultural Day Celebration
- Cleveland State Basketball Game

DETROIT: Presented by Kristina Lutz

- Dues paid members: 40 Average active non-members 100
- November Dance
- Christmas Eve Service
- ACYOA Day
- Church bazaar-helped with games
- DYM met with juniors and seniors
- Upcoming events--Midwest Reunion in June
Political Symposium

FAIRLAWN : Presented by Patricia Toofangjian

- Dues paid members: 24
- Monthly Dinner Series
- Wine and Cheese Party
- Christmas in New York City
- Handel's Messiah Concert
- Armenian T-shirt sale
- Christmas Candy sale
- Chaperone - ACYOA Jrs. Dance
- "The Fantastics" - Off-Broadway Play in NYC
- ACYOA Day
- Organized and operated a "Make your own Ice Cream Sundae" booth at Church Food Festival
- Prepared and delivered dinner to a Women & Children's shelter in Paterson. (Every couple of months)
- Members serve on Parish Council & Sunday School staff
- ACYOA Annual Picnic
- Host Chapter for 1995 ACYOA National Sports Weekend

RICHMOND: Presented by Aram Topjian

- Dues paid members: 6
- Halloween party
- 1 member on Parish Council
- Problems with 2 Youth groups from same Church

WAUKEGAN: Presented by Manuel Dayenian

- Dues paid member: 1 16-18 average attendance
- ACYOA Day dinner
- Cookout
- Spring Dance
- Bowling
- Comedy Club
- Fellowship hour host
- Halloween Party

WESTCHESTER: Presented by Yn. Natasha Aljalian

- Dues paid members: 12
- Church Clean-up
- Palm Sunday Dinner
- Thanksgiving Food Basket
- Serve at Church picnic
- St. James Award Dinner
- Wine & Cheese Party
- Movie nights
- Summer BBQ
- Christmas tree decorating
- Halloween Party

APPENDIX "G"

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
1996 PROPOSED BUDGET

REVENUES:

DUES	\$ 1,000.00
INTEREST: ACEF/ARPAJIAN FUND	\$ 15,500.00
SEED MONEY	\$ 2,000.00

TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 18,500.00

EXPENSES

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETINGS	\$ 4,000.00
DIOCESAN/INTERDIOCESAN MEETINGS	\$ 2,000.00
ADMINISTRATIVE:	
POSTAGE/COPIES	\$ 1,500.00
PHONE	\$ 500.00
GENERAL ASSEMBLY	\$ 1,500.00
CHAPTER "A" PROGRAM	\$ 1,500.00
RETREATS	\$ 2,000.00
SCHOLARSHIPS	\$ 1,000.00
CHAPTER VISITATIONS	\$ 4,500.00

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 18,500.00

APPENDIX "H"

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #1
Submitted by Kimberly Bardakian - Bayside

PROPOSAL:

To eliminate ACYOA membership dues. The number of chapter delegates at the National General Assembly will be determined by their parishes Diocesan Delegates.

RATIONALE:

To encourage all Armenian youth to participate in all ACYOA activities. Example: Sports Weekend

DISPOSITION:

Tabled.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #2

Article 13, Section 6 which now reads;

EXISTING:

Half of the net proceeds from national functions and one-quarter of the net proceeds from regional functions shall be sent to the ACYOA Central Council by the sponsoring Chapters.

PROPOSED:

Central Council and the host Chapters of national events will split half the proceeds/losses from any national event.

Central Council will receive one-quarter of the proceeds from a regional event, and will pay one-quarter of any loss by the host region.

RATIONALE:

Central Council should share in the loss or profit of any event held in the name of the national or regional organization. This has been done in practice, but is not currently recognized as such in the Constitution.

DISPOSITION:

Defeated.

APPENDIX "I"

PROPOSAL #1
Submitted by Kristina Lutz - Detroit

PROPOSAL:

To create a National Sports Weekend Executive Committee to organize and execute Sports Weekend on an annual basis. The National Sports Weekend Executive, Composed of 5 members, would be responsible for electing the location and appointing their own subsequent sub-committees. At the onset of the election (to take place at the General Assembly) 2 members will serve a 1-year term, 3 to serve a 2-year term.

RATIONALE:

1. To create continuity and confidence in leadership
2. Able to elect best committee heads
3. responsible to ACYOA and not to individual parish
4. Access to most attractive sights - ex: Cape Cod

DISPOSITION: Tabled

PROPOSAL #2

PROPOSAL:

In 1996 , the National Sports Weekend and General Assembly will be reunited. The events will begin on the Thursday evening prior to Sports Weekend.

RATIONALE:

To lessen the financial burden and encourage participation in the General Assembly and Sports Weekend.

DISPOSITION:

Passed.

APPENDIX "J"

PROPOSAL #3 Submitted by Kavork Hagopian - Central Council

PROPOSAL:

That the ACYOA be charged to hire a part-time Executive Secretary under the advise of the Primate, Chancellor and DYM Director. The funds for this position are to come from solicited donations, the ACEF Capital Fund or a combination of both. This position should be filled by December 31, 1995.

RATIONALE:

The work of Central Council needs direction of someone trained in Youth Ministry to guide them. The Central Council is a volunteered organization with NO formal training in Youth Ministry. Too much of their time is guessing at what is science to the trained person. Most parishes have a Director, one person at the Diocesan level for the Seniors alone is not too much to ask.

DISPOSITION:

Defeated.

APPENDIX "K"

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS & COURTESIES COMMITTEE

1. Be it resolved, that the 1995 ACYOA General Assembly extends filial love and respect to His Holiness Kerekin I, Catholicos of All Armenians at the Holy Mother See of Etchmiadzin.
2. Be it resolved, that the 1995 General Assembly extend congratulations to our brothers and sisters in Armenia on their 4th year of independence.
3. Whereas, Levon Der Petrossian is the President of the republic of Armenia, and whereas our Armenian homeland continues to struggle against diverse hardships, including continued difficulty from the 1988 earthquake, as well as the hostile blockade by her neighboring countries. Be it resolved, that the 1995 General Assembly extends its warm wishes and heartfelt prayers that the blockade be removed and peaceful solutions be found for the problems that Armenia faces today and that the people of Armenia be able to persevere through these times of hardship.
4. Be it resolved, that the ACYOA extends its heartfelt prayers to our brothers and sisters in Artsakh and all others who struggle for human rights and self determination.
5. Whereas, His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, our beloved Primate has attended the General Assembly and continues to implement new programs and carry the torch of enthusiasm for the youth of our Diocese. Let it be resolved, that the 1995 General Assembly expresses its gratitude and appreciation for his patience, knowledge, insight, guidance and participation.
6. Whereas, His Eminence Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan established the ACYOA 49 years ago and founded the St. Nersess Armenian Seminary and made the youth of the Armenian Church a part of his life and his mission for the enhancement and dissemination of the Word of Christ, Be it resolved, that the ACYOA honors his memory and appreciates his far-sightedness in creating the ACYOA and for establishing a vehicle for young adults to take an active role in the Armenian Church.
7. Be it resolved, that the ACYOA extends its prayers and condolences to the Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian and Yn. Roberta Kochakian on the passing of his mother, Diramayr Mary Kochakian.
8. Be it resolved, that the ACYOA sends its prayers and best wishes to Rev. Fr. Michael Buttero and the Rev. Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian for a speedy recovery from their recent illnesses.
9. Be it resolved, that the 1995 General Assembly of the ACYOA extends its thanks to the 1995 Sports Weekend Committee and the entire St. Leon Armenian Church community for a successful Sports Weekend and for their outstanding work and dedication to the organization.

10. Be it resolved, that the 1995 ACYOA General Assembly offers its sincere appreciation to outgoing Central Council members - Meline Kasparian (Chair) and Kavork Hagopian (vice-chair) for their dedication to our organization and hard work on its behalf. The assembly also extends its congratulations to re-elected John Megrđichian and new Council members Shunt Madanian and Aram Topjian.

11. Whereas, at the 1995 General Assembly, there were three priests, Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian, Chancellor of the Diocese, Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian, Pastor of St. Sarkis Armenian Church in Dallas, Texas, and Rev. Fr. Zaven Arzoumanian, Pastor of the host parish of St. David Armenian Church and Whereas the ACYOA is an integral part of the Armenian Church and Whereas it is imperative that the clergy of our parishes support our youth in every endeavor, Be it resolved that the ACYOA delegates express their gratitude for their support shown to the ACYOA.

12. Be it resolved, that the ACYOA General Assembly thanks the Central Council, all delegates and participants for attending and making the 1995 Assembly a positive and enlightening experience, and for their service in their respective parishes throughout the years.

Respectfully submitted,

Re. Fr. Nersess Jebejian
Yn. Natasha Aljalian
Kavork Hagopian
Doreen Nersessian
Kristina Lutz
Lisa Topalian

APPENDIX "L"

Mission Parishes

Presented by Fr. Nersess Jebejian

Since its early days and its inception, our Diocese has always had a Mission Program. From the late 1890's to the present. However, a few years ago, the Diocesan Primate, Diocesan Council, and some other people within the Diocese felt that there was a tremendous need of increased awareness of the mission work in our Diocese. During the past 50 years, there's always been a mission outreach to various parts of the country, to meet the needs of various groups of Armenians and to organize them into parishes. At the present time there is proposal in front of the Diocesan Council which will be coming to the Diocesan Assembly next year, to establish a department within the Diocesan Complex to meet the needs of Mission Parishes.

There are several Clergy in our parishes who do a great deal of work within the mission parishes in our area.

Fr. Zaven Arzoumanian

Fr. Garen Gdanian

Dn. Norman Odabashian

Dn. Michael Ohanesian

Fr. Diran Papazian

Mission Parish Listings See (Appendix "L")

Mission Communities

Kansas City, Kansas

Bismarck, North Dakota

Oklahoma City and Tulsa, Oklahoma

Minneapolis, Minnesota

In Bismarck, ND and the surrounding areas there are close to 40 to 50 families from Baku, Azerbaijan and are trying to get closer to each other and see whether they can form a mission parish.

Fr. Nersess wanted everyone to be aware of these mission parishes so that we can help them out in any way if we happen to be in the area.

Shunt Madanyan (Palos Heights) asked as to what is incorporated as a Parish. Fr. Nersess Explained that there is no need for a building, however, a certain amount of budget is necessary. The Parish Council has to apply to the Diocese and request for a full pledged membership. The Diocese will review and make sure they fulfill the requirements of the Diocesan by-Laws.

**ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
1996 BUDGET AS APPROVED BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

REVENUES

INTEREST: ACEF/ARPAJIAN FUND	\$ 16,000.00
SEED MONEY	\$ 2,000.00

TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 18,000.00

EXPENSES

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETINGS	\$ 4,000.00
DIOCESAN/INTERDIOCESAN MEETINGS	\$ 750.00
ADMINISTRATIVE:	
POSTAGE/COPIES	\$ 1,500.00
PHONE	\$ 500.00
GENERAL ASSEMBLY	\$ 1,500.00
MISSION PROGRAM	\$ 3,000.00
RETREATS	\$ 1,250.00
SCHOLARSHIPS	\$ 1,500.00
CHAPTER VISITATIONS	\$ 4,000.00

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 18,000.00

APPENDIX "L"

Present Mission Parishes.

1. Mission Parishes with assigned parish councils

Texas

San Antonio
Austin
El Paso

Louisiana

Baton Rouge

Florida

Ocala
Orlando
Naples
Saint Petersburg

Michigan

Ann Arbor
Lansing

Tennessee

Memphis
Nashville

Ohio

Columbus

New Mexico

Albuquerque

Georgia

Atlanta

Pennsylvania

Erie
Pittsburgh

New York

Rochester

**MINUTES OF THE
1993
ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**



**SEPTEMBER 1-3, 1993
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ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA (ACYOA)
DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH

September 1 to 3, 1993
Sheraton Boston Hotel and Towers

HOSTS:
Watertown ACYOA Seniors
St. James Armenian Church
Watertown, Massachusetts

First Session
Wednesday, September 1, 1993

I. Invocation:

The first session of the 1993 ACYOA General/Assembly convened at 8:05 p.m. His Grace, the Rt. Rev. ^{Archbishop} ~~Bishop~~ Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church and President of the ACYOA, led the delegates in an opening blessing and prayer service. Rev. Fr. Dajad Davidian of the St. James Armenian Church in Watertown and Dn. Gary Alexander (Central Council) assisted in the service.

Following the prayer service the 1992 Assembly Chairman, Sara Andonian (Detroit), called the Assembly to order.

II. Introduction of Assembly Secretary:

The Chair introduced Nancy Kassabian of St. James Armenian Church (Watertown) as the Assembly Secretary.

At this time a roll-call attendance was taken by the Secretary establishing that out of twenty-two (22) elected delegates preregistered with the Central Council, fifteen (15) were present, which constituted a quorum. In addition, there were seven (7) Central Council members and four (4) Ex-Officio Delegates (which included three (3) Chapter Chairmen and one (1) Chapter President) in attendance.

III. Election of Assembly Chairman

The Chair opened the floor for nominations for Assembly Chairman.

John Megrdochian (Providence) nominated Scott Najarian (Worcester). It was seconded. Scott accepted.

Laura Negosian (Detroit) nominated Sara Andonian (Detroit). It

At this point there were no other nominations from the floor. Sara Andonian accepted the nomination for Assembly Chairman. John Megrdochian (Providence) moved to close nominations. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried.

A roll-call secret ballot vote was taken.

John Diradourian (Central Council) announced that Scott Najarian (Providence) was elected Chairman of the Assembly with Sara Andonian (Detroit) serving as Vice-Chairman.

Vote Count: Scott Najarian (15 votes); Sara Andonian (10) votes.

IV. Appointment of Parliamentarian and Sergeant at Arms:

The Chair stated that he would postpone nominations of these individuals to the start of the Second Session.

V. Appointment of Resolutions and Courtesies Committee:

The Chair stated that he would appoint individuals to this committee at the start of the Second Session. In addition, the Chair requested that interested individuals approach him about serving on this committee.

VI. Adoption of the Agenda

A motion was made by Rev. Fr. Dajad Davidian (Watertown) to accept the agenda as presented. It was seconded by Lucine Baronian (Central Council).

Charles Shooshan (Central Council) moved to amend the agenda as follows:

- **Change Item XIV (Auditing Committee Report) to Item XXIX B.
- **Change Item XXII (Remarks, Armenian Youth Representative) to Item XXIX A.

The motion to amend the agenda was seconded by Lucine Baronian (Central Council). It was voted upon and carried.

Rev. Fr. Dajad Davidian commented that the word "short" be deleted from Item XVIII.

A vote was taken on the motion to accepted the agenda as amended. The motion carried.

VII. Welcoming Remarks, ACYOA Central Council Chairman

Charles Shooshan, ACYOA Central Council Chairman, welcomed Assembly participants on behalf of the Central Council. He stressed that the 1993 Assembly would be the pivotal point of the future of the ACYOA and the need for a strong organization to bring the ACYOA into the next century.

VIII. Welcoming Remarks, Host Chapter Committee Chairman

Rita Masrof (Watertown), Chairman of the pre-weekend activities, thanked all those in attendance on behalf of the Watertown ACYOA, hosts of the Assembly. All delegates were invited to a reception following the conclusion of the first session.

Lucine Baronian (Central Council) introduced the Assembly attendees from Erevan, Armenia: Lusine Der Hovanissian and Lillit Haroutunian.

Charles Shooshan requested that chapters interested in hosting Diocesan events contact Central Council as soon as possible. He also requested that any proposal and/or constitutional amendment to be considered by the Assembly be submitted to him as soon as possible. Any proposal/amendment submitted after the start of the Assembly would require a 3/4 vote of approval for consideration.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m. at which time the Primate led the delegates in a closing prayer.

Second Session
Thursday, September 2, 1993

IX. Morning Worship Service

The Second Session of the 1993 ACYOA Assembly convened at 9:20 a.m. The Primate led the Assembly in a Morning Worship Service with Deacon Gary Alexander assisting.

X. Appointment of Parliamentarian and Sergeant-at-Arms:

Assembly Chairman Scott Najarian appointed Sara Andonian (Detroit) as Parliamentarian and Lucine Baronian (Central Council) as Sergeant-at-Arms.

Attendance:

A roll-call attendance was taken by the Assembly Secretary, Nancy Kassabian, establishing that out of twenty-seven (27) elected delegates preregistered with Central Council, seventeen (17) were present thus constituting a quorum. In addition, there were seven (7) Central Council members, eleven (11) Chapter Chairmen and one (1) Chapter President in attendance.

XI. Acceptance of the 1992 General Assembly Minutes

Assembly Chairman, Scott Najarian asked if there were any corrections or omissions of the previous year's minutes.

Lucine Baronian (Central Council) made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Meline Kasparian seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

XII. ACYOA Project Growth Presentation

Rev. Fr. Mardiros Chevian introduced the Project Growth presentation. In his opening remarks he asked the Assembly to reflect on the purposes, goals and mission of the ACYOA and its future.

Rev. Fr. Chevian stated that although the ACYOA organization has made strides in its programs, citing the Armenian Studies Program, the Annual Assembly and Sports Weekends, Youth Forums and the involvement of ACYOA members in all phases of Parish Church activities, the strength at the local parish level has diminished over the years.

Comparing the ACYOA organization as a whole to "an army" Rev. Fr. Chevian cited the need for the "battalions", i.e. the local forces at the parish levels. Encouraging the members to live out the vision of His Eminence, Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan for the ACYOA, he urged the Assembly attendees to think of strengthening the ACYOA through the local parishes and their own individual chapters.

Laura Gononian, Young Adult Coordinator from the Department of Youth Ministry, presented the background of Project Growth, which is a step by step plan for strengthening the parish-based organizations. She stated that its mission was to empower Central Council, Chapter Chairmen, Parish Priests and the local Parish Councils to work together to revitalize their ACYOA chapters.

Each Central Council member would be assigned a region with which to visit and work to better communicate the needs to the Diocese.

Laura emphasized that the responsibilities for the success of this Project Growth depend on the cooperation of all.

As the printed report of Project Growth was not available at this time, it was suggested that questions concerning its content be postponed until members had a chance to review the report.

XIII. ACYOA Central Council 1992-1993 Report

Charles Shooshan, Central Council Chairman, gave an overview of the Central Council report which was available in written form to Assembly participants. (See Appendix A)

Charles stated that the report on Central Council Visitations and Program Participation, pages eight (8) and nine (9), were incomplete as not all visitations were recorded.

He stressed that the election of Central Council members was an extremely important task of this Assembly as they are empowered with the duties of looking at the organization as a whole, the growth of ACYOA and all day to day activities, such as finances.

Charles acknowledged the help of Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian, Rev. Fr. Mardiros Chevian, Laura Gononian of the Youth Ministry Department and His Eminence, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, for their support of all ACYOA activities.

Referring to the Chapter Assistance Program, Charles advised that the "Chapter A" Mission Program become a permanent tool with which parishes could strengthen their own chapters.

Inter-Diocesan meetings established good relationships and communication with Canada and the Western Diocese. Charles encouraged the members to participate in their activities as it is very rewarding.

Charles noted that the Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Tournament did not generate a lot of money or teams but did generate good spirit among those who attended. He thanked the Wynnewood Chapter and Lisa Manookian who made great efforts to make the tournament a success.

Charles highlighted the positive, rewarding impact of the Armenian Studies Program on its participants and encouraged the members to think about this opportunity.

He stated that the extremely successful Anniversary Ball Weekend was an example of a new activity that would encourage new members to join ACYOA.

The ACYOA publication, Hye Hokin, was not published this year. Charles stated that the reason was the lack of volunteers. There was financial support but a lack of manpower.

At this point, Lisa Manookian (Wynnewood) stated that material had been sent for a memorial issue dedicated to the late Greg Arpajian two years ago and nothing had been done with the articles. She also commented that all excuses were invalid for the lack of publication of that issue.

Charles acknowledged the failure of Central Council to publish that issue but stated that there were other problems in addition to type-setting.

Russell Kashian (Cleveland) questioned the award of the Gregory Arpajian Scholarship to one candidate as it states that two awards would be given annually. Charles responded that the interest at that point only warranted one scholarship for 1993 and that subsequent years the two scholarships would be given.

Questions arose as to the validity of awarding one scholarship to one candidate without issuing applications to all candidates. Charles responded that via the St. Vartan application need can be determined and all those in need received financial assistance. Charles recommended that in the future the applications should go to all Parish Priests and Chapter Chairmen via a general national mailing or publication.

Laura Negosian (Detroit) questioned the small number of visitations Central Council to the parishes. Charles explained that the geographic distribution of members hindered more visits.

Kimberly Bardakian (Bayside) commented that Central Council should make visitations a priority and major responsibility.

Marcia Sedhom (Watertown) commented that the proposal submitted by the Watertown Chapter and passed at the 1992 Assembly mandated the Central Council to issue quarterly reports on their activities. Rena Jebejian (Central Council) responded that after the first issuance of the quarterly report for 1992-1993, she did not receive enough information from Central Council members for subsequent reports.

Marcia Sedhom (Watertown) also questioned the issuance of the minutes of the 1992 Assembly three weeks before the 1993 Assembly. By-laws state that the minutes be submitted within ninety days of the Assembly. Lisa Manookian (1992 Assembly Secretary) took responsibility for the late submission of the minutes.

Meline Kasparian (Westchester) stated that the Central Council visitations and reports should be a priority and that all nominees for Central Council should be aware of the importance of these issues.

Assembly Chairman, Scott Najarian, asked for the Treasurer's Report and stated that the report should be in the delegates' hands before discussion could take place. It was decided that the report would be handed out at the conclusion of the Second Session and be discussed in the Third Session.

A motion was made to accept the Central Council Report by Russell Kashian (Cleveland). It was seconded by Papken Maksoudian (Watertown). It was voted upon and carried.

The Primate noted that it should be noted that this report as accepted excluded the Treasurer's Report to be included at a later date.

Rev. Fr. Mardiros Chevian introduced the guests from Armenia to the Second Session; Lillit Haroutunian and Lusine Der Hovannisian.

XIV. ACYOA National Fund Raising Committee Report

The report was issued to the delegates. (See Appendix B)

Marcia Sedhom, a member of the Committee, wanted it noted that she was notified of the meeting by telephone and not by letter. The call was placed only a few days before the meeting date which did not give her enough time to make preparations to attend.

A motion was made by Aram Topjian (Richmond) to accept the report. It was seconded by Nevart Hamanjian (Cambridge), voted upon and carried.

XV: Auditing Committee Report

This was postponed to a later session.

XVI. ACYOA Armenian Studies Program Short Presentation

Lucine Baronian (Central Council), a Summer Studies participant, gave a slide presentation of her recent trip to Armenia. She

stressed that there we share a responsibility for what we sponsor in Armenia. Lucine emphasized the outstanding camaraderie and impact on her personally from this program.

XVII. Primate's Address

(See Appendix C)

The Primate addressed the delegates and emphasized that the ACYOA leaders of today need to understand their roles as disciples and apostles of their commitment to God and our Church.

He explained that Jesus relied on the youth for the execution of his mission; our mission today is essentially the same. We need to work at home in our own churches bringing the Gospel to those who live among us. Growth in the number of the faithful will occur with ourselves and within our communities by fulfilling the mission of ACYOA.

The Primate stressed the need for the ACYOA to become a force in the center of parish life. By strengthening at that level, not only will the ACYOA organization be strengthened but also the Church as a whole.

He has been impressed with the depth of concern and involvement of the youth at the Youth Forums.

The Primate urged that Project Growth be a vital part of the mission of ACYOA. Through this growth the ACYOA members will share the power and joy of life dedicated to God with all.

Recess:

Assembly Chairman Scott Najarian recessed the Assembly for lunch at 12:35 p.m.

Third Session
Thursday, September 2, 1993

The Third Session convened at 2:05 p.m.

XVIII. ACYOA Chapter Reports and Remarks

Assembly Chairman Scott Najarian asked the individual chapters to present a summary of their various activities during the past year.

