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SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 30, 1978

3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Registration - Hotel Lobby
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Delegate Registration
8:00 p.m. - ??	1st Session

Thursday, August 31, 1978

9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	2nd Session*
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Lunch
2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	3rd Session
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Dinner
7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	4th Session

Friday, September 1, 1978

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Final Session
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Visitation to Martyrs' Monument

\*Chairman's Workshop

COMMENTS

Here enclosed are the minutes of the 1978 General Assembly of the ACYOA.

Within these pages lie the future of our organization. It is urged by Central Council, with special emphasis upon each delegate receiving their issue, to fulfill their responsibility. It is the duty of each delegate to convey the information contained within to every member of his or her chapter.

The future of our organization depends on it!

Respectfully,

CENTRAL COUNCIL

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I. FIRST SESSION - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 1978

The first session of the 1978 General Assembly of the ACYOA was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Central Council Chairman, Paul C. Pogharian. Paul made corrections, additions and announcements regarding the business of the day, and he urged all delegates to be tactical in their approach and wished all good luck.

Roll call was taken. Of a possible 80 delegates, 43 were present. The Chair noted a quorum was present and the Assembly could begin. (A total of 64 delegates participated throughout the Assembly.)

The Chair called for nominations from the delegates in attendance for Assembly officers. Nominations and results follow.

II. ELECTION OF ASSEMBLY OFFICERS

Nominations for Chairman: Arthur Sabounjian, Westchester  
Elected: Arthur Sabounjian

Nominations for Vice Chairman: Suzanne Minassian, Cheltenham  
Alex Kouyoumdjian, Watertown  
Elected: Suzanne Minassian

Nominations for Secretary: Deborah Stepanian, Chicago  
Elected: Deborah Stepanian

Nominations for Assistant Secretary: Need for this office was waived by the Assembly due to the Central Council's appointment of Phyllis Madanian, a practicing stenographer.

Mr. Arthur Sabounjian took the Chair of the Assembly. The Chair appointed The Reverend Father Dajad Davidian (Watertown) and Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) as parliamentarians of the Assembly.

Motion was made by Father Davidian to accept the minutes as corrected. John Malool (Bayside) seconded. Motion carried.

VII. ADOPTION OF RULES OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Upon request of the Chair all delegates were requested to refer to the minutes of the 1977 General Assembly. After lengthy deliberation, the Parliamentary Rules of Procedure as printed in the 1977 minutes were found to be inadequate due to errors in typing and clarity.

Father Davidian moved to adopt Roberts Rules of Order as rules of parliamentary procedure. Gary Hovhannessian (New Britain) seconded. Motion carried. Father Davidian noted that since we had adopted Roberts Rules of Order an attendance roll call was not necessary before each session. Father Davidian pointed out that we would not be adjourning but rather recessing each session and did not need a quorum to begin. Should a quorum not be present, a majority of 2/3 vote would prevail.

VIII. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES (Appendix 3)

The Chair randomly appointed delegates to committees due to the lack of response by chapters to submit names prior to the General Assembly. Delegates requesting changes in committee assignments were asked to make the Chair aware of these changes as soon as the Assembly recessed.

Each Committee was asked to meet beginning at 11:00 p.m. until whatever time was necessary to complete its work. Each committee was to be convened by a Central Council representative or by an individual appointed by the Chair.

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A motion was made to recess the First Session at 10:45 p.m. and was seconded and carried. The Second Session was to begin on Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. sharp.

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IX. SECOND SESSION - THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 1978

The Assembly reconvened at 9:40 a.m. with all delegates participating in prayer led by His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian.

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Mr. Crosby Kazarian of Providence, Rhode Island, addressed the Assembly with a lecture entitled "Chairing a Meeting". Following are the highlights of his address:

- A. Everyone does not have the attributes necessary to be a good chairman. Good attributes include having:
1. Initiative
  2. Tact
  3. Decisiveness
  4. Logical timing
  5. Empathy for other
  6. Objectiveness
  7. The ability to pay attention to details (i.e., Rules of Procedure, By-Laws)
  8. Integrity
  9. The ability to communicate effectively
  10. Self-confidence in his abilities
  11. Alertness and awareness of things going on around him
  12. The ability to think fast and be composed
- B. The vice-chairman must always be as capable of chairing a meeting as the chairman.
- C. A chairman should prepare himself before a meeting.
1. Know the objectives (aims/goals) of the organization.
    - a. Read the Constitution and By-Laws.
    - b. Read the minutes of the previous meeting to maintain continuity throughout the next meeting.
  2. Have an intimate knowledge of the By-Laws, Constitution and Rules of Procedure.
  3. Appoint a parliamentarian.
  4. Dress appropriately in order to "look and act the part".
  5. Be enthusiastic - its contagious.
  6. Have an agenda with all details listed - run a disciplined meeting.
    - a. Committee reports are necessary as they eliminate unnecessary questions and discussion.
    - b. Do not interject your personal ideas.
      - i. Lead the discussion and encourage participation.
      - ii. Be fair and impartial.
      - iii. Draw out questions, comments and suggestions from the delegates.
      - iv. Relationship with clergy --

- Do not be intimidated by the clergy.
- Address the clergy properly.
- Be honest and sincere in your relationship with the clergy.
- Give all clergymen 100% of your respect.

Mr. Kazarian stated that if a person is able to follow all of the above attributes, he will conduct a successful meeting.

Mr. Kazarian then invited questions and discussion on his lecture.

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The Assembly then recessed at 10:45 a.m.

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The Assembly reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

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The Chair then appointed Father Davidian and Michael Yapchaian as a special committee to review the Rules of Procedure used by this Assembly.

- X.        ADDRESS OF GEORGE TASHJIAN - ACYOA YOUTH DIRECTOR
- A. Mr. Tashjian stated that he had visited all the parishes in the Diocese except for Miami. However, he has been in contact with each of them.
  - B. Having elected four new Central Council members last year, Mr. Tashjian expressed the "extremely harmonious" relationship between himself and each of the Central Council members. He extended special thanks to Paul Pogharian and Michael Zeytoonian for their help.
  - C. Mr. Tashjian also expressed his pleasure regarding support from the Diocese. It was due to their concern for the youth as a priority and some smooth tactics by certain clergy at the last Diocesan Assembly which raised the Diocesan subsidy by \$5,000.
  - D. The Youth Director then stated that less than 1% of all eligible youth in our Diocese were presently members of the ACYOA. He emphasized that we are the leaders of today and that it was our responsibility to arouse an interest in the "juniors" to follow us.
  - E. Problems
    - 1. Deadlines are not being met. He asked that a reply be sent to all correspondence received from Central Council.
    - 2. Overall publicity is needed--especially now! All delegates were given press release forms to be sent to their local

newspapers informing them of their participation as delegates to this Assembly and their chapter's participation at Sports Weekend (Appendix 4).

