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At 2:30 p.m. on Saturday September 3, 1949, the day appointed by the Central Council of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America, the Third Annual Assembly convened for its first business session in the Church Hall of the Church of Resurrection, New Britain, Conn., under the Presidency of our Arachnord the Rt. Rev. Bishop Tiran and under the chairmanship of Mr. Zaven Hovsepian, council chairman.

Arachnord Syrpazan Hayr opened the meeting with an invocation and the ACYOA prayer. He then made the opening address and went on to speak of the difficulties of the Central Council and closed his address with his blessings.

Father Torkom of North Philadelphia was called upon to say a few words. Father Arnak, host pastor, extended his welcome to the Assembly.

Roll call was then read by Miss Mary V. Shalakian, secretary of the Central Council. Twenty Chapters were represented as follows: Boston, Cleveland, Detroit, Evanston, Hartford, Haverhill, Lawrence, Lowell, New Britain, New York, North Philadelphia, Providence, Racine, S. Milwaukee, Troy, Union City, Watertown, West Philadelphia, Waukegan, Worcester; with a total of 40 delegates; having a total of 40 votes.

Evidence of a quorum being present, Mr. Hovsepian asked all to rise and repeat the pledge en masse.

The Chairman then exhorted all delegates to assume all the responsibilities placed upon them quite seriously. He stressed that the delegates are the only physical ties between the chapter and the Assembly and the Central Council. He repeated the request made the previous year that delegates must assume the obligations upon themselves and go back to the chapters and report the Assembly to the Chapters. He stated how necessary it was for them to abide with the decisions throughout the year and acquaint the chapters with what the Assembly tries to do and what the Central Council tries to do and asked the delegates to have constructive thoughts and get away from any frivolous suggestions.

The Chair then put a matter to the Assembly body relating to chapters entitled to vote. Per resolution which was proposed, seconded and passed upon last year, all chapters who have not satisfied their financial obligations towards the Council

would not be entitled to participate in the voting of the Assembly. The Central Council placed the issue to the Assembly whether or not the Assembly wished to have those chapters who have been lax in their financial obligations participate in the Assembly -- namely Worcester, New York, Haverhill. Motion was made to relax the restricting resolution and that those chapters be allowed to vote. To clarify the motion it was decided to have the delinquent chapters present their reasons for laxity. There was a dissension of opinion towards rationale of paying. The chairman then asked if these chapters would promise to pay the tax. Their answer being in the affirmative the motion to relax the restricting resolution was unanimously approved. These chapters were allowed to participate in the Assembly.

Due to incomplete reports, the voting power of Hartford, New York and Worcester had to be established. Upon the verbal confirmation of the delegates of the respective chapters -- based upon their membership -- Hartford, New York and Worcester were each entitled to one vote.

The chairman called upon Miss Gertrude Nahigian to read the minutes of the Second Annual Assembly in Detroit. Upon completion of the reading, motion was made and passed to accept the minutes as read. However it was deemed wise to delete from the minutes the course of guidance material which the Council was preparing. The minutes were then unanimously approved as corrected.

Next in order of business was the appointment of the Nominating Committee whose task it was to nominate members to fill offices in the Central Council for the forthcoming three years. Messrs Herbert Jamgochian, Lee Boudakian, Mike Tabibian and Michael Der Boghosian were appointed to the committee with Miss Gertrude Nahigian of the Council who was to act in an advisory capacity.

The next committee to be appointed was the Auditing Committee to study the accounts of the Central Council for the preceding year and examine the budget and submit its findings to the Assembly body at a later session. The Misses Norma Kafesjian, Rose Peters, Mr. Matthew Matteosian were appointed to the Auditing Committee with Mr Paul Najarian, Council Treasurer, in an advisory capacity.

Motion was made and seconded that these committees be accepted to attend to their assigned tasks. Motion was carried.

The secretarial report of the Central Council was read by Messrs Manoog Heditsian and Armen Shekerjian, outlining the work and duties performed and especially stressing the difficulties encountered by the Central Council during the year -- causing a serious lag in the smooth functioning of the organization.

Motion was made that the minutes be accepted as read. However with reference to answers and explanations to the queries which some wished to put to the chair concerning the inactivity of the Central Council for the greater portion of the year just

just completed, the chair asked that the secretarial report be passed upon and all questions would be answered at a future session.

Motion was thereupon seconded and passed.

(The secretarial report of the Central Council is hereto attached and made part of the minutes)

"As the Central Council of the Armenian Church Youth Organization closes its books for the third year, it wishes to go on record as having experienced during this past period one of its most trying and difficult years since its short history of organization.

"Trying and difficult, because the Council was forced to face many unexpected and unsurmountable obstacles and since a solution to its many problems was not immediately possible, the Central Council of the ACYO of America remained somewhat static for many months.

"Following a very successful Assembly in Detroit and a very fruitful year prior to that, the Council felt the graveness of the situation more so as its many plans and programs failed to crystallize; in spite of the fact that this past year the Council was enriched by the addition of three members, Messrs Paul Najarian, Manoog Heditsian and Armen Shakarjian, who were indeed a credit to the organization.

"Immediately after the close of the last Assembly, at an impromptu meeting which took place on the picnic grounds, the Council body met to elect its officers for the year ahead. Election of officers took place as follows: Mr. Zaven Hovsepian, Chairman; Mr. John Soursourian, Vice Chairman; Miss Mary V Shalakian, Secretary; Mr. Paul Najarian, Treasurer; Messrs Armen Shakarjian and Manoog Heditsian, co-publicity directors; and Miss Gertrude Nahigian, Messrs Haig Serabian and Harold Manoogian as counsellors.

"Following this short meeting, five additional meetings took place making a total of six meetings, one of which took place in Watertown and the others in New York.

"During all of these meetings the Council was fortunate in having with them Bishop Tiran, towards whom it constantly looked for guidance and advice in the many problems it faced.