Boca Raton Presented by Tom Topalian, Elected Delegate

- * 19 dues paying members - 30 active members
- * Activities of members include alter service, Bible readings, participation in choir, Sunday School and Armenian School Teachers, Parish Council Members, Sunday luncheons
- * Palm Sunday Dinner
- * Language Lab Crash Course with Miami Chapter
- * Bake Sales and Luncheons
- * ACYOA Sports Weekend- participated with volleyball team
- * Attendance at the 25th Anniversary Ball
- * Meetings with the Primate
- * Social and sports activities including picnics and tournaments (volleyball), beach parties
- * Working on a Talent Show Fundraiser

Providence Presented by John Megrdochian, Chapter Chairman

- * 19 dues paid members
- * Annual "Dance with Onnik" at Christmas
- * Food Drive
- * Participation in Christmas Eve Service
- * Palm Sunday Dinner
- * Flowers to mothers on Mother's Day
- * Archbishop's Tournament in Wynnewood
- * Weekly Basketball practices
- * Need to encourage college-aged students to join

Worcester Presented by Jay Kapur, Chapter Chairman

- * 22 dues paid members, 6 active
- * Family night at the Celtics game
- * Three on three Basketball Tournament
- * Palm Sunday Banquet - John Baronian of Tufts as speaker
- * Participants in Archbishop's Tournament
- * Anniversary Ball
- * Operation Winter Rescue
- * Sees growth of ACYOA from active 15-16 year old youth group

Detroit Presented by Nicole Matoian, Chapter Chairman

- * Annual November Dance
- * Social Events - Laser Tag, Comedy Club
- * Archbishop Tournament
- * Canoe trip
- * Amusement Park
- * Road Rally
- * Palm Sunday
- * Aid Parish Council with duties in Church
- * Working with University of Michigan's Armenian Students Cultural Association
- * Earthquake Walkathon participation

Hartford Presented by Lisa Tashjian, Chapter Chairman

- * 22 dues paid members, 10-15 active
- * 4 out of 7 Parish Council members are ACYOA members
- * 6 members sing in Choir
- * Spaghetti dinners
- * Cleaned Church rugs
- * Advisors to Juniors
- * Worked on Project Etchmiadzin/Antelias with sister churches in Hartford and New Britain
- * Palm Sunday Dinner
- * Reading and participation at Christmas Services
- * Spring Dance - family style event whose profit went to Armenian Relief

Westchester Presented by Meline Kasparian, Elected Delegate

- * 6 dues paid members
- * Various social events throughout the year
- * Participation in Christmas Eve Services
- * Decorations for Christmas
- * Little interest except for social events
- * Need to coordinate more with Juniors
- * Plans Kickoff Meeting to brainstorm ideas

Cleveland Presented by Russell Kashian, Chapter Chairman

- * Successful year
- * Working with Deacon Norman Odabashian in Mini-Retreats
Topics include "Traditions of Marriage"
" Christian Outreach in our Church to the Community"
"Spiritual Preparedness for Lent"
- * Mailing list includes 60
- * 20 dues paid members, 30 active
- * Active support of Church activities, dues paid members

Bayside Presented by Kimberly Bardakian, Elected Delegate

- * Annual Picnic
- * Super Bowl party
- * Lenten dinners
- * Palm Sunday, ACYOA Dinner
- * Open Discussion with the Primate
- * Operation Winter Rescue
- * Visits to Armenian Old Aged Home
- * Advisors to Juniors, serve as chaperons
- * Archbishop's Tournament
- * Dance
- * Amusement Park
- * Knicks Basketball Game
- * Anniversary Ball

Watertown Presented by Papken Maksoudian, Elected Delegate

- * Planning and Coordinating 1993 Sports Weekend as Hosts
- * Palm Sunday Banquet
- * Aided Juniors in Hye Mrtsoom Sports Weekend
- * Carolling with Juniors at Christmas
- * Softball games with cookouts
- * Halloween party for parish children
- * Christmas night dance
- * Three on three Basketball Tournament
- * Archbishop's Tournament
- * Two Volleyball Tournaments
- * Dinner with the Primate
- * Help with Church Bazaar, Picnic
- * Operation Winter Rescue
- * Open gym during week
- * Altar Servers, Sunday School Teachers
- * Indicated good support from Parish Council and other Church organizations

Wynnewood Presented by Gregory Devletian, Elected Delegate

- * 20 dues paid members
- * Benefit Dance for Orphans
- * ACYOA Day Banquet
- * Basketball Tournaments
- * Clean up of Church grounds
- * Ushers for Church
- * Golf and Basketball outings
- * Participants in the Armenian Basketball League of Greater Philadelphia
- * Helped Juniors with ACYOA Weekend

Watervliet Presented by Charles Tutunjian, Chapter Chairman

- * Fundraiser - candy
- * 10 members carved turkeys at a shelter
- * Provided meals at an aids shelter
- * Two year commitment to the Children of Armenian Sponsorship Program
- * Christmas carolling and party
- * Poon Paregentan Festival
- * Lenten Retreat with Rev. Fr. Tateos Abdalian and Dn. Gary Alexander - "Image and Likeness of God"
- * March against the blockade of Armenia in New York City
- * Palm Sunday Banquet with Dn. Gary Alexander as speaker
- * Participants in downtown Troy Festival
- * Church picnic- ran games
- * Day at Saratoga
- * Coffee hours
- * 2 member of Parish Council, 4 members serve on altar
- * Appreciation to Rev. Fr. Tateos Abdalian for effort and support

Richmond Presented by Donna Walker, Chapter Chairman

- * 9 dues paid members, 5 active
- * Serve Church on Parish Council
- * Sunday School Teachers
- * Armenian School Teachers
- * Bake Sales
- * Picnics
- * Operation Winter Rescue
- * Visit from Rena Jebejian for aid in better organization and support
- * Plans for a retreat in October
- * Noted that there are not enough members for separate Junior and Senior Groups

Tenafly Presented by Levon Altiparmakian, Elected Delegate

- * Donated \$1,000 to Medical Outreach to Children of Armenia
- * Donated \$750 to Church
- * Underwrote cost of 4 medical kits for Armenia
- * Served at Palm Sunday Dinner with Juniors
- * Movie Night - Armenian and Cultural Films

XIX. 1993 ACYOA Anniversary Ball and Report

Kimberly Bardakian (Bayside) reported on the 25th Anniversary Ball, "Miracle on 34th Street", which was held from July 30 to August 1st.

The event was extremely successful and included an art show featuring Armenian sculptors and painters.

The Friday night event was held in the Cathedral plaza and was attended by approximately 200 people. More plaza events will be held next summer.

Saturday morning included a Chapter Chairmen's Meeting; the Anniversary Ball on Saturday evening was attended by 350 people.

Many youths participated in the Divine Liturgy on Sunday morning.

XX. Remarks, Diocesan Council Liaison

Diocesan Council member, Dean Shahinian from Washington, D.C., brought greetings to the Assembly from the Diocesan Council.

In his address to the delegates Mr. Shahinian talked of the delegates' investment of time and money to the weekend. In addition he solicited responses from the delegates as to what they perceived to gain from this conference and what issues were the most important.

He explained that all reasons and issues offered by the delegates were important to consider yet the love of each other and the love of Christ should prevail over all worldly matters.

Dean advised the participants to meet with each other to discuss their concerns and to follow through the suggestions and ideas that may evolve.

Russell Kashian (Cleveland) questioned the Diocesan Council's decision to allot only \$1500 for the youth camps. Dean responded that he also felt that it was not enough and at this point the camps have requested larger allotments from Diocesan Council for next year.

XXI. Elections-- Report of Nominating Committee

Nevart Hamamjian (Cambridge), Lisa Manookian (Wynnewood) and Meline Kasparian (Westchester), members of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of candidates for Central Council, Nominating Committee and Auditing Committee.

A. Central Council

Lisa presented the following candidates for the ACYOA Central Council, three of whom to be elected. As each candidate was introduced, Nevart read biographical sketches and position statements of those nominated. The candidates were as follows:

Kevork Hagopian	(Waukegan)
Russell Kashian	(Cleveland)
Meline Kasparian	(Westchester)
John Megrdochian	(Providence)
Greg Saraydarian	(Bayside)
Aram Topjian	(Richmond)

Nominations were taken from the floor for Central Council.

Russell Kashian (Cleveland) nominated Marcia Sedhom (Watertown). Marcia declined.

John Megrdochian (Providence) moved to close nominations for the ACYOA Central Council. John Diradourian seconded the motion. The motion carried.

B. Nominating Committee

Lisa Manookian (Wynnewood) presented the following candidates for the Nominating Committee. It was noted that three (3) candidates would be elected to serve on that committee. As the candidates were presented Meline Kasparian (Westchester) gave biographical data about the individuals. The candidates were as follows:

Alain Artinian	(Bayside)
Shooshan Saraydarian	(Bayside)
Tom Topalian	(Boca Raton)

Lisa then opened the floor for additional nominations for the Nominating Committee.

Rena Jebejian (Central Council) nominated Scott Najarian (Providence). Scott declined.

Kimberly Bardakian (Bayside) nominated Sara Andonian (Detroit). Sara declined.

Claudia Lusararian (Boca Raton) nominated Rena Jebejian (Central Council). It was seconded. Rena accepted the nomination.

Dn. Gary Alexander (Central Council) nominated Levon Altiparmakian (Tenafly). He declined.

David Abdalian (Watervliet) nominated Dn. Norman Odabashian (Cleveland). He declined.

John Megrdochian made a motion to close the nominations for Nominating Committee. It was seconded by John Diradourian, voted upon and carried.

B. Auditing Committee

Lisa Manookian presented the candidate for Auditing Committee.

Jay Kapur (Worcester)

Nominations from the floor were accepted at this time.

Russell Kashian (Cleveland) nominated Charles Shooshan (Central Council) . Charles declined.

Dn. Gary Alexander (Central Council) nominated Nevart Hamamjian (Cambridge). She declined.

Arpi Bouroujian (Central Council) nominated Lisa Manookian (Wynnewood). Lisa declined.

David Abdalian (Watervliet) nominated Dn. Gary Alexander (Central Council). Gary declined.

Dn. Gary Alexander (Central Council) nominated Sara Andonian (Detroit). Sara declined.

Meline Kasparian (Westchester) nominated Levon Altiparmakian (Tenafly). Levon declined.

Jay Kapur (Worcester) nominated John Megrdochian. It was seconded by Rena Jebejian (Central Council). He accepted the nomination.

Charles Shooshan(Central Council) nominated Laurie Onanian (Cambridge). She declined.

Charles Shooshan (Central Council) nominated Charles Tutunjian (Watervliet). He declined.

Nevart Hamamjian(Cambridge) nominated Laura Negosian (Detroit). She declined.

John Megrdochian nominated Papken Maksoudian (Watertown). He declined.

At his point Marcia Sedhom asked of the feasibility of hiring or asking the Diocesan Auditor to do the work. It was stated that the Auditor for the Diocese routinely reviews the books anyway.

John Megrdochian (Providence) nominated Sara Andonian (Detroit). It was seconded by Lucine Baronian (Central Council). She accepted.

John Diradourian made a motion to close nominations for Auditing Committee. It was seconded by John Megrdochian, voted upon and carried.

FINAL SLATE FOR ELECTIONS

CENTRAL COUNCIL

Kevoik Hagopian	Waukegan
Russell Kashian	Cleveland
Meline Kasparian	Westchester
John Megrdochian	Providence
Greg Saraydarian	Bayside
Aram Topjian	Richmond

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Alain Artinian	Bayside
Shooshan Saraydarian	Bayside
Tom Topalian	Boca Raton
Rena Jebejian	Boca Raton

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Jay Kapur	Worcester
John Megrdochian	Providence
Sara Andonian	Detroit

At this point a ballot roll call vote was taken for Central Council and Nominating Committees.

XXII. Remarks . ACYO-WD Representative

SDn.Armen Devejian, Central Council Chairman of the Western Diocese, introduced the other representatives, Tina Margosian, Stephanie Surabian, Vice Chairman Western Diocesan Central Council, and sDn. Matthew Jendian. He brought greetings to the Assembly from His Eminence, Archbishop Vatche Hovsepian.

In his message to the delegates Armen stressed that all members should strive to achieve pride in giving of themselves in service to God, our country and our communities. He asked the members to remind themselves from time to time of their obligations to Armenian and their responsibilities to help them in their struggles.

Armen urged all to play an active role in enriching the legacy we will leave behind -- a free Armenia and successful Diaspora.

Chairman Scott Najarian noted that items XXII, XXIII, and XXIV will be postponed to the next session (Session IV)

Treasurer's Report:

(See Appendix D)

At this time the Treasurer's report of the Central Council was presented by Jay Kapur. (See written report)

He entertained questions from the delegates on the budgets and balance sheets.

Sara Andonian (Detroit) questioned the receipt of money from the Anniversary Ball in Boca Raton. Charles Shooshan (Central Council) responded that the issue of outstanding funds is still as yet unresolved and Central Council has requested Diocesan intervention for this matter.

Sara Andonian (Detroit) requested an explanation of "Interdiocesan Meetings". Jay responded that these included visitations to Canada and other Dioceses.

Russell Kashian (Cleveland) asked if the Boca Raton debt could be "written off". Charles Shooshan (Central Council) stated that is was still considered "accounts receivable".

Marcia Sedhom (Watertown) wanted clarification of the 1992 Income Statement expenses for Central Council Meetings. Jay noted that these expenses included travel and lodging. She also asked for further clarification of Central Council Administrative Expenses. Jay explained that these expenses included mailing and telephone costs.

Meline Kasparian asked if the weekend package plans for the Central Council Members were paid for through the Central Council Budget. Jay responded affirmatively.

Papken Maksoudian (Watertown) questioned the amount of money spent on travel by Central Council.

At this point, Assembly Chairman Scott Najarian advised the Assembly that if the delegates wish to discontinue a practice or budget item for 1993-1994 it could be done in the budget process at the next session.

There was concern as to the perceived "overexpenditures" of Central Council Budget items. Donna Walker (Richmond) asked whether these expenses could be better controlled. Lucine Baronian (Central Council) responded that it was not in Central Council's plan to deliberately overspend and agreed that the issue of spending too much money on visitations should be addressed.

Marcia Sedhom (Watertown) referred to the proposal passed at the

1992 Assembly in which the Central Council was mandated to send quarterly expense reports to the Chapters and commented that Central Council has an obligation and responsibility to this end.

Charles Shooshan (Central Council) indicated that Central Council has tried to address the issue of high expenses in various ways such as moving the meeting away from New York City.

The Primate stated that he has noted the concern of the members of the Assembly of the Central Council expenses and cautions Central Council to be more careful in the coming year.

Sara Andonian (Detroit) made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; Russell Kashian (Cleveland) seconded the motion. The motion carried.

First Run-off Election for Central Council

Lisa Manookian of the Nominating Committee announced that a run-off election for Central Council was necessary. The candidate with the least amount of votes was dropped and the delegates were asked to vote for one (1), only, of the following three candidates.

Russell Kashian	(Cleveland)
John Megrdochian	(Providence)
Greg Saraydarian	(Bayside)

A roll call ballot was taken at this point.

Chairman Scott Najarian asked that all proposals and/or constitutional amendments be submitted in writing before the next sessions.

The Third Session was recessed at 4:55 p.m.

Fourth Session Friday, September 3, 1993

Divine Liturgy 8:00 p.m.

His Eminence, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian celebrated Divine Liturgy with Rev. Fr. Mardiros Chevian, Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian, Dn. Gary Alexander, Dn. George Devletian, Dn. Norman Odabashian sDn. Armenian Devejian and sDn. Matthew Jendian assisting.

At 9:45 Sara Andonian, Vice Chairman of the Assembly, called the Fourth Session to order as Scott Najarian, Chairman was not present. A roll call attendance was taken by the Secretary.

At this time Lucine Baronian (Central Council) wanted it noted that there was an marked absence of clergy in attendance.

Sara called for any proposals and/or constitutional amendments to be submitted to Central Council for consideration.

The Sergeant-at-Arms, Lucine Baronian (Central Council) was asked to bar the doors.

Second Run-off Election for Central Council

Lisa Manookian (Central Council), Nominating Committee member, announced that a second run-off election for a candidate for the Central Council was necessary as a majority vote had not been accomplished.

Delegates were instructed to vote for (one) 1 candidate.

Russell Kashian	Cleveland
John Megrdochian	Providence

A roll call ballot was taken.

XXIII. Special Program: "AIDS and You -- An Orthodox Perspective"

Dn. Gary Alexander (Central Council) introduced the Very Reverend Dr. Stanley Harakas, Orthodox Theologian and Professor of Orthodox Christian Ethics at Holy Cross Orthodox Seminary, Brookline, Massachusetts.

In his presentation which included a video and question and answer period, Fr. Harakas discussed the epidemic and how the church addresses issues concerning contraction of the virus, dealing with those afflicted and the issues of mercy and compassion of those who are faithful towards those who have contracted the virus through promiscuous behavior.

At 11:30 p.m. Scott Najarian reassumed the Chair.

Third Run-off Election for Central Council

Lisa Manookian, Central Council and Nominating Committee Member, announced that a tie vote had occurred and a run-off election was necessary for the two candidates for Central Council.

A re-vote was taken for Russell Kaishian (Cleveland)and John Megrdochian (Providence).

A roll-call ballot vote was taken.

Marcia Sedhom requested that the Treasurer and/or Auditing Committee give a more detailed breakdown of the administrative including visitation expenses of Central Council for 1993. Jay Kapur agreed to provide the information at the next session.

Marcia Sedhom wanted it noted that the presentations of the morning took up valuable time and more needed to be accomplished at the sessions. She stated that time was running out for addressing important issues concerning the organization.

The Chair stated that all important and relevant ACYOA business will be dealt with at the next session.

FINAL ELECTION RESULTS

Results of elections for Central Council:

Kevork Hagopian	Waukegan
Meline Kasparian	Westchester
John Megrdochian	Providence
Russell Kashian	Cleveland (alternate)

Results of elections for Nominating Committee:

Alain Artinian	Bayside (alternate)
Tom Topalian	Boca Raton
Rena Jebejian	Boca Raton
Shooshan Saraydarian	Bayside

John Megrdochian (Providence) resigned from the auditing committee at this point which left two members:

Jay Kapur	Worcester
Sara Andonian	Detroit

(See appendix E for complete balloting reports)

XXIV. Representatives from Araratian Diocese, Erevan Armenia

Lillit Haroutunian and Lusine Der Hovannisian from the ACYO Araratian Diocese in Erevan, Armenia spoke on behalf of their chapter. Both members thanked the Primate for the opportunity for them to visit the United States and attend the Assembly. Their chapter, founded in 1990 by Archbishop Karekin Nersessian, has over 200 members. Activities include cultural, educational and missionary work in Armenia.

XXV. St. Nersess Seminary Short Presentation

(See Appendix F)

Dn. Hratch Tchilingirian, the Rector of St. Nersess Seminary in New Rochelle, New York spoke of the visitation of fourteen (14) communities with the Primate which was accomplished in the span of two (2) weeks.

Arleen Boyd addressed the handout (see Appendix) on Ministries in the Armenian Church. She asked the members of the Assembly to look at some areas and choose potential area of interest which they could pursue.

Dn. Hratch then encouraged all participants to join together in the mission of the Armenian Church by taking leadership positions and taking active roles in the recruitment and development of the mission of St. Nersess as well.

Recess:

The Assembly recessed at 12:10 p.m. The delegates attended the Primate's Luncheon where they dined and had an opportunity to communicate their questions, needs and concerns with him.

Fourth Session
Friday, September 3, 1993

Scott Najarian reconvened the fourth Assembly Session at 2:25.

XXVI: Remarks, Choir Association Representative

Gregory Krikorian, Choir Representative, spoke to the delegates on the importance of ACYOA and the Choir organizations working together to accomplish revitalization program for the choir. He asked for five volunteers to work with him on an ad hoc committee to work on infusing youth into the Choir Association. It was noted that a Choir Conference will be held in New Britain in September and a Choir Assembly Conference in October.

PROPOSALS

No proposals had been submitted to the Central Council prior to the Assembly.

The Chair entertained new proposals from the floor.

PROPOSAL #1: SUBMITTED BY WORCESTER

(See Appendix G)

Jay Kapur (Worcester) introduced a proposal from the Worcester Chapter to be considered by the Assembly:

"The purpose of this proposal is to amend and bring in line the current Central Council reimbursement procedures and to promote fiscal responsibility:

This proposal is to incorporate the following changes, and then put them into effect after the 1993 General Assembly Sports Weekend:

1. Eliminate reimbursements for General Assembly full package plans. The ACYOA would continue to reimburse for pre-weekend package plans and other expenses related to the General Assembly.
2. Eliminate reimbursements for Archbishop's Tournament full package plans.
3. Eliminate the \$12 a day allowance for meals."

It was noted by the Chair that a three-quarter vote was necessary from the delegates to consider the proposal.

A vote was taken to consider the proposal and passed.

Jay Kapur (Worcester) further commented that:

*the proposal to be considered was not meant to embarrass or isolate any of the Council members but to bring in line reimbursement procedures with the present financial state of the organization

*Central Council members should not be reimbursed for social activities, such as dances and sports, which do not directly relate to the General Assembly.

*Central Council members could be scheduled during the Archbishop's Tournament weekend to save money.

*Very few members used the \$12 meal allowance

Rena Jebejian (Central Council) noted that the question of paying for full package/social plans was moot in that the 1992 Assembly voted to separate the Sports Weekend from the General Assembly.

Russell Kaishian (Cleveland) spoke against #1 of the proposal in that he felt that some Central Council members may not attend the functions.

Lucine Baronian (Central Council) spoke in favor of #1 and #2 of the proposal commenting that only business events should be reimbursed. She spoke against #3 in that in the event that a Central Council member was a student on a limited income it would perhaps become a hardship to attend with reimbursement.

David Abdalian (Watervliet) spoke in favor of #1 and #2 in that expenses for social events are sometimes high but spoke against the deletion of the \$12 meal allowance.

Rena Jebejian (Central Council) made a motion to amend the proposal replacing # 1 and #2 with
"Eliminating reimbursement for package plans for all national events."

It was seconded by Arpi Bouroujian (Central Council).

Melanie Kasparian (Westchester) asked if no one hosts the General Assembly who would decide location and would it still be held.

Charles Shooshan (Central Council) offered the point of information that as of this session no bids for the 1994 General Assembly or 1994 Sports Weekend have been received. In the event that by the end of the Assembly no bids have come forth, Central Council would put together the programs and decide on the locale and time.

The Chair stated that the 1993 proposal concerning the weekends was very clear as to the mandate of separating the two weekends.

Charles Shooshan (Central Council) stated that the 1993 proposal was not specific.

Rev. Fr. Dajad Davidian (Watertown) stated that the 1993 proposal was clear on the separation of the General Assembly and Sports Weekend.

Charles Shooshan stood corrected.

Rev. Fr. Dajad Davidian (Watertown) reworded the amendment, with Rena Jebejian's permission, which now read as:

Amended proposal:

"To eliminate all reimbursements for all social functions at all national events.
To eliminate the \$12 meal allowance."

It was seconded by Donna Walker (Richmond).

Lisa Manockian (Wynnewood) asked what would happen if a Central Council meeting is planned in conjunction with a national event.

Rev. Fr. Dajad Davidian (Watertown) stated that travel and lodging would be eligible for reimbursement.

The Chair called for a vote on the amendment to the proposal. It passed with one vote opposed.

Discussion then ensued on the amended proposal.

Charles Shooshan (Central Council) spoke in favor of the proposal but cautioned that in the future it could be prohibitive of Central Council members' participation in some events.

The Chair asked for a vote on the proposal. The motion carried and the proposal passed.

XXVII. Auditing Committee Report.

(See Appendix H)

John Megrdochian (Providence) of the Auditing Committee noted that:

1. None of the three events recorded had the books in order.
2. The Central Council books are now in order.
3. There are problems with Richmond (Archbishops Tournament) and Bayside (1992 ACYOA General Assembly and Sports Weekend)
4. Guidelines are needed to ensure complete financial reporting from chapters hosting events.

John Diradourian (Central Council) responded that Bayside was complete but the detailed report had not been sent to John Megrdochian of the Auditing Committee.

Donna Walker (Richmond) stated that she sent in various information for auditing.

John Megrdochian responded that more, complete information was needed and he would send a list of items needed to Richmond immediately.

David Abdalian (Watervliet) asked as to whose responsibility it was to get the information needed.

John Megrdochian stated that he audited whatever was sent to him,

however complete financial statements, receipts, balances should be submitted.

Sara Andonian (Detroit) stated that a proposal had been passed several years ago which clearly stated the items to be submitted as Auditing Committee Guidelines.

Lucine Baronian (Central Council) requested that Central Council find these guidelines and submit them to all chapters hosting national events.

John Megrdochian noted the following addendum to the 1992 Auditing Committee Report:

1. Central Council books have been found to be in order.

MOTION

Rev. Fr. Dajad Davidian (Watertown) made a motion to accept the Auditing Committee Report as amended. It was seconded and passed.

XXVIII. Review and Adoption of the 1994 Budget.

(See Appendix I)

Jay Kapur (Worcester) provided the information on the details and breakdown of Central Council administrative and visitation expenses.

In presenting the budget for 1994 Jay Kapur (Worcester) stated that the numbers reflected the revenues and expenses of past years. They were averages and estimates.

Rev. Fr. Tateos Abdalian (Watervliet) had some concerns;

1. 50% of budget administrative costs
2. expenses are not warranted given the annual report
3. the expense budget was not in line with programs presented

Rev. Fr. Mardiros Chevian stated that the ACYOA should participate in ecumenical affairs.

David Abdalian stated that the \$500 scholarship awards should be increased.

The Primate commented that the scholarships are not for college but for St. Nersess Seminary Studies Programs.

Melanie Kasparian (Westchester) noted that the Central Council should exercise more restraint and care in expenditures.

Jay Kapur (Worcester) proposed an amendment to offer more scholarships to St. Vartan and St. Nersess and increasing the scholarship allotment from \$500 to \$2000.

It was seconded by Greg Devletian (Hartford).

Russell Kaishian spoke against the amendment in that the budget should be rejected and a new "0" based budget presented.

A vote was taken to amend the budget; it did not carry.

Rev. Fr. Tateos Abdalian (Watervliet) proposed that the budget be rejected by the Assembly and a new budget be submitted within the weekend. It was seconded by David Abdalian (Watervliet).

The motion was ruled invalid.

On discussion concerning the 1994 budget:

Rev. Fr. Tateos Abdalian (Watervliet) stated that Central Council must be more accountable to the Assembly in expenditures.

Laura Gononian, Department of Youth Ministry Young Adult Coordinator, stated the Project Growth would ease the burden of travel in that the person who lives in the vicinity of the chapter would be doing the visiting.

Randy Dagly (Worcester) wanted clarification on exactly what needed changing.

Russell Kaishian (Cleveland) expressed concern that the budget has self-determined the future activities of Central Council and the goals would fit the finances.

Charles Shooshan (Central Council) addressed the Assembly's concerns over the lack of programs in that the programs usually pay for themselves.

Marcia Sedhom (Watertown) agreed that the administrative costs were high and it might be easier to work with a "0" budget.

David Abdalian (Watervliet) noted that the budget will change anyway with the fulfillment of the mandate that the two weekends will be separated.

A motion was made to accept the 1994 Budget. 13 in favor; 15 opposed. The motion did not carry.

Rev. Fr. Dajad Davidian moved that the 1994 Budget be referred to a committee appointed by the Chairman of the assembly and that this

committee report back to the Assembly within the next half hour.

The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried.

The Chair appointed a committee of Rev. Fr. Dajad Davidian (Watertown), Rev. Fr. Tateos Abdalian (Watervliet), Russell Kaishian (Cleveland), Jay Kapur (Worcester) and Meline Kasparian (Westchester).

Rev. Fr. Mardiros Chevian, Youth Ministry, deferred discussion on Project Growth until the 1994 Budget was presented.

XXIX. 1993 ACYOA/DYM Jerusalem Internship Presentation

Carl Bardakian one of the participants of the 1993 Jerusalem Internship Program introduced the video, narrated by Dn. George Devejian, which chronicled the project of June 9 to July 9. Five participants worked with the seminarians in various capacities including teaching sports to the young children and worked in other departments in the Patriarchate in Jerusalem. The experience was challenging and rewarding for all those involved.

Marcia Sedhom (Watertown) expressed concern over the exclusion of women in this year's program.

Laurie Onanian stated that it sends a wrong message to our youth and offered to help raise funds to send women to the program in the future.