3. Mr. Tashjian expressed the desire to be put on the mailing list of each parish in order to receive the parish newspaper. This is a great source of information to him concerning each chapter's activities.
4. Address changes of any chapter member should be sent to Mr. Tashjian immediately so that information may be sent to that member without difficulty.

His Eminence interjected that public relations is very essential. One person from each chapter should be assigned the responsibility of public relations work and the Central Council should be informed as to whom this PR person is. The Youth Director should be in personal contact with this PR person and the Central Council and the Youth Director should follow-up on chapter news. His Eminence also suggested that this PR person make contact with the religious editor of the local newspaper.

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The Chairman announced that there was a need for the names and addresses of each chapter's executive committee [including the PR person] by Friday morning.

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XI. REPORT OF CENTRAL COUNCIL - PAUL C. POGHARIAN, CHAIRMAN

Mr. Pogharian noted the following as highlights of the past year:

- A. The Chairman's Roundtable was held in Detroit, Michigan, on May 5, 6 and 7, 1978.
- B. A youth director was appointed (George Tashjian).
- C. Regionalization of chapters was accomplished.
- D. The KEGHARD began publication.
- E. The Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Tournament was established.

The Central Council Chairman stated the following as being conclusions of the Central Council:

- A. The ACYOA is still in a building stage.
- B. The Central Council has tried to implement all the resolutions adopted during the 1977 General Assembly.



- C. We have a "younger image" and should strive to be known as a "young adults" group instead.

Mr. Pogharian then summarized each of the topics listed in the Central Council and Youth Director's Report (Appendix 5) as follows:

#### Regionalization

Four regions have been established: New England, Greater New York, Mid-West and Mid-Atlantic. The objectives of regionalization are to bridge the communication gap which exists between chapters, allow chapters to exchange ideas on programs they have and to allow chapters to run functions jointly.

#### Retreats

Each region held a retreat during 1978.

#### Finances (Appendix 6)

- A. Banking -- Our banking is now being handled by the Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company, New York (Appendix 7).
- B. Securities (Appendix 8) -- The New York branch of Merrill Lynch is handling our investments.
- C. Bookkeeping -- The Safeguard Disbursement System has been adopted by the ACYOA to insure continuity between bookkeepers from year to year.
- D. Tax Status -- The tax status of the ACYOA is safe as long as it remains under the umbrella of the Diocese.

#### Address Plates

A set of address plates has been produced to give direct mailing to individual members of the ACYOA. Also, Chapter Chairmen will receive ACYOA communications at their homes. Please keep Central Council informed of changes in address of all chapter members as they both join and leave ACYOA.

(Nancy Malkasian [Detroit] asked if there was a cross-check of new and old members on the mailing list. Mr. Pogharian stated that no such cross-check had been done.)

#### KEGHARD (Appendix 9)

Two issues of our new quarterly magazine KEGHARD have been published and have received favorable responses. Michael Zeytoonian has been the coordinator of the publication and Jack Antreassian, Executive Secretary of the AGBU, has served as advisor.

It was noted that each chapter is responsible for submitting news concerning their chapter and members to the KEGHARD staff. All dues paying members of the ACYOA receive a subscription to KEGHARD. Each member should motivate non-members to subscribe (\$3 per year). A recommendation was made that each parish insert an application for subscriptions to KEGHARD in their parish paper.

Beginning with the Winter issue in December, the New York staff of KEGHARD will be joined by a Boston staff who will be responsible for copy-editing, content and layout, accumulation of materials, correspondence and subscriptions.

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The CENTRAL COUNCIL BULLETIN is a second publication of the ACYOA. The BULLETIN is sent to the President and Chairman of each chapter advising them of the proceedings of each Central Council meeting.

#### Publicity

Each chapter is to make an effort to publicize the ACYOA as much as possible. All news should be submitted to George Tashjian for publication on the ACYOA page of the Mirror-Spectator. Proper publicity is a major priority for the growth of any organization. Publicity must be directed to our members, parish, region and community.

#### Anniversary Balls

The Anniversary Ball to be hosted by New York on June 3, 1978, was not held because of extenuating circumstances. The Worcester Chapter, however, did hold a very successful Ball on May 20, 1978.

#### Martyrs' Day

The Central Council recommended a program for Chapters to follow in commemoration of this year's Martyrs' Day observance.

#### Armenian Studies Program (Appendix 10)

The Very Reverend Father Arshen Aivazian (Cheltenham) read this report. He stated that he and The Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian directed the ninth annual Armenian Studies Program between June 14 and July 12, 1978, and that it was a deeply moving experience for each of the participants.

Discussion was begun by The Reverend Father Karekin Kasparian (Westchester) concerning the participation of California youth in the Program. It was suggested that the same travel agent be used to lower expenses. Father Kasparian also discussed the process of choosing each year's managing and educational directors. He suggested that a system be begun whereby the clergyman who promotes the most ACYOA activities and whose chapter achieves the goals of the ACYOA for that year, should accompany the ASP group.

### New Chapters

Three new chapters have been added since September (Worcester, Fairlawn and Cleveland). It was noted that presently St. Gregory (New York) and Hartford have also formed ACYOA's.

### Archbishop's Trophy (Appendix 11)

The Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Tournament was held April 28 and 29, 1978, in New York City with an attendance of 250 of our members and 400 people overall. St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church was the winner of the men's division. It was noted that St. John's Armenian Church (Detroit) was the winner of the women's division.

### Visitations

George Tashjian reported that all ACYOA chapters were visited at least once this year by him with the exception of Miami (two Central Council members did make official visits to Miami, however). He has also been in contact with Armenian communities in Memphis, Tennessee, Houston, Texas, and Atlanta, Georgia.

### ACYOA Files

The files of the ACYOA have been organized and are now in a reasonable order at the Diocese. George Tashjian commended and thanked Joanne Dorian (Bayside) on behalf of himself and all ACYOA members for completely organizing and establishing the current filing system.