"1. THE COUNCIL SECRETARY AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE WORK:
(Note:- THIS HEADING IS OCCUPYING FIRST PLACE IN THE REPORT OF THE COUNCIL TO ACQUAINT THE ASSEMBLY BODY WITH ONE OF ITS CHIEF PROBLEMS; TO ANSWER ONCE AND FOR ALL UNJUSTIFIED ACCUSATIONS ASCRIBED TO THE COUNCIL; AND TO AVOID MUCH UNNECESSARY DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR. THE ATTENTION OF THE ASSEMBLY BODY IS HEREBY RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED.)

"It wasn't until the third meeting of the Council held on December 11, 1949, called upon a special request of the Secretary in consultation with the chairman that the Council became aware of the difficult situation confronting the Secretary and the Council.

"Although much ACYO work in the past was voluntarily done after working hours in the Diocesan Office with the use of its facilities, the Secretary informed the Council at this meeting that permission had been rescinded to keep the office open after closing hour and that the administrative work of the ACYO could only be attended to during office hours, IF such spare time was left over from the Council Secretary's already crowded schedule of Diocesan activities.

"This fact transpired in December of 1948 and although prior to this some time had been available for ACYO duties, the Secretary was forced to devote that time almost in its entirety to the Guardian which had a monthly deadline to meet (late as that deadline sometimes was). This Guardian work will be gone into more detail in a subsequent heading.

"The spare time sought for during office was not always available and because the administration of an organization like the ACYO could not be attended to in such haphazard fashion, the Council Secretary suggested that the ACYO Central Offices be removed to other quarters, where the numerous tasks which had already accumulated could be carried out in a proper manner.

"The Council deliberated on the advantages and disadvantages of making such a change and upon confirmation from His Grace, Bishop Tiran, that work could be executed during hours, and that perhaps additional help could be obtained to share the work, the Council deemed it wise to let the situation remain and see how matters would work out.

"However, during the months which followed, no time was available for ACYO activities. The sudden illness of the Diocesan Secretary, who was stricken with a serious illness, overcrowded the Council Secretary, Miss Shalakian's days so much more for the two months following.

"As a result of these circumstances Miss Shalakian resigned from the Central Council at an emergency meeting convened in Watertown, Mass., on February 19, 1949.

"When the Council viewed the detailed list of the numerous duties which the Secretary had outlined for them, they decided that much of the work would have to be done with the cooperation of Miss Shalakian, whereas part of the work could be transferred to New Britain and part of the work could be handled by the newly formed sub-committee in Boston under the chairmanship of Miss Nahigian.

"The situation became more difficult during the following months. Realizing the hopelessness of this set-up the Council called another emergency meeting in New York on April 19, 1949 to confer with the President, Bishop Tiran. Mr. Hovsepian and Miss Nahigian were especially delegated by the remaining Council members to act in their behalf with respect to the resignation of Miss Shalakian, who was invited to sit in on the conference. The Council was advised of the fact that much back work had accumulated besides the preparatory work for the Assembly. During the conference Mr. Hovsepian brought to light how he had made two special trips to New York to seek out a person or persons who would be able to carry out the tasks set forth by the secretary and how these trips had been unsuccessful. Miss Nahigian also informed the group that her sub-committee in Boston was cooperating and the routine correspondence had been attended to. When Miss Shalakian informed His Grace and members that she would cooperate to whatever extent possible to attend to at least some of the back work which she had in her keeping in the form of notes, the Council sought the advice of His Grace to meet the situation. At this point Syrpazan Hayr asked if a two hour a day arrangement allotted to ACYO work would suffice and was assured that it would. Miss Shalakian thereupon withdrew her resignation.

"2. DIOCESAN CONVENTION: Once again the Council delegated Mr. Zaven Hovsepian, Mr. Manoog Heditsian and Miss Mary Shalakian to represent the ACYO at the Diocesan Convention in New York on October 12 and 13, 1948 and subsequently to report on the deliberations. The representatives attended all the sessions, together with the Guardian press photographer and Miss Grayce Yeramian, a former council member. The ACYO chairman was called upon to address the delegates and guests at their dinner function. Here special credit should go to Mr. Hovsepian who once again did the organization proud by delivering an excellent talk especially prepared with respect to the discussions arising at the sessions pertaining to the ACYO. The complete recordings of the sessions were printed in the Guardian issues together with highlight shots of the Convention.

"3. THE ARMENIAN GUARDIAN: This undertaking which was enthusiastically accepted at the last Assembly proved to be a great disappointment to the Council when the cooperation it constantly sought received nothing but indifference from ACYO chapters. Depending wholly on subscriptions, which were not forthcoming, to pay for the publication costs, the Council had to drain from the treasury to meet the expenses -- at times having to borrow money from the Diocesan Office up to the sum of \$500.00 to liquidate these bills, until such time as tax monies would be submitted. This complete indifference was felt by the Council when it was obligated to put this matter on its agendas and devote hours of expensive Council time in discussing ways and means to increase circulation, obtain material from chapters, and to meet the costs of publishing.

"The Guardian today with a total of 473 subscribers, 61 complimentaries and 14 exchanges is celebrating its first birthday since May 1948, having published twelve separate copies. Due to lack of funds and laxity on behalf of chapters to send in news items and interesting reading material, at times issues were combined and deadlines could not be met. Although renewal bills were due in April of this year, the handicaps cited above prevented the Council to submit such bills.

"As shown on the graph chart submitted to the delegates, we record here a list of subscriptions to date:

Boston 26; Chicago 8; Cleveland 10; Detroit 0; Evanston 0; Hartford 15; Haverhill 0; Lawrence 21; Lowell 22; New Britain 10; New York 27; North Phila 37; Providence 19; Racine 13; S. Milwaukee 7; Troy 14; Union City 9; Watertown 16; Waukegan 1; West Phila 28; Worcester 16; Central Office 174, of which Father Shnork obtained 18 from London, Fr. Popken 27 from Washington and Florida, Father Torkom 6 from Canada, 68 subscriptions from sample copies and 55 through the Central office.

"This small number of subscribers as compared to the 1000 subscription goal aimed at at the last Assembly prevented again the editor from entering the publication in the Post Office as second class matter -- this prevention causing another drain on petty cash funds for stamps and mailing at a higher rate.

"When the deadline was met, the monthly mailing entailed much work. We list here the procedure used to answer queries put forth from chapter sources.