Rev. Fr. Mardiros Chevian stated that historically the program included women and that the Patriarchate in Jerusalem had a problem housing women this summer. Next year the problem would be rectified.

XXX. Selection of 1994 ACYOA Archbishop Tournament Site

BID VOTE

Carl Bardakian from the Bayside Chapter presented a bid for the tournament and stated that tentative ideas and plans have been made. The chapter hopes to run a successful financial and social weekend with hopes of bringing potential new members to the organization. It is hoped to hold the weekend during the same weekend as the St. Nersess Graduation to encourage people to attend both events.

Charles Shooshan (Central Council) read the bid package from the Livingston, New Jersey Chapter (St. Mary Armenian Church). The plan outlined the plans and activities for the weekend May 20-22, 1994 at the Ramada Inn.

A vote was taken: Bayside - 20; Livingston - 9. HOST: BAYSIDE

XXXI. Selection of 1994 ACYOA National Sports Weekend Site

No bids had been submitted.

MOTION

A motion was made to entrust Central Council to decide on this at a later date. It was seconded by Lucine Baronian, voted upon and carried.

XXXII. Selection of 1994 ACYOA General Assembly Site

There were no bids for the 1994 ACYOA General Assembly Site.

MOTION

Greg Norsigian (Hartford) made a motion that the deadline for choosing the site by Central Council be November 1, 1993.

The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried.

Randy Dagly (Worcester) made a motion that the Central Council choose a date for the Sports Weekend by December 1, 1993. It was seconded by Aram Topjian (Richmond).

The motion was voted upon and passed.

It was noted that the Watervliet Chapter expressed interest in hosting the 1994 General Assembly.

MOTION

Dn. Gary Alexander (Central Council) made a motion to set a date for the General Assembly on Memorial Day Weekend, the weekend after the Archbishop's Tournament.

Discussion ensued as to the conflicts that may arise with the Junior Chapters Sports Weekend, the Western Diocese Weekend and the financial limitations of attending two national events back to back.

A vote was taken and the motion was defeated.

Dn. Gary Alexander made a motion to eliminate the Archbishop's Tournament. It was seconded by David Abdalian (Watervliet).

He urged the delegates to consider eliminating the Archbishop's Tournament and instituting more religious and cultural programs in the organization's national events. He also stated that the basketball tournaments were not financially successful.

Lucine Baronian remarked on the low turnout at the Lenten 1993 Retreat. Out of a mailing list of 5,000, sixteen members attended.

Aram Topjian (Richmond) noted that the General Assembly Weekend

should have more religious programs.

The motion was voted upon and was defeated.

XXXIII. Presentation of PROJECT GROWTH

(See Appendix J)

Laura Gononian, Young Adult Coordinator for the Department of Youth Ministry, presented the Project Growth program. The handout had been previously distributed.

She thanked Dn. Gary Alexander for help with the Assembly.

Laura presented the project with a two part overview:

- Goal I was the establishment of 3 new ACYOA chapters
- Goal II was the revitalization of 3 existing chapter

She noted that the programs were set up for all chapters within the Diocese.

Laura further explained that Project Growth answers the needs for the successful future of the ACYOA. It has a built in accountability structure with the parish priests and youth working together.

Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian suggested some workshop training to prepare ACYOA members to go into parishes to put Project Growth into action.

Rev. Fr. Untzak Nalbandian of Trumbull, Connecticut spoke on his successful person to person mission to get the youth active in the programs of the Church.

Discussion followed with the following concerns;

- *the need to contact those in college near a local parish
- *the difficulty in pulling the youth back into the Church's activities
- *the need for a volunteer or paid youth director in the parish to implement this project
- *the importance of the personal contact
- *the sending out of a newsletter to college students
- *the need to foster leadership in our youth
- *the need for training for youth/young adult ministry
- *working with the Armenian youth associations at local universities and schools

In conclusion, Laura stated that Central Council will play a strong role in implementing this project and urged the participants to

give copies of Project Growth to their parish priests and parish councils.

XXXIV. Presentation of 1994 Budget

(See Appendix K)

Russell Kaishian presented the 1994 budget. It was seconded by John Diradourian, voted upon and passed.

XXXV. Concerns and Comments

Donna Walker (Richmond) expressed the following concerns:

*The need to change the format of the meeting to a workshop/discussion

*Changing the set up of the room so that members would be able to see each other - would aid in effective communication.

*Introducing the delegates at the beginning of the Assembly

*Setting goals and objectives in the beginning- they would be easier and more realistic

Randy Dagly (Worcester) expressed the following comments and concerns:

*The ACYOA is in sad shape; the individual chapter reports do not reflect this state.

*There should be workshop-style programs on how to minister to youth in our parishes.

*Retreats are beneficial but is concerned with historical poor attendance (referring to the \$5,000 allotted to retreats in the budget)

*Re: the package plan for the 1993 Assembly. According to the by-laws the minimum eligibility package plan should not be more than one half of the weekend package plan. Watertown's minimum exceeds that limit.

Point of information: Rita Masrof (Watertown) stated that Central Council approved the deviance from the standard eligibility plan. The host chapter was aware of this and received the proper authorization to make the change in advance.

*There is an issue of prohibitive costs which may exclude those who are financially unable to afford them.

*The weekends are more expensive and yielding high profits - can we downscale?

*It seems that the chapters are competing for glamour and profit.

Lisa Tashjian (Hartford) made a suggestion to institute leadership conferences, forums and/or guest speakers on the evenings of the meetings in lieu of social activities.

Papken Maksoudian (Watertown) expressed the following:

*Watertown's intention was not to compete but to conduct a financially successful weekend

*It was the host chapter's intention to make the weekend well-organized as well as socially successful

*Prices were geared at cost

*Profits were not made from delegates'/members' participation but from those paying "at the door"

Lucine Baronian (Central Council) made the following comments:

*In Armenia the ACYO is the missionary organization

*We are trying to outdo each other- healthy competition has gotten out of hand

*We need to set limitations on competition

*There is a need for more "spiritual food" at these weekends

*Delegates should speak to their own chapters in finding out what they want from these weekends and the organization in general.

*The need to return to the mission of the ACYOA

Levon Altiparmakian (Tenafly) expressed the following:

*Members of the youth /adult groups in Armenia meet everyday

*Concerned that chapters not represented at the meeting only attend social events.

Carl Bardakian expressed the following:

*More spiritual education is needed in the Church.

*We have a debt to pay to our ancestors- the genocide survivors

*Challenged the members to become more active in taking pride in our Church

Greg Saraydarian Bayside expressed the following:

*There is a need to act like the Church Community

*We need to stop criticizing and start encouraging each other

*Together the ACYOA members can move and bring change

*Put the perspective into "one day at a time".

Greg Norsigian (Hartford) stated the following:

*The AYF affairs are family oriented

*The Mission Team Idea should be revitalized

Dean Shahinian, Diocesan Council member,

*Thanked the Watertown Chapter for hosting the weekend

*Emphasized that sporting events provide camaraderie and social interaction.

*The "Call to Excellence" has not been answered. He urged members to do something constructive to be noticed. People will emulate if you are successful.

*He encouraged members to write to the Armenian presses with their issues and concerns

XXXVI. Report of Resolutions and Courtesies Committee

Assembly Chairman Scott Najarian and Sara Andonian (Detroit) gave the report of the Resolutions and Courtesies Committee. (See Appendix L)

XXXVII. Conclusion of Assembly

Assembly Chairman Scott Najarian made the following comments:

*Appreciation to Central Council and those outgoing members

*Appreciation of the professionalism of the host chapter

*Appreciation to the delegates

*A hope for the future for ACYOA

Rev. Fr. Dajad Davidian (Watertown) spoke on the uniqueness of the ACYOA. He commented that criticism is healthy and that members should not lose hope nor faith in their convictions. He emphasized that they can make changes through commitment.

was seconded by Lucine Baronian (Central Council). The motion was voted upon and carried.

The 1993 ACYOA General Assembly was adjourned with a prayer at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Kassabian
Assembly Secretary

Scott Najarian
Assembly Chairman

Charles H. Shooshan, III
Central Council Chairman



APPENDIX A

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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1992-1993 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL

This report has been prepared for the benefit of the 1993 General Assembly.

OVERVIEW

The ACYOA continues to be the only viable youth movement within the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America. This does not mean, however, that our organization is thriving. While our national programs continue to be successful (for example, the National Sports Weekend and the Armenian Studies Program), our chapter structure is weak. The single goal for the coming year must be to build up our parish-based youth groups -- our chapters.

On the national level, our ACYOA needs leaders who are able to commit themselves to placing service to the Church and the ACYOA at the top of their priority lists.

But the ACYOA cannot do this alone. Our diocese must commit even greater resources to youth programs, our clergy must be given an opportunity to participate in workshops and training in youth issues, our parishes must have youth directors, and our Church must continue to seek and provide answers for young people who question the relevance of the Church beyond the Year 2000.

Our ACYOA programs this past year also included a Chapter A Mission Program visitation to Wynnwood, a Lenten Retreat at the Trinity Retreat House in Larchmont, NY, the Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament (Wynnwood), and the ACYOA Anniversary Ball Weekend and St. Vartan Cathedral Celebration in New York City. Our members also participated in the Jerusalem Internship Program, and attended the ACYOC and ACYOWD General Assemblies. A Chapter Chairmen's Meeting was held in conjunction with the ACYOA Anniversary Ball Weekend.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEMBERS AND MEETINGS

The 1992-1993 ACYOA Central Council members were as follows:

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian	President
Charles H. Shooshan III (Hartford)	Chairman
Gary Alexander (Cambridge)	Vice Chairman
Jay Kapur (Worcester) *	Treasurer
Laura Gononian (Detroit) **	Recording Secretary
Lucine Baronian (Bayside) **	Recording Secretary
John Diradourian (Bayside)	Corresponding Secretary
Rena Jebejian (Boca Raton)	Advisor
Pamela Moroukian (Watervliet)	Advisor
Arpi Bouroujian (Richmond) *	Advisor

* Lucine Baronian (formerly the first alternate) filled the vacancy created by Laura Gononian's leaving Central Council, 10/92.

** Arpi Bouroujian (formerly the second alternate) filled the vacancy created by Jay Kapur's leaving Central Council, 5/93.

At the conclusion of the 1993 General Assembly, Charles H. Shooshan III (two terms), Gary Alexander (one term), and Rena Jebejian (one term) will have completed their current terms on Central Council. Lucine Baronian, John Diradourian, Pamela Moroukian, and Arpi Bouroujian have one year remaining in their terms.

Rev. Fr. Mardiros Chevian and Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian have been of assistance to Central Council in their capacities as Director of the Department of Youth Ministry and Chancellor of the Diocese respectively.

In addition, Laura Gononian, formerly of Central Council, has given substantially of her time and of her skills in her capacity as Youth Coordinator of the Department of Youth Ministry.

The Central Council held the following meetings:

September 5, 1992	Uniondale, New York
October 10, 1992	Hartford, Connecticut
December 11-12, 1992	Watertown, Massachusetts
January 16, 1992	Newton, Massachusetts
February 5-6, 1993	New York, New York
March 20, 1993	New York, New York
May 21, 1993	Wynnewood, Pennsylvania
July 31, 1993	New York, New York

A brief summary of these meetings is, as follows:

September 5, 1992: This transitional meeting represents the beginning of our Central Council year. The meeting was held Saturday of Sports Weekend. All new members were briefed on Central Council operations and procedures. Officers and regional assignments were selected for the 1992-1993 year. Although there was no treasurer's report, Council discussed the need to pursue two receivables (from Boca Raton and Richmond). Gary Alexander agreed to help with publicity for scholarships for St. Vartan Camp. Rena Jebejian accepted the task of sending quarterly reports to the chapters (as required by the 1992 General Assembly). Stephen Megrđichian was chosen to chair the Fund Raising Committee. Plans for an ACYOA celebration of the 25th Anniversary of St. Vartan Cathedral were discussed. Council then discussed the sending of various letters of greeting and thank you.

October 10, 1992: Stephen Megrđichian announced a meeting date for the Fund Raising Committee. Dues notices for 1992 and 1993 would be sent out. The details of the ACYOA Gregory Arpajian Leadership Fund were discussed. Central Council program assignments were discussed. Details of the planned Chapter "A" visitation to Wynnewood were discussed. Charles Shooshan and Rena Jebejian indicated that they were the Council members who would be available to attend the Diocesan Assembly as ACYOA representatives. Inter-Diocesan ACYO relations and coordination were discussed. Jay Kapur asked Council members to send letters to their Congressional representatives in support of Armenians in Karabagh. Rena Jebejian distributed activity forms to Council members to aid in her preparation of quarterly reports. Amendments and proposals presented and passed at the 1992 General Assembly were reviewed. A discussion followed the meeting (with Fr. Mardiros Chevian) concerning the ACYOA's celebration of the cathedral anniversary.

December 11-12, 1992: Due to severe inclement weather, only Charles H. Shooshan III and Gary Alexander were able to make this meeting.

They discussed upcoming programs and Gary Alexander's report concerning the ACYOWD General Assembly.

January 16, 1993: The meeting began with a treasurer's report. It was noted that no progress has been made regarding the Boca Raton and Richmond receivables. Monthly activity reports were completed. The Chapter "A" visitation to Wynnewood was discussed. The upcoming "Sharers of Faith" meeting ("Summit Meeting") was discussed. John Diradourian reported on the ACYOA Anniversary Ball/St. Vartan Cathedral Celebration plans. This meeting had been planned in conjunction with the National Fund Raising Committee meeting. Unfortunately, the Fund Raising Committee meeting did not take place because of the lack of committee attendance. Plans were made for a visitation to Cleveland. A discussion followed concerning the 1994 separation of the General Assembly and National Sports Weekend.

February 5-6, 1993: Lucine Baronian was welcomed to her first Central Council meeting. It was reported that Boca Raton would be sending the funds owed regarding the 1991 Anniversary Ball. Archbishop Khajag Barsamian announced that the additional very generous donation pledged by Edward and Helen Mardigian at the 1991 General Assembly has been received. Charles H. Shooshan III reported that he extended best wishes for the New Year to the Mardigians and our prayers for Edward Mardigian's health. Archbishop Khajag Barsamian expressed his concern about youth participation in our Church. Laura Gononian then proposed a plan to strengthen and create new chapters. The plan was discussed at length. Central Council members were assigned chapters/parishes for this plan and the Primate announced that he would send a letter to all parish priests and parish councils explaining the plan. The Anniversary Ball was again discussed. It was announced that Lisa Manookian, acting for the Fund Raising Committee, will be meeting with the Diocesan Administrator and Director of Development. Plans were also made to help in the location of food and supplies for aid to Armenia.

March 20, 1993: Lucine Baronian reported on the success of the ACYOA Lenten Retreat. It was decided to continue this retreat for future years. Rena Jebejian reported that the first quarterly reported was sent out and that the feedback was good. A mailing is planned for ACYOA Day (Palm Sunday) and various chapter plans for ACYOA Day were discussed. The implementation of Project Growth was discussed. Letters and telephone contacts were made with varying responses. The 1994 General Assembly and 1994 National Sports Weekend were discussed. Mailings for the Armenian Studies Program were discussed.

May 21, 1993: This meeting began with input from Lisa Manookian and her concerns about ACYOA. Lisa Manookian also reported on the

"Archbishop Tournament" at which event the Central Council meeting was taking place. An involved discussion followed concerning the credibility and status of ACYOA. Favorable reports concerning upcoming programs were received. Charles H. Shooshan III reported on the Diocesan Assembly and the virtual unanimity of ACYOA as part of the background of our Diocesan delegates. Rena Jebejian is planning to send out the next quarterly report to the chapters. The need for greater chapter communication was discussed. The Chapter Chair Meeting and its importance for feedback and education was also a matter on the agenda. Finally, the Central Council discussed the difficulty in finding bids for 1994 national events.

July 31, 1993: This meeting is reserved for preparation for the General Assembly and Sports Weekend. There were no Proposals or Proposed Amendments to discuss. The General Assembly Agenda was reviewed. Plans for a dynamic speaker for our General Assembly were reviewed and discussed. A report was given on the progress of the Sports Weekend Committee. The lack of bids for 1994 National Events were discussed. Annual national awards were discussed. The need for quality Central Council candidates was discussed. It was especially noted that the ACYOA needs leaders who are able to dedicate a great deal of their time to ACYOA.

PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

1992 General Assembly and Sports Weekend

The 1992 ACYOA General Assembly and Sports Weekend was held in Uniondale, New York (Bayside chapter) from September 2-7, 1992. The General Assembly was attended by over sixty clergy and delegates from twenty parishes. The General Assembly focused on the problems of the ACYOA but there was little volunteering on the part of attendees to take personal action. The General Assembly featured four short presentations about ACYOA programs or participation by ACYOA members in special activities. Besides representatives from the Canadian and Western Dioceses, we were blessed with two youth from the Araratian Diocese representing their new youth organization.

The Primate's Delegate Luncheon on Friday afforded all an opportunity to converse with the Primate and as always was a highlight of the assembly.

The sports were enthusiastic and well attended.

The evening activities included a dinner in New York City, a tour of the St. Vartan Cathedral and Diocesan Offices, and New York Harbor cruise.

"Chapter A" Assistance Program

This year's "mission team" from Hartford traveled to Wynnewood, Pennsylvania, for a weekend program. Although the "turnout" for the program was very small, those who attended were very pleased with the presentation. In addition, all of the Hartford "team members" volunteered to participate in any future mission visits. Of course, the Hartford chapter is still looking forward to its Chapter "A" visitation for its Chapter "A" award of 1992.

1992-1993 ACYOA/ACYOC Inter-Diocesan Meetings

The ACYOA and ACYOC Central Councils did not meet together as a group this year. However, there continues to be a good relationship between these sister organizations. The respective chairs reviewed the minutes of the prior Joint Central Council Meeting by telephone and began to implement some of the administrative decisions of the group. For example, space is afforded each Central Council in the respective Sports Weekend Booklets and publications.

1993 Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Tournament

The Tournament was held in Wynnewood, Pennsylvania, from May 21-23, 1993. ACYOA chapter participation and local parish participation in the tournament weekend was somewhat disappointing, however, the competition was very good, and the teams that did attend indicated that they would like the tournament to continue in future years. On a very positive note, the dance was well-attended by ACYOA Juniors in the area. The Central Council wishes to thank and compliment our Wynnewood members, and particularly, Lisa Manookian, for their efforts.

1993 Jerusalem Internship Program

Through the initial efforts of ACYOA Central Council members, Fr. Mardiros Chevian (Director, Department of Youth Ministry), and Laura Gononian, this relatively new program provides a means for ACYOA young professionals to lend their special expertise to the Patriarchate. This program must be continued and supported by the ACYOA as it affords an unequalled opportunity to both serve and experience the

Church. The program ran from approximately June 17, 1993, to July 29, 1993.

1993 ACYOA Armenian Studies Program

The Armenian Studies Program continues to be the most cherished and most rewarding of all ACYOA programs. Each year this program has been offered, our members return with new vitality and new lifelong friends. This year's program was sponsored in Armenia by the Araratian Diocese. The group divided its time between the Lake Sevan area and the homes of youth in the Yerevan area. The program included discussions, sightseeing, worship, home visits, and sharing life with Armenian youth and their families. The approximate dates: June 28, 1993, to July 28, 1993.

1993 ACYOA Anniversary Ball Weekend and Chapter Chairmen's Meeting

This weekend was really something special. This year, this program also served as the ACYOA's celebration of the 25th Anniversary of St. Vartan Cathedral. Friday night included a live jazz reception on the Plaza (of the Diocesan offices). The "Anniversary Ball" was Saturday night and there was a brunch on the Plaza after Divine Liturgy on Sunday. Divine Liturgy also included a small youth orchestra accompanying the choir and youth participation in readings, greeting parishioners, and altar service.

This is also the third year for the Chapter Chairmen's meeting. Fifteen chapters were represented. The purpose of this meeting is to give Chapter Chairmen an opportunity to give their input, compliments, and complaints to the Primate and Central Council. This year the meeting emphasized the need for the chapters to be strengthened. The meeting also included a workshop with Elise Antreassian, DRE Co-Director, on topics of "Discipleship" and "The Family of Churches."

PUBLICATIONS

The ACYOA publication, Hye Hokin, was not published this year. This publication continues to suffer from a lack of staff volunteers.

ARMENIAN CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND

The ACYOA's income from the Armenian Church Endowment Fund continues to be a major component of the ACYOA's annual budget.

Please refer to the Treasurer's Report for a complete report of the status of our funds in the ACEF.

ACYOA GREGORY ARPAJIAN LEADERSHIP FUND

This fund was created after the passing of our great friend and ACYOA leader, Gregory Arpajian (Cleveland). This fund is maintained as a sub-account within the ACYOA ACEF account. Please refer to the Treasurer's Report.

The Fund, currently, through income on the endowment, affords the ACYOA Central Council the opportunity to provide two scholarships to youth for attendance at the St. Vartan Summer Conferences, and also to provide an annual Leadership Award presented at the National Sports Weekend Banquet. The Fund Committee consists of ACYOA Central Council along with a representative of the Cleveland ACYOA chapter.

CENTRAL COUNCIL VISITATIONS AND PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

September

(September 2-7, 1992, Uniondale, NY)
1993 ACYOA General Assembly and Sports Weekend
All Central Council Members in Attendance

(September 22, 1992, Brookline, MA)
Slide presentation given to student assembly at Holy Cross (Greek Orthodox) Seminary.
Charles H. Shooshan III

A visitation was also made to Phoenix by Pamela Moroukian.

October

(October 16, 1992, Hartford, CT)
Chapter "A" Mission Team Meeting
Charles H. Shooshan III

(October 29, 1992 - November 1, 1992 Cambridge, MA)
Attendance and representation of ACYOA at Choir Convention
Gary Alexander

November

(November 6-8, 1992, Wynnewood, PA)
Participation in presentation of Chapter "A" Mission Program
Charles H. Shooshan III

(November 27-29, 1992, California)
ACYOWD General Assembly -- ACYOA Central Council representative
addressed the delegates and participated in meetings; plans were
made to include the Western Diocese in 1993 Inter-Diocesan
Activities
Gary Alexander

December

(December 18-20, 1992, Washington, DC)
Chapter visitation to Washington; plans were discussed for
possible Chapter "A" visitation
Charles H. Shooshan III
Gary Alexander

January

Visitations were made to Miami and Orlando by Rena Jebejian.
A visitation was made to Tenafly by John Diradourian.

February

(February 27, 1993, New York, NY)
Sharers of the Faith (Summit) Meeting
Charles H. Shooshan III
John Diradourian

March

(March 19-21, 1993, Larchmont, NY)
Central Council participation and support of ACYOA Lenten Retreat
Charles H. Shooshan III
Lucine Baronian
Pamela Moroukian
Rena Jebejian
John Diradourian

April

(April 23-25, 1993, Cleveland, OH)
Visitation to chapter and participation in "mini" retreat
Charles H. Shooshan III

May

(April 29-May 2, 1993, Chicago, IL)
Attendance and short presentation at the 1993 Diocesan Assembly
Charles H. Shooshan III
(Sara Andonian also represented the ACYOA at the Assembly)

(May 28-31, 1993, California)
ACYOWD National Sports Weekend -- ACYOA Central Council
representation at the event; plans for greater Inter-Diocesan
interaction discussed
Gary Alexander

June

(June 4, 1993, Watertown, MA)
Primate's Meeting with Central Council Chairman and 1993 ACYOA
General Assembly and Sports Weekend Committee
Charles H. Shooshan III

July

(June 30 - July 4, 1993, Mississauga, ON)
1993 ACYOC General Assembly and Sports Weekend -- Central Council
Attendance at our sister organization's Assembly and Weekend
at which ACYOA Central Council Chairman addressed the Assembly
Charles H. Shooshan III

August

(July 30 - August 1, 1993, New York, NY)
1993 ACYOA Chapter Chairmen's Meeting -- described above
Charles H. Shooshan III
Gary Alexander
Rena Jebejian
Lucine Baronian
Pamela Moroukian
Arpi Bouroujian

(August 15, 1993, Paramus, NJ)
Attendance at Annual Regional ACYOA Softball Game and Picnic
Charles H. Shooshan III

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: September 2, 1993



Charles H. Shooshan III
Chairman, ACYOA Central Council

APPENDIX B
REPORT OF THE
ACYOA NATIONAL FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

At the 1992 ACYOA General Assembly, the following individuals volunteered to serve on a committee to look into raising funds for the organization during 1993:

Sara Andonian
Arpi Bouroujian
Lisa Manookian
Steve Megrđichian
Linda Minassian
Laurie Onanian
Marcia Manoogian Sedhom

Sara Andonian and Lisa Manookian began coordinating the effort as Steve Megrđichian, who was to initially chair the committee, was unable to do so. After initial phone contact was made in early December, Sara Andonian sent out a memo on December 8, 1992 scheduling a meeting for January 16, 1993 in Boston, MA. The meeting was scheduled on this date in Boston for two reasons:

- (1) The majority of committee members resided in the New England area.
- (2) The Central Council was meeting in Boston during the weekend of January 16, 1993. It was decided to have the meetings coincide so that any suggestions/ decisions made by the fund raising committee could be submitted to the Central Council for immediate approval so as to not waste any additional time.

An initial proposal was drafted by Sara Andonian. This proposal was to be finalized at the meeting and then presented to the Central Council for approval.

Unfortunately, only one committee member Lisa Manookian was present at the meeting; although only two individuals gave notice several weeks prior to the meeting of their inability to attend and participate. Fortunately, Lisa was able to obtain the assistance of a former Central Council member, Zovig Ashjian, who was visiting in Boston at the time. Lisa and Zovig drafted a proposal and plan of action which they later recommended to the Central Council. The final proposal, as approved by the Central Council, is attached to this report.

In light of the fact that the Diocese was in the midst of a major campaign on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the Consecration of St. Vartan Cathedral, the committee was reminded by Central Council that it had to meet with and obtain the approval of the Administrator of the Diocese, so as to not conflict with the Diocese's plans.

In early February, the proposal was faxed to the Primate for approval. Zovig and Lisa subsequently met with Mr. Harry Olson (Administrator of the Diocese) and the Rev. Keith Muhlemann (Director of Development for the Diocese) on Friday, February 12, 1993.