Each chapter was asked to check their files for information that should be kept in the ACYOA files in New York.

The Reverend Father Nersess Jebejian suggested that all of the old documents be made part of the archives of our organization. Much of the history of the ACYOA is in these files.

### Chairman's Roundtable

The 1978 Chairman's Roundtable was held in conjunction with the Annual Church Assembly in Detroit on May 6, 1978. The minutes of this meeting are available for reading.

### Personal Correspondence

Mr. Pogharian emphasized that first and foremost we must have good communication among our chapters and with Central Council. Please answer all correspondence that your chapter receives.

### Membership and Chapter Status

There are now 21 senior ACYOA chapters representing 24 of our parishes. Total membership as of this report was 628 members.

It was recommended that if there is an Armenian group in your area or at the university you attend, please notify Central Council. If possible, ascertain the names and addresses of these members.

### Conclusion

Mr. Pogharian again emphasized the need to be committed to our organization and to be responsible for the obligations we undertake.

Father Davidian made a motion to accept the report of the Central Council and Youth Director's Report and commended both Central Council and George Tashjian for the time and effort expended and the excellent job done by each. Nancy Malkasian seconded - the motion was carried.

### XII. CHAPTER REPORTS - PAUL POGHARIAN

Chapter Reports (Appendix 12) were read by Mr. Pogharian.

Father Kasparian suggested that the request for chapter reports be sent to both the chapter chairman and to the parish priest.

The Chair suggested that the Central Council Representative of each chapter should report on each chapter in his region.

Father Kasparian moved that in the seventh point made in the Chapter Reports, the word "youth" be inserted after the word "Armenian". Gary Hovhanessian (New Britain) moved so and Martha Manoian (Lowell) seconded - the motion was carried.

The Chair stated that George Tashjian had made a remark that if everyone cooperated with each other (Chapters and Central Council), his position as youth director would not be necessary. Chairman Sabounjian thereupon thanked Mr. Tashjian for the progress and achievements he had led us to during the past year through his help and efforts. The Chair described the affection and devotion George Tashjian has to this organization and to each of its members. The delegates of the Assembly confirmed the Chair's remarks by honoring Mr. Tashjian with a standing ovation.

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The Assembly recessed at 12:50 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 2:10 p.m.

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### XIII. REPORT OF THE NATIONAL EVENTS COMMITTEE - MICHAEL ZEYTOONIAN

Mr. Zeytoonian read the report of the Committee (Appendix 13) to the Assembly. He stated that a Winter Weekend was not feasible as a national event but that it could be developed as a regional event.

Post Sports Weekend Yearbook - Discussion was held by the Assembly concerning the yearbook and its contents. It was suggested that it should include pictures and the outcome of each sporting event and be separate from an ad book. Father Jebejian suggested that the ad book and the yearbook be one in the same.

Paul Pogharian moved that the National Events Committee recommend to the Sports Weekend Rules and Guides Committee that a deadline of 90 days following Sports Weekend be given for the publishing of the yearbook, and that its cost be included in the package plan or the meal plan. A charge can be levied on those not registered at the Sports Weekend, at the discretion of the host chapter. Seconded by Daniel Moynihan (Detroit).

Father Jebejian made an amendment that the Sports Weekend Yearbook and the ad book be combined. Seconded by Ken Hagopian (Watertown). This amendment was rejected by Paul Pogharian.

Discussion: Father Jebejian stated that it would be an added responsibility and burden to the host chapter after the completion of the General Assembly/Sports Weekend to prepare this yearbook and that it would be very expensive also.

Father Davidian suggested putting the present year's pictures and sporting event results in the ad book published the following year.

Janet Takvorian (Bayside) suggested pictures and sporting event results be published in the KEGHARD.

Upon a vote of the Assembly, the amendment was defeated (21 yes/29 no).

The original motion made by Paul Pogharian was read. Von Totovian (Watertown) made a friendly amendment that instead of the cost of the yearbook being included in the package plan, its cost be optional. Seconded by Watertown and accepted by Paul Pogharian.

Edward Kaiserian commented that because of the high expense involved, this information should be put in the KEGHARD.

Upon a vote of the Assembly, the motion was defeated.

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His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian entered the Assembly at this time (2:45 p.m.)

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Martyrs' Day - Father Kasparian suggested that the words "of 1978" be added after the words "style and guidelines". A motion was made by John Malool (Bayside) to accept this paragraph, with the suggestion made by Father Kasparian, and was seconded by Harry Tavitian (Westchester). The motion was carried.

Paragraph 3 - This paragraph was deleted as it was deemed inappropriate to this Committee and should be added to the Proposals Committee.

Mission Program - The Assembly discussed the term "self-sufficient" as used in the last paragraph. The Assembly learned that all participants volunteer their time and that the expenses of travel for the participants would be paid by the parish which they would visit. Edward Kaiserian stated that if it does not turn out to be a self-sufficient program, it should be cancelled.

Daniel Moynihan moved that the ACYOA establish a mission program. The program would concentrate on visiting parishes which do not have clergymen serving them in residence, and would benefit by the program. These parishes would be designated by the Primate and the Central Council. The programs will consist of:

- a. Bible study classes
- b. Home and hospital visitation
- c. Meeting with auxiliary organizations and/or forming them when needed
- d. Presenting programs of a cultural and religious nature.

We suggest that this program take place during the summer or during vacations. The mission team(s) would consist of a clergyman and Senior ACYOA members. This program will be designed to be self-sufficient, or even make a small amount, which in turn could be redirected into aid for the parishes visited. If the program serves to be non-self-sufficient, the program will not be sustained.

This motion was seconded by Nancy Malkasian and carried by the Assembly.

Armenian Studies Program Reunion Weekend - Father Kasparian moved to accept this paragraph as written. Seconded by Father Davidian and carried by the Assembly.

#### XIV. REPORT OF THE PROPOSAL COMMITTEE - KEN HAGOPIAN (Appendix 14)

- A. Father Davidian moved that the recommendations of the Committee as to Proposal #1 be accepted. Seconded by John Malool. Motion carried/Proposal accepted.
- B. Father Davidian moved that the recommendations of the Committee as to Proposal #2 be accepted. Seconded by John Malool. Motion carried/Proposal accepted.
- C. Father Davidian moved that Proposal #3 be amended to read as follows:
  - "3. Propose that the Central Council be directed to study the feasibility of a National Scholarship Program for higher education."