1. Every subscriber received his personal copy from the Central Office in an envelope addressed to his care.

2. In addition to the subscription list, about 1500 sample copies were mailed monthly in envelopes directly from the office, together with a sales letter, using a different list for each mailing.

3. Also each chapter received copies in bulk amounts to distribute in their community as they saw fit to stimulate sales.

"To attend to the above tasks, the cooperation of the New York Chapter was asked to meet in the evenings. After three mailings it was no longer possible to depend on the New York Chapter due to various reasons -- therefore aid was sought from the Union City Chapter. A group of five conscientious girls were assigned, who met once a week for a while to address envelopes and such. But there was many a month that much of the work was carried out by the Central Office.. This unfortunate condition was due to the improper set up -- for following the release of the first issue, the Guardian editor, Mr. Robert Sarian, took a leave of absence, thereby causing the central office to assimilate many of the tasks attendant to such a publication. It wasn't until May of this year

that Mr. Sarian returned to the Diocesan Office and resumed many of these tasks. It is only proper to make here special mention of Mr. Sarian, who has voluntarily and most devotedly worked after hours and Saturdays since our first issued and has used every means possible to cut printing costs to a minimum. Mr. Sarian recently entered the publication as second class matter as a result of which our copies could be mailed at a total cost of \$.67 as compared to past postage costs. Furthermore for a small fee of \$6.00 a month he managed to find a binder to fold, wrap, and label the paper, thereby lessening so much work in the office.

"At its many sessions the Council struck upon several ideas for future use to better the publication; namely to seek an artist for cartoons and caption heads, to introduce such columns as chapter chatter, varieties, and chapter notes, to accept advertising at a quotation of \$1.00 an inch, etc.

"Due to rumors that the Guardian is not the type of paper the membership had in mind, the following points were cited by the Council contrary to those heard through rumors. We herewith embody those points.

1. That the Guardian is a monthly paper and cannot have the nature of a weekly owing to financial reasons.
2. Chapter must contribute to the Guardian to make it as interesting as a monthly paper can be for our youth.
3. We must have \$3,000 a year for its management.
4. Quotas of certain number of papers to be circulated must be assigned to chapters.
5. Chapters must send in constructive criticism.

"4. PUBLIC RELATIONS WORK AND PUBLICITY: To further advance Guardian circulation and to institute a nationwide publicity program, which the Council had long been contemplating, the working machinery to effect such a program was set up after careful planning and mapping as a result of many hours of deliberations. This program was considered a necessity in order to acquaint the older element with the ACYO and to nationally publicize the organization. Chapters were regionally divided -- Mr. Heditian as one Publicity Director of the Council to contact the eastern chapters and Dr. Shakarjian, co-publicity director to contact the Western Chapters. These council co-publicity directors were to work directly with the chapter publicity directors to urge them to submit to the Council all ACYO news and community news -- such news to be disseminated and all news of national character to be submitted to local dailies and such and all news of ACYO nature to be incorporated in the Guardian.

"The following points were drawn up with respect to Guardian circulation and public relations work for the ACYO. This plan to be employed by Chapter Publicity Directors and their committees upon advice and guidance from Council Publicity Directors.

1. Expand the circulation of the Guardian, (approach people individually, make announcements about the Guardian in the community, distribute the paper at community meetings, write letters and send them with sample copies), induce people to make gift subscriptions of the Guardian.
2. Get initial subscriptions and send them to New York, keep record of subscribers in your chapter.
3. Distribute any reading material or literature that is sent from the center using various mediums.
4. Handle public relations with local church or other bodies. (Be present and speak if possible at meetings, be recognized on various occasions or affairs as ACYO representatives.)
5. Find and designate correspondents and reporters to the Guardian. See that these reporters are advised of forthcoming events and cause write ups and stories to be sent to the center. Find writers of general articles on interesting topics and follow up their work.

"The duties outlined for Regional Directors were as follows:

1. Public relations in their region with regard to ACYO as a whole by attending gatherings of national scope.
2. See that chapter publicity director attends to his work, by correspondence or personal contact.
3. To handle general ACYO publicity, writing stories, and keeping in touch with Armenian press and supply Guardian with appropriate material.

"Some extensive correspondence with regard to publicity, public relations and the Guardian has already reached chapters through the regional directors and more will yet be forthcoming.

"5. GUIDANCE MATERIAL: Although some of the material to be incorporated in the Guidance Book has been prepared, the Council due to lack of funds and time, this past year could not effectively carry out its program with respect to this undertaking.

"6. YOUTH CAMP: Since this plan as presented to the Assembly last year would consume much time at Council meetings, it was decided to have a permanent chairman for this Youth Camp Plan and give such chairman full power to set up his organization; said chairman to be responsible to the chairman of the Central Council. Since Mr. Hovsepien would be retiring from the Council

this year, motion was unanimously carried that he would make an ideal chairman of such a committee. Mr. Hovsepien who from the beginning was compiling information for this plan, through extensive research has acquired much more since, and can present the Assembly body with more details when called upon.

"7. BIRTHDAY BALL: The birthday ball idea was conceived at one of the Council sessions when ways and means were discussed to replenish the Council treasury and have a substantial amount to fall on for emergencies and thereby alleviate somewhat the burden of taxes on the chapters. The month of January was designated as the ACYO Birthday Month at which time the ACYO nationally took life when it met in Providence in 1946. Miss Nahigian was delegated to form a sub-committee in the Boston area to carry out the detail planning of the Birthday Ball idea on a national scope and other matters the secretary might designate. This sub-committee composed of Mr. Manoog Heditsian, Mr. Mathew Matteosian, Mr. Arshag Gechijian, Mr. Haig Habeshian, Miss Betty Garabedian, Miss Grayce Yeramian, has already carried on correspondence with chapters informing them of the plan --- such celebration to be divided into 8 areas, with the cooperation of all chapters falling into these respective areas.

"8. BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION: As per the decision of the 1948 assembly that the matter of baptism and confirmation be further clarified by the Central Council, discussion took place at the first formal meeting following the assembly at which time the matter was taken up in detail. Many views were exchanged pro and con as to how and if members who were not duly baptized should be excluded from the organization. The final consensus was to stand firm on this requirement and expect all members who join the ACYO to be duly baptized and confirmed. However the cooperation and advice of local priests be sought, as they would be in a better position to explain this vital requirement to prespective members who had not as yet met this requirement. The Council therefore asked His Grace to take this matter to the clergy convention held prior to the Diocesan Convention and bring it to the attention of allour clergymen.

"9. JUNIOR GROUPS: The Council noting the formation of Junior Groups here and there and upon a written request for information from the West Philadelphia Chapter with reference to the status and privileges of a Junior Group it was decided that a general directive be issued following this assembly asking chapters to submit copies of their by-laws to the council as cited in Article 15 - Sec 2 of the constitution. Such copies of by-laws to undergo examination and thus issue uniform rules to all chapters. With respect to this matter of Junior Groups, the Council has previously discussed the drawing up of uniform by-laws as far back as 1946-1947.

"10. NEW CHAPTERS: Correspondence has been received from Bridgeport and St. Catherines, Canada requesting information and constitutions. Recently directives were issued to them respectively explaining the method of application for a charter. It

is hoped to have two more chapters added to our rolls at the Fourth Annual Assembly.

"11. ACYOA PINS: The Council looked into this matter to question the possible cost of acquiring for the members of our organization uniform pins bearing our emblem and was quoted a price of approximately \$.90 each.

"12. BULLETINS AND DIRECTIVES: In spite of pressure on the Council to prepare for this Assembly, bulletins were repeatedly issued asking for duplicate membership application forms -- the Council is in need of these forms to prepare statistics -- and the Council is still waiting to hear from Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Hartford, Haverhill, New York, Providence, Racine, S. Milwaukee, Union City, Watertown, West Philadelphia, and Worcester. The Council also has repeatedly asked for a list of newly elected chapter executives and is still waiting to hear from the Chicago, Hartford, New Britain, New York and Waukegan Chapters which means correspondence is being addressed to past chairmen of these chapters. The Council is also still waiting for annual reports from the Chicago, Cleveland, Hartford, New Britain, and New York Chapters. Names and delegates were not submitted by the Chicago, Hartford, Haverhill, New York, North Philadelphia, Troy and Waukegan Chapters. Last but not least taxmonics have not been submitted by the Chicago, Cleveland, Hartford, Haverhill, New York and Waukegan and Worcester Chapters.

"13: TAXES: This important matter of taxes was taken up at every Council session. The more it was taken up -- the more it was tabled because the Council was handicapped in imposing a tax on chapters as per methods prescribed at the Assembly due to the fact that tax reports were incomplete and a few were not submitted at all. Letters were sent by the Treasurer, requesting financial reports from Chapters who had not submitted them at the last Assembly. The requests remained unanswered for so long that the Council HAD to devise some method of imposing a tax. The Council seeing how impossible it was to impose the tax per the decision of the Assembly on the basis of incomplete reports had no alternative but to devise a new system; that is -- by using the point system, taking into consideration the size of the community, size of chapter membership and potential earning capacity of a chapter. These bills were issued in April of this year as a result of which Providence, Boston, Lowell, S. Milwaukee, Lawrence and Watertown who apparently understood the financial stress of the council immediately responded. Furthermore the Central Council at the last assembly went on record in strongly protesting against being delegated the responsibility of using its discretion in imposing a tax.

"At this point the Council deems it proper to bring to the attention of the Assembly Body a bill of \$768.50 which has been outstanding since September 1947 and which was only recently liquidated. This item was a charge of the printing of all uniform stationery which the Council and Chapters received -- it included 22 sets of letterheads and envelopes, membership application forms,

junior membership cards, senior membership cards, central council stationery in lot quantities, constitution books, binding and shipping charges. This item has not appeared on any budgets thus far presenting to the Assembly, with the intention of billing the respective chapters for their stationery allotments. Having paid this bill, the Council decided to forego this billing but in the future to have the chapters order their letterhead stationery direct from the printer which will soon be designated to them in order keep the stationery uniform.

"Although it has been a trying year for the Council, it is cheerfully noted here, the high spirit of enthusiasm which existed among the members for the good and welfare of the organization even to the point of volunteering to pay the expenses of two Council meetings in order to meet more times than the budget warranted. The attendance at all the meetings were 100% except in two instances of absence with justifiable cause. However it is also regretfully noted that the Council had to drop from its rolls Mr. Haig Serabian of New York who did not attend any of the meetings and did not present any cause for his actions.

"Therefore this year the Assembly body will elect one extra member to fill Mr. Serabian's remaining one year besides three other members for a term of three years to take the place of Mr. Hovsepian, Mr. Sourourian and Miss Shalakian who this year complete their three year term. There is much work for the ACYO this coming year, both for the Council and the Chapters, work awaiting completion from the year past and new work which must be undertaken to put into effect programs and plans of Armenian Church Youth Organization character. May this serious work be resumed in full stride with the same devotion and spirit as evidenced in periods past, plus the initiative and determination to surge forth in the period to come."

Respectfully submitted,
Central Council

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Zaven Hovsopian - Chairman

Mary V Shalakian - Secretary

Motion was made to adjourn this session. Motion was seconded and passed.

The second Session of the Third Annual Assembly of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America was resumed on Sunday September 4, 1949 at 2:30 p.m. following church services. Twenty two delegates answered roll call, the others had not as yet returned from lunch.

Chapter reports were read by Mary Shalakian and as explained by the chair -- it was not possible for the council to tabulate these reports due to the poor, vague and incomplete condition they were received from the chapters -- making their mere reading a difficulty.

Motion was made, seconded and passed that these reports be accepted.

(The secretarial and financial reports of the respective chapters as presented to the assembly are not available at this printing)

By verbal passage, the cloture system of closing debates was adopted upon recommendation by the chair. All questions and discussions to be brought to a close by the chair upon a majority vote of the Assembly body.

At this point His Grace Bishop Tiran commented on the chapter reports which were previously read. He stated that the chapter reports were very poor and they were not prepared properly. He asked delegates to tell their chapters that the Central Council requires very good and constructive reports; e.g., complete statements of accounts, first class reports and headings and coherent tabulations. The main concern of all chapters must be the strengthening of itself. Chapters should help the church financially and otherwise but not to the detriment of the chapter itself. Money should be spent to make the chapter strong in every way. Chapters should be strengthened morally also. Money should be spent for educational purposes for the use of their own members. Proportions should be kept well in site. Proportions of activities and expenditures. "Don't kill the goose that lays the golden egg", he stated.

Following His Grace's comments, the chair passed on to the next item on the agenda. Amendments and proposals. However it was here pointed out that the constitution could not be expected to be complete in every way. It was inevitable that certain shortcomings will come into evidence. But extreme care must be taken in keeping the organization in the form it was conceived. No amendments should be entertained which will change the character of the organization. All amendments should perfect the organization where according to our own experience some provisions are necessary to clarify matters.

The chair here paused to take another roll call. Thirty eight delegates answered with one absentee.

Congratulatory telegrams from the Armenian Progressive League, Groong Publishing, and Armenian Church Choirs were read.

Following are the proposals and amendments in order of presentation, comments thereupon and decisions rendered.

---Re: Article X - General Assembly -Proposed by New Britain

Proposed:

THE CHAIRMAN, ASST. CHAIRMAN, RECORDING SECRETARY AND ASST. RECORDING SECRETARY SHALL BE ELECTED FROM AMONG THE DELEGATES BY THE DELEGATES AT THE OPENING SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY. NO CENTRAL COUNCIL MEMBER SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR NOMINATION.

COMMENTS:

New Britain clarified the proposal. Debate ensued pro and con. Vote tally taken: 32 to 7 in the negative. Proposal was defeated.

---Re: Article IV Sec 8 -Proposed by Watertown

Proposed:

THAT ACTIVE MEMBERS SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN 16 YEARS OF AGE.

COMMENTS:

The proposal was clarified by the Assembly Chairman who left the chair. He stated that each chapter has individual problems with respect to age limitations of members and it was wiser for the local chapter to solve their own problems by altering the situation or fluctuating age classification to the convenience of individual chapters. Much discussion ensued and His Grace stated that a level of maturity should be kept and that other chapters thought the maturity standard in fact too low. He explained that the best measurement for a standard was the graduation age from high school and that the age level should be kept at 18. However he further stated that chapters were at liberty to draw up by-laws to enhance their own particular problem and that the idea of joint meetings (between seniors and juniors) could be exploited to circumvent constitution which would give the juniors voting power but not to elect delegates. Vote tally was taken: Result: 28 to 7 in the negative. 2 abstained. Proposal was defeated.

---Re: Article 7 - Sec 7, Part a -Proposed by New York Chapter

Proposed:

THAT THE WORDS "TO ELECT DELEGATES TO THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY", SHALL BE OMITTED, AND THAT ARTICLE X SEC 3 BE CHANGED TO READ:

THE DELEGATES TO THE ASSEMBLY SHALL BE ELECTED AT A SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING DEVOTED TO ASSEMBLY BUSINESS AND AT LEAST ONE SUCH DELEGATE

COMMENTS:

The Chair explained that a chapter can do this in accordance with the constitution anyway by calling a special meeting and it was not necessary to impose such a proposal on chapters who did not need it. In view of the discussions New York withdrew the proposal.

---Re: Article XI - Section 1

-Proposed by New Britain

Proposed:

THAT FROM AMONG THE ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL ELECT THE MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL. THERE SHALL BE NO MORE THAN SEVEN MEMBERS IN THE CENTRAL COUNCIL. THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEMBERS SHALL TWO YEARS. THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE MEMBERS SHALL TERMINIATE IN THE ORDER OF THREE ONE YEAR, 4 THE NEXT, 3 THE NEXT AND 4 THE NEXT, ETC.

COMMENTS:

New Britain clarified this proposal. They stated that a three year term was too long. Mr. Soursourian here took a stand against this proposal by stating that a chapter was not being fair to the Central Council by not realizing what is expected of a Council member and that the first year of his term was devoted strictly to groundwork and orientation in the working machinery of the organization. New Britain presented a counter argument that two years are enough and a member can be reelected. Here Syrpazan Hayr stated that at no time should a single election come in forming a majority in the organization. The proposal was seconded by New York. Vote tally was taken resulting in 33 - 4 in the negative, 1 abstaining. Proposal was defeated.

---Re: Article XI Section 1.

-Proposed by New York

Proposed:

THAT FROM AMONG THE ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL ELECT A CHAIRMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN, SECRETARY, TREASURER, PUBLICITY DIRECTOR AND SUCH OTHER OFFICERS WHICH THE ASSEMBLY DEEMS NECESSARY TO FORM A CENTRAL COUNCIL. THE CENTRAL COUNCIL SHALL NOT NUMBER LESS THAN SIX NOR MORE THAN TWELVE MEMBERS.

COMMENTS:

The proposal was seconded by New Britain. Vote tally taken resulting in 34 - 5 in the negative. Proposal was defeated

---Re: Article XI Secion 1

-Proposed by New York

Proposed:

Part I

THAT THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEMBERS SHALL BE ONE YEAR WITH OPPORTUNITY FOR REELECTION.

Proposed:

Part II

THAT MEMBERS SHALL BE DISQUALIFIED FOR REELECTION TO THE CENTRAL COUNCIL FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR, AFTER HAVING SERVED TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

COMMENTS:

This proposal was withdrawn.

---Re: Article XVI, Section 1.

-Proposed by New York

Proposed:

THAT ALL RECEIPTS FROM INITIATION FEES SHALL GO TO THE TREASURY OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL. THE TREASURY OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL SHALL ALSO RECEIVE FUNDS FROM A QUOTA PLACED UPON EACH OF THE CHAPTERS, SUCH QUOTA TO BE EQUAL TO 10% OF THE TOTAL INCOME OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR OF THE CHAPTERS, LESS THE EXPENSES INCURRED IN PRESENTING INCOME-BEARING FUNCTIONS.

COMMENTS:

The discussion on this proposal was postponed until the New York delegate discussed with the Central Council what he had in mind.

---Re: Article XVII, Section 1

-Proposed by New York

Proposed:

THAT IN THE EVENT THAT THE NUMBER OF ACTIVE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING OF A CHAPTER FALLS BELOW TEN FOR A CONTINUOUS PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS THAT CHAPTER BE DISSOLVED.

COMMENTS:

Vote tally on this proposal was taken resulting in 34-3 in the affirmative. Proposal was passed, necessitating an amendment to the constitution. Further question was raised as to what point of time should be considered as a three month grace period. It was proposed by the Central Council that such time be gixed from the beginning of the fiscal year to three months hence. A verbal affirmative passed this proposal.

---Re: Article XIII Section 3

-Proposed by Lowell

Proposed:

THAT CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE MUST BE MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR NOT LESS THAN SIX MONTHS.

COMMENTS:

Vote tally was taken resulting in 19 against 20 in the negative. Proposal was defeated.

---Re: Article VI, Section 1

-Proposed by New York

Proposed:

THAT THE TERM COMMUNITY SHALL BE DEFINED WITHIN THE CONSTITUTION

COMMENTS:

Discussion ensued and since the matter has come up several times in past assemblies, the Central Council proposed that the matter be tabled and the Central Council with His Grace the Bishop, along with data which is available in the Diocesan Office try to devise a formula and inform the chapters consequently. Unanimous vote in the affirmative was expressed for this suggestion.

---Re: Article XI Sec 11

-Proposed by West Phila.

Proposed:

THAT AN EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BE APPOINTED TO WORK UNDER THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AS PROVIDED IN THE CONSTITUTION.

COMMENTS:

The Chair informed the Assembly that the Central Council had this under consideration and in the coming year the Central Council would work toward that end. Proposal was withdrawn for Central Council consideration but the chapter wanted the proposal to go on record as a request.

At this point a recess was granted.

Resuming the session following the break, Mr. Zaven Baikar, a Diocesan Delegate, had joined the Assembly. He was here called upon to say a few words. Mr. Baikar stated how impressed he was with the way the meetings were being conducted and congratulated the Assembly Body. He likened the delegates to the young man who grabbed the wreath from the old master builder who was trying unsuccessfully to climb the steeple of the Cathedral he had just built to place the wreath upon it. He stated that our present generation was growing old and it was the duty of the new generation to take the wreath and place it at the top of the Armenian Church steeple.

The chairman thanked Mr. Baikar for his message and informed the Assembly that we were ready to pass on to old business. He further stated that the secretarial report could not be discussed as old business, unless we may be covering the same ground in new business at which time he will inform us accordingly.

WEST PHILA: Question was raised as to what has been done about Guidance Material to date especially since a budget was allowed to date. The Chair asked the Central Council to clarify this. Miss Nahigian read the reasons as incorporated in the secretarial report with reference to guidance material. To this she elaborated that although a budget of \$300.00 was set, we only received a small amount of it, and that, only recently. However she explained that the Council had not been idle but a great deal of research material was prepared ready for publishing.

NEW BRITAIN: Dissatisfied with the Council Secretarial Report because it did not specifically describe what the Council had done but had just given excuses, and that the Council should have been able to do a great deal of work and steps should have been taken to pick up where secretary could not carry on. The New Britain chapter had asked for the Central Council to visit them in preparation for the Assembly and that during its difficulties the Central Council could not see its way clear to go to New Britain. New Britain further stated that the Council report was very vague and the excuses were not valid. The Chairman asked if anyone else thought that the secretarial report was vague. Receiving no answer to second

New Britain's accusations the chair entertained another question.

WEST PHILA: The delegate asked as a point of information that since no specific authority was given to the Central Council except to make out tax bills on the basis voted on at the last Assembly --- why was the method changed to the point system. Explanations were given to the effect that bills were owed and loans were made and as a state of emergency the Council took it upon themselves to set up the taxation system. Although the Council did not have such authority as cited by the delegate it did however have authority to use its discretion to allow a per capita tax, also a tax on net income as authorized in the second annual assembly.

NEW YORK: The delegate stated that since the reports are now complete and what was done was done in an emergency measure, tax bills should be computed and refunds sent out. To this the chair informed the Assembly that tax reports were still incomplete and according to our records last year, if we charged taxes on a percentage basis we would have to charge at a rate of 100% and that the Central Council does not want any responsibility at any time to levy a tax. It was the obligation of the Assembly to do that even if the Assembly does not do anything else.

The chair passed on to the next item on the agenda: New Business. We list below resolutions and questions raised and actions taken thereupon.

WEST PHILA: Clarify once and for all the requirements for membership as stated in Article 4 Section 1. This question was withdrawn by the Chapter.

DETROIT: Everyone who is over 21 should become a member of the Church. This should become a requirement and should be amended to the constitution. Resolution was passed that this should not be mandatory but the Central Council should strongly urge the idea that all ACYO members over 21 years of age should become dues paying members of the church. A verbal affirmative passed this resolution.

WATERTOWN CHAPTER: Suggested to the Central Council that at its discretion it should attempt to establish regional sub-committees who will visit and supervise chapters in its regions, in order to help them in their problems -- such committees to also aid the Central Council in administrative work. The Chair explained that the Council was contemplating such work and that what the organization really needed was a field worker.

WEST PHILA: Suggested that the Central Council should issue quarterly reports on its progress and actions taken, etc. Chair explained that this had been done till last year. Though there has been a lapse in such bulletins, they will be resumed and bulletins will be issued after each meeting.

DETROIT: Suggested that the organization sponsor an ACYO Olympics. To this Syrpazan stated that those members of the ACYO who are interested in sports should join the AGAU and why should the ACYO antagonize another organization. Worcester further suggested that if money must be spent, we should spend it on a Bible Institute.

DETROIT: Suggested a rotation of Executive Body - advisors and executives by using the dovetail method as established for the Central Council. Discussion ensued. It was proposed that this suggestion be tabled until a regular plan has been devised.

The second session was then adjourned.

The third session resumed at 10:20 with a prayer. 37 responded to roll call.

The chair then asked the Assembly if they deemed it wise to add another midwestern member to the Central Council, as we already had one member on the Council from Detroit. In selecting another member, the Assembly would have to consider the problem of added expense in the amount of about \$400.00. Proposal made that midwestern members be considered. Vote tally resulted in the affirmative.

Here proposals in reference to the Armenian Guardian were read as follows:

NEW YORK CHAPTER: Proposed that the publication of the Armenian Guardian shall be discontinued.

NEW YORK CHAPTER: Proposed that the C.C. shall issue a bulletin every three months containing uniform detailed reports of the activities of each of the chapter.

NEWBREITAIN Chapter: Proposed that the Armenian Guardian be put on extensive advertising program and accept all advertising

NEW BRITIAN CHAPTER: Proposed that the ACYO receive reduced rates for advertising.

NEW BRITAIN CHAPTER: Proposed that each chapter member receive issues of the Guardian and the individual chapter raise the money in any way they can.

NEW BRITAIN CHAPTER: Proposed that the Central Council should strive to raise funds through its own efforts throughout the year.

WEST PHILA. CHAPTER: Proposed that Membership dues be raised to \$3.00 and include subscription to the Guardian with the extra \$1.00.

The Council Publicity Director, Mr. Heditian submitted his prospectus. He wanted to impress upon the Assembly Body that a newspaper or some medium of informing the members of a large organization such as we have is in keeping with our aims. However the question which predominates, he stated, is how can the Guardian be sold to our chapters and communities if we (the assembly body) are not sold upon it ourselves. But that we must have faith in it, although we are not satisfied with it, we must nurture it, and in time it will improve with suggestions. He pointed out that this was our third assembly and how each year we were getting away from the principles of our organization. He stated further that the paper will never become a social sheet. It will predominantly have a religious tinge and that increased subscriptions will bring the cost of the paper down. Increased subscriptions, he said, should be the keynote.

His Grace Bishop Tiran took up from here and pointed out that apart from being a bond between the members of the organization, the Guardian has other important missions. Instead of one Guidance Book which we wish to publish, continual material should be given to our chapters and that could only be done through an organization. His Grace stated that we must look to the Guardian in accordance with the aims of our constitution and since we do not have Armenian Church literature in our Church in America, the Guardian will be a means of supplying from time to time information and knowledge about our church and history. The Guardian should also take the place of these books and pamphlets which we are not in a position to publish. He further added that the difficulties of having a monthly paper is serious from the point of view of keeping up with the events. Therefore not only should we try to continue the paper or keep it a monthly, we should instead try to make it a weekly. And that the Guardian if properly distributed among the Armenian public will be the only means of defending ourselves, informing our public in general with the work of the ACYO. He concluded by saying the Guardian should not only acquaint members with ACYO activities but general Armenian Church information, cultural and historical information, religious instruction (catechistical). The Guardian has a future because our church has a future. Our church is progressing. We are on the up grade, he stated.

To these discourses were added additional thoughts from the General Body. Consensus as follows: When delegates return to their chapters, impress them to strive for the Guardian. There should be no doubt in anyone's mind that the Guardian should be disregarded. No newspaper in its first year could be in a position to be successful. The organization needs the Guardian. If chapters feel that the Guardian is for them, the chapter should make it what it wants it to be.

The Chair now called upon the Auditing Committee to present its report. The Chairman of the Auditing Committee, Mr. Matteosian stated that the financial records had been thoroughly examined and approved by the Auditing Committee. However the books were kept from the period beginning May 12, 1948 to August 31, 1949 instead of from July 1, 1949 to June 30, 1950. The Committee further suggested that a simpler method of bookkeeping to set up and copies of the financial report should be mimeographed. The treasurer should keep all books, and all receipts and payments should go to the Secretary.

Motion was hereupon made that the financial report be received and incorporated into the minutes of the Assembly. Motion was seconded and carried.

(The financial report of the Central Council is hereto attached and made part of the minutes)

May 12 1948 to August 31, 1949

Balance carried forward		\$494.33
Income:		
Initiation fees	\$117.00	
Donations	225.00	
Refund from P.O.	9.67	
Taxes	3268.28	
Books	86.35	
Subscriptions	552.50	
Loan	500.00	<u>4758.80</u>
		5253.13
Disbursements:		
Office supplies and exp.	261.75	
Books	61.25	
Returned check	269.64	
Loan payment	500.00	
Ptg. ACYO stationery	867.50	
Guardian Ptg.	1882.00	
Travelling exp.	<u>737.72</u>	<u>4579.86</u>
Balance on hand:		673.27

Motion was further made that the recommendations be considered. Motion was seconded and carried.

The 1948 - 1949 budget of the past year was presented as follows showing the amounts apportioned to each item and the amounts expended against the items and the differences involved.

Item	Appropriated	Spent	Difference
Guardian	\$1250.00	\$1329.50	\$79.50 more
Office Exp.	350.00	261.75	11.75 more
Guidance	375.00	-----	375.00 less
Travel - 6 mtgs.	625.00)		
Travel - Detroit	500.00)	737.72	387.28 less
Misc.	75.00	-----	75.00 less
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	\$3075.00	\$2328.97	\$746.03 less

In computing the tax for the previous year the treasurer stated that a typographical error had been made and that refunds would be forwarded as credit on 1949 - 1950 taxes.

At this point Providence offered to make a donation of their rebate to the Central Council Treasury. Boston, S. Milwaukee, Evanston, Hartford, Troy, New Britain, Lowell, Haverhill, Watertown, Union City, N. Philadelphia, Detroit, Worcester, Cleveland, and Lawrence followed this gesture.

Here Waukegan chapter objected to the heavy taxation and after explaining their rather strained state of circumstances it was decided that for future taxation they be given special consideration if the discretion of the Central Council has to be invoked.

The budget for the 10 month period for 1949 - 1950 was presented as follows:

However the operating expenses for the two months from date of closing the books to the Assembly date will be placed on the budget for the following year.

Travel	\$900.00	
Office expense	350.00	
P.C.	100.00	
Guardian	1400.00	Up to Assembly
Guardian editor	900.00	Up to Assembly
Exec. Secretary	600.00	Up to Assembly
C.C. to N.B.	125.00	
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	4375.00	

Motion was made that 1400 be appropriated for the Guardian besides subscription receipts. Motion was seconded. Vote tally resulted in 35 against 4 in the negative. Motion was carried.

It was here brought out that the Editor of the Guardian, Mr. Sarian had edited the paper for over a year without compensation and we could not expect him to continue donating his services. Motion was thereupon made that the sum of \$75.00 per issue be paid to the Editor. Motion was seconded. Motion was carried 34 in the affirmative - 2 in the negative - 2 chapters abstained.

It was further pointed out that Miss Mary Shalakian from the inception of the organization and prior to that had shouldered the burden as secretary of the organization and that her three year term expired with the close of this Assembly and that she would no longer be with the organization officially.

Motion was made that the Central Council use its authority to appoint an executive secretary and that \$600.00 be appropriated to the budget for secretarial expenses. Vote Tally resulted in 35 to 2 in the negative - 1 abstained. Motion was carried.

With reference to the expenses of the Central Council to the Annual Assembly, motion was made that the host chapter take care of the additional expenses of the Central Council. Motion failed.

Another motion was made that if a host chapter made a profit from the Assembly activities, then the Council expenses should be paid otherwise the budget should absorb the deficit. The motion also failed.

A further motion was made that the travelling expenses of the Central Council to the Assembly site be realized within 60 days after the Assembly by a 25% tax of the net profit of the activities at the Assembly and that fund be deducted from the net income of the host chapter and in the event of a deficit the Central Council be paid the amount and that amount to be satisfied in the budget at the next Assembly. Motion was seconded. Vote tally resulted in 22 in the affirmative and 7 in the negative. 4 chapters abstained. Motion was carried.

It was therefore moved that \$125.00 be allotted to this budget to pay for the Council expenses to the New Britain Assembly. Motion was seconded and carried 37 against 2 in the affirmative.

Motion was now made to approve of the presented budget. Motion was seconded and carried.

Discussion ensued as to the taxation systems to be employed. It was decided to use the point system. Ninety points to be absorbed by the chapters at \$48.61 a point. Points were taken by the chapters as follows:

Boston 7 : Detroit 7 : Haverhill 2 : New York 4 :
 Racine 4 : Union City 2 : West Philadelphia 4 :
 Chicago 1 : Evanston 4 : Lawrence 4 : North Phila 7 :
 S. Milwaukee 4 : Watertown 7 : Worcester 7 : Cleve-
 land 4 : Hartford 2 : Lowell 4 : Providence 7 :
 Troy 4 : Waukegan 2 : New Britain 3:

However a re-estimation was made in consideration and each chapter point was given a value of \$54.02. The chapters now offered to take points on this basis as follows:

Boston 7	Chicago 1	Cleveland 2
Detroit 7	Evanston 3	Hartford 2
Haverhill 2	Lawrence 4	Lowell 2
New York 4	North Phila 7	Providence 7
Racine 2	S. Milwaukee 2	Troy 4
Union City 2	Watertown 7	Waukegan 2
West Phila 4	Worcester 7	New Britain 3

totaling 81 points at \$54.02 a point - equal to the amount of the budget, \$4375.62

However to also alleviate burdens on chapter treasuries it was moved that 75% of these amounts be paid by the chapters -- the remaining 25% to be payable or not -- pending the outcome of the forthcoming birthday ball which is now in progress of preparation. Motion was seconded and carried.

The Next Assembly site bids were then taken into consideration and voted upon as follows:

Evanston 20; Boston 6; Watertown 13.

Evanston was chosen as the next Assembly site.

The Assembly now settled down to the serious task of electing council members. The nominating committee presented its ballot as follows:

Elizabeth Kaffoian - Hartford
 Charles Ounjian - Troy
 Lee Bedikian - New York
 Arshag Gochijian - Watertown
 Emma Hovsopian - Detroit
 Michael Marsoobian - Waukegan

and from the floor the following were nominated:

Mrs Grayce Hadrian - Watertown
 Gerald Aharonian - Lowell
 Avedis Kevorkian - W. Phila
 John Nahigian - Providence
 Mike Tabibian - New York
 Michael Der Boghosian - Haverhill

It was here mentioned that a council member had been dropped from the Council rolls and that therefore a fourth member besides the three had to be elected for one year to fulfill the term.

The vote counts by secret ballot were as follows:

Elizabeth Kaffeian - 8
 Charles Ounjian 4
 Lee Bedikian 13
 Arshag Gechijian 15
 Emma Hovsepian 12
 Mike Tabibian 5
 Michael Marsobian 5
 Grayce Hadrian 12
 Gerald Aharonian 9
 Avedis Kevorkian 4
 John Nahigian 9
 Michael Der Boghosian 7

The following members were elected:

Arshag Gechijian 15
 Lee Bedigian 13
 Emma Hovsepian 12
 Mrs G. Hadrian 12

Because of the tie vote between Grayce Hadrian and Emma Hovsepian another balloting was conducted to decide which one was to serve the three year term and which one was to serve the one year term. This resulted in 19 votes for Grayce Hadrian and 21 for Emma Hovsepian.

With the business of the Assembly brought to a close, His Grace Bishop Tiran offered a prayer followed by the benediction.

We quote here His Grace's closing words.

"I want to express here my deep appreciation to the retiring three members of the Central Council, Mr. Zaven Hovsepian, Miss Mary Shalakian and Mr. John Soursourian. I have watched and witnessed their eagerness, wisdom and enthusiasm. They have done what was possible for them to do and they have given their heart to their work. I saw the way they themselves were suffering if anything did not go the way it should. These should be mentioned and entered into the history of the organization. I wish all of them that what they tried to do and what they tried to accomplish with their colleagues will be accomplished by those coming in. The new ones we wish success. I want them to realize the extreme importance of our church in the community of America. ACOYO is not just a youth group. It is a much larger organization and has a more important mission than any other group. I hope they will complete a useful and fruitful term of office. This Assembly only directs the work. The real work remains with the chapters who should be inspired by the delegates who come to these Assemblies. The actual growth and the efficiency depends upon the members. You all know the shortcomings of the organization with

relation to our church. Next year I hope we shall be to report better results; more blessings to our Lord God the father and also more appreciation, more redounding interests of our church in America."

Following His Grace's words the Chairman announced the adjournment of the Third Annual Assembly at 3:45 p.m. Monday, September 5, 1949.

Respectfully submitted

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secretary

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