Although Mr. Olson and Rev. Muhlemann commended the ACYOA for presenting an organized and thorough plan to raise funds for the organization, they equally felt that any campaign undertaken by the ACYOA at that point in time would come in direct conflict with the Diocese's fund raising activities on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the Consecration of St. Vartan Cathedral. However, since \$2 million, of the \$4.5 million the Diocese was hoping to raise, was earmarked for Diocesan programs and since the Diocesan campaign was a three-year campaign ending in 1996, it was suggested that the ACYOA participate in the 25th Anniversary campaign and use it as a "stepping stone" to kick-off the organization's own campaign in 1996 -- the year marking the ACYOA's 50th anniversary.

Mr. Olson and Rev. Muhlemann also suggested that the Central Council and the fund raising committee sit down with them soon thereafter to discuss any possible participation in the Diocesan 25th Anniversary campaign as well as various other ways in which the ACYOA can raise some funds as they realized that the organization had an imminent need to do so. Although attempts were made to schedule another meeting, no meeting was held due to the conflicting schedules of the individuals involved.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Manookian
For the ACYOA National
Fund Raising Committee

Sara Andonian
Zovig Ashjian
Laurie Onanian

**ACYOA NATIONAL FUND RAISING COMMITTEE
FOUR-YEAR ENDOWMENT PROJECT**

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GOAL:

To raise a minimum of \$500,000.00, beginning on June 1, 1993, in an effort to build the ACYOA's present endowment for the permanent funding of existing and future programs on the local, regional, and national levels of the organization. The culmination of this project will be a celebration in 1996 in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the ACYOA.

STEPS:

1. Produce a high quality brochure in order to "sell" the ACYOA to targeted individuals.
2. Appoint contacts in each region/parish jurisdiction to assist in assembling a list of 500+ individuals to be contacted for donations. These contacts should not be limited to current ACYOA members, but also alumni. *[Note: A list of contacts was prepared but individuals were not contacted because approval was not given to proceed with project.]*
3. When a master list is compiled and the brochure is completed, mail brochure and pledge card to each individual on the list.
4. With the assistance of the assigned regional contacts, follow up with telephone calls one month after brochures are mailed out.
5. Send out a second mailing to those individuals presently on the ACYOA mailing list.
6. Beginning in 1994, host "thank you" parties/receptions in key cities where many individuals have donated.

DONATIONS:

A pledge card will be included with each brochure sent out indicating categorized amounts from \$10,000 to \$100 which shall be payable either in full (upon receipt of pledge card), over a two-year period, or over a four-year period. Individuals will be sent individual reminders as well as receipts acknowledging funds received.

The categories are:

Diamond Sponsors	\$10,000.00
Gold Benefactors	5,000.00
Silver Patrons	1,000.00
Bronze Donors	500.00
Boosters	250.00
Friends	100.00

[or suggestion to not have categories but allow individuals and families to create endowments in memory of loved ones]

Initially, the funds will be held in a bank money market account. Once a sufficient amount has accumulated, these funds will be transferred to a broker for investment. Funds to be officially turned over to the ACYOA Central Council in 1996 at the 50th Anniversary celebration.

PUBLICITY:

1. Publicity will be through all Diocesan churches via the parish newsletters as well as through the Armenian weekly papers and The Armenian Church.
2. The brochure will contain the following:
 - a. "Mission" statement;
 - b. "Forward" (from a key supporting individual);
 - c. Dedication (? - to be decided);
 - d. If a donor can be sought out to donate the cost of the booklet, then a paragraph or two should be devoted to this individual;
 - e. Clear indication of what the funds will be used for (elaborate on wording in goal);
 - f. Detailed information on the ACYOA programs which the money will be used to fund:
 - i. Hye Christian Encounter (retreats)
 - ii. Christian Leadership Seminars
 - iii. Cultural Weekend†
 - iv. Jerusalem Internship†
 - v. Armenian Studies Program (ASP)†
 - vi. Publications
 - * Hye Hokin
 - * Membership Handbook/Directory

- * Chapter Resource Handbook
- * Other "resource/educational" publications

†Programs for which endowments can be sought.

- g. Booklet to be published by:

Diocese of the Armenian Church
 Department of Youth Ministry
 Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

COMMITTEE:

Chairman	Lisa Manookian
Vice Chairman	Zovig Ashjian
Treasurer	Sara Andonian
Secretary	
Publicity	Laurie Onanian
Advisors	Arpie Bouroujian
	Marcia Manoogian-Sedhom
	Linda Minassian

WHAT IS NEEDED FROM DIOCESE/DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH MINISTRY:

1. Directive from Primate to all parishes announcing the project and requesting support from all Diocesan parishes concerning the following:
 - a. allowing the use of parish newsletters to publicize project;
 - b. requesting that leaders within the parish assist by providing the names of individuals within the community to be contacted for donations;
 - c. allowing the use of church facilities, if necessary, to have "thank you" receptions to individuals who donate;

2. Administrative support as follows:

Allowing the committee the use of computers and staff at the Diocese for the purposes of:

- a. creating and maintaining master list of individuals to be solicited and for generating personalized letters to individuals.
- b. Assisting Treasurer with mailing acknowledgements/receipts and annual reminders, if necessary.

PRIMATE'S ADDRESS TO THE ACYOA ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

SEPTEMBER 2-3, 1993
WATERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS

Reverend Clergy, ACYOA Delegates, honored guests and friends:

It is a pleasure to address the ACYOA National Assembly as it convenes in Watertown. This small New England town is a very special place for American-Armenians, because it is one of the very few remaining "Armenian neighborhoods" in this country.

Watertown is still a place where many Armenians live within walking distance of one another--where a person's "Armenianness" is not something he or she expresses only on Sundays, but every day. Being a citizen of American society and being an Armenian are not separate occupations here, but are much more closely tied together than elsewhere.

For that reason, Watertown is very similar to the original settlements of Armenians in this country. It reminds us of a way of life from our past which was, I think, wholesome and good. For many of us, it is not a way of life which we can easily return to, but is something we should keep in mind whenever we think about what it means to be Armenian in America, and whenever we gather together--like we are today--to discuss our present and plan for our future.

I mention these things because they illustrate the continuity of life in the Armenian Church. Our past, our present and our future--the children, young adults, families and leaders which make up our parishes--are not separate entities, but are inter-dependent parts of a single web of life: the life of dedication to God. No single segment of the family of the Church is responsible for the health of the Church: that responsibility falls on every sub-group, every individual.

It is especially important that you as ACYOA leaders and members understand this. All of you have a stake in our Church - not just in what the Church will become tomorrow, but in what it is today. The way in which this expresses itself through the activities of local ACYOA chapters, through the programs of the Diocesan Youth Ministry department, and through national objectives like Project Growth, will all be subject of discussions during the next Assembly sessions. I would like to address myself to a more pastoral aspect of how our younger generation should understand its role in our Church. The whole group of issues can be viewed through the ideas of "discipleship" and "apostleship".

These two words are often used interchangeably, but they have two distinct meanings. Being a disciple means to submit oneself to a

discipline, or to the master who teaches it. To be an apostle means to be a kind of messenger, who travel southward and forwards from the immediate community to spread the word to others who have never heard it.

As Christians, the words have special meaning for us. Two thousand years ago, within Jesus' circle of followers, the terms "disciple" and "apostle" were brought together in a unique way. In Christ's teaching, submitting to the discipline of a master was inseparable from spreading that message to others. And so it should be for us today: we are all gathered here as disciples or followers of Jesus Christ, and as devoted members of His Church.

At the same time, as Christians we are not allowed to sit content in the cozy warmth of our immediate circle of friends and family. Christ had laid a great responsibility on every man and woman who chooses to follow Him: the responsibility to spread the message—the "Good News" of the Holy Gospel—to other people, and to bring those others into the fold of the Church. In our everyday lives, we are asked to marry the duties of a disciple to the mission of an apostle; we are called to devote ourselves humbly to God by devoting ourselves energetically to the welfare of others.

This is the mission that I, as a clergyman, am called to perform. But it is not just clergy who are called in this way: each one of the children of the Church is called by Christ to take up this mission, and His call is especially strong towards young people, who have so much energy and vitality, so much enthusiasm and such a bright, unclouded vision of what people can accomplish in the world. I do not need to remind you that Jesus Christ was not much older than any of you when He first began His mission;; small wonder, then, that He should rely on your strong, young hearts and minds in the execution of His mission today.

It is abroad mission, with a great deal of room for individual expression. For some, it means helping people directly, working among the poor, the sick and infirm. For others, it means speaking out bravely when injustice raises its head. This Christian mission may involve traveling to places like Armenia, to help our brothers and sister who hunger for nourishment of their bodies as well as their souls. But it also involves working right here at home, in our own churches, our own communities, our own families, to bring the light of the Gospel to those who live among us.

We should always hold before us the fact that the authority of the Armenian Church comes through the apostles themselves—through Apostolic succession. At the simplest level, of course, this means that our tradition was founded by the original apostles of Christ—in our case, the saints Thaddeus and Bartholomew. But I prefer to think that this distinction has more to do with out destiny than with our origins: for us, apostolic succession must mean not only that we began with the apostles, but also that we as a Church carry the work of the apostles into the present day.

Now, the apostles did not sit still in Jerusalem- they went out into the remote corners of the world. But they only went out after receiving the Holy Spirit. The evangelized from a state of spiritual strength. And this should be an example and a lesson for us: we cannot do God's work if our own souls and hearts are empty. The Church of Christ began to grow whenever and wherever the early Christians shared their inner strength-the strength of the Holy Spirit-with the weak and helpless people of the world.

Looking at the armenian Church in America at the end of the 20th century, this theme of growth is an idea which we must really take seriously. The growth I am speaking about must occur both within ourselves and within our communities overall. It is a growth of the inner person, as the Holy Spirit takes hold of our hearts and minds and perfects our fallen natures. But is also a growth in the sheer numbers of the faithful: growth in which more and more people are brought into the daily life of the Church, so that the life-giving truth of the Gospel may be received by an ever-increasing "family" of worship, heritage and faith.

I have made this same appeal on other occasions, to other groups within our Church. But I would like to enlist the aid of you and your peers in this project above all else. My conviction is that young men and women like yourselves must be full participants-even active leaders-in the daily life of the parish in order for this growth of the spirit and the Church to take place. Some of this is happening, on a small scale, in many of our communities, where people in their twenties and thirties have become parish council members and chairs. But it is still a small movement at the edge of the Church: what is called for is a great effort at the very center of parish life.

In this regard, the ACYOA Central Council and the Department of Youth Ministry have embarked on "Project Growth", an effort to strengthen the ACYOA at the level of the local chapters. I just said the Project Growth is an effort to strengthen the ACYOA;, but I should correct myself an say that it is an effort the strengthen the Church as a whole, because when any part of the Church gains strength, the whole becomes stronger as well. I want to urge each of you to make Project Growth a vital part of your mission. Indeed, I would like to se it be the prototype for re-invigorating the entire Armenian Church, the example which sets the tone for the generations which came before you, and those which will come after you.

I am confident that such an effort of evangelism is within the capability of you and your peers. I have had many wonderful experiences over the past year, traveling to various cities and meeting with young people in a series of Youth Forums organized by the Department of Youth Ministry. During those occasions, I have been able to speak with many of you in informal setting about the things which are important to you, and I have been impressed with the depth of your concern, and touched by the depth of your devotion to God. Don't let anyone ever tell you that you are too

young to act on those convictions, or that you should wait for some future moment to become leaders in the Church. I am telling you that the time for you to act is now, the moment to show leadership is today. Project Growth is an excellent first step-and a relatively simple step-in a process that will make the Armenian Church a strong, living force in our modern world.

In closing, I would like to remind you that our responsibility to the Church-our apostleship-serves a higher purpose. We care for the prosperity of the Armenian Church, not because it belong to use, but because it belong to God. If we see a clever movie, hear a beautiful piece of music, or read a good book, we do not hesitate to recommend it to others, even drag them along to experience it if they show reluctance. But the truth of Jesus Christ is greater than all these things. The beauty of the Christian life, as expressed through the Armenian Church over the course of many centuries, is a touching lesson in all that makes human life worth living. In this era when many people despair for their own lives and for the future of the world it is our duty to tell others about this way of life, to introduce them to it, to usher them into its embrace. The Godly life is the highest good for human beings, and the duty we own to the Church is ultimately the duty to share with others the power and joy of life dedicated to God.

Thank you.

RT. REVEREND BISHOP KHAJAG BARSAMIAN

APPENDIX D

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

1992 INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE PERIOD 1/1/92 THROUGH 12/31/92

REVENUES:	
MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$ 2,211.00
GENERAL ASSEMBLY/ SPORTS WEEKEND	7,471.79
ANNIVERSARY BALL	0.00
ARCHBISHOP'S TOURNAMENT	1,239.28
DIVIDEND & INTEREST	10,203.93
HYE HOKIN	0.00
SPONSORED PROGRAMS	0.00
SUBTOTAL	\$21,195.30
ARMENIAN STUDIES PROGRAM	13,500.00
TOTAL	\$34,695.30

EXPENSES:	
CC MEETINGS	\$ 7,814.07
CC ADMINISTRATION	5,210.53
CHAPTER VISITATIONS & TRAVEL	2,819.85
INTERDIOCESAN MEETINGS	2,025.57
GENERAL ASSEMBLY/ SPORTS WEEKEND	4,909.34
SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS, GIFTS	170.00
REGIONAL CONFERENCES	0.00
PUBLICATIONS	0.00
CC COMMITTEES	0.00
CULTURAL DAY	0.00
CULTURAL WEEKEND	0.00
CHRISTIAN RETREATS	500.00
LEADERSHIP SEMINARS	0.00
CHAPTER "A" PROGRAM	0.00
CHAIRMEN'S MEETING	296.75
HYE HOKIN	0.00
SPONSORED PROGRAMS	0.00
UNREALIZED LOSSES	246.00
SUBTOTAL	\$23,992.11
ARMENIAN STUDIES PROGRAM	14,205.72
TOTAL	\$38,197.83

NET INCOME (LOSS) (\$3,502.53)

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

1993 BUDGET REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD 1/1/93 THROUGH 7/30/93

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</u>
REVENUES:			
MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$ 2,500.00	1,600.00	(900.00)
GENERAL ASSEMBLY/ SPORTS WEEKEND	6,000.00	7,889.93	1,889.93
ARCHBISHOP'S TOURNAMENT	1,000.00	0.00	(1,000.00)
DIVIDENDS & INTEREST	11,000.00	12,295.78	1,295.78
INTEREST FROM GREGORY ARPAJIAN FUND		160.32	160.32
HYE HOKIN (SPONSORSHIP OF 4 ISSUES)	10,000.00	0.00	(10,000.00)
FUND RAISING	5,000.00	0.00	(5,000.00)
TOTAL	\$35,500.00	21,946.03	(13,553.97)
EXPENSES:			
CC MEETINGS & DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATION	\$ 6,000.00	5,138.98	861.02
CC ADMINISTRATION	3,000.00	1,104.87	1,895.13
CHAPTER VISITATIONS & TRAVEL	2,500.00	573.36	1,926.64
INTERDIOCESAN MEETINGS	1,000.00	1,452.38	(452.38)
GENERAL ASSEMBLY/ SPORTS WEEKEND	3,500.00	85.50	3,414.50
SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS, GIFTS	500.00	250.00	250.00
REGIONAL CONFERENCES	500.00	0.00	500.00
PUBLICATIONS	500.00	0.00	500.00
CULTURAL DAY	500.00	0.00	500.00
CHRISTIAN RETREATS/ LEADERSHIP SEMINARS	1,000.00	1,485.20	(485.20)
CHAPTER "A" PROGRAM	1,000.00	1,166.92	(166.92)
CHAIRMAN'S MEETING	500.00	88.83	411.37
HYE HOKIN	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
ECUMENICAL AFFAIRS	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
FUND RAISING	2,000.00	652.49	1,347.51
TOTAL	\$33,500.00	11,998.33	21,501.67

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

1993 INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE PERIOD 1/1/93 THROUGH 7/30/93

REVENUES:	
MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$ 1,600.00
GENERAL ASSEMBLY/ SPORTS WEEKEND	7,889.93
ARCHBISHOP'S TOURNAMENT	0.00
DIVIDENDS & INTEREST	12,295.78
INTEREST FROM GREGORY ARPAJIAN FUND	160.32
HYE HOKIN (SPONSORSHIP OF 4 ISSUES)	0.00
FUND RAISING	0.00
TOTAL	\$21,946.03

EXPENSES:	
CC MEETINGS & DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATION	\$ 5,138.98
CC ADMINISTRATION	1,104.87
CHAPTER VISITATIONS & TRAVEL	573.36
INTERDIOCESAN MEETINGS	1,452.38
GENERAL ASSEMBLY/ SPORTS WEEKEND	85.50
SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS, GIFTS	250.00
REGIONAL CONFERENCES	0.00
PUBLICATIONS	0.00
CULTURAL DAY	0.00
CHRISTIAN RETREATS/ LEADERSHIP SEMINARS	1,485.20
CHAPTER "A" PROGRAM	1,166.92
CHAIRMEN'S MEETING	88.83
HYE HOKIN	0.00
ECUMENICAL AFFAIRS	0.00
FUND RAISING	652.49
TOTAL	\$11,998.33
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 9,947.70

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

**BALANCE SHEET
AS OF 12/31/92**

ASSETS

CASH:		
MERRILL LYNCH CASH MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT	\$	528.29
SECURITIES:		
MERRILL LYNCH SECURITIES		13,164.00
TRUSTS:		
ARMENIAN CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND		179,480.41
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:		
ANNIVERSARY BALL - BOCA RATON (SEE NOTE)		2,175.00
ARCHBISHOP'S TOURNAMENT SEED MONEY - RICHMOND		1,000.00
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$	196,347.70

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		0.00
EQUITY	\$	196,347.70
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$	196,347.70

NOTE: THE CENTRAL COUNCIL LOANED AN ADDITIONAL \$4,350.00 TO THE BOCA RATON CHAPTER IN CONNECTION WITH THE 1991 ANNIVERSARY BALL. TO DATE, ONLY \$2,175.00 HAS BEEN PAID BY THE CHAPTER.

BALLOTING REPORT

BALLOT #: 1

OFFICE OF: Central Council
 Auditing Committee
 Nominating Committee

TOTAL NUMBER OF DELEGATES VOTING: 38 (20 majority)

<u>Name of Candidate</u>	<u># of Votes</u>
<u>Kevoak Hagopian (Waukegan)</u>	<u>22 - elected</u>
<u>Russell Kasikian (Cleveland)</u>	<u>17</u>
<u>Melina Karparian (Westchester)</u>	<u>25 - elected</u>
<u>John Megrdichian (Providence)</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>Ernie Samydanian (Darien)</u>	<u>17</u>
<u>Arash Topjian (Richmond)</u>	<u>10</u>
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NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS ELECTED ON THIS BALLOT: 2

NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS ELECTED ON THIS BALLOT:

Kevoak Hagopian (Waukegan)
Melina Karparian (Westchester)

VERIFIED BY: Lin D. Monahan
For the Nominating Committee

BALLOTING REPORT

BALLOT #: 2

OFFICE OF: Central Council
 Auditing Committee
 Nominating Committee

TOTAL NUMBER OF DELEGATES VOTING: 38 (20 majority)

<u>Name of Candidate</u>	<u># of Votes</u>
<u>Russell Karkhian</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>John Megradichian</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>Greg Saraydarian</u>	<u>9</u>
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NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS ELECTED ON THIS BALLOT: 0

NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS ELECTED ON THIS BALLOT:

VERIFIED BY: Lisa D. Theron
For the Nominating Committee

BALLOTING REPORT

BALLOT #: 3

OFFICE OF: Central Council
 Auditing Committee
 Nominating Committee

TOTAL NUMBER OF DELEGATES VOTING: 34 (18 majority)

<u>Name of Candidate</u>	<u># of Votes</u>
<u>Russ Kashan</u>	<u>17</u>
<u>John Merzichian</u>	<u>17</u>
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NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS ELECTED ON THIS BALLOT: 0

NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS ELECTED ON THIS BALLOT:

VERIFIED BY: Lisa D. Merzichian
For the Nominating Committee

BALLOTING REPORT

BALLOT #: 1

OFFICE OF: Central Council
 Auditing Committee
 Nominating Committee

TOTAL NUMBER OF DELEGATES VOTING: 38 (20 majority)

<u>Name of Candidate</u>	<u># of Votes</u>
<u>Ara Arinian (Bayside) **</u>	<u>22</u>
<u>Shooshan Saraydarian (Bayside) *</u>	<u>23</u>
<u>Tom Topalian (Boca Raton) *</u>	<u>32</u>
<u>Ben Lehejian (Boca Raton) *</u>	<u>30</u>
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NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS ELECTED ON THIS BALLOT: 3

NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS ELECTED ON THIS BALLOT:

Tom Topalian (Boca Raton)
Ben Lehejian (Boca Raton)
Shooshan Saraydarian (Bayside)

VERIFIED BY: Lina V. Manoukian
For the Nominating Committee

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Assuming that there are 500,000 Armenians in North America today, we need 1201 (yes, twelve hundred and one) priests to serve the needs of the Armenian community.

There are 83 parishes and mission communities in North America, which are currently being served by 1201 priests. The average church membership is 300 per parish, for a total of approximately 25,000 members.

Therefore, to serve a potential of 500,000 Armenians (at 300 per parish) we need a total of 1201 priests and lay workers.

Here is a list of opportunities for you to serve God through the Armenian Church.

The time is NOW...

MINISTRIES IN THE ARMENIAN CHURCH

(EASTERN, WESTERN, CANADIAN DIOCESES)

ORDAINED MINISTRY

- Deacon
- Priest
- Bishop

LAY MINISTRY

PARISH LEVEL

- Parish Administrator
- Youth Director
- Director Rel. Education
- Music Director
- Coordinator of Social Service/Charity

DIOCESAN LEVEL

(Existing in some dioceses)

• Department of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- a) Children
- b) Youth
- c) Adults

• Department of SOCIAL SERVICES

- a) Armenia Aid
- b) Refugee/Immigration
- c) Food & housing assistance
- d) Geriatrics

• Department of RESEARCH & INFORMATION

- a) Research Fellow
- b) Reference Librarian
- b) Scholarship/Publication

• Department of COMMUNICATIONS

- a) Public Relations/Media
- b) Information Management and Data Analysis
- c) Development/Fund Raising
- d) General Administration

(Potential Programs)

• Department of LITURGY & WORSHIP

- a) Language & Music
- b) Liturgical Art
- c) Publications

• Department of FAMILY MINISTRIES

- a) Childrens Ministry
- b) Youth/Young Adults Ministry
- c) Singles Ministry
- d) Young Couples Ministry
- e) Family Education Ministry
- f) Family Counseling Ministry
- g) Geriatric Programs

• Department of MISSION & EVANGELISM

- a) Mission to Armenia
- b) Mission in North America
- c) Mission to economically disadvantaged areas
- d) Publications on mission

• Department of PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

- a) Clergy Relations
- b) Human Resources
- c) Development of Volunteers
- d) Training Services

• Department of PASTORAL SERVICES

- a) Counseling
- b) Chaplaincy/Visitations

PROPOSAL

Presented by the Worcester Chapter, 9-3-93

The purpose of this proposal is to ammend and bring in line current ACYOA Reimbursement Procedures and to promote fiscal responsibility.

A copy of the current ACYOA Reimbursement Procedures is enclosed for reference.

This Proposal is to incorporate the following changes, and to put them into effect after the 1993 General Assembly/ Sports Weekend:

- 1) Eliminate reimbursements for General Assembly full package plans. The ACYOA would continue to reimburse for pre-weekend package plans and other expenses related to the General Assembly.
- 2) Eliminate reimbursements for Archbishop's Tournament full package plans.
- 3) Eliminate the \$12 a day allowance for meals.

REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURES

All expenses incurred while performing duties related to the ACYOA Central Council are to be reimbursed by the Organization. Reimbursement forms, along with actual receipts (or copies of actual receipts), should be sent to the Council Treasurer on a monthly basis. A reimbursement check should be mailed by the Treasurer within two weeks of the receipt of a reimbursement form and receipts.

Reimbursement may be made for the following:

Travel: Council meetings, parish visitations, General Assembly, program coordination, regional conferences (in designated region), or for any other specific reason decided upon by the Central Council.

Reimbursement for driving will be made at the rate of \$.15 per mile.

Lodging: Council meetings, parish visitations, General Assembly, program coordination, regional conferences (in designated region), or for any other specific reason decided upon by the Central Council.

Actual expenses for Lodging for Council meetings and the General Assembly shall be provided for each Council member (up to one-half (1/2) of the ~~total lodging expenses~~ hotel room cost per Council member).

Meals: Up to \$12 a day for: Council meetings, parish visitations, program coordination, or for any other specific reason decided upon by the Council.

General Assembly: Cost of package plan and pre-weekend package plan.

Regional Conferences: If the meeting is held in conjunction with a breakfast or luncheon and the host chapter is unable to make an expenditure, this may be considered.

1992 AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

The financial records that were reviewed by the Auditing Committee included 1) 1992 Archbishops Tournament (Richmond), 2) 1992 A.C.Y.O.A. General Assembly and National Sports Weekend (Bayside), 3) 1992 Central Council Books. The 1993 Archbishops Tournament (Wynnewood) records were unavailable at the time the audits were conducted (August 1993). The Records for the 1993 Anniversary Ball, held in New York City, in July 1993, were not available for audit. The financial books were still open at the time of the audit.

1) 1992 Archbishops Tournament (Richmond)

The 1992 Archbishops Tournament financial records as submitted were incomplete. The proper reports were not filed as well as key documentation ie: bank statements, canceled checks, and check register. Until these items are produced, an accurate audit cannot be completed.

2) 1992 ACYOA General Assembly and National Sports Weekend (Bayside)

The 1992 National Sports Weekend financial records were incomplete. A financial statement was not submitted. Some checks were lacking proper documentation. Until these items are submitted an audit cannot be completed.

3) 1992 ACYOA Central Council Financial Records

The 1992 Central Council records were kept in an orderly manner, however, at the time of the audit, the financial statement had not been completed. The financial statement is to be submitted to the auditing committee at the 1993 General Assembly. The records will then be audited. An addendum to this report can be made at the conclusion of the audit.

The 1992 Auditing committee was not able to audit any of the reports that were submitted. It is recommended that the new Central Council work toward rectifying the shortcomings of the financial statements of the aforementioned events. Once these records can be brought up to date, the next auditing committee can conduct a proper audit. It is also recommended that standard forms be submitted to chapters hosting events so that proper records can be submitted.

Linda Minassian, 
1992 Auditing Committee members

1994 PROPOSED BUDGET

REVENUES:
MEMBERSHIP DUES \$ 2,500.00
GENERAL ASSEMBLY/
SPORTS WEEKEND 7,000.00
ARCHBISHOP'S TOURNAMENT 1,000.00
DIVIDENDS & INTEREST 13,000.00
HYE HOKIN SPONSORSHIP 10,000.00

TOTAL \$33,500.00

EXPENSES:
CC MEETINGS & DIOCESAN \$ 6,000.00
ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATION
ARCHBISHOP'S TOURNAMENT 1,000.00
CC ADMINISTRATION 2,000.00
CHAPTER VISITATIONS &
TRAVEL 2,500.00
INTERDIOCESAN MEETINGS 1,000.00
GENERAL ASSEMBLY/
SPORTS WEEKEND 3,500.00
SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS,
GIFTS 500.00
REGIONAL CONFERENCES 500.00
PUBLICATIONS 500.00
CULTURAL DAY 500.00
CHRISTIAN RETREATS/
LEADERSHIP SEMINARS 1,500.00
CHAPTER "A" PROGRAM 1,500.00
CHAIRMEN'S MEETING 500.00
ECUMENICAL AFFAIRS 1,000.00
HYE HOKIN 10,000.00
FUND RAISING 1,000.00

TOTAL \$33,500.00

APPENDIX I

1994 PROPOSED BUDGET

REVENUES:	
MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$ 2,500.00
GENERAL ASSEMBLY/ SPORTS WEEKEND	7,000.00
ARCHBISHOP'S TOURNAMENT	1,000.00
DIVIDENDS & INTEREST	13,000.00
HYE HOKIN SPONSORSHIP	10,000.00

TOTAL	\$33,500.00

EXPENSES:	
CC MEETINGS & DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATION	\$ 6,000.00
ARCHBISHOP'S TOURNAMENT	1,000.00
CC ADMINISTRATION	2,000.00
CHAPTER VISITATIONS & TRAVEL	2,500.00
INTERDIOCESAN MEETINGS	1,000.00
GENERAL ASSEMBLY/ SPORTS WEEKEND	3,500.00
SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS, GIFTS	500.00
REGIONAL CONFERENCES	500.00
PUBLICATIONS	500.00
CULTURAL DAY	500.00
CHRISTIAN RETREATS/ LEADERSHIP SEMINARS	1,500.00
CHAPTER "A" PROGRAM	1,500.00
CHAIRMEN'S MEETING	500.00
ECUMENICAL AFFAIRS	1,000.00
HYE HOKIN	10,000.00
FUND RAISING	1,000.00

TOTAL	\$33,500.00

ACYOA PROJECT GROWTH

Rebuilding and Revitalizing our Chapters

Goals: To empower Central Council, Chapter Chairmen, Delegates, Parish Priests and Parish Councils to revitalize their chapters. To insure that each parish has a vital young adult group which is an important part of the parish. To build young adult leaders for service to their church and community.

ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL
1993 ACTION GOALS

Theme: BUILDING COMMUNITY

Goal I: Establish 3 New ACYOA Chapters

Result: By establishing ACYOA Chapters in parishes where there are none, the entire organization will regain its former sense of mission while acquiring new energy and strength.

Month 1 Target 3 parishes that do not have ACYOA chapters

Chicago	Palos Heights
Binghamton	South Milwaukee
Belleville	Springfield
Elberon	Syracuse
Lawrence	Trumbull
Miami	Union City
	Waukegan

Contact Parish Priest and/or Parish Council
Chairman

-Explain intentions and ask for a key
young person(s) to assist with establishment
of chapter

-Encourage participation of Priest, Parish Council,
ACYOA Alumni

Contact young person(s) - See Above

-Explain intentions

-Ask for a list of young people in parish
and/or geographical area to join group

Month 2 Send Representative of Central Council to help with establishment of chapter and elections

-This could be a Central Council Member, ACYOA Alumni, or strong member from nearby chapter

-Articulate goals, mission and procedures of ACYOA

-Have chapter meet with Parish Councils and Diocesan Delegates and ACYOA supporters

-Plan social event for new chapter members
Funding by ACEF ACYOA Fund

Month 3 Chapter to provide service project to parish

Month 4 Send letter of welcome to chapter and relevant information

-Follow-up with phone calls to make sure the chapter is progressing well

-Central Council regional coordinator to visit chapter

Month 5 - 6 Chapter to contact college students who are home for the summer and include them in their activities

Chapter to have 2 summer social events for chapter

Make sure chapter is aware of General Assembly and has delegates. Send chapter information (package plan, bylaws, agenda etc.)

Encourage chapter to participate in sporting activities at Sports Weekend

Regional Coordinator will keep in close contact with new chapter

Month 7 Evaluate project

Month 8 Introduce and welcome new chapter at General Assembly

*Monthly reports will be sent to the DYM outlining progress made in the above areas.

Goal II: Revive 3 Existing Chapters

Result: By reviving 3 chapters, the organization has a base by which it can easily build. By rebuilding existing chapters the message is clear that the ACYOA Central Council recognizes that there are problems and that they are willing to roll up their sleeves and try to do something about it. It will also serve to make chapters feel important and that someone recognizes that they are suffering. This could prove to give the young adults who have lost interest a new sense of involvement. In following years more chapters can have programs of this sort. This is similar to Chapter A.

Month 1 Target Chapters for revival program

Evanston
Racine
Greenfield
Haverhill
Livingston
Niagara Falls
Watervliet
Westchester
Worcester
Western Queens
Providence

Month 2 Contact Chapter Chairmen

-Explain plan

-Dialogue as to what they (the Chairmen) feel is wrong with their chapter

Contact past strong ACYOA members from chapter or nearby chapters

-Explain intention

-Ask for their assistance

Contact Parish Priests, Parish Council members, or other interested parties

-Explain intention

-Ask for their assistance

Acquire from ACYOA Chairman, Parish Priest, Parish Council Chairman a list of all young adults in parish or geographic area

Month 3

Have chapter invite all young adults to meeting/social

-Funding from ACEF ACYOA if no funding is available from chapter

Month 4

Send Central Council representative or strong Alumni to attend meeting and assist chapter in elections and planning activities

Suggest Programs (See Attached)

Month 5-6

Regional Coordinator to keep in close contact with chapter

Chapter to contact college students who are home for the summer and include them in their activities

Month 7

Encourage attendance and participation at General Assembly and Sports Weekend

Evaluate Program

Month 8

Acknowledge accomplishments and at General Assembly

*Monthly reports will be sent to the DYM outlining progress made in the above areas.

ACYOA
Building Community

Programs

Worship

Attend Church as a group
Organize Martyrs Day Service

Education

Programs for:

Sunday School Students during class
Sunday School Students after class
ACYOA Juniors
Parish
Senior Citizens

Topics may include: the Republic of Armenia, Karabagh, Earthquake relief efforts, Religious doctrine or non Armenian topics

Ask members of the community (parish priest, seminarians, educators) when available or bring someone from outside in to speak..

Service

Host coffee hour after church
Provide transportation for elderly to church
Visit Armenian old age home
Visit parishioners in hospital
Ushering
Plate passing
Greeting - outside church as parishioners enter 2-3 members
Assisting church with projects - dinners, bingo etc.
Assisting church with planting flowers, mowing lawn, painting etc.

Witness

Invite youth group from a neighborhood parish to church service and engage in dialogue of differences in your religions. Invite both priests to participate.

Fellowship

Parties

Dances

Sporting events

Team Sports

Progressive Dinners

Picnics, etc

ACYOA PROJECT GROWTH

Accountability Structure

His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate

Department of Youth Ministry
Young Adult Coordinator

Central Council Chairman

Central Council

Parish Priests

Chapter Chairmen

ACYOA PROJECT GROWTH

Areas of Responsibility:

The Department of Youth Ministry, Young Adult Coordinator will oversee "Project Growth" for the period of one year to assist Central Council and Chapter Chairmen in this vital project. The Young Adult Coordinator will:

- Work with Central Council and Central Council Chairmen directly
- Assist Chapter Chairmen
- Suggest programs
- Visit chapters
- Meet with young adult groups
- Facilitate programs in general
- Report monthly to the DYM Director, Chancellor and Primate with regard to Central Council Chariman's report.
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Central Council Chairmen will be responsible for:

- Communicating with Chapter Chairmen and Chapters on a monthly basis
- Communicating with Young Adult Coordinator
- Cumulating and submitting monthly reports from Central Council Members (re: chapters) to Young Adult Coordinator pertaining to successes, problems, ideas etc.
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ACYOA PROJECT GROWTH
Areas of Responsibility (cont.):

Central Council will take responsibility for implementing the project with the assistance of the Young Adult Coordinator. Central Council will be responsible for:

- Submitting monthly progress reports regarding the chapters in their regions to Central Council Chairmen
- Maintaining communication with chapters/parishes
- Visiting chapters/parishes
- Suggesting programs
- Implementing programs
- Visiting or appointing Central Council members to visit chapters
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Chapter Chairmen, with the assistance of Delegates, will be responsible for:

- Identifying young adults within their parishes
- Identifying young adults within their community
- Working with their Parish Priests or Parish Council Chairmen when no Priest is in the Parish
- Inviting young adults to an INFORMAL gathering
- Maintaining mailing lists
- Establishing service projects
- Implementing social gatherings
- Implementing religious and cultural programs with the assistance of Central Council and the Young Adult Coordinator
- Submitting monthly reports to their Central Council representative
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**ACYOA PROJECT GROWTH
Areas of Responsibility (cont.):**

Parish Priest and Parish Councils will be responsible for:

- Identifying young adults in their parishes
- Supporting all activities of the Youth Group
- Attending all activities, meetings and programs
- Assisting with securing funding if needed
- Assisting with religious programs
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APPENDIX K

1994 BUDGET

REVENUES:

MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$ 2,500.00
NATIONAL ASSEMBLIES / SPORTS WEEKENDS	8,000.00
DIVIDENDS & INTEREST	12,500.00
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	\$23,000.00

EXPENSES:

CENTRAL COUNCIL	\$ 4,000.00
QUARTERLY MEETINGS	
DIOCESAN REPRESENTATION	1,000.00
ADMINISTRATIVE	
POSTAGE	2,500.00
TELEPHONE	1,500.00
INTERDIOCESAN MEETING	1,000.00
GENERAL ASSEMBLY	2,500.00
CHAPTER VISITATIONS	1,500.00
QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER	1,500.00
CHAPTER "A"	1,500.00
RETREATS	5,000.00
SCHOLARSHIPS	500.00
CONTINGENCY	500.00
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	\$23,000.00

Report of Resolutions & Courtesies Committee

1. Whereas His Holiness, Vasken I, is the beloved Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians and whereas He continues to support the mission of the youth in the Diaspora; therefore, let it be resolved that the 1993 ACYOA General Assembly expresses its filial love, respect and prayers for his continued good health.

2. Whereas President Levon Der Bedrosian is the leader of the Republic of Armenia and whereas our Armenian homeland continues to struggle against diverse hardships including continued difficulty from the 1988 earthquake as well as hostile relations with her neighbors, let it be resolved that the 1993 General Assembly extends its warm wishes and heartfelt prayers that the people of Armenia are able to persevere through these times of hardship.

3. Whereas His Grace, Bishop Khajag Barsamian, our beloved Primate has attended the General Assembly and Sports Weekend for a fourth year and continues to implement new programs and carry the torch of enthusiasm for the youth of our Diocese, let it be resolved that the 1993 General Assembly thanks Him for his patience, knowledge, insight, guidance and participation.

4. Whereas His Eminence Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan established the ACYOA 47 years ago and founded the St. Nerses Armenian Theological Seminary and took an active interest in the youth of the Armenian Church, let it be resolved that the ACYOA honors his memory and appreciates his farsightedness in creating the ACYOA and for establishing a vehicle for young adults to take an active role in their Church.

5. Let it be resolved that the ACYOA extends its prayers and best wishes for good health and thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Edward Mardigian for their continued generous support of our organization.

6. Let it be resolved that the 1993 General Assembly welcomes and extends its best wishes to representatives from the Araratian, Western and Canadian Dioceses.

7. Let it be resolved that the 1993 General Assembly extends its thanks to the members of the Watertown ACYOA and their families for their hard work, dedication, and countless hours of planning for making the 12993 General Assembly a great success.

8. Let it be resolved that the 1993 ACYOA General Assembly extends its sincere thanks to outgoing Central Council members Charles Shooshan, Rena Jebejian and Gary Alexander for their dedication to

our organization and hard work on its behalf. The Assembly also extends its best wishes to the new Central Council members, Kevork Hagopian, Meline Kasparian and John Megrdochian.

9. Whereas at the 1993 ACYOA General Assembly, there were four Parish Priest, five deacons and three priests representing the Diocese and whereas the ACYOA is an integral part of the Armenian Apostolic Church and whereas it is imperative that they clergy of our parishes support our youth at every turn, let it be resolved that the ACYOA delegates wish to express their painful disappointment in the absence of priests and the lack of support shown to the youth and the ACYOA by the parish priests of the Eastern Diocese.

10. Let it be resolved that the ACYOA extends its heartfelt prayers to the flood victims in the Midwest, the people of Artsakh, Bosnia and the Middle East and to all those who struggle to overcome hardships.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Minutes of Central Council Meeting
June 3, 1995**

The meeting was called to order at 10:50 am with a prayer led by His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian. Present were His Eminence, Laura Gononian, Meline' Kasparian, Kavork Hagopian, John Megrdochian, Doug Aprahamian, Stephen Megrdochian, and Dina Aurslianian. The minutes of the January 21, 1995 meeting were accepted as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

John reports the following figures (also see attachment A): \$4,696.00 in securities, \$1813.74 in checking account, and \$161.94 dividends to date. John sent a letter to Lisa Manookian requesting seed money and half of the proceeds from the 1993 Archbishop's Tournament (see attachment B). John also sent a letter to Scott Najarian concerning financial matters of the cancelled 1994 Sports Weekend (see attachment C).

John asked that everyone call their chapters and encourage them to collect dues so that the correct number of representation at General Assembly can be determined and also to aid in Sports Weekend registration. John is also actively attempting to collect chapter dues. He will send out a letter asking for dues within one month. A second letter will go out in early September to those chapters who still haven't turned in their dues.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Meline' reported that the ACYOA chapter at St. Mary Armenian Church of Washington, D.C. has requested a visitation by Central Council. She has been in contact with St. Leon Armenian Church of Fairlawn, New Jersey. The Sports Weekend Committee recently hosted a brunch for their parish in hopes of stirring involvement and donations. The brunch was very successful. The 1996 Diocesan Assembly Committee wishes to involve the youth in the meetings. Ideas concerning this were brought to Meline's attention. No plans have been made as of yet as to how ACYOA will be involved.

Laura also spoke of youth involvement as she explained the upcoming plans for DYM in conjunction with ACYOA. She is planning a youth-workers training program. The program plans to travel to a different location once a month starting on September 23, 1995 most probably at St. Mesrob Armenian Church of Racine, Wisconsin. Central Council members will be called on to help if a parish is nearby. The program targets those working with the ACYOA Jrs. She requested the youth contact person of each parish. Steve also spoke on how he would like to see Central Council members work with DYM at attend youth leadership training seminars.

1 **RESOURCE MANUAL**

2 Meline' has received everyone's discs and all information has been compiled on
3 her computer. She will send everyone on council a hard copy to edit. The goal
4 is to have the manual completed so that it can be sent on the DYM youth
5 leadership programs and so that all new officers and delegates can receive a
6 copy at General Assembly. The Constitution will be update also. Meline will
7 send one year's (dating back to the last revision) minutes from the General
8 Assembly to each council member to go through and find changes that need to
9 be made in the Handbook. Each member will be sent a portion of the
10 constitution to enter onto disc.

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12 **PUBLICATIONS**

13 **Prayers and Sacraments** is ready for publication.

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15 The Lectionary is going to the printer. The bookstore will distribute these
16 books. Council needs to allocate the proceeds to a particular source. We will
17 also donate one copy to each parish.

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19 The Church Calendar is named for the YEAR OF THE YOUTH which coincides
20 with the 50th anniversary of ACYOA. It will be a combination desktop/hanging
21 calendar. Laura is collecting photos for printing in the calendar. She asked if
22 each Central Council member would call their chapters and ask for photos.

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24 **ASP**

25 The Very Rev. Nareg Berberian of St. James Armenian Church in Richmond,
26 Virginia will be accompanying the participates to Armenia. There has been over
27 14 applicants with a cost of approximately \$1500 to each participant.

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29 Soorpazan strongly suggested that we plan a two week long trip to Armenia for
30 young professions. He would like the trip to expose all to the religious, cultural,
31 political, and business life of Armenia. He suggested meetings with the
32 President, Ambassador, and business leaders.

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34 **ST. NERSESS/ST. VARTAN**

35 St. Nersess will he held at Dearhill Center in Woppinger, N.Y. The Sam
36 Nersesian Award will be awarded to individuals to attend Hye Camp and St.
37 Vartan Camp (one scholarship to each). There will be two sessions of St.
38 Nersess, one for junior high school, and one for high school aged students.

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40 **EVENTS**

41 Some time in July, Rev. Mardiros Chevian of St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral will
42 be planning some type of Plaza event. Already, August 18, 1995 is reserved
43 for Party on the Plaza sponsored by DYM and the Cathedral. There will be some
44 type of cultural event on Saturday, August 19, 1995. A second Party on the

1 Plaza is scheduled for Friday, September 8, 1995.

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3 **SPORTS WEEKEND-1995**

4 Members of the Sports Weekend Committee spoke with Central Council and
5 gave and update on the plans for this year's event. See attached flyer. Central
6 Council decided to make a donation to the booklet. Central Council will also
7 donate the money for the number of pages needed to list last year's donors.

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9 **CANADA SPORTS WEEKEND**

10 The event will be held July 13-16, 1995. Meline' will attend representing Central
11 Council.

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13 **1995 GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

14 General Assembly will be hosted by St. David Armenian Church in Boca Raton,
15 Florida. It is scheduled for October 13-15,1995. Central Council will propose to
16 host General Assembly with Sports Weekend in the future.

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18 **AWARDS**

19 Forms for awards will go out this summer. Central Council will award them at
20 the Sports Weekend Banquet. Last year's award winners will also be honored at
21 this time.

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23 **FUNDRAISING**

24 Central Council will table this topic until a formal proposal has been formulated.

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26 **1996 SPORTS WEEKEND AND ANNIVERSARY BALL**

27 Scott Najarian and coworkers will host 1996 Sports Weekend. Location has not
28 yet been disclosed.

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30 **CALENDAR**

31 The next Central Council meeting will be held August 5, 1995 in Washington,
32 D.C.at St. Mary Armenian Church.

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34 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

35 *Kavork and Doreen visited Lancing in order to develop a potential chapter. The
36 meeting was successful and follow-up visitations are planned for the future.

37 *Meline' requested that the address of an ACYOA Jr. contact person be sent to
38 her.

39 The meeting was closed with a prayer by His Eminence Archbishop Khajag
40 Barsamian.

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42 Respectfully Submitted,

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44 Dina Aurslianian

1 **THINGS CENTRAL COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE TO DO:**
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3 **1. CALL CHAPTERS AND ASK FOR PHOTOS FOR THE CALENDAR**
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5 **2. CALL CHAPTERS AND ENCOURAGE BOOKLET CONTRIBUTION**
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7 **3. CALL CHAPTERS AND KEEP GOOD COMMUNICATION!!**
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9 **4. CALL CHAPTERS AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO COLLECT DUES AND SEND**
10 **INTO JOHN (ASK FOR UPDATES IN THE MAILING LIST)**
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12 **5. THINK OF IDEAS OF HOW YOUTH CAN BE INCORPORATED INTO 1996**
13 **DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY**
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15 **6. SEND MELINE AND LAURA THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF A YOUTH LIAISON**
16 **FOR EACH PARISH**
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18 **7. THINK OF IDEAS OF WHERE THE MONEY FROM THE LECTIONARY BOOK**
19 **CAN GO**
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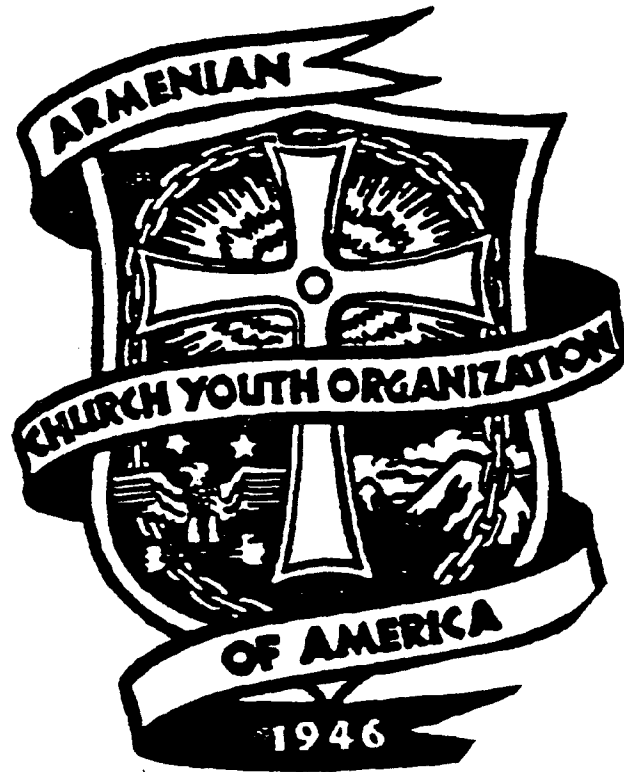
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**MINUTES OF THE
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**FIRST SESSION
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1994**

I. INVOCATION

The first session of the 1994 ACYOA General Assembly convened at 8:15 p.m. His Eminence, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church and President of the ACYOA, led the delegates in an opening blessing and prayer service. The Diocesan Chancellor, Rev. Father Garabed Kochakian assisted in the service.

Following the prayer, Scott Najarian (Church of Our Saviour, Worcester), Chairman of the 1993 ACYOA General Assembly, called the Assembly to order.

II. ROLL CALL

A roll-call of delegates was taken. The Chairman determined that a quorum of Assembly delegates was not present. The Chairman determined that the meeting could continue without voting, and that any voting would be postponed until a session in which there was a quorum.

III. ELECTION OF ASSEMBLY OFFICERS

The Chairman opened the floor for nominations for Assembly Officers.

Aram Topjian (St. James, Richmond) was nominated for Assembly Secretary. Doug Aprahamian (Holy Martyrs, Bayside) and Scott Najarian (Church of Our Saviour, Worcester) were nominated for Assembly Chairman. There was a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded and carried.

Aram Topjian was elected Assembly Secretary. Scott Najarian was elected Chairman and Doug Aprahamian was elected Vice Chairman of the Assembly.

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made to amend the agenda (Appendix A) by moving Item XVIII - ACYOA Representative Address - to Item XI. The motion was seconded and carried. A motion was made to accept the agenda as presented. It was seconded by Laura Negosian (St. John's, Detroit). The motion carried.

V. ADOPTION OF RULES OF PROCEDURE

Aram Topjian (St. James, Richmond) made a motion to adopt Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Procedure to govern this assembly. Laura Negosian (St. John's, Detroit) seconded the motion. The motion carried.

VI. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Scott Najarian (Church of Our Saviour, Worcester) asked if there were any corrections or omissions to the minutes of the 1993 ACYOA General Assembly. The following changes were made:

Page 4, Section IX, line 2. "The Primate" was changed to "The Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America"

Page 3, Section VIII, paragraph 3, line 2. "Diocesan events" was changed to "ACYOA National Events"

Page 1, Section I, line 2. "His Grace, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Khajag Barsamian" was changed to "His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian"

A motion was made to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded and carried.

VII. REMARKS, DIOCESAN COUNCIL MEMBER

Dean Shahinian (St. Mary, Washington, D.C) addressed the Assembly and encouraged all present "to pursue your goals and do it in a way that will bring honor to yourselves and honor to God."

VIII. APPOINTMENT OF ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEES

Scott Najarian (Church of Our Saviour, Worcester) explained the standing committees of the Assembly, which include the Budget Committee, Proposals Committee, and Resolutions & Courtesies Committee. Committee assignments will be announced at the following session when all Assembly delegates are present.

IX. REPORT OF CENTRAL COUNCIL

A. ADMINISTRATIVE

Lucine Baronian (Holy Martyrs, Bayside), Central Council Chairman, gave an overview of the Central Council administrative report (Appendix B). There was discussion following the report. Laura Negosian (St. John's, Detroit) expressed concern over the fact that St. John's, Detroit, St. Gregory of Narek, Cleveland, and other Mid-west chapters had little or contact with Central Council during the year. The issue of communication between the chapters and Central Council was discussed. Meline Kasparian (St. James, Westchester), Central Council Secretary, stated that Central Council attempted to stay in regular contact with all chapters through the designated Chapter Chairman or other representative during the year. Each Chapter Chairman was forwarded fact sheets and questionnaires during the year to return to Central Council in order to provide Central Council an accurate assessment of the current state of affairs at each ACYOA chapter and the potential areas for involvement from Central Council. Phone and written communication is also the responsibility of each Central Council member, though it was noted that all chapters had not provided an up-to-date listing of chapter Executive Committees, making communication with the Chairman difficult. It was stressed that effective communication is the mutual responsibility of Central Council and the individual Chapter Chairmen. The status of various chapters and their current levels of participation was discussed at length. Certain issues raised were: decreasing participation on the local level, a lack of active members on the local level, and the responsibility of the ACYOA to foster strong Junior groups.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT

Pam Moroukian (St. Peter, Watervliet), Central Council Treasurer, presented the treasurer's report (Appendix C), which was distributed to the Assembly and consisted of an income statement for the 1993 fiscal year, an income statement for the period 1/1/94 to 9/30/94, the 1994 budget proposal, and a balance sheet as of 12/31/93. Also included was a listing of the accounts receivable as of 9/30/94, which consisted primarily of seed money that had been given to the chapters/committees which had hosted national ACYOA events from 1993 and 1994. Pam explained that though the 1993 budget projected revenues of \$35,500, actual revenues received were \$23,388.45. Even with the actual \$12,111.55 revenue deficit for 1993 compared with the 1993 budget, Central Council posted a small gain of \$622.28 for 1993, mainly through tight expense controls. It was noted that there was \$8,500 in outstanding seed money to be repaid to Central Council. It was also noted that there had been difficulty in closing the financial books on national events. Various questions were raised from the floor. Papken Maksoudian (St. James, Watertown) stated that the St. James, Watertown chapter did not receive seed money from Central Council for the 1993 ACYOA National Sports Weekend. It was agreed that the financial records would be researched to resolve the matter.

A vote to accept the Administrative and Treasurer's Central Council Report was postponed until the following session.

The 1994 ACYOA General Assembly was adjourned with a prayer at 10:20 p.m.

SECOND ASSEMBLY SESSION
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1994

X. OPENING PRAYER

The second session of the 1994 ACYOA General Assembly convened at 9:15 a.m. His Eminence, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church and President of the ACYOA, led the delegates in an opening blessing and prayer service. Rev. Father Garabed Kochakian assisted in the service.

Following the prayer service, the 1994 Assembly Chairman, Scott Najarian (Church of Our Saviour, Worcester) called the assembly to order. A roll-call was taken by the Assembly-Secretary, Aram Topjian (St. James, Richmond), and a quorum was established.

The Assembly Chair explained that since there was an absence of a quorum in the previous evening's session, no votes had been taken. There was a motion to collectively accept agenda items 3,4,5, and 6. The motion was seconded and carried.

A motion was made to accept the Administrative and Treasurer's Report of the Central Council. The motion was seconded and carried.

XI. ACYOC REPRESENTATIVE ADDRESS

Talin Unlusoy (ACYOC) addressed the Assembly and read a letter from the ACYOC Central Council Chairperson, Jean-Philippe Tachdjian (Appendix D). She thanked the ACYOA Central Council for their dedication and hard work over the year. She stated the importance of a strong link between ACYOC and ACYOA. She stated that the ACYOC's aim is to reinforce faith in Christ Jesus and to help our homeland. She expressed interest in a worldwide 50th Anniversary celebration in 1996. Talin thanked the Assembly for the chance to share and opened the line of communication with the ACYOC in the future.

XII. PRIMATE'S MESSAGE

The Primate, His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, addressed the delegates. He reminded us that the Diocese declared 1994 as the "Year of the Family," and that we need to always work on strengthening the bonds of our own ACYOA family. The Church, which is viewed as a family, directs us toward ministry, education and worship. One mission of the church is to focus on the younger generation in order that it may provide wisdom and spirituality for all. The Primate reminded the Assembly participants that we are role models in the church parishes in that the younger children look up to the young adults and imitate their actions. He stated that everyone must take their obligations to the Church very seriously because this brings

honor to God. He commended the ACYOA on their very difficult decision to cancel Sports Weekend after news of the death of the Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, Vazken I. in August of 1993. This act required sacrifice and unselfish concern for the greater good. In closing the Primate challenged the Assembly participants to live our lives in accordance with the God's will. He thanked the outgoing and remaining Central Council members for their hard work and dedication to the ACYOA, and thanked the Assembly delegates for their participation.

XIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A. AUDITING COMMITTEE

The Auditing Committee Report (Appendix E) was presented by Scott Najarian (Church of Our Saviour, Worcester). There was discussion on the financial books for National Events which have not been closed. A motion was made to accept the 1993 Auditing Committee Report. The motion was seconded and carried.

B. SPORTS WEEKEND COMMITTEE

Scott Najarian (Church of Our Saviour, Worcester) gave a verbal report on the activities of the 1994 ACYOA National Sports Weekend Committee, and took questions from the floor.

XIV. ELECTIONS

A. CENTRAL COUNCIL

The Assembly Chair called upon the Nominating Committee to present the nominations for Central Council. The following individuals were nominated.

1. Doug Aprahamian - Holy Martyrs, Bayside
2. Dina Aurslanian - St. Gregory of Narek, Cleveland
3. Arpi Boroujian - St. James, Richmond
4. Steven Megrdochian - St. David, Boca Raton
5. Laura Negosian - St. John's, Detroit
6. Doreen Nersesian - Holy Virgin Mary and Shoghagat, Belleville (At Large)
7. Aram Topjian - St. James, Richmond (At Large)

The fact sheets of all nominees were read by the Nominating Committee. All delegates were asked to vote for four nominees by secret ballot.

B. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Assembly Chair accepted nominations from the floor for Nominating Committee. Lucine Baronian (Holy Martyrs, Bayside), Nicole Assarian (St. James, Watertown) and Shoushan

Saraydarian (Holy Martyrs, Bayside) were nominated for the Nominating Committee. The Assembly Secretary cast one ballot and the slate was passed. .

C. AUDITING COMMITTEE

The Assembly Chair accepted nominations from the floor for Auditing Committee. Pam Moroukian (St. Peter, Watervliet), Papken Maksoudian (St. James, Watertown), and Scott Najarian (Church of Our Saviour, Worcester) were nominated for the Auditing Committee. The Assembly Secretary cast one ballot and the slate was passed.

THIRD ASSEMBLY SESSION SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1994

XV. STANDING COMMITTEES

The Standing Committee assignments were read, and the committees met.

XVI. CHAPTER REPORTS

Holy Martyrs, Bayside - presented by Doug Aprahamian

- *31 dues paid members with 10-20 non-paid floaters
- *Hosted the Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Basketball Tournament in May
- *social events are the most successful
- *beach/Action Park
- *picnics
- *clean up of church grounds

St. David, Boca Raton - presented by Steven Megrđichian

- *Bingo night every week to help offset the cost of members' attendance at Sports Weekend
- *volleyball one night a week
- *Palm Sunday Dinners
- *Martyr's Day Celebration
- *Monthly meetings- twelve members usually in attendance
- *Christmas Party
- *helped with Church picnic and Bazaar
- *New Year's Party

St. Gregory of Narek, Cleveland - presented by Dina Aurslanian

- *outdoor theater night out

- *picnic
- *retreat with DYM
- *New Year's Eve dance
- *Fellowship hours
- *Palm Sunday Brunch
- *family night
- *difficult time coordinating events for wide age group

St. John's, Detroit - presented by Laura Negosian

- *monthly meetings with about 15-20 members attending.
- *thirty dues paid members and many non-paid people who attend
- *November Dance with about 400 in attendance
- *work with Parish Council in passing the plate, giving the kiss of peace, and giving fellowship hours after church
- *social events are the most successful
- *worked with the Armenian Club at the University of Michigan
- *Christmas Eve Service and tea

St. Stepanos, Livingston - presented by Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian

- *presently group is not a registered chartered ACYOA Seniors group, but will be shortly
- *calling the group Young Adults
- *age group is 20-40 year old
- *one activity per month for regularity
- *Christmas Dance
- *bowling night
- *lecture night
- *have an average of 6-10 people
- *strive to achieve a balance between social and religious event even though the religious events are poorly attended

St. James, Richmond - presented by Aram Topjian

- *group is called Young Adults Group
- *newly formed group
- *approximately 20 members
- *strong ACYOA Jrs.
- *still working on getting to know each other before planning big events

St. James, Watertown - presented by Shawn Movsessian

- *approximately 35 members with only about 6 attending meetings
- *members involved in Sunday School, serving on the alter, banquets, bazaars, picnics, and Bingo
- *Christmas Night Dinner

- *trying to resume tradition with College Night Dinners
- *help with Juniors and their dances and Sports Weekend
- *Halloween haunted house

XVII. DISCUSSION - DIRECTION AND GOALS OF THE ACYOA

Central Council Chairman Lucine Baronian (Holy Martyrs. Bayside) distributed a sheet entitled "ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL GOALS" (Appendix F). She explained that the goals had been set by Central Council during the year, and that these goals helped Central Council to prioritize involvement in certain projects. She stated the collective hope of Central Council for increased activity in the local ACYOA chapters, stressing the importance of individual involvement if these goals are to be achieved.

There was discussion on hosting a Anniversary Ball in honor of ACYOA's 50th Anniversary. There was also mention of the success of regional camps and how ACYOA members might become involved to ensure continued success.

The Armenian Studies Program was discussed and it was agreed that the program's focus should be service-oriented in light of the present state of our homeland. There was also discussion on the possibility of a shorter program to Armenia so that working individuals may attend.

There was discussion on the resistance of some individuals to the name "ACYOA." It was noted that many groups seem reluctant to operate under the name "ACYOA." Many local chapters are now going by the name "Young Adults," or "Young Professionals." It was noted that changing the name of the ACYOA is disrespectful of the history and legacy of ACYOA, its founder, the beloved Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan, of blessed memory, and its former members.

Meline' Kasparian (St. James, Westchester) read from the ACYOA handbook on the mission of the ACYOA: "The mission of the ACYOA is to create among the young adult generation a greater sense of spiritual culture and tradition and instill within it's members a true spirit of civic mildness." She stated that it is the responsibility of the Central Council and all ACYOA members to carry out this mission.

There was discussion on how to bring in new members and keep members involved in the ACYOA. It was noted that the Diocese has many resources on communication and planning.

FOURTH ASSEMBLY SESSION **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1994**

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS

It was moved that Item A. Budget, be moved on the agenda after Proposals (currently Item C) and Constitutional Amendments (currently Item D).

A. ACYOA Publications

There was no discussion on this topic. The subject had been covered in the discussion on "Directions and Goals of the ACYOA."

B. Proposals

Dina Aurslianian (St. Gregory of Narek, Cleveland) presented the proposals on behalf of the Proposals Committee. Eight proposals had been submitted to the General Assembly for review by the Central Council (Appendix G).

Scott Najarian (Church of Our Saviour, Worcester) thanked Dina for her presentation on behalf of the Proposals Committee. He explained the procedure for discussing and voting on the proposals.

Proposal #1

Rebates for eligible ACYOA events (as outlined in the ACYOA Membership Handbook) shall be distributed before the conclusion of the event. See money shall be returned to Central Council before the conclusion of the event.

This proposal was recommended by the Proposals Committee with the following amendment: "Central Council will provide a dues paid member list to the hosting Chapter one month prior to the event".

Lucine Baronian (Holy Martyrs, Bayside) moved to accept Proposal #1 as amended. The motion was seconded by Scott Najarian (Church of our Saviour, Worcester).

Discussion: There was discussion on the feasibility of giving rebates at the event. There was further discussion on the timely return of seed money by the host chapter to the Central Council. It was noted that many participants at previous Sports Weekends have been dismayed at the delay in the return of their rebates.

The Chairman called for a vote. The proposal was passed with fourteen (14) delegates in favor and four (4) opposed.

Proposal # 2

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

This proposal was recommended by the Proposals Committee with the following amendment: "This rebate will be given to the first 25 eligible applicants" will be deleted and replaced with "All applicants will be admitted to a random drawing one month prior to Sports Weekend. Twenty-five (25) applicants will be picked. Central Council will pay the Sports Weekend Committee \$20 towards the package plan provided that the applicant has placed the minimum deposit."

Lucine Baronian (Holy Martyrs, Bayside) moved to accept Proposal #2 as amended. John Megrdochian (Sts. Sahag and Mesrob, Providence) seconded the motion.

Discussion: Central Council would like to provide a financial incentive for college students to attend National Events. It was noted that the price of National Events was considered high by some standards, and this would make attendance less of a financial burden.

The Chairman called for a vote on the amended proposal. The amended proposal passed with nine (9) delegates in favor and five (5) delegates opposed.

Meline Kasparian (St. James, Westchester) asked if there had been a quorum present during the discussion and voting on proposal #2. The Assembly Chairman noted that a quorum is established only to commence the meeting.

Proposal #3

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

The Proposals Committee did not recommend this proposal. The Central Council is not able to objectively decide who demonstrates financial need.

Discussion: There was discussion on the feasibility of determining financial need or service to the church.

The Assembly Chairman called for a vote.. Proposal #3 was defeated with five (5) delegates in favor and six (6) opposed.

Proposal #4

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

The Proposals Committee did not support this proposal because many young people cannot afford to be dues-paid members of their parishes.

Lucine Baronian (Holy Martyrs, Bayside) moved to discuss Proposal # 4. Kavork Hagopian (St. George, Waukegan) seconded the motion.

Discussion: Kavork stated that this would be an effective way to encourage members to become more active within their parishes.

The Assembly Chairman called for a vote. The proposal was defeated with no delegates in favor and six (6) opposed.

Proposal #5

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

The Proposals Committee did not recommend this proposal because it may cause a financial burden to the host chapter.

Lucine Baronian (Holy Martyrs, Bayside) moved to discuss Proposal #5. Doug Aprahamian (Holy Martyrs, Bayside) seconded the motion.

Discussion: It was noted that Central Council's sponsorship of the General Assembly would prevent the host chapter from incurring any additional financial responsibility. The lack of host chapters for ACYOA National Events was discussed. The Constitutional Amendment which separated ACYOA General Assembly and ACYOA Sports Weekend was discussed. It was noted that Central Council may take dire steps if necessary to ensure that the General Assembly takes place.

The Chairman called for a vote. Proposal #5 passed with a majority of voting delegates in favor

Proposal # 6

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

The Proposals Committee recommended this proposal, stating that Central Council members should not have to spend their own money on Central Council business, especially when traveling.

Lucine Baronian (Holy Martyrs, Bayside) made a motion to discuss Proposal #6. John Megrdochian (Sts. Sahag and Mesrob, Providence) seconded the motion.

Discussion: Kavork Hagopian (St. George, Waukegan) spoke in favor of the proposal. He noted that although this Council has been very frugal there may be individuals in the future who are not as cautious with the organization's funds. There was discussion on the financial responsibility of Central Council.

The Assembly Chairman called for a vote. Proposal #6 passed with a majority of voting delegates in favor of the proposal.

Proposal # 7

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

The Proposals Committee did not recommend this proposal because this policy must be made by Central Council.

Discussion: Kavork Hagopian (St. George, Waukegan) noted that there were articles published last year about ACYOA and Central Council without the knowledge or approval of Central Council. He noted that Central Council should at least be able to view articles before they are published.

There was no motion to accept Proposal #7.

Proposal # 8

ACYOA will hire a Chapter Programming Coordinator. ACYOA Central Council will petition the Primate and the Diocesan Council for funding for this position.

The Proposals Committee recommended this proposal with the following amendment: "with ACYOA Central Council raising the funds to establish this position" in place of "ACYOA Central Council will petition the Primate and the Diocesan Council for funding for this position.

Lucine Baronian (Holy Martyrs, Bayside) moved to discuss Proposal #8. Dina Aurslianian (St. Gregory of Narek, Cleveland) seconded the motion.

Discussion: There was discussion on whether or not this position would be a Diocesan staff position and the reporting structure for the position. The objective of filling such a position would be to assist Central Council with programming and chapter visitations. It was noted that this individual should have training in youth ministry. Rev. Fr. Karekin Kasparian (St. James, Westchester) noted that an extensive budget would be necessary if this individual was going to make visitations. Rev. Fr. Untzag Nalbandian (Holy Ascension, Trumbull) noted that scholarships to offset the price of travel to Armenia in the amount of \$1,000 would be of great benefit to those who would attend. Aram Topjian (St. James, Richmond) proposed an amendment to the proposal allocating \$5,000 for four or five students to be able to travel to Armenia. Archbishop Khajag noted that if the proposal was passed, Central Council would be

responsible to report to the Assembly on the status of the position. He noted that the issue of where to raise the funds was a difficult one.

The Chairman called a vote on the amended proposal. The proposal was defeated by a majority of the voting delegates. The Chairman called a vote on the proposal to allocate \$5,000 to send five (5) people to Armenia. The proposal was defeated by a majority of the voting delegates.

Proposal #9

Doug Aprahamian (Holy Martyrs, Bayside) presented the following proposal:

To change the name of the "Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Basketball Tournament" to the "Archbishop's Invitational Tournament."

Scott Najarian (Church of Our Saviour, Worcester) moved to discuss the proposal. Rev. Fr. Karekin Kasparian (St. James, Westchester) seconded the proposal.

Discussion: It was noted that because our Primate is currently His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, the name should be changed to reflect that.

The proposal was passed by a majority of the voting delegates.

Scott Najarian relinquished the Chair to Doug Aprahamian (Holy Martyrs, Bayside), Assembly Vice-Chairman.

Proposal #10

Scott Najarian (Church of Our Saviour, Worcester) presented the following proposal

The ACYOA National Sports Weekend, which usually takes place on Labor Day in September, would take place during Memorial Day Weekend during May 1995.

Scott moved to discuss the proposal. Meline Kasparian (St. James, Westchester) seconded the motion.

Discussion: There was discussion on the reasons for changing the weekend of Sports Weekend. It was noted that the St. James, Watertown ACYOA Juniors hold their Sports Weekend that weekend and receive extensive support from the Senior ACYOA in Watertown. Other issues raised included the financial feasibility of attending both the ACYOA Sports Weekend and the Labor Day weekend as well. It was suggested that attendance at ACYOA Sports Weekend may suffer if the two competing events were on different weekends. It was noted by Dean Shahinian (St. Mary, Washington, D.C.) that if you have the Sports Weekend on Memorial Day, we will make friendships and meet new people in the summer this is possible than in the winter.

The Assembly Vice-Chairman called for a vote. The proposal was defeated with all delegates opposed and none in favor.

Proposal #11

Scott Najarian presented a proposal from the Church of Our Saviour, Worcester Chapter:

ACYOA Central Council will establish a committee recognizing the 50th anniversary of the ACYOA in the year of 1996. Central Council will have appointed a committee by January, 1995. The Committee will be comprised of current members of the Alumni and the committee will be charged with determining the appropriate manner of celebrating this event.

Lucine Baronian (Holy Martyrs, Bayside) seconded the motion.

The proposal was passed by a majority of voting delegates.

C. Constitutional Amendments

The Assembly Chairman asked if there were any Constitutional Amendments to be presented to the Assembly. No Constitutional Amendments were presented.

D. Budget

There was a motion to accept the budget as amended (Appendix H). The motion was seconded and carried.

E. National Events

The Assembly Chairman asked if there were any bids for Archbishop's Tournament 1995, Sports Weekend 1995, and General Assembly 1995. It was determined that Central Council is responsible for determining a host chapter or hosting these national events in the absence of a host chapter.

F. Resolutions and Courtesies

Kavork Hagopian (At Large) presented the Resolutions and Courtesies Committee report (Appendix I).

FIFTH ASSEMBLY SESSION
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1994

XIX. ELECTION RESULTS

The results of the Central Council election were announced. Doug Aprahamian (Holy Martyrs, Bayside), Dina Aurslanian (St. Gregory of Narek, Cleveland), Steve Megrdochian (St. David, Boca Raton) and Doreen Nersesian (Holy Virgin Mary and Shoghagat - Belleville) were elected. Aram Topjian (St. James, Richmond) was elected as the first alternate.

XX. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lucine Baronian (Holy Martyrs, Bayside) told the Assembly participants about the dinner plans following the Assembly.

Laura Negosian (St. John's, Detroit) asked about the absence at the General Assembly of Central Council member, John Diradourian (Holy Martyrs, Bayside). There was discussion on this topic.

XXI. GOOD AND WELFARE SESSION

The Assembly Chairman asked if there were any additions to the report of the Resolutions & Courtesies Committee.

Steve Megrdochian (St. David, Boca Raton) added congratulations to Deacon Aren Jebejian for his graduation from St. Nersess Armenian Seminary

Laura Negosian (St. John's, Detroit) added acknowledgment and condolences of the ACYOA on the passing of ACYOA benefactor, Mr. Edward Mardigian.

Steve Megrdochian (St. David, Boca Raton) added prayers for the speedy recovery of Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian.

Kavork Hagopian (St. George, Waukegan) suggested that a copy of these wishes be sent to the individuals mentioned. Scott Najarian (Church of Our Saviour, Worcester) to accept the report as amended. The motion was seconded and carried.

XXII. ADJOURNMENT AND BENEDICTION

His Eminence, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, expressed his congratulations and appreciation to all delegates for taking part in the Assembly. He congratulated Scott Najarian for Chairing the 1994 ACYOA General Assembly. He congratulated everyone on the Central Council for all their hard work and welcomed the newly elected Central Council members. The Primate thanked all ACYOA General Assembly delegates, ACYOA members, friends, Diocesan Council member Dean Shahinian, Reverend Clergy, Diocesan staff, and Diocesan Chancellor Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian for their collective participation. The Primate led the delegates in a closing prayer.

The Assembly Chairman entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made, seconded and carried, and the Assembly was adjourned at 7:00pm.

APPENDIX LISTING

- A Agenda
- B Central Council Report
- C Treasurer's Report
- D Letter from ACYOC Chairperson
- E Auditing Committee Report
- F Central Council Goals
- G Proposals
- H 1994 Proposed Budget/1994 Amended Budget
- I Report of the Resolutions & Courtesies Committee
- J Participant List

1994 ACYOA General Assembly

Agenda

First Assembly Session

Friday, October 7, 1994

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

- I Invocation
- II Roll Call
- III Election of Assembly Officers
- IV Adoption of Agenda
- V Adoption of Rules of Procedure
- VI Adoption of Minutes
- VII Remarks, Diocesan Council Member
- VIII Appointment of Assembly Committees
 - A. Budget
 - B. Proposals
 - C. Resolutions & Courtesies
- IX Report of Central Council
 - A. Administrative
 - B. Treasurer's Report

Second Assembly Session

Saturday, October 8, 1994

9:00 am - 10:45 am

- X Opening Prayer
- XI Primate's Message
- XII Reports of Committees
 - A. Auditing Committee
 - B. Sports Weekend Committee
- XIII Elections
 - A. Central Council
 - B. Nominating Committee
 - C. Auditing Committee

10:45 am - 11:00 am

Break

Third Assembly Session

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

- XIV Standing Committee Meetings
- XV Chapter Reports
- XVI Direction and Goals of the ACYOA

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Primate's Luncheon and Awards Presentation

Fourth Assembly Session

2:00 pm - 3:15 pm

- XVII New Business
 - A. Budget
 - B. ACYOA Publications
 - C. Proposals
 - D. Constitutional Amendments
 - E. National Events
 - F. Resolutions and Courtesies
 - G. Other

3:15 pm - 3:30 pm

Break

Fifth Assembly Session

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

- XVIII Canadian Diocese Message
- XIX Election Results
- XX General Announcements
- XXI Good and Welfare Session
- XXII Adjournment and Benediction

**1993-1994 ANNUAL REPORT
ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL**

September 1993

A transitional meeting was held at Sports Weekend with His Eminence, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Eastern Diocese, the newly-elected Central Council members (Kavork Hagopian, Meline Kasparian and John Megrdichian), remaining Central Council members (Lucine Baronian, Arpi Boroujian and Pam Moroukian) and outgoing Central Council members (Rena Jebejian and Charles Shooshan). The following officers were elected: Lucine Baronian - Chairman, Kavork Hagopian - Vice-Chairman, Pam Moroukian - Treasurer, Meline Kasparian - Corresponding Secretary, Arpi Boroujian - Recording Secretary, John Megrdichian - Advisor, and John Diradourian - Advisor. Council also met during the Sunday Brunch after the installation ceremony which followed Badarak.

Council distributed an introductory news release (written by Arpi Boroujian and Pam Moroukian) to the Armenian newspapers. Lucine Baronian sent an introductory letter to Parish Priests, Chapter Chairs and other Chapter Contacts. All Council members also sent an introductory letter to the contacts in their respective regions.

Lucine Baronian contacted the St. David, Boca Raton chapter regarding collection of the seed money which was given to the chapter by Central Council for the 1991 Anniversary Ball (the seed money was subsequently received by Central Council in December 1993).

Council asked Scott Najarian to head a Sports Weekend Committee to host the 1994 ACYOA National Sports Weekend. Lucine Baronian contacted various chapters regarding hosting the 1994 ACYOA General Assembly.

Meline Kasparian began planning the Mid-Atlantic region Lenten Retreat at the Trinity Retreat House in Larchmont, NY.

October 1993

Central Council's first official meeting took place in conjunction with a retreat led by Dn. Hratch Tchilingirian, Rector of St. Nersess Seminary. Plans for the upcoming year were discussed.

Meetings of the following chapters were initiated by Central Council members:

Chicago/Evanston - Kavork Hagopian
Palos Heights - Kavork Hagopian
Westchester - Meline Kasparian

Meetings of the following chapters were attended by Central Council members:

Bayside - Lucine Baronian/Meline Kasparian
Richmond - Arpi Boroujian
Tenafly - Meline Kasparian
Watervliet - Pam Moroukian

Arpi Boroujian assisted the Richmond chapter in coordinating a parish retreat and contacted Dallas about plans for a youth group. Kavork Hagopian made arrangements for a Mid-West retreat and planned a Christmas Day Dance with the AGBU Young Adults in the Mid-West. Pam Moroukian reviewed the 1993/1994 budget and compiled the Central Council mailing list and labels. Lucine Baronian designated an Editor and Typesetter of Hye Hokin. Lucine continued to contact potential General Assembly host chapters

November 1993

The following materials were distributed to all Chapter Chairmen and Contacts:

Membership Forms
Monthly Fact Sheets
Central Council Quarterly Report
Questionnaire
Advent Day of Prayer Service

Arpi Boroujian and Kavork Hagopian attended the Richmond parish retreat; Arpi also assisted in its coordination. Lucine Baronian and Kavork Hagopian attended the ACYO-WD General Assembly in California. Lucine Baronian attended a meeting of the New England Regional Council. Lucine Baronian and Pam Moroukian attended the Choir Convention in Worcester and Lucine addressed the gathering.

December 1993

Council members attended the first 1994 ACYOA National Sports Weekend Committee meeting in New York.

Lucine Baronian, Kavork Hagopian and Pam Moroukian visited the Mid-West parishes/chapters of Palos Heights and Racine. Lucine Baronian presented a slide show of Armenia to the Racine parish.

January 1994

Council held its second formal meeting and goal-setting session with V. Rev. Fr. Haigazoun Najarian presiding in the Primate's absence.

Lucine Baronian, Meline Kasparian, John Megrdichian and Pam Moroukian attended the second Sports Weekend Committee meeting. Pam worked on the NE Region retreat with Dn. Randy Dagley.

February 1994

Lucine Baronian and Meline Kasparian attended the third Sports Weekend Committee meeting. Meline Kasparian and Pam Moroukian distributed flyers for the Mid-Atlantic and New England Regional Retreats.

March 1994

Council members had a working session with Dn. Randy Dagley to develop a Chapter Chair Meeting agenda. Council members attended a meeting at the Diocese with the Primate and Diocesan Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian.

Kavork Hagopian coordinated the ACYOA/DYM Mid-West Retreat which was led by Dn. Hratch Tchilingirian. Lucine Baronian and Pam Moroukian also attended the retreat. The previously scheduled Mid-Atlantic and New England retreats were canceled due to a lack of participants.

Council members attended ACYOA Day celebrations at various parishes. Lucine Baronian presented a slide show on Armenia to the Fair Lawn parish in conjunction with ACYOA Day.

Arpi Boroujian visited Orlando to determine the feasibility of holding the 1994 ACYOA General Assembly with the assistance of the Orlando mission parish.

April 1994

Council's third official meeting took place at the Diocese. Lucine Baronian, Arpi Boroujian, John Megrdichian and Pam Moroukian attended the Diocesan Assembly in Houston and Lucine addressed the Assembly. Kavork Hagopian visited a potential ACYOA chapter in Chicago.

May 1994

Council's fourth official meeting took place on the Friday evening preceding Archbishop's Tournament. Council held a previously scheduled Chapter Chair meeting during the weekend with one chapter representative.

Council distributed applications for the ACYOA Gregory Arpajian Scholarship which was subsequently awarded to two ACYOA Juniors to attend the St. Nersess Summer Study Conferences.

June 1994

Lucine Baronian, Meline Kasparian, John Megrdochian and Pam Moroukian attended a working session to develop proposals and an agenda for the 1994 ACYOA General Assembly. Pam Moroukian wrote to the Nominating Committee in preparation for the General Assembly, and contacted Wynnewood and Watertown regarding financial statements from the 1993 archbishop's Tournament and the 1993 Sports Weekend. Lucine Baronian and John Megrdochian attended the fourth Sports Weekend Committee meeting.

July 1994

Lucine Baronian and John Megrdochian planned to attend the ACYOC Sports Weekend, but were unable to attend due to inclement weather.

Central Council's fifth official meeting took place at the Diocese prior to a well-attended Cultural Day program. The event consisted of a tour of the Diocesan complex led by Rev. Fr. Mardiros Chevian, a visit to the Armenian Illuminated Manuscript exhibit at the Pierpont Morgan Library, a visit to the Empire State building and a home-cooked Armenian meal at the Diocese.

Council members attended the fifth Sports Weekend meeting and held a working session to continue preparation for General Assembly.

August 1994

Due to the passing of the Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, Vazken I, the 1994 ACYOA National Sports Weekend was canceled at the request of the Primate in consultation with the Sports Weekend and Central Council Chairmen.

September 1994

Council members Lucine Baronian, Meline Kasparian, John Megrdochian and Pam Moroukian attended the ordination of Kavork Hagopian to the diaconate. The group also held a working meeting to finalize preparation for General Assembly.

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

**1993 INCOME STATEMENT/BUDGET REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD 1/1/93 THROUGH 12/31/93**

	BUDGETED	ACTUAL (INCOME STATEMENT)	OVER (UNDER) BUDGET
REVENUES:			
MEMBERSHIP DUES 1993*	\$2,500.00	\$1,375.00	\$265.00
MEMBERSHIP DUES 1992		\$1,390.00	
INTEREST: ACEF+	\$11,000.00	\$11,922.36	\$762.04
INTEREST: G. ARPAJIAN FUND		\$160.32	
DIVIDENDS: MERRILL LYNCH CMA	\$0.00	\$650.84	\$811.16
1992 GEN'L ASSEMBLY/SP W/E BAYSIDE	\$6,000.00	\$7,889.93	\$1,889.93
1992 ARCHB'S TOURNY RICHMOND	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	(\$1,000.00)
HYE HOKIN**	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	(\$10,000.00)
FUND RAISING	\$5,000.00		(\$5,000.00)
TOTAL	\$35,500.00	\$23,388.45	(\$12,111.55)
EXPENSES:			
CC MEETINGS	\$6,000.00	\$7,701.57	\$1,701.57
DIOCESAN ASEMBLY/INTERDIOCESAN MTGS	\$1,000.00	\$3,002.68	\$2,002.68
CC ADMIN: PHONE/POSTAGE/ETC	\$3,000.00	\$3,268.14	\$268.14
CHAPTER VISITATIONS/TRAVEL	\$2,500.00	\$758.99	(\$1,741.01)
GEN ASSEMBLY/SPORTS W/E-'92,'93,'94	\$3,500.00	\$2,459.45	(\$1,040.55)
SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS/GIFTS	\$500.00	\$600.00	\$100.00
RETREATS/SEMINARS	\$1,000.00	\$1,431.20	\$431.20
CHAPTER "A" PROGRAM	\$1,000.00	\$1,166.92	\$166.92
CHAPTER CHAIR MEETING	\$500.00	\$146.74	(\$353.26)
LOSS: '92 ARCHBISHOP'S - RICHMOND	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
LOSS: 1993 25TH ANNIV/PLAZA PARTY	\$0.00	\$1,377.99	\$1,377.99
FUND RAISING	\$2,000.00	\$652.49	(\$1,347.51)
REGIONAL CONFERENCES	\$500.00	\$0.00	(\$500.00)
PUBLICATIONS	\$500.00	\$0.00	(\$500.00)
CULTURAL DAY	\$500.00	\$0.00	(\$500.00)
ECUMENICAL AFFAIRS	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	(\$1,000.00)
HYE HOKIN**	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	(\$10,000.00)
TOTAL	\$33,500.00	\$22,766.17	(\$10,733.83)
NET INCOME(LOSS):		\$622.28	

* 1992 INTEREST PAID IN 1993; BUDGET COMPARISON INCLUDES ARPAJIAN INTEREST

+ BUDGET COMPARISON FIGURE INCLUDES '92 DUES

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**ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
BALANCE SHEET
AS OF 12/31/93**

ASSETS

CASH: MERRILL LYNCH CASH MGMT ACCOUNT	\$5,979.31
1991 ANNIVERSARY BALL - BOCA RATON*	\$2,175.00
SECURITIES: MERRILL LYNCH SECURITIES	\$8,765.00
TRUSTS: ARMENIAN CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND	\$229,844.88
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:	
1993 ARCHBISHOP'S TOURNY SEED \$ - PHILADELPHIA	\$1,000.00
1993 SPORTS WEEKEND/ASSEMBLY SEED \$ - WATERTOWN	\$1,000.00
1994 SPORTS WEEKEND SEED \$ - CAPE COD	\$1,000.00

TOTAL ASSETS

\$249,764.19

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$0.00
EQUITY	\$249,759.19

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

\$249,759.19

* THE CENTRAL COUNCIL LOANED AN ADDITIONAL \$4350 TO THE BOCA RATON CHAPTER FOR THE 1991 ANNIVERSARY BALL. \$2175 WAS REPAID IN 1992. A CHECK FOR \$2175 WAS REC'D BY CENTRAL COUNCIL IN DEC '93; DEPOSITED IN JAN '94 AS REPAYMENT IN FULL.

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ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

INCOME STATEMENT/BUDGET REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD 1/1/94 THROUGH 9/30/94

	BUDGETED	ACTUAL	OVER (UNDER)
REVENUES:			
MEMBERSHIP DUES 1994	2,500.00	135.00	-2,365.00
INTEREST: ACEF + ARPAJIAN FUND	12,500.00	14,111.74	1,611.74
DIVIDENDS: MERRILL LYNCH			0.00
'93 GENERAL ASSEMBLY/SP W/E WATERTOWN	8,000.00		-8,000.00
'91 ANNIVERSARY BALL - BOCA		2,175.00	2,175.00
TOTAL REVENUES	23,000.00	16,421.74	-6,578.26
EXPENSES:			
CC MEETINGS	4,000.00	2,911.25	-1,088.75
DIOCESAN/INTERDIOCESAN REPRESENTATION	2,000.00	1,776.07	-223.93
ADMINISTRATIVE: POSTAGE/COPIES	2,500.00	1,101.22	-1,398.78
TELEPHONE	1,500.00	1,313.34	-186.66
GENERAL ASSEMBLY	2,500.00	186.00	-2,314.00
CHAPTER VISITATIONS	1,500.00	649.00	-851.00
QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER/HYE HOKIN	1,500.00	875.00	-625.00
CHAPTER A	1,500.00	0.00	-1,500.00
RETREATS	5,000.00	488.50	-4,511.50
SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS	500.00	659.92	159.92
SPORTS WEEKEND*	0.00	203.75	203.75
ARCHBISHOP'S TOURNY - PHILADELPHIA*		561.01	561.01
CHAPTER CHAIR MEETINGS		433.19	433.19
CULTURAL PROGRAMS		72.79	72.79
CONTINGENCY	500.00	0.00	-500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	23,000.00	11,231.04	-11,768.96
NET INCOME (LOSS):		5,190.70	
* EXCLUDES SEED \$2500 + \$1000 RESPECTIVELY			
10/7/1994 PJM			

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE
THROUGH 9/30/94

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:

'93 ARCHBISHOP'S TOURNY - PHILADELPHIA	1000
'93 SPORTS W/E - WATERTOWN	1000
'93 ANNIVERSARY BALL - NYC	2000
'94 SPORTS W/E - CAPE COD	3500
'94 ARCHBISHOP'S TOURNY - BAYSIDE	1000
seed \$ outstanding	8500



ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF CANADA
His Eminence Archbishop Hovnan Derderian, Primate:

October 6, 1994

Dear friends,

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I apologize for not being able to be with you this holiday weekend (Columbus Day for you, Thanksgiving for us) on the occasion of the annual ACYOA General Assembly. I would also congratulate Lucine Baronian and the outgoing ACYOA Central Council for their dedication and hard work over the past year. I would also congratulate the members of the new Central Council and I look forward to working with them in the near future.

The links between the ACYOA and the ACYOC have been strong in the past, with three of our chapters founded as ACYOA chapters, before the creation of the Canadian Diocese in 1984. These links must be reinforced in the near future, as ACYO's from around the world must work together to create a new Armenian Church, one whose aims are to reinforce our faith in Christ and help our homeland in need.

Our organization is small but active and growing. During the past year, the ACYOC has grown to eight chapters, over 140 members, spanning a continent, from the banks of the St-Lawrence river (Montreal) to the Pacific ocean (Vancouver). I would like to take this opportunity to invite you all to our annual General Assembly and Sports Weekend next June in Montreal.

Apart from its usual religious, social, cultural and educational activities, the ACYOC has also done its share to help Armenia with many important projects under the auspices of the Canadian Diocese including:

- the Canadian Youth Mission to Armenia (CYMA) which sent over fifty youths to work in the village of Harij (in the earthquake zone) in various construction projects, doing house visitations, running a day camp for over 200 children, and conducting an oral history survey of survivors of the 1990 Baku massacres).

"Faithful to the Faith of our Fathers"

- completing the Armenia Medical Clinic Project with the opening of the Soorp Nareg hospital in Artik. This constitutes a culmination of almost four years of efforts for the ACYOC.

- financially supporting the "Gavit" Church newspaper of the Ararat region's Church Youth Organization, to fight the rapid spread of foreign religions on Armenian soil.

We have done much for Armenia, but there is much left to do. The ACYOC will continue its financial, moral and manpower support of these projects. We consider it to be our responsibility, as Canadians or Americans of Armenian descent and as Christians, to do what we can to help Armenia. We can all do more.

1996 will be the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the youth movement within the Armenian Church. I know that you are already planning great celebrations within the ACYOA. However, I would like to remind you that Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan's legacy is not limited to the American Diocese. It is in fact a worldwide movement of youth involvement in our Church and our various communities for the betterment of the Armenian nation.

It has been suggested that we celebrate this important anniversary by holding the first World ACYO Convention in Armenia in 1996, entitled "A Celebration of Youth in Christ". This convention would bring together youth representatives from all dioceses to discuss and exchange ideas on the future of our Church, to meet on the field and the court in a truly world "sports weekend", to create new friendships that transcend national borders, and most important, to visit Hayastan and spread the word of Christ in the homeland with home and village visitations.

As the best organized ACYO, the three North American dioceses have a special responsibility: to use this event as a tool to encourage representatives of other countries to also found similar organizations in their dioceses. The ACYO is the most

useful tool possible to fight the dangers of assimilation in the diaspora. Its role in Armenia is equally important as a means to ward off foreign sects and religions from our national soil. If this convention would ensure the founding of an effective and organized ACYO in Hayastan, it would be a great achievement.

To succeed, an event this important will necessitate the direct involvement of all of our Primates and Central Councils. Unlike our usual conventions and sports weekends, this event will not be fun and games, but a serious effort to build the future Armenian Church. Archbishop Tiran showed us the way. It is our responsibility to complete the journey for the good of our Church, and our people.

Yours truly,



Jean-Philippe Tachdjian
ACYOC Central Council
Chairperson

1993 AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Auditing Committee examined the following records:

1. 1993 ACYOA National Sports Weekend (Watertown)

Found in balance as of September 30, 1994. Books have not yet been closed.

2. ACYOA Central Council

Found in balance as of December 31, 1993. Books were not made available to the Auditing Committee for further time periods.

No other records were made available to the Auditing Committee for inspection. It is our understanding that the Central Council awaits further documentation from the following events: 1992 Archbishop's Tournament, 1992 ACYOA National Sports Weekend, and the 1993 Anniversary Weekend. No books have been received from the 1994 Archbishop's Tournament. The 1993 Archbishop's Tournament books were received on October 7, 1994 and will be forwarded to the 1994 Auditing Committee for review.

Jay Kapur
Scott Najarian

ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL GOALS

Priority List for 1994:

- 1 Regular publication of Hye Hokin**
- 2 Regional Retreats**
- 3 Cultural Day**
- 4 Community Outreach**
- 5 Sponsor Sports Weekend (with or without a host chapter)**
- 6 Project Growth**
- 7 Chapter visitations**
- 8 Advent Day of Prayer**
- 9 Outreach to ACYOA Juniors and College Students**
- 10 Strengthening Regional ties**
- 11 Tapping into alumni support**
- 12 Recruiting new members**
- 13 Encourage members to become dues-paid members of their parishes**

1995 GOALS

- 1 Encouraging chapters to bid on National Events**
- 2 Retreats in all regions**
- 3 Focus on less active regions**
- 4 Mission Chapter Retreat**
- 5 Publications**
- 6 Revitalization of Armenian Studies & Jerusalem Program**

1996 GOALS

Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration
Alumni Celebration
Collection of "Success Stories"
Fundraising for a scholarship fund

2001 GOALS

- 1 Support a Mission Parish**
- 2 2001 members in 2001 (1700 years of Armenian Christianity)**

PROPOSALS SUBMITTED AT 1994 ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1

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

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

2

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

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

3

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

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

4

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

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

PROPOSALS SUBMITTED AT 1994 ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

5

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

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

6

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

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

7

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

RATIONALE: To ensure a positive image for ACYOA.

8

PROPOSAL: ACYOA Central Council will hire a Chapter Programming Coordinator. ACYOA Central Council will petition the Primate and Diocesan Council for funding for this position.

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

**ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
1995 PROPOSED BUDGET**

REVENUE:

MEMBERSHIP DUES 1994/1995	1,000
INTEREST: ACEF/ARPAJIAN FUND	14,000
DIVIDENDS: MERRILL LYNCH	500
NATIONAL EVENTS (pre '95)	2,000
FUNDRAISING	<u>2,500</u>
TOTAL REVENUE:	20,000

EXPENSES:

CC MEETINGS	3,000
CHAPTER VISITATIONS/CHAPTER A	2,500
DIOCESAN/INTERDIOCESAN REPRESENTATION	1,750
ADMINISTRATIVE: POSTAGE/COPIES	2,000
TELEPHONE	1,000
GENERAL ASSEMBLY	1,500
QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER	1,250
RETREATS	2,500
SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS	2,000
ARCHBISHOP'S TOURNY	500
SPORTS WEEKEND	500
CHAPTER CHAIR MEETINGS	500
CULTURAL PROGRAMS	<u>1,000</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:	20,000

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY	1,500
QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER	1,250
RETREATS	2,500
SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS	2,000
CC REPRESENTATION AT ARCHBISHOP'S TOUR.	500
CC REPRESENTATION AT SPORTS WEEKEND	500
CHAPTER CHAIR MEETINGS	500
CULTURAL PROGRAMS	<u>1,000</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:	20,000

Report of the Resolutions & Courtesies Committee

1. Let it be resolved that the 1994 ACYOA General Assembly extends its condolences to His Beatitude, Patriarch Torkom Manoogian, Locum Tenens, and to the entire body of faithful of the Holy Mother See of Etchmiadzin on the loss of our beloved Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, Lord Vazken I, and prays for the salvation of his soul.
2. Let it be resolved that the 1994 ACYOA General Assembly extends congratulations to our brothers and sisters in Armenia on their third year of independence.
3. Whereas President Levon Ter Bedrosian is the leader of the Republic of Armenia and whereas our Armenian homeland continues to struggle against divers hardships including difficulty from the 1988 earthquake as well as hostile relations with her neighbors, let it be resolved that the 1994 ACYOA General Assembly extends its warm wishes and heartfelt prayers that the people of Armenia are able to persevere through these times of hardship.
4. Whereas His Eminence, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, our beloved Primate, has attended the General Assembly for a fifth year and continues to implement new programs and carry the torch of enthusiasm for the youth of our Diocese, let it be resolved that the 1994 ACYOA General Assembly thanks him for his patience, knowledge, insight, guidance and participation.
5. Whereas His Eminence, the beloved Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan, of blessed memory, established the ACYOA forty-eight years ago and founded the St. Nersess Armenian Theological Seminary and took an active interest in the youth of the Armenian Church, let it be resolved that the ACYOA honors his memory and appreciated his farsightedness in creating the ACYOA and for establishing a vehicle for young adults to take an active role in their Church.
6. Let it be resolved that the ACYOA extends its prayers and condolences to Mrs. Edward Mardigian on the passing of our friend and benefactor, Mr. Edward Mardigian.
Let it be resolved that the ACYOA extends its prayer and condolences to Mr. Alex Manoogian and family on the passing of Mrs. Marie Manoogian.
7. Let it be resolved that the ACYOA extends its prayers and condolences to the Rev. Fr. Karekin Kasparian and family and our friend Meline on the loss of their mother and grandmother.
8. Let it be resolved that the ACYOA send its prayers and best wishes to Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian who recently underwent emergency surgery; to the Very Rev. Fr. Ghevont Samourian for a speedy recovery from a broken leg; to the Very Rev. Fr. Shnork Kasparian as he continues his recovery from an automobile accident.

9. Let it be resolved that the ACYOA sends its prayers and support to our member, Dn. Alex Kouzouian, who will be ordained into the Holy Order of Priesthood in the Armenian Church on October 29 and 30, 1994. We pray that other ACYOA members will follow Alex's example and continue their service to the Church.
10. Let it be resolved that the ACYOA sends congratulations to Dn. Aren Jebejian on the occasion of his graduation from St. Nersess Seminary.
11. Let it be resolved that the ACYOA sends its best wishes to Dn. Hratch Tchilingirian, former Rector of St. Nersess Seminary, as he begins his post-graduate studies.
12. Be it resolved that the 1994 ACYOA General Assembly extends its thanks to the 1994 Sports Weekend Committee for their hard work and dedication to the organization.
13. Be it resolved that the 1994 ACYOA General Assembly expresses its thanks to the Sea Crest Resort and other vendors for their understanding, cooperation and supports for the cancellation of the 1994 ACYOA National Sports Weekend.
14. Let it be resolved that the 1994 ACYOA General Assembly extends its sincere thanks to outgoing Central Council members Lucine Baronian (Chair), Pam Moroukian (Treasurer), Arpi Boroujian (Secretary), and John Diradourian (Advisor) for their dedication to our organization and hard work on its behalf. The Assembly also extends its best wishes to the new Council members Doug Aprahamian, Stephen Megrdochian, Doreen Nersesian and Dina Aurslanian.
15. Whereas at the 1994 ACYOA General Assembly there were five priests and three deacons representing the Diocese of the Armenian Apostolic Church and whereas it is imperative that they, the clergy of our parishes, support our youth at every turn, let it be resolved that the ACYOA delegates wish to express their thanks for the supports shown to the youth and the ACYOA by the clergy of our Eastern Diocese. We look forward to your continued support and guidance.
16. Let it be resolved that the ACYOA extends its heartfelt prayers to our brothers and sisters in Artsakh and all others who struggle for human rights and self-determination.
17. Be it resolved that the 1994 ACYOA General Assembly thanks Central Council, all delegates, and participants for attending and making the 1994 ACYOA General Assembly a positive and enlightening experience and for their service in their respective parishes throughout the years.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Fr. Karekin Kasparian, Dn. Alex Kouzouian, Tigran Alaverdian,
Naiyre T. Foster, Kavork Hagopian

Participant List

His Eminence, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian presiding
Primate of the Eastern Diocese and President of the ACYOA

Tigran	Alaverdian	St. David, Boca Raton	Delegate
Doug	Aprahamian	Holy Martyrs, Bayside	Delegate
Zovig	Ashjian	Holy Martyrs, Bayside	Participant
Nicole	Assarian	St. James, Watertown	Delegate
Dina	Aurslianian	St. Gregory of Narek, Cleveland	Delegate
Lucine	Baronian	Holy Martyrs, Bayside	Central Council
Rev. Fr. Diran	Bohajian	St. Stepanos, Elberon	Participant/Clergy
Arpi	Boroujian	St. James, Richmond	Central Council
Dn. Greg	Doudoukjian	Holy Martyrs, Bayside	Delegate/Clergy
Naiyre T.	Foster	St. James, Westchester	Delegate
Laura	Gononian		DYM
Kavork	Hagopian	St. George, Waukegan	Central Council
Meline	Kasparian	St. James, Westchester	Central Council
Rev. Fr. Karekin	Kasparian	St. James, Westchester	Delegate/Clergy
Rev. Fr. Garabed	Kochakian		Diocesan Chancellor
Dn. Alex	Kouzouian	Holy Trinity, Cambridge	Participant/Clergy
Papken	Maksoudian	St. James, Watertown	Delegate
John	Megrdochian	Sts. Sahag & Mesrob, Providence	Central Council
Stephen	Megrdochian	St. David, Boca Raton	Delegate
Pamela	Moroukian	St. Peter, Watervliet	Central Council
Shawn	Movsessian	St. James, Watertown	Delegate
Scott	Najarian	Church of Our Saviour, Worcester	Delegate
Rev. Fr. Untzag	Nalbandian	Holy Ascension, Trumbull	Participant/Clergy
Laura	Negosian	St. John's, Detroit	Delegate
Shoushan	Saraydarian	Holy Martyrs, Bayside	Participant
Lorraine	Serabian	St. Stepanos, Elberon	Participant
Dean	Shahinian	St. Mary, Washington D.C.	Diocesan Council
Tamar	Tirinkian	St. James, Watertown	Delegate
Aram	Topjian	St. James, Richmond	Delegate
Greg	Yekhtikian	Sts. Sahag & Mesrob, Providence	Delegate

**Minutes of Central Council Meeting
December 3, 1994**

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 am with a prayer led by His Eminence, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian. Present were the Primate, Der Hayr Garabed, Laura Gononian, Deacon Greg Doudoukjian, Meline' Kasparian, Kavork Hagopian, John Megrdochian, Doreen Nersesian, Doug Aprahamian, Stephen Megrdochian, and Dina Aurslanian. Minutes of the July 9, 1994 meeting were accepted as presented. The minutes of the October 8, 1994 meeting were accepted with the following additions: Doreen Nersesian was not present at the meeting. Doreen Nersesian was elected as the Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

John announced that Central Council has \$12,200.58 as of November 25th. John reported that the only outstanding debts are the bills from the awards given out at General Assembly, the hotel accommodations provided for Central Council members for the General Assembly, and a bill owed to the Diocese.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Meline' officially welcomed the new Central Council. She reported that she had received letters of congratulations to Central Council from Laura Gononian, Deacon Greg Doudoukjian, and Dean Shahinian. Carl Bardakian sent a letter of thanks for choosing him to be the recipient of the Sam Neressian Award. A letter from The Primate stated that the Central Council Committee was official approved. Meline' stated that she sent out a press release to the Diocese following the General Assembly and the election of new Central Council members. Meline' also sent out a letter and questionnaire to all the chapter contacts.

Meline' also discussed the unfortunate situation with the minutes from the General Assembly. The minutes are not presentable right now. The bill for the secretarial service provided at General Assembly is outstanding and is in dispute at the present time.

Meline' announced that FAIR LAWN, New Jersey will be the host of the 1995 Sports Weekend. Meline' and Doug will be attending most of the Sports Weekend meetings.

A Central Council member will be invited to a Special Session of the Diocesan Convention as a guest on January 14, 1995.

It was at this time that Deacon Greg discussed the activities of DYM in conjunction with ACYOA. He reported that the Circular File currently holds the names of 400 college student names and is always ready for more.

He reported that DYM is hosting a four-day Winter Conference with the Seminary for college students. It will be held January 9-15 and the topics will include contemporary issues. A mini Winter Conference for high school students (ACYOA Jrs.) is being held on January 13-15, 1995. The topic will include contemporary issues. Meline will be attending this conference to briefly discuss the roles of ACYOA Srs.

Father Garabed discussed the Mission Program. He asked that Central Council help to visit these newly developed groups to aid in the establishment of an organized youth groups. Most of these churches do not have priests and have a great need of any services that we can provide to them.

CHAPTER REPORTS

John= Through his contacts, John concluded that the ACYOA groups are suffering while the junior groups are very strong. John reported that there is a great possibility that Worcester, MASS will host the Archbishop's Tournament.

Kavork= The AGBU Young Adult's club of Chicago has been difficult for the ACYOA to work with and is now singlely hosting a December Dance on the 17th. Palos is rebuilding their senior group. Although the group exists, it does not call itself ACYOA. Waukegan will be applying for membership to ACYOA in the very near future. There will be a Midwest Retreat March 4, 1995.

Stephen= He had added a Miami contact. The AGBU group is a strong influence in the area. Boca Raton is still rather active meeting once a week. They are in the process of deciding to potentially host the 1995 General Assembly.

Dina= Dina reported that contact with the Detroit chapter has been difficult. She will be in Ann Arbor for their dance and the announcement of the Armenia Project. She will also try to make visits to the Columbus and Erie youth groups during the Armenian Christmas season with Deacon Norman. The Cleveland chapter had a retreat put on by the Department of Youth Ministries and Deacon Greg.

Doug= Doug reported that he is busy working with Fair Lawn on Sports Weekend. He says that the Bayside has a very strong ACYOA Jrs. Group but the senior group is rather separated into two distinctions. He will work on contacting Philadelphia soon.

Meline'= Meline' reported that the Worcester group is very busy and was working hard also at encouraging the Jrs. group involvement.

It was decided at this point to change the order of the agenda.

ASP/JERUSALEM

Laura reported that the tentative date for the Armenian Studies Program is July through August. The trip may be renamed to the Armenia Service Project in order to better clarify the type of trip it is. At this point, it is not decided what exactly the format of the trip will be, but it is thought that it may be some kind of day camp program for children. The trip will also be about six weeks in length.

ST. VARTAN

As of yet, the location of St. Vartan is undetermined. The camp is in need of an Athletic Director. The camp is looking for counselors, most probably college students. The camp will be two weeks in length and will be an inter-Diocesan project.

ST. NERSESS

St. Nersess will be closed during the summer of 1995 and will reopen in the fall (September). The Summer Conferences will be held on the road—each conference lasting one week. Six Summer Conferences will be held in all. In 1996, Summer Conferences will be held in conjunction with the seminary.

1994 SPORTS WEEKEND

Funds were approved by the Diocesan Council to cover the outstanding bills upon request by Scott Najarian. Money collected for advertisements should be handed to Fair Lawn and the ads should be run as previously scheduled. Special pages should be saved to honor the late Catholicos and Mr. Mardigian.

1994 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The minutes are not yet in acceptable form and the bill for them is outstanding.

ACYO-WD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

There was no attendance to this event due to missed communication.

RETREATS/CULTURAL DAY/EVENTS

DYM is considering some kind of a Spring Break retreat in Florida for college vacationers.

March 3-5 is a Washington chapter retreat.

March 24-26 is a Detroit chapter retreat.

New England/Mid Atlantic region will have a retreat in Connecticut.

The Cultural Day celebration will be held in October. We will consider asking Detroit to host some kind of event in honor of their new museum. The Plaza Events in the summertime will be held possibly in July.

PUBLICATIONS/HYE HOKIN/QUARTERLY REPORTS

All members of Central Council are encouraged to collect articles for the upcoming issues of Hye Hokin. The first issue will go out during Lent and the

main topic of discussion will be Ethics. Many articles for this issue are already collected since the issue was planned but was never put in final form. There will be a Spring/Summer issue (to the post office by 4/15/95), and a Summer/Fall issue (to the post office by 6/15/95). These will be separated by a Newsletter to go January 31, March 31, May 31, and July 31. The focus of the Newsletter will be publicity of upcoming events and some general information of what each chapter is busy doing. Hye Hokin will publicize national events, but will focus on articles and relevant discussions.

1995 SPORTS WEEKEND

Fairlawn will host the upcoming Sports Weekend. Doug and Meline' will attend as many of the committee meetings as possible.

1995 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Deadline for bids is February 1, 1995.

1995 ARCHBISHOP'S TOURNAMENT

Worcester has placed a bid to host the tournament.

1996 ANNIVERSARY BALL COMMITTEE

It has been suggested that this weekend should be held Memorial Day weekend in conjunction with Archbishop's Tournament. A committee of past and present members of ACYOA is being formulated. A letter and perhaps a visit to Providence is in order in hopes to get this chapter to host the event since they are the founding city of ACYOA.

FUNDRAISING

The Vicar General Father Haigazoun Najarian will be approached for ideas on this topic.

The next meeting will be held January 21, 1995 in Boca Raton, Florida. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Dina Aurslianian

MEMO

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

630 Second Ave. New York, NY 10016

Date: May 30, 1995
To: Laura Gononian
From: Father Garabed Kochakian *Jr. G.K.*
Re: **ACYOA Seniors Meeting**

Laura, I will not be attending this meeting as you and the Primate will be present.

Two things I wish to bring to the C.C.'s attention.

a) Publications of Sacraments and Prayers - Father Haigazoun Melkonian will bring this manuscript with him to the next meeting.

b) The Lectionary. I have the draft complete! I checked with Gloria Basmajian and asked her to give a price for the computer work as it will need to be put on a disc. This cost plus printing I will get ASAP.

Also, do you think it would be advantageous to have the Central Council be involved in the preparation of this year's Calendar project. If so mention it to Keith.

c.c. Primate

FGK/as

Minutes of Central Council Meeting
January 21, 1995

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 am with a prayer led by Der Hayr Garabed Kochakian. Present were the His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Laura Gononian, Meline' Kaparian, Kavork Hagopian, John Megrđichian, Doreen Nersesian, Doug Aprahamian, Stephen Megrđichian, and Dina Aurslanian. The minutes of the December 3, 1994 meeting were accepted with the following corrections: The DYM Winter Conference was held January 9-12, ASP stands for Armenia Service Program, Col. Victor Arzoomanian was to be approached for fund-raising ideas, and other changes that were strictly typographical in nature.

TREASURER'S REPORT

John reported that Central Council has funds of \$10,174.43. The checkbook balance as of December 31, 1994 was \$2,604.43. Total investments were \$7,570.00. The year-to-date dividends were \$750.09.

The bill for the secretarial services provided at the General Assembly was updated to \$1,900. Meline' discussed the bill with the service and now has the bill down to \$271.00.

The Armenian Church of the Holy Martyrs of Bayside, New York turned in its final report from Archbishop's Tournament. The net profit was \$3,100.00 which is to be split in half with Central Council. See attached sheet.

CHAPTER REPORTS

Meline'= Meline' reported that the ACYOA at St. James Armenian Church in Westchester, New York is continuing with activities and regularly scheduled meetings. They are planning to commemorate Martyr's Day with a blood drive.

New England region= John reported that the Armenian Church of Our Saviour in Worcester, MASS will be hosting the 1995 Archbishop's Tournament. The date has been set at June 2-4, 1995. There will be an ad in the Circular File for publicity. He also reported that there is a New England/Mid-Atlantic Retreat in the making, but no date has been set.

South/Capital region= Steve reported that he hopes to make a visitation to Atlanta. He also has made contacts with St. Sarkis Armenian Church in Dallas, Texas. The ACYOA Jr. group has great potential to be re-established, however, there is not enough individuals for a Sr. group. Boca Raton continues to have regular meetings and Bingo night. He hope to get the parish support so that the group can put a bid in to host General Assembly.

1 South/Capital region= Doreen reported that she hopes to establish an ACYOA
2 Jrs. Group at Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church in Belleville, Illinois.

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4 Mid-West region= Kavork reported that St. George Armenian Church of
5 Waukegan, Illinois has petitioned for ACYOA membership. He stated that on
6 March 11, 1995, there will be a Mid-West Lenten Retreat at Sts. Joachim and
7 Anne Armenian Church of Palos Heights, Illinois. St. Mesrob Armenian Church
8 of Racine, Wisconsin will also be hosting a chapter retreat on March 11, 1995.
9 Most ACYOA groups in the Mid-West are participating in some kind of Martyr's
10 Day commemoration within each parish. There will be no regional event.

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12 Great Lakes region= Dina reported she will be visiting the mission parishes in
13 Columbus, Ohio and Erie, Pennsylvania during Lent with Deacon Norman
14 Odabashian. The ACYOA at St. Gregory of Narek of Cleveland, Ohio is
15 struggling to fill the executive offices. The ACYOA of St. John Armenian Church
16 in Detroit, Michigan is continuing with regularly scheduled meetings and events.
17 They will be approached to host Cultural Weekend. All Detroit contact will be
18 made through Laura Negosian.

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20 Mid-Atlantic region= Doug reported that work with Sports Weekend is on
21 schedule and going well. He will be making a visit to St. Mary Armenian
22 Church of Livingston, New Jersey. Contacts with Holy Trinity Armenian Church
23 of Cheltenham, Pennsylvania are difficult. Doug also reported that the Bayside
24 chapter is having trouble finding individuals to take the responsibility of an
25 executive officer. The groups still meets on a social or athletic level regularly.

26
27 **1994 Annual Report to the Diocesan Assembly**

28 A rough draft of Central Council's activities and programs for the last year is due
29 in report form for the Diocesan Assembly. There will be a panel of
30 representatives at the Assembly to discuss the organization's work. The
31 Assembly is to be held May 4-6, 1995.

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33 **PUBLICATIONS SCHEDULE/JANUARY NEWSLETTER**

34 The newsletter is to be called the *ACYOA UPDATE*. All events, activities, and
35 retreats will be listed with pertinent information.

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37 Kavork suggested that we ask Rachel Goshgarian to accept the responsibilities
38 of editor of the *HYE HOKIN*. It was also suggested that Deacon Norman
39 Odebashian be asked to have a column in the *HYE HOKIN* to discuss relevant
40 church issues. Another suggestion was to ask the seminarians to write an
41 excerpt from their thesis for publication in the *HYE HOKIN*.

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43 **MICHIGAN ASCA WEEKEND**

44 The Michigan Armenian Club will be hosting a weekend of events on January
45 27-29. On Friday night, there will be an informal gathering with the Archbishop.

1 Meline' will briefly present what ACYOA Central Council has planned for the
2 upcoming year. The presentation of the Armenia Service Program will be held
3 on Saturday with a slide show presentation by Laura Gononian. Central Council
4 will be represented by Meline', Kavork, and Dina.

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6 **1994 SPORTS WEEKEND**

7 The books are ready to be closed pending documentation.

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9 **1995 SPORTS WEEKEND**

10 The planning of the weekend is going according to schedule. Most of the major
11 planning has already been done. Fund raising for the event is to be discussed
12 at the next Sports Weekend committee meeting. The weekend plans are as
13 follows:

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15 Friday night= Dance/Mixer

16 Saturday= Sports, Club rented for ACYOA (with busing available)

17 Sunday=Banquet (band)

18 Monday=Picnic

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20 **1995 GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

21 The ACYOA group at St. David Armenian Church in Boca Raton, Florida is
22 willing to host General Assembly. They are waiting on approval by Parish
23 Council. The possible dates were November 3-5, or October 13-15, 1995.

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25 **RETREATS/CULTURAL DAYS/EVENTS**

26 The Mid-West and the New England/Mid-Atlantic regions are having Lenten
27 Retreats.

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29 It is preferred to celebrate Cultural Day in October (recognized as cultural
30 month). It may be celebrated regionally as well as nationally. Detroit and New
31 York were named as possible locations for celebrations.

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33 Party on the Plaza is still not assigned a date. There will be at least two
34 celebrations possibly in the months of May, July, or September. This event may
35 be worked into a Cultural Day Weekend somehow.

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37 There will be a Diocesan Presentation in Detroit March 24-26, 1995. There will
38 be several Diocesan Departments presenting to the community.

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40 **MARTYRS DAY**

41 St. Patrick's Cathedral will be having an April 24th commemoration at 7:00pm
42 and are looking for 40 ushers.

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44 **1996 ANNIVERSARY BALL**

1 Central Council needs to solicit bids. Perhaps it can be done in conjunction with
2 Archbishop's Tournament, or Memorial Day Weekend. Though it was suggested
3 to ask Sts. Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church of Providence, Rhode Island to
4 host the event, there is no functioning ACYOA in the area. After discussion, it
5 was decided that Central Council would come up with a proposal and present it
6 to Providence. Support needs to be provided with alumni and with the present
7 Central Council. Alumni and Central Council should be responsible for publicity,
8 fundraising, and reunions. The rest of the responsibilities will be undertaken by
9 the local chapter. Meline' will contact Very Reverend Gevont Samoorian to ask
10 for his support.

11 ASP

12 The tentative dates are July 11-August 10, 1995. The program will be an
13 overnight camp for 30-40 orphaned children. There is space for 20
14 leader/participants. Staff in Armenia will be provided as well as our participants.
15 The trip will also involve cleaning for pre-renovation for a church and road
16 clearing so that the path leading to the church can be ready for paving. Friday
17 through Sunday will be for excursions and visiting all the sites in Armenia while
18 Monday through Thursday is for camp/cleaning. The cost is about \$2,000, but
19 hopefully most of the cost will be underwritten so that the final cost to
20 participants is only about \$500. The deadline for application is May 1, 1995.

21 FUNDRAISING

22 FAR is requesting the development of the monastery (church and road) to be a
23 fundraising mission.

24 Steve spoke with Victor Arzumanian for fundraising ideas. It was suggested to
25 him to approach Mrs. Mardigian asking for her support. Steve drafted a letter
26 and will send it shortly. This letter will be followed by a phone call and perhaps
27 a meeting. It was suggested to Central Council by Father Garabed to work on
28 our public relations in hopes of securing continual support from our generous
29 donors.

30 ST. NERSESS/ST. VARTAN

31 St. Vartan camp will be held July 2-15 at Loomiss Chaffee School. An Athletic
32 Director and counselors are still in need.

33 St. Nersess Winter Conference for the juniors was very successful. They are
34 still looking for locations for summer conferences.

35 CALENDAR

36 February 20, 1995= conference call 8:00 EST.

37 Meeting=June 3 (with Archbishop's Tournament)

38 Working Meeting=March 24-26, 1995 in Detroit, Michigan

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1 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

2 Saturday February 4= Armenian Network/ASA Retreat

3 Fact Sheets will be used in Newsletter

4 Consider week-long workshops at the location of struggling chapters

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7 The meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm.

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9 Respectfully Submitted,

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Dina Aurslanian

1994 ARCHBISHOP'S TOURNAMENT INCOME STATEMENT

Revenue:

Booklet Contributions	\$2,285.00
Registration Package Plans	\$3,325.00
Team Fees	\$ 800.00
Banquet Door	\$ 80.00
Dance Door	\$ 495.00
Dance Bar	\$ 232.00
Brunch Door	\$ 159.00
Miscellaneous Donation	\$ 100.00
Total Revenue	\$7,476.00

Expenses:

Gym	\$ 500.00
Bus	\$ 200.00
Trophies	\$ 40.00
Bank Fee	\$ 10.00
Saturday Lunch Food	\$ 93.03
Referees	\$ 370.00
Soda	\$ 259.06
Beer	\$ 134.85
Dance Decorations	\$ 49.18
Banquet & Dance Food	\$ 436.88
Band	\$ 750.00
Brunch Food	\$ 119.47
Advertisements	\$ 21.00
Printing	\$ 700.00
Postage-Fund Raiser Mailing (1st Class)	\$ 194.95
Postage-Registration Mailing (Bulk)	\$ 140.91
Pictures	\$ 91.43
Stationery	\$ 106.44
Paper Goods	\$ 107.00
Custodian Overtime	\$ 56.00
Total Expenses	\$4,380.20

Net Profit: \$7,476.00 - \$4,380.20 = \$3,095.80

1 ACYOA Central Council Meeting Minutes
2 December 2, 1995
3 New York, New York
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5 The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. at Saint Vartan Cathedral with a prayer led
6 by The Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian. His Eminence Archbishop Khajag
7 Barsamian, Primate presided over the prayer. Also present were Dina Aurslanian, Doug
8 Aprahamian, Doreen Nersesian, Aram Topjian, Steven Megrdochian and John
9 Megrdochian. Shunt Madanyan was unavailable.

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11 The minutes of the June 3, 1995 meeting at the 1995 Archbishop's Tournament were
12 accepted with corrections.
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14 Srpazan Hayr congratulated the new Central Council on their appointment to the Council
15 and Dina Aurslanian on her appointment of Chairperson. Srpazan Hayr talked on 1996
16 being the year of the youth which coincides with the visit of His Holiness Catholicos
17 Karekin I. Srpazan Hayr would like to see the ACYOA take strong/new steps to
18 strengthen the involvement of the youth in the Armenian Church.
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20 After a brief discussion about the canceled meeting in November, it was suggested that
21 we have either contact via conference calls or on-line computers. While keeping in mind
22 that we need to spend money on programs rather than meetings, Dina stressed the
23 importance of being visible in the chapters. Srpazan Hayr and Father Garabed reminded
24 the group that departments at the Diocese are ready to assist if needed.
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26 It was decided that rather than have the entire Council go to New York during the visit of
27 His Holiness, we should try to go to where he will be within our region.
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29 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
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31 Dina reported that she has stationery for us. After some discussion, we decided to
32 complete the monthly fact sheets and send them to Dina by the 10th of each month for the
33 previous month.
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35 Dina reported that comments on the last General Assembly were all positive;
36 accommodations were great. When we discussed format changes, it was suggested that
37 proposals be handed out in delegate packets at Thursday's meeting; smaller tables should
38 be used for the goals and directions session; and the goals session need someone to direct
39 it. It was also brought up that we focus too much on parliamentary procedure.
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41 TREASURER'S REPORT
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43 John reported that we had a beginning balance of \$16,046.02 and an ending balance of
44 \$6,827.12. We should receive our ACEF distribution of approximately \$16,000 in early
45 May. John has given \$1,000 seed money to the 1996 Sports Weekend Committee. John

1 is still trying to get \$1,700 from Lisa Manoukian from the 1993 Archbishop's
2 Tournament. During the meeting Lisa was called and told us that the check was in a box
3 of miscellaneous ACYOA papers that was given to Meline' Kasparian. Her chapter will
4 put a stop payment on the check and re-issue the check.

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6 CHAPTER REPORTS

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8 Aram = Reported that The Very Reverend Father Nareg Berberian of St. James Armenian
9 Church in Richmond helped him with a newsletter which was reviewed. There is strong
10 Juniors group in Richmond; the Seniors group is split between ACYOA and AYP. The
11 was a dance in the DC area where approximately 125 people attended. In DC the Seniors
12 group has drifted off and no one has stepped in to take over. Aram is compiling a list and
13 trying to schedule a January meeting.

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15 Doug = Armenian Church of the Holy Martyrs in Bayside scheduled an ice skating event
16 which was canceled due to lack of participation. In Philadelphia Doug is in contact with
17 Shake' Derderian and several other people.

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19 Dina = Saint Gregory of Narek Armenian Church in Cleveland is having dance lessons
20 for those who need to learn; the event has been very well-received. Saint John Armenian
21 Church in Southfield had November Dance. This year's theme was "Hoe down in
22 Motown;" the event was not well-attended. Dina mentioned that there were plans to have
23 a mini-cultural event in the afternoon prior to the dance. The Very Reverend Father Baret
24 Yeretzian of St. John Armenian Church in Southfield postponed the event with the
25 rationale being that the possible audience for the event would be watching a Michigan
26 football game during the same time.

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28 John = Saints Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church in Providence is looking optimistic
29 for a rebirth of the Seniors group. There's a strong Juniors group with approximately 14
30 individuals ready to join the Seniors group. Their community is having the 23rd annual
31 "Christmas with Onik" tonight (12/3). The Reverend Father Aved Terzian of Armenian
32 Church of Our Saviour in Worcester is trying to get a meeting together to revitalize the
33 ACYOA. St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church in Haverhill is trying to set-up a
34 young adults group. There is no contact for St. James Armenian Church in Watertown.

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36 Stephen = Met with The Very Reverend Father Oshagan Gulgulian of St. John the Baptist
37 Armenian Church in Miami. They have bought property and will begin building within
38 the next six to eight months. They are having church services every week at an Episcopal
39 church. The community is working on organizing a Women's Guild, but there is no
40 ACYOA as yet. Father Oshagan believes that after the church is built they will form an
41 ACYOA. Miami's losing the youth to AGBU and AYP. St. David Armenian Church in
42 Boca Raton has an average of 12 members at meetings and 60 to 65 at gatherings. The
43 Reverend Father Nersess Jebejian of St. Sarkis Armenian Church of Dallas - Forth Worth
44 is doing some preliminary work on getting a listing of ACYOA-aged youth in the Atlanta

1 area. Dallas is trying to re-start an ACYOA Juniors group but leadership is lacking;
2 Dallas is a growing community.

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4 Doreen = Holy Shoghagat and Virgin Mary Armenian Church in Belleville has a slight
5 possibility of a Juniors group; Doreen will work with Laura Gononian on the possibility
6 of introducing ACYOA to the group. The Very Reverend Father Nourhan Manougian of
7 St. Kevork Armenian Church of Houston conveyed that Houston does have a group of
8 ACYOA-aged youth, but their interests are outside the church (more with AYP). Father
9 Nourhan seemed hopeful of forming a group. Austin has a small group of ACYOA-aged
10 youth, but nothing that has officially formed.

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12 To be assured that we have the correct chapter assignments listed below are Central
13 Council members and chapter responsibilities:

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15 Dina: Cleveland, Detroit, and mission parishes in region

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17 Doreen: Belleville, and Houston and Dallas (with Stephen)

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19 John: Trumbull, Providence, Watertown, Worcester, Lawrence, Haverhill, Cambridge,
20 Chelmsford, Hartford, New Britain, and Springfield

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22 Aram: Richmond, DC, Cheltenham and Wynnewood (with Doug), and mission parishes
23 in region

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25 Doug: Bayside, Western Queens, Westchester, Livingston, Watervliet, Fairlawn,
26 Elberon, Tenafly, and Cheltenham and Wynnewood (with Aram)

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28 Stephen: Miami, Boca Raton, Houston and Dallas (with Doreen) and mission parishes
29 served by Father Nersess

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31 Shunt: Racine, South Milwaukee, Greenfield, Palos Heights, Waukegan, Chicago, and
32 Evanston

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34 REVIEW OF 1995 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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36 Most of the discussion about the 1995 General Assembly took place during the
37 Chairman's Report earlier in the meeting. Stephen reported that the Boca Raton chapter
38 made \$190 on the weekend.

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40 ACYOA TARGET AGE

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42 There was a discussion as to the target age of ACYOA. After some discussion, there was
43 a consensus of the following: 13 to 17 Juniors and 18 to 25 seniors.

1 GOALS FOR THE YEAR

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3 Acknowledging that this is a short year, Aram suggested that the anticipated outgoing
4 council members be kept on for one more year or until at least September. It was
5 discussed that Aram's suggestion needs to be a motion at the General Assembly.

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7 Our number one goal for the year is to get people to Sports Weekend. Central Council
8 wants between 100 to 150 people and we think that that goal is attainable. Other goals
9 are:

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- 11 • To publish a monthly newsletter (at least four before our year is over in May);
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- 13 • Introduce ACYOA to the youth;
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- 15 • Have a rebirth of ACYOA in the parishes;
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- 17 • Have parish visitations; have at least four young-adult forums in some of the
18 following communities: Waukegan, Dallas, Washington, DC, Springfield, and
19 Providence; and
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- 21 • Better communication/PR about ACYOA in the papers.
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23 Father Garabed also suggested that the Primate make it a directive that ACYOA Day is
24 commemorated in every parish with or without an ACYOA. Laura mentioned that a goal
25 she'd like to see accomplished is that the ACYOA meet its objective as it is in the
26 Constitution.

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28 RESOURCE MANUAL/HANDBOOK

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30 Dina, Shunt, and Doreen are wanting to meet at Waukegan and work on the Leadership
31 Manual. Aram introduced a sample of a newsletter he'd like to see the ACYOA publish.
32 The publication would include chapter news, upcoming events (such as the Vehapar's
33 visit and schedule), and relevant topics. This publication would not be in competition of
34 the Circular File. Aram will work on the first publication, send it to Stephen who will
35 send it to Laura to approve. Laura will work with Stephen on copy changes/corrections.
36 Laura will then send the final copy to Aram to copy and mail.

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38 RETREATS/EVENTS

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40 Kavork Hagopian is planning a Midwest retreat for March (exact date not set as yet).
41 John is getting a written proposal for a regional Anniversary Ball for the Northeast.
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1 1995 SPORTS WEEKEND REPORT

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3 Dina has heard nothing from the Fairlawn chapter. Doug will call the chairman for the
4 weekend to review financial information; he'll discuss his findings with John.

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6 1996 SPORTS WEEKEND/ANNIVERSARY BALL

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8 Dina reported that plans are underway for the weekend. To date the plans made are:
9 Thursday - General Assembly; Friday - (a.m.) General Assembly; (p.m.) two dances, one
10 Armenian dance with Richard Hagopian and a 50's sock-hop with a dance contest;
11 Saturday - (a.m.) sporting events, fashion show, and golf tournament; (p.m.) dinner
12 cabaret at the hotel; dance with Mal Barsamian; hook-up at the hotel; Sunday - (a.m.)
13 church services at the hotel; brunch at the hotel -- Srpazan Hayr to address the group at
14 the brunch; (p.m.) sporting events; sports awards at the gym; informal buffet and dance at
15 the hotel; cake cutting for 50th anniversary; recognize couples who met through
16 ACYOA; Monday - picnic. Busses will pick-up guests arriving for the weekend at the
17 airport at pre-determined times; the same will happen for departures on Monday.

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19 CHAPTER VISITATIONS

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21 Doreen, Dina, and Shunt will call Manual Dayenian to plan a visitation to Waukegan.
22 We also have the contact name of Helen Cerito for Lansing, Michigan.

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24 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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26 We discussed a tentative schedule of having a conference call on the first Sunday evening
27 of each month. The time for the call would be 9:00 p.m. EST (8:00 p.m. CST). Laura
28 will let Father Garabed know of the plans.

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30 Dina, Doug, and Doreen will meet in New York in January to meet His Holiness Karekin
31 I. Our next meeting will coincide with the Diocesan Assembly May 3-5 in Philadelphia.

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33 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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35 Some members of the council expressed concern to Srpazan Hayr as to lack of support
36 from parish priests in their chapters of responsibility. Srpazan Hayr asked that when
37 issues arise to make him aware so that the concern/issue can be addressed.

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39 The next meeting will be held May 3-5, 1996 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The meeting
40 adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

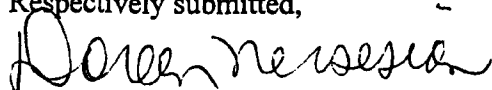
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42 Respectively submitted,

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Doreen Nersesian