Seconded by John Malool. Motion carried/Proposal accepted.

- D. Father Davidian moved that the recommendations of the Committee as to Proposal #4 be accepted. Seconded by John Malool. Motion carried/Proposal defeated.
- E. Marianne Hovsepien (Detroit) moved that the recommendations of the Committee as to Proposal #5 be accepted. Seconded by Nancy Malkasian.

Discussion: Father Davidian spoke against the motion stating the ACYOA annual General Assembly be held at a time and site other than the same year's Sports Weekend.

Edward Kaiserian spoke in favor of the motion. Father Kochakian concurred with Father Davidian suggesting that there be an educational type of week separate from Sports Weekend. John Malool pointed out that bringing the delegates together for a meeting at a time other than Sports Weekend had been attempted two years ago and failed because of poor attendance.

John Malool moved the question - seconded by The Reverend Father Michael Buttero. Motion carried/Proposal defeated.

- F. Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) moved to accept the recommendations of the Committee as to Proposal #6. Seconded by Seth Bilazarian (Worcester).

Point of Order: It was stated that the Proposals Committee could not change a proposal in substance.

Edward Kaiserian stated that he could not recommend acceptance of this recommendation. Michael Yapchaian stated that there should be a study of what keeps people away from our organization. Father Kasparian spoke stating that we need self-improvement and that a survey needed to be taken.

Daniel Moynihan moved the question - seconded by Detroit. Motion carried/Proposal accepted (26 yes/19 no).

- G. Father Davidian moved that we postpone discussion of the recommendations of the Committee as to Proposal #7 until after the Amendments Committee had presented its report. Seconded by Michael Yapchaian. Father Buttero moved to table the discussion. Seconded by Sona Yazijian (Chicago). Motion carried/Proposal accepted.
- H. Father Davidian moved that the last sentence in the recommendations of the Committee as to Proposal #8 presently reading "The committee recommends that this proposal be tabled till Friday AM." be stricken and instead it read "This proposal will be tabled until such time." Seconded by Michael Zeytoonian.

Because this was a request of the Archbishop, it was agreed that there was no need for a vote.

- I. It was noted that the proposal of the Springfield Chapter (Appendix 14C) as distributed to the delegates was not the same as submitted to the Central Council by that Chapter. The recommendations of the Proposal Committee were held to be invalid. The second and third paragraphs should have read:

"If said camp was to be purchased, it might be used as the location for a junior national convocation and other ACYOA functions. When choosing the site for this camp, the demographic distribution of ACYOA chapters across the Eastern Diocese should be kept in mind.

We hope that this proposal will be considered and such a committee formed in the hopes of acquiring a meeting place for ACYOA members in the Eastern Diocese."

Michael Zeytoonian made a motion to accept or reject the proposal as corrected. Seconded by Father Davidian.

Chris Mooradian (East St. Louis) moved that the proposal be amended by deleting the last sentence of the second paragraph. Seconded by Sona Yazijian.

Discussion: The Assembly discussed the feasibility of such a purchase.

The question was moved by Ken Hagopian and seconded by Daniel Moynihan. Upon vote of the Assembly, the motion was defeated.

The Assembly then held further discussion on the proposal.

Ron Godoshian made a friendly amendment to the proposal to change the word "Juniors" to "Diocesan Youth Camp".

The Assembly then voted on acceptance of the proposal as amended. Motion carried/Proposal accepted.

XV. REPORT OF THE 1978 CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE - ROB DOGRAMAJIAN  
(Appendix 15)

A. Article 16, Sec. 1

Sona Yazijian moved to accept the tabled amendment. Father Buttero seconded.

Ed Kaiserian recommended that we not agree with the Constitution Committee proposal. Father Davidian disagrees with Mr. Kaiserian and urges defeat of the proposal.



Miss Yazijian and Father Buttero withdrew their motion and second, respectively.

There was no consideration given to the amendment.

His Eminence stated that there was a need to clarify the withdrawal of motions. The Chair stated that if there were no objections from the Assembly, any motion could be withdrawn.

B. Article 4, Sec. 6

The Assembly discussed the term "communicant member". The Chair stated that a non-communicant member was any person who was not able to receive Holy Communion in the Armenian Church.

Discussion: The Constitution Committee stated that all four proposals were taken into consideration in preparing and developing their recommendation. His Eminence voiced his opinion that the possibility does exist that a non-Armenian could become chairman of a local chapter upon receiving "full membership" status upon approval of the Primate and Central Council. His Eminence implied that this approval could not be given in the best interests of our organization.

Father Davidian read from page 56 of Robert's Rules of Order concerning the procedure to be followed in changing an amendment.

The Chair provided the following summary concerning the proposal: The Constitution Committee recommends acceptance of their proposed amendment Article 4, Sec. 6. According to the comments made by Father Davidian, the amendment may be modified if it is having portions deleted, however, nothing may be added to it.

Point of Order - Father Buttero: Our Constitution states that all amendments to the Constitution must be submitted 60 days prior to the Assembly. This amendment was in fact submitted 60 days prior to the Assembly. There were no substantial changes in the amendment.

The Chair states that we must deal with the recommendation as stated by the Constitution Committee, and we must either accept or reject the amendment.

Daniel Moynihan moved to delete the words "after two consecutive years of Associate Membership a member may be accorded full membership to the A.C.Y.O.A. by Central Council and the Primate."  
Seconded by Chris Mooradian.

It was stated that no vote was necessary because this issue went against the Canons of the Armenian Church. The last sentence of the Committee's amendment was stricken.

Father Buttero moved to accept the 1978 Constitution Committee recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ken Hagopian.

Daniel Moynihan moved to amend the motion by deleting the word "local" from the following sentence:

"Associate Members may participate in the local activities of the Chapter, but may not vote or hold elective office."

This motion was seconded by Harry Tavitian. Upon vote of the Assembly, the motion was defeated. Father Buttero moved the question and was seconded by Father Davidian (45 yes/10 no).

The motion was carried (upon approval of the Primate and the Diocesan Council of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America).

C. Father Davidian moved to work on all agreed recommendations of the Constitution Committee first and then resume work on all disagreed recommendations. Seconded by Watertown.

Motion is carried.

D. Article 8, Sec. 5

Father Davidian moved to accept or reject the recommendations of the Constitution Committee. John Malool seconded. The vote of the Assembly was 52 yes/1 no. The amendment was carried (upon approval of the Primate and the Diocesan Council of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America).

E. Article 9, Sec. 3

John Malool moved to accept or reject the recommendations of the Constitution Committee. Sona Yazijian seconded. The vote of the Assembly was 47 yes/1 no. The amendment was carried (upon approval of the Primate and the Diocesan Council of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America).

F. Article 10, Sec. 12h

Point of Clarification - Chair: The definition of a "standing committee" is as follows: A committee which participates in the Assembly each year. The members of the committee change from year to year, however, each committee makes a report each year.

Daniel Moynihan moved to accept or reject the recommendations of the Constitution Committee. Paul Pogharian seconded.

Discussion: Father Buttero opens the floor to discussion on the recommendation.

Mr. Moynihan and Mr. Pogharian withdrew their motion and second, respectively.

Discussion: Both Ken Hagopian and Father Davidian spoke in favor of the amendment.

The question was moved and seconded. The vote of the Assembly was 25 yes/25 no. The motion was defeated.

Father Davidian moved to accept or reject the original proposal of Central Council concerning Article 10, Sec. 12h. Helen Norsigian seconded. The question was moved by Nancy Malkasian and seconded by Semon Javizian (Detroit). The vote of the Assembly was 32 yes/18 no. The motion was defeated.

G. Article 11, Sec. 9

Father Buttero moved to accept or reject the recommendations of the Constitution Committee. Steve Kaishian (Wisconsin) seconded. The vote of the Assembly was 46 yes/3 no. The motion was carried (upon approval of the Primate and the Diocesan Council of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America).

H. Article 10, Sec. 12h

Seth Bilazarian moved to reconsider Article 10, Sec. 12h as proposed by Central Council. Michael Zeytoonian seconded. The motion was carried.

Discussion: The Assembly resumed discussion concerning this amendment.

Father Buttero moved the question and it was seconded by Daniel Moynihan. The vote of the Assembly was 31 yes/20 no. The motion was defeated.

I. Article 11, Sec. 10

Michael Zeytoonian moved to accept or reject the recommendations of the Constitution Committee. Nancy Malkasian seconded. The vote of the Assembly was 50 yes/1 no. The amendment was carried (upon approval of the Primate and the Diocesan Council of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America).

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Father Davidian moved to recess for dinner. Seconded by Steve Kaishian. Motion carried. The meeting recessed at 7:00 p.m. and reconvened at 8:20 p.m. with prayer led by Father Davidian.

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J. Article 16, Sec. 4

Ken Hagopian moved to accept or reject the recommendations of the Constitution Committee. Sona Yazijian seconded. After discussion by the Assembly, the question was moved by Nancy Malkasian and seconded by Detroit. The vote of the Assembly was 11 yes/28 no. The motion was defeated.

K. Article 16, Sec. 5

There was no need to discuss this amendment.

L. Article 13, Sec. 1

Ken Hagopian moved to accept or reject the recommendations of the Constitution Committee. Nancy Malkasian seconded. After discussion by the Assembly the question was moved by Sona Yazijian and seconded by Michael Zeytoonian. The vote of the Assembly was 26 yes/23 no. The motion was defeated.

Michael Zeytoonian moved for reconsideration and received five seconds. The motion was carried. After discussion by the Assembly to reconsider the amendment, the question was moved by Michael Zeytoonian and it was seconded. The vote of the Assembly was 21 yes/28 no. The motion was defeated.

M. Article 8, Sec. 1

Ken Hagopian moved to accept or reject the recommendations of the Constitution Committee. Michael Zeytoonian seconded. The vote of the Assembly was 42 yes/10 no. The motion was carried (upon approval of the Primate and the Diocessan Council of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America).

N. Michael Zeytoonian moved to accept the wisdom of the 1978 Constitution Committee and to accept disagreement on those amendments that the Committee chose not to bring to the floor of the Assembly. Seconded by Daniel Moynihan. Motion is carried.

NOTE: Nancy Malkasian's name was misspelled at the end of the report submitted by the 1978 Constitution Committee.

XVI. REPORT OF SPORTS WEEKEND STUDY COMMITTEE - DAVID ONANIAN  
(Appendix 16)

Point of Order - Ken Hagopian: Mr. Hagopian stated that this Committee was out of order because their proposals had not been submitted 60 days prior to the Assembly.

The Chair stated that this was a standing committee pursuant to the definition previously given, and that the report would be given.

Mr. Hagopian appealed the ruling of the Chair and was seconded by Von Totovian.

In defense the Chair stated that the Committee was valid and should be heard because it had been set up as a standing committee at a previous General Assembly.

The Assembly then voted as to the decision of the Chair - whether the proposal of the Sports Weekend Study Committee be acted upon by this body. The vote of the Assembly was 17 yes/22 no. The Chair's decision was sustained. Three-fourth's of the vote was needed to overrule the Chair.

Mr. Onanian then presented the findings of the Sports Weekend Study Committee and opened the floor to discussion.

Sona Yazijian asked when it would be feasible to hold these activities during the course of a Sports Weekend. Mr. Onanian stated that they could take place on Saturday from the morning through the afternoon. Although it would conflict with sports activities that were under way, many people have expressed an interest to have other activities provided other than sports.

Michael Zeytoonian stated that Sports Weekend was neither the time nor the place for these activities. However, because many people are interested in both sports and cultural activities, he asked the Assembly to consider the possibility of this being developed as a separate weekend.

Karnig Durgarian stated that he felt a Sports Weekend would be a bad "testing ground" for these activities. He asked who would be responsible for arranging this program.

Ken Hagopian moved that the Sports Weekend Study Committee recommendations be approved. Seconded by Boston.

Father Kasparian made a friendly amendment to the motion by changing the last two lines of the first paragraph to read as follows:

". . . as a productive and goal-oriented organization, Sports Weekends, should, where possible, include any of the following programs:"

The Assembly then voted on the motion as amended. Motion was carried.

XVII. REPORT OF THE PROPOSAL COMMITTEE (Continued) - MICHAEL YAPCHAIAN

Mr. Yapchaian read and explained proposal number 7 (Appendix 17) to the Assembly concerning the synchronization of the "A" award presentation with the fiscal year for which it is presented.

Ken Hagopian moved to accept or reject the proposal of the Committee. Nancy Malkasian seconded. After discussion by the Assembly the motion was carried by a vote of 22 yes/18 no.

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Father Davidian moved to recess at 10:25 p.m. but then withdrew his motion.

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XVIII. ACYOA JUNIORS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Assembly discussed the Committee report (Appendix 18). Father Davidian moved to accept the recommendations of the ACYOA Juniors Committee Report. Father Jebejian seconded.

Father Davidian amended his motion by stating that the recommendations of the ACYOA Juniors Committee Report be adopted with the addition of the words "on a local level" inserted in recommendation 1 as follows:

- "1. One Year prior to their eligibility to Senior membership, juniors could be invited to fully participate in Senior activities on a local level. (Example: Juniors participating in annual Senior events.)"

The decision of the Committee was to accept this amendment. Father Jebejian also agreed. Upon vote of the Assembly, the motion was unanimously carried.

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Father Davidian moved that the agenda of the day be suspended and that the first order of business on Friday be the election of officers.

John Malool seconded. The motion was carried.

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Daniel Moynihan moved to recess until 9:30 a.m. Friday morning. Sona Yazijian seconded.

Paul Pogharian made a friendly amendment to change the time to 9:00 a.m. Seconded. The motion was carried as amended.

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The meeting recessed at 11:00 p.m.

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THIRD SESSION - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1978

The Assembly reconvened at 9:15 a.m. with all delegates participating in prayer led by His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian.

XIX. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT - NANCY MALKASIAN/DEBORAH STEPANIAN

Election of Central Council

The three members of the Central Council whose terms were ending were Paul Pogharian, Ron Godoshian and Linda Minassian. The Nominating

Committee contacted, reviewed qualifications and nominated the following delegates for possible election to Central Council: Karnig Durgarian, Jr. (Springfield), Alex Kouyoumdjian (Watertown), Linda E. Minassian (Providence), Paul C. Pogharian (Watertown) and Sona Yazijian (Chicago).

Nominations from the floor were as follows: Rob Dogramajian (Bayside) and Edward Ounjian (Wynnewood).

It was moved by Detroit and seconded that procedures be suspended. The motion was carried.

The Nominating Committee stated that the first two nominees who received the highest majority votes would receive the two two-year terms. The third nominee receiving the highest majority votes would receive the one-year term.

The following was not the actual sequence of the proceedings of the General Assembly, however, it has been compiled in this way for the sake of clarity:

#### 1st Ballot

Paul Pogharian received a majority of the votes.

Seth Bilazarian moved that the votes be disclosed and was seconded by Father Davidian. The motion was defeated.

#### 2nd Ballot

There was no majority received by any of the nominees.

Father Davidian moved to disclose the votes and his motion was seconded. Brian Bogosian suggested that the two nominees receiving the lowest number of votes be dropped. After discussion and vote of the Assembly, the motion was carried.

Rob Dogramajian	23
Karnig Durgarian	28
Alex Kouyoumdjian	9
Linda Minassian	21
Ed Ounjian	8
Sona Yazijian	27

#### 3rd Ballot

Karnig Durgarian received a majority of the votes.

#### 4th Ballot

There was no majority received by any of the other nominees.

Paul Pogharian moved to disclose the votes and this motion was seconded by Daniel Moynihan.

Rob Dogramajian	18
Alex Kouyoumdjian	Withdrew
Linda Minassian	17
Ed Ounjian	Withdrew
Sona Yazijian	26

#### 5th Ballot

Sona Yazijian received a majority of the votes.

#### Result

Paul C. Pogharian	-	2 year term
Karnig Durgarian	-	2 year term
Sona Yazijian	-	1 year term
Rob Dogramajian	-	First Alternate

#### Election of Auditing Committee

The Nominating Committee contacted, reviewed qualifications and nominated Anna Garabedian (Springfield) for possible election to the Auditing Committee.

Nominations from the floor were as follows: Mark Kazanjian (Lawrence), Chris Mooradian (East St. Louis), Alex Kouyoumdjian (Watertown), Edward Ounjian (Wynnewood), Rob Dogramajian (Bayside), Richard Miradjian (Boston).

It was moved and seconded that procedures be suspended. The motion was carried.

The following was not the actual sequence of the proceedings of the General Assembly, however, it has been compiled in this way for the sake of clarity:

#### 1st Ballot

Anna Garabedian and Alex Kouyoumdjian received a majority of the votes.

Daniel Moynihan moved that the votes be disclosed in order to reduce the number of nominees by voluntary withdrawal. This motion was seconded.

Rob Dogramajian	23
Anna Garabedian	40
Mark Kazanjian	18
Alex Kouyoumdjian	37
Richard Miradjian	2
Chris Mooradian	21
Ed Ounjian	21

Mr. Miradjian withdrew.



2nd Ballot

There was no majority received by any of the other nominees.

3rd Ballot

Rob Dogramajian received a majority of the votes.

Result

Rob Dogramajian  
Anna Garabedian  
Alex Kouyoumdjian  
Chris Mooradian - First Alternate

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Election of Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee contacted, reviewed qualifications and nominated Joanne Dorian (Bayside), Nancy Malkasian (Detroit) and Deborah Stepanian (Chicago) for possible election to the Nominating Committee for 1979.

Nominations from the floor were as follows: Chris Derderian (Hartford), Harry Tavitian (Westchester), Brian Bogosian (Lawrence), Ron Godoshian (Detroit) and Barbara Shamgochian (Springfield).

It was moved and seconded that procedures be suspended. The motion was carried.

The following was not the actual sequence of the proceedings of the General Assembly, however, it has been compiled in this way for the sake of clarity:

1st Ballot

There was no majority received by any of the nominees.

Father Davidian moved to disclose the votes and his motion was seconded.

Brian Bogosian	24
Chris Derderian	18
Joanne Dorian	27
Ron Godoshian	20
Nancy Malkasian	15
Barbara Shamgochian	13
Deborah Stepanian	24
Harry Tavitian	16

## 2nd Ballot

David Onanian moved that because of the Assembly being evicted from the meeting room at 3:30 p.m. (it was approximately 3:20 p.m. at this time) the three nominees receiving the highest number of votes be elected the Nominating Committee for 1979 and that this not be considered a precedent for future Assemblies. The motion was seconded and carried.

## Result

Brian Bogosian  
Joanne Dorian  
Deborah Stepanian  
Ron Godoshian - First Alternate

## XX. REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE - DEBORAH STEPANIAN

The report of the Resolutions Committee (Appendix 19) was read by Deborah Stepanian. She noted that the names of the following clergy should be added to the seventh "whereas" clause:

Very Rev. Father Jirayr Tashjian, Chicago  
Rev. Father Karekin Kasparian, Westchester  
Rev. Father Garabed Kochakian, Worcester

Ken Hagopian objected to the Resolutions Committee Report.

Michael Zeytoonian asked to what level of the clergy recognition was to be given and stated the fact that Deacon Arthur Sabounjian's name had been omitted. The Chair commented that because he was not acting in the capacity of a deacon at this time his name was not included. Mr. Zeytoonian asked that his name be removed from this paragraph as he, too, was not acting in the capacity of a sub-deacon at this time.

Michael Zeytoonian moved to close discussion and this motion was seconded. The question was moved. The ruling of the Chair was appealed and the appeal was defeated.

Father Davidian stated that the last paragraph should be re-worded as it was offensive. He suggested the following:

WHEREAS, a greater concern and sense of responsibility has been displayed by those attending the convention, be it resolved that, as God grants us strength and knowledge, we strive to reach greater horizons as members of the Armenian Church.

The following resolution was inadvertently omitted from the typed copy of the Report of the Resolutions Committee:

"WHEREAS, George Tashjian, ACYOA Youth Director, has given unselfishly of his time and able leadership and has done an outstanding job in his first year with our organization in strengthening the ties of the ACYOA from chapter to chapter, be it resolved that we extend our sincere thanks to him for the many hours he has devoted to us and special thanks are extended to his family also."

Sona Yazijian moved that the following resolution be added:

"WHEREAS, the ACYOA presently has a national publication by the name of KEGHARD, we continue to encourage its editorial staff and especially Michael Zeytoonian, Coordinator, in fostering the periodical's growth."

The motion was seconded and carried.

Michael Yapchaian moved that the following resolution be added:

"WHEREAS, Joanne Dorian has assisted the Central Council and Youth Director in organizing the administrative files and historical records of the Central Council, be it resolved that our appreciation is extended to her for her devotion and services."

The motion was seconded and carried.

Brian Bogosian moved that the Report of the Resolutions Committee be accepted. Seconded by Daniel Moynihan. Motion is carried.

XXI. ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE ASSEMBLY - CHRIS MOORADIAN

Chris Mooradian (East St. Louis) announced to the General Assembly that the consecration of the newly built Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church, Belleville, Illinois, would take place the weekend of November 24-26, 1978, and that everyone was invited to attend.

XXII. 1979 SPORTS WEEKEND BID

Jan and Karen Avakian (Wisconsin Chapter) presented the General Assembly with a bid for the 1979 General Assembly/Sports Weekend in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The Chair stated that the Wisconsin Chapter was the only chapter to bid for the 1979 General Assembly/Sports Weekend and had submitted their bid 60 days prior to this convention to the Central Council.

Jan Avakian read both the chapter report and also a letter from The Very Reverend Shnork Kasparian, pastor of St. John's Armenian Church, Greenfield, Wisconsin, approving the bid.

Karen Avakian presented each delegate with a folder containing information pursuant to the hotel, sports facilities, tourist sights, etc.

Ron Godoshian moved to accept the bid of the Wisconsin Chapter for the 1978 General Assembly/Sports Weekend. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

XXIII. GOOD AND WELFARE DISCUSSION

Paul Pogharian emphasized the responsibility of each local chapter's executive committee. He stated that it was each delegate's duty to return to his chapter and report on the proceedings of the General Assembly and to maintain communication lines with members.

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Michael Zeytoonian expressed his opinion that each organization must seek the support of its clergy.

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Nancy Malkasian presented the Central Council with a special report prepared by the Detroit Chapter containing organizational procedures and ideas used by that chapter which may be helpful to other chapters. The report will be reviewed by Central Council.

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George Tashjian urged each chapter to notify him as to whom their public relations person was. He insisted that each chapter chairman should exercise his authority and delegate responsibilities. He noted that after a conversation with a member, a follow-up letter should always be sent.

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Father Davidian encouraged each delegate to read the hand-out entitled "A Guide to Coordination and a Peace of Mind" (Appendix 20) and to present it at his chapter meeting. He stressed that our goal, purpose and first responsibility is toward the Church. We should always encourage church attendance by our members.

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David Onanian suggested that copies of all ACYOA correspondence be sent to each parish secretary for insertion in that parish's files.

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Nancy Malkasian commented that communication was very important and that if correspondence was received that deemed a reply, a reply should be sent.

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Michael Zeytoonian stated that the ACYOA members had been taking a position of weakness (i.e. paying dues). He commented that members should want to pay their dues in order to be part of our organization.

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Nancy Malkasian directed a question to Central Council concerning the formation of a chapter. She asked whether St. Gregory (New York) was a duly authorized chapter when in fact they had only 5 or 6 members who happened to play on the basketball team.

Mr. Pogharian answered that although it was a wrong beginning and sports should not be their only interest, they were a legally formed chapter. The Central Council did not review each new chapter that was formed.

Michael Zeytoonian asserted that St. Gregory's could not be blamed and that we (the Assembly) should try to make this a positive beginning for them and encourage their growth.

Miss Malkasian asked if anything had been done in the New York area to promote the ACYOA.

His Eminence stated that St. Gregory's was in a peculiar situation. He explained that they were technically residents of the Cathedral complex. This congregation was once a very densely populated Armenian community, however, presently much of the Armenian population has left the area. His Eminence agreed that Central Council should take more of an interest in them and try to help the parish.

Ken Hagopian suggested that since St. Gregory's was so interested in an athletic program, someone knowledgeable in both sports and other ACYOA programs should be appointed to advise the chapter.

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Michael Zeytoonian suggested that there be more informal sports events held during the Sports Weekend (i.e. tug-of-war, frisbee contests, etc.)

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XXIV. ADDRESS BY HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN  
(See Appendix 26)

Srbazan Hayr then appointed Father Davidian to act in his stead as he had to leave the Assembly.

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The Chair made the following observations concerning ACYOA. What makes ACYOA so different from other organizations? What separates us from other organizations? We should think and talk about these questions within our local chapters.

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XXV. REPORT CONCERNING THE ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN BASKETBALL AWARD - KEN HAGOPIAN (Appendix 21)

Daniel Moynihan moved to accept the policies of this proposal as written and was seconded by Ron Godoshian.

Discussion: The Assembly was told that this was not an ACYOA function although ACYOA was doing the legwork and acting as the coordinator of the tournament. We would receive 50% of the profits from the tournament.

Seth Bilazarian suggested that rule 8 be changed to read:

"Team rosters approved by Srbazan Hayr, parish priest and Central Council shall be submitted prior to tournament play."

Ron Godoshian suggested that an additional rule be added as follows:

"All teams shall consist of at least 5 players and have a maximum number of players."

Michael Zeytoonian moved to refer this report to His Eminence and Central Council for final approval. Sona Yazijian seconded and the motion was carried.

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XXVI. GOOD AND WELFARE DISCUSSION (Continued)

Michael Zeytoonian suggested that the standing committee for Resolutions be dissolved. The Chairman stated that this committee was to make proposals to the Assembly concerning issues of importance to the Organization.

Father Davidian agreed with the Chair and stated that the Resolutions Committee was a vital part of the Assembly. This committee should take stands on matters of current importance in the world.

The Chair suggested that the committee be maintained but that its function be changed to its original form of making resolutions concerning current events. The suggestion was approved by the Assembly.

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The Chair interrupted the discussion and explained the difficulty the Auditing Committee was having balancing the books. The Chair suggested that the Assembly receive the Committee's report in its present form and give the committee whatever time they needed to thoroughly complete the audit. The Committee's conclusions could then be submitted to the Auditing Committee elected for 1979 and they would in turn check the report and submit it to Central Council and each chapter.

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Ken Hagopian stated that the rule stating that proposals must be submitted to Central Council 60 days prior to a General Assembly was inadequate. He noted that ideas are brought up for discussion during an Assembly and, therefore, should not be discussed because of this rule.

The Chair suggested that a study committee be appointed to resolve this issue. The Chair's suggestion was approved by the Assembly and the following persons were appointed to the committee: Father Davidian, George Tashjian, Melanie Barsamian, David Onanian and Michael Zeytoonian. It was suggested by a delegate that Michael Yapchaian also be added to the committee. He was so added.

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XXVII. REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE - KARNIG DURGARIAN

Mr. Durgarian began his report (Appendix 22) by stating that the date of the budget should be changed to July 1, 1978 - June 30, 1979 and that the last line under "Disbursements" be changed to read "Sports Weekend Committee Operations".

The Chair strongly suggested that a comparative budget be prepared by members of the succeeding Budget Committee so it would be easier for the delegates to understand our finances.

Michael Zeytoonian moved that the heading entitled "Sports Weekend Committee Operations" be changed to read "Standing and Special Committees" and that the figure be changed from \$950 to \$1,500. Nancy Malkasian seconded. The motion was carried.

The Assembly discussed the disbursement of the Executive Secretary Salary (\$25,000) and questioned whether the figure also appeared on the budget of the Diocese. It was affirmed that the allotment did appear on the Diocese budget as the Youth Director's salary and the Chair ruled that it was not a proper entry on our budget. Therefore, the disbursement of \$25,000 for the Executive Secretary Salary was deleted and the Diocesan Subsidy of \$30,000 was reduced to \$5,000 under "Income".

Michael Zeytoonian moved to accept the budget as amended. David Onanian seconded. After discussion by the Assembly the question was moved by Ken Hagopian and seconded. The motion was carried.

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The Chair announced that a telegram (Appendix 23) had been sent to His Holiness Vasken I, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians in Holy Etchmiadzin, Armenia, on behalf of the 9th Annual ACYOA General Assembly.

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#### XXVIII. REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE - ANNA GARABEDIAN

The Auditing Committee Report (Appendix 24) was read by Anna Garabedian. She stated that the job of this Committee was very difficult because the books had been improperly kept.

Michael Zeytoonian moved that the Assembly accept the Auditing Committee Report and was seconded by Brian Bogosian.

Father Jebejian suggested that there be an audit of the books every three months for the coming year only.

The Chair requested that the three members of the Auditing Committee for 1979 (Anna Garabedian, Alex Kouyoumdjian and Rob Dogramajian) meet to straighten out the books covering the 1977 fiscal year. He requested that they meet in March, 1979, for a second time to audit the books for 1978-1979 and then meet again for a third time (about August 1, 1979) to complete their audit for the year. At that time they would prepare the audit report to be presented to the 1979 General Assembly which would allow them to participate in the Assembly rather than spend so much time in meeting.

This request was accepted by all three members of the Auditing Committee for 1979.



The Chair directed the Youth Director to insure that this action was handled as the matter of highest priority in Central Council business for the coming year.

Janet Takvorian suggested that instead of money being allocated to the Auditing Committee to meet, that sum instead be paid to an official certified public accountant to audit our books. It was noted that our books were not kept in a form acceptable to any CPA firm.

Father Aivazian suggested that the Armenian Studies Program books be kept separate from the Central Council books.

It was moved and seconded that the Auditing Committee Report be accepted. The motion was carried.

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The Chairman of the Assembly presented Jan Avakian, Chairperson of the Wisconsin Chapter, with the ACYOA banner.

At that time, George Tashjian commended Arthur Saboujian for the excellent job he did conducting the General Assembly and he also thanked all of the other officers of the meeting for their performances as well.

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XXVIX. NEW BUSINESS

There was no objection to the suggestion that the issue of the Sports Weekend Study Committee be deferred to Central Council for consideration.

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Nancy Malkasian stated that the following chapters had outstanding debts owing to the Detroit Chapter/Central Council for their participation in the 1977 Sports Weekend events:

Bayside	\$25.00
Cheltenham	2.00
Lowell	25.00
Toronto	25.00

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XXX. ADJOURNMENT

Seth Bilazarian moved that the 1978 General Assembly be adjourned. Paul Pogharian seconded. The motion was carried and the Assembly adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DEBORAH STEPANIAN  
PHYLLIS MADANIAN

GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

August 30, 1978 - September 1, 1978

PROVIDENCE HARRIOTT INN, PROVIDENCE, R.I.

AGENDA

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- III. Election of Assembly Officers - Appointment of Parliamentