

SUMMARY OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

① To provide spiritual, religious and cultural education among Armenian youth. [Article 3, Section 5]

② To eliminate the initiation fee, thus relieving both the chapters and the ACYOA Central Council from an extra administrative burden and ~~the~~ simplifying the dues process. [Delete Section 1, Renumber 2 to 1, and 3 to 2]

③ The fiscal year shall be from January 1st to December 31st. Dues will become delinquent with the start of the fiscal year. [Article 13, Section 1]

④ The ACYOA Executive Secretary shall have a non-transferable right of voice at the General Assembly. [Article 19 Section 14]

⑤ Detailed and financial records for all national events shall be sent to the ACYOA Central Council within 90 days of the completion of the event. [Article 12, Section 5]

⑥ To enhance and strengthen among its members the knowledge of, and loyalty to, the principles of the Constitution of the United States; to uphold the spirit of human freedom, universal justice and brotherhood of men, and devotion to duty as good citizens, dedicated to the service of God and country. [Article 2, Section 4]

Summary OF GENERAL PROPOSALS PASSED

① To reinstate the Archbishop's Essay Awards in Armenian and English language categories, and award a monetary prize of \$150^{each} to the winners.

② The Central Council shall be responsible for selecting the site of the General Assembly.
(Note: The purpose behind this proposal is to ensure that the General Assembly will be held annually, should no chapters come forward to host the General Assembly and National Sports Weekend.)

③ To adopt the Anniversary Ball as a regional event subject to the AeyOA Anniversary Ball Guidelines.

④ The Sports Weekend Host Chapter shall offer an 'Eligibility Package Plan' consisting of a minimum of Saturday evening dance and Sunday Awards Banquet/Dance. The cost of this "Eligibility Package Plan" shall not exceed $\frac{1}{2}$ of the cost of the Sports Weekend, Package Plan, which includes all events offered by the host chapter. (Note: this will replace the current "eligibility package plan".)

(⑤ \$1,000 Seed Money Shall be loaned to the chapter
hosting the Archbishop Torkom Manougian
Invitational Tournament.

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PROPOSAL TO THE 1988 ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO AMEND THE ACYOA CONSTITUTION

AMENDMENT:

Article 13, Section 1 shall read:

The fiscal year shall be from January first to December thirty-first.

Passed
PRESENTLY:

Article 13, Section 1 reads:

The fiscal year shall be from July first to June thirtieth.

ADDITIONAL:

This amendment shall be effective on January 1, 1987.

RATIONALE:

The present fiscal year is often confusing, particularly in terms of dues collection and eligibility to participate in the National Sports Weekend.

Rejected

Ratioale: We propose that this suggestion be rejected as submitted, and feel that a re-submission should be more thought out, in as that, the entire issue of re-structuring of the fiscal year was not taken into account.
i.e.

- 1) Addressing the problem of terms of the officers of the governing bodies of the ACYOA.
- 2) Timing of the submission of the annual dues.
- 3) Timing of the general assembly.

These issues and others were not addressed in this proposal, the specific article and section numbers are as follows:

Article 5 Sec. 2.
Article 7 Sec. 1.
Article 8.
Article 10.
Article 11.

Accepted as Submitted

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ACYOA CONSTITUTION
SUBMITTED BY THE ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT:
AMENDMENT TO BE NAMED: ARTICLE 12, SECTION 5**

X A detailed report , including financial records shall be kept by the Host Chapter. The reports and event proceeds shall be sent to the Central Council within ninety days of the event.

If written request is received by the Central Council before the deadline, the Central Council may extend the deadline by no more than an additional ninety days at their discretion.

Passed

Proposal:

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Article 3, Section 2

The Sports Weekend Host Chapter shall offer an "Eligibility Package Plan" consisting of a minimum of Saturday evening dance and Sunday Awards Banquet and dance, and the cost of this "Eligibility Package Plan shall not exceed one-half of the cost of a Sports Weekend Package Plan, which includes all events offered by the host chapter.

passed

Proposal:

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Article 10, Section 3

The Chapter Chairman shall be an ex-officio delegate to the General Assembly, with the transferrable powers of an elected delegate. 10

Proposal:

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Article 8, Section 10

The Vice Chairmen shall perform all the duties and have all the privileges extended of the Chairman in the absence of the latter.

PROPOSAL TO THE 1988 ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO AMEND THE ACYOA CONSTITUTION

AMENDMENT:

Article 5, Section 2 shall read:

Annual dues for ACYOA members shall be designated by the General Assembly. One-half of the amount shall be sent to the ACYOA Central Council Treasurer. The minimum annual dues shall be ten dollars (\$10.00). Dues must be forwarded to the Central Council Treasurer within the calendar year. ~~After December 31st, 1988, dues will be collected on a calendar year basis.~~

PRESENTLY:

Article 5, Section 2 reads:

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Passed
Annual dues for ACYOA members shall be designated by the General Assembly. One-half of the amount shall be sent to the ACYOA Central Council Treasurer. The minimum annual dues shall be ten dollars (\$10.00). Dues become delinquent with the start of the third quarter of the fiscal year (January 1st).

RATIONALE:

This amendment will make dues collection and payment easier, as the chapters and Central Council will be working with calendar year dates.

To be considered a member of the national ACYOA, it is still in the best interests of individuals and chapters to pay dues early in the calendar year.

Rejected as submitted

We feel that this Amendment goes hand in hand with the previous one, and a rejection of the former should also mean a rejection of this amendment.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT SUBMITTED TO THE 1988 GENERAL
ASSEMBLY BY THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:
ADD THE FOLLOWING:

ARTICLE 10, SECTION 14

* THE ACYOA EXECUTIVE SECRETARY SHALL HAVE A NON-TRANSFERABLE
RIGHT OF VOICE AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

passed

We propose to accept this Amendment with the following changes:

Article 10(of the amendment) is changed to Article 11, and that
the section number is changed to number 17. We deemed that these
areas of the Constitution were better suited for purposes of
paralell structure.

PROPOSAL COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Bayside Proposal # 2

The Central Council and or its representatives shall be responsible for selecting the site of the General Assembly.

The committee recommends the following amendments:

Option A - Central Council shall select 2 or more sites for the Assembly to meet and then the Assembly will choose from these in addition to cities which have bided 60 days prior to the assembly. If approved for 1989, leave to the discretion of the Central Council to choose the 1989 site.

Option B - If Bayside does not pass, we recommend that Assembly and Sports Weekend be jointly held under the latter guidelines.

2. Anniversary Ball Guidelines

We recommend that the proposal be amended as such: To adopt the anniversary Ball as a Regional event subject to the ACYOA Anniversary Ball Guidelines.

3. Proposal to Assembly regarding Sports Weekend:

Host Chapters shall offer Saturday Evening dinner/Sunday evening dinner dance package not to exceed $\frac{1}{2}$ of a full package plan.

4. Proposal concerning seed money for Archbishop's Tournament.

Committee unanimously approved as presented.
"Rationale accepted as presented."

5. Bayside proposal - To convene ACYOA General Assembly annually on the first weekend of March.

The committee is rejecting this on a split decision.
The pros and cons of this issue are as follows:

Pros:

1. Difficult to get time off from work and school during week if accepted, more people would be expected to come.
2. Sports Weekend/Assembly is too long., if split, people will only attend 1 of the 2.
3. Smaller chapters may host.
4. During Lent there would be very few other events taking place.
5. May coincide with Spring break.
6. More serious during Lent and a shorter weekend.
7. Could be held in a non-parish city (i.e. Cancun)

Cons:

1. March may hold a problem with Lent - no parties.

RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE PROPOSALS

X 1. Whereas the nature of the ACYOA is intended to be a Christian youth representation of the church, and considering presently the order of committee reports is as follows:

- A. Budget
- B. Proposals
- C. Constitutional Amendments
- D. Resolutions and Courtesies
- E. Programming
- F. Religious Programming
- G. Inter-Diocesan

Passed

We propose that the Religious Programming Presentation should assume its proper order of priority and supercede all other reports.

X 2. Whereas, the present National Assembly meets to promote the growth and enrichment of ACYOA. Presently, its agenda is in the format of all business meetings. We propose that the Assembly should exemplify this growth and enrichment of its community by including a "Last Supper" dinner on Thursday evening or by a closing Worship Service on Friday afternoon.

passed

Agape Meal

X 3. Whereas, the ACYOA should represent a balance of the true marks of the church, as established by the Blue Ribbon Committee and whereas Sports Weekend is a major representation of the existence of ACYOA; the present competition do not fulfill that balance. We propose that within the competition of Sports Weekend an area of Church Tradition and Bible Contest be included.

passed

~~4. Whereas, the purpose of the presentation of the A Award is to be awarded to that chapter which exemplifies and excels in fulfilling all areas of the meaning and purpose of ACYOA. Whereas presently the point system is deficient of any points awarded towards religious aspects. We propose that the A Award include twenty points if their Parish offers a Bible Study for its members and carries it through.~~

5. We, the Religious Committee, recommend that on Youth Sunday, designated presently as the 3rd Sunday of the month, the ACYOA have a "Youth Oriented English Meditation" during the Divine Liturgy. This would be supervised by someone with the knowledge necessary. An example would be the program that exists in the Watertown parish.

6. We recommend that a regional Bible Study be offered to "Cluster Parishes with specific themes in mind.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT SUBMITTED TO THE 1988 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
BY THE ST. DAVID ARMENIAN CHURCH, BOCA RATON, FLORIDA, A.C.Y.O.A.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

ARTICLE 2, SECTION 4

READS:

To enhance and strengthen among its members the knowledge of, and loyalty to, the principles of the Constitution of the United States (or Canada); to uphold the spirit of human freedom, universal justice, brotherhood of men, and devotion to duty as good citizens, dedicated to the service of God and country.

CHANGE TO:

To enhance and strengthen among its members the knowledge of, and loyalty to, the principles of the Constitution of the United States; to uphold the spirit of human freedom, universal justice, brotherhood of men, and devotion to duty as good citizens, dedicated to the service of God and country.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

ARTICLE 3, SECTION 5

READS:

To encourage education among Armenian Youth.

CHANGE TO:

To provide spiritual, religious and cultural education among Armenian Youth.

Passed

ACYOA PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE

The A.C.Y.O.A. Programming Sub-Committee charges the Central Council with the task of reinstating the two week "Trip to Armenia" with a focus on older A.C.Y.O.A. members as participants. The success of the A.C.Y.O.A. Armenian Studies Program has been proven over the years by the increased participation in this program. We feel this program would benefit those in the working world and help to perpetuate our culture, faith, and heritage.

Passed

The A.C.Y.O.A. Programming Committee charges the Central Council with forming a committee to institute an "Armenian Awareness Drive" This committee will research and sanction legitimate Armenian cultural and language programs. Detailed information regarding this program will be compiled into a directory for distribution to all chapters. This directory will include a list of programs with price information, program content, program duration, date, sponsor, location, and scholarships.

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The A.C.Y.O.A. Programming Committee charges the Central Council with researching the feasibility and possible implementation of an "Armenian Language Weekend" consisting of crash courses in the Armenian language. This Weekend will be geared to A.C.Y.O.A. members.

passed

Respectfully submitted,

A.C.Y.O.A. Programming Committee
1988 A.C.Y.O.A. General Assembly
Providence, Rhode Island

From Chapter Handbook

passed

Archbishop's Essay Awards:

To begin in January 1982. Information and details shall be sent to all Chapters and parishes. Armenian and English categories. ~~Awards to be given for first place, and first and second runners-up in both categories.~~

A panel of judges (professors and those with literary background) shall make the final selection of winners. Emphasis is on writing style and literary ability, and not on subject matter - although subjects must be Armenian oriented.

Awards shall be presented during the Awards Banquet of the National Sports Weekend. Winners shall be notified by July 15th - deadline is May 30th.

Proposal:

Reinstate the Award

- 1) Central Council shall notify chapters and parishes of the Award and its guidelines in early fall of each year.
- 2) Attach a monetary award to the prizes \$150., eliminate runners-up
- 3) Publicize the Award for ACYOA members (student and non-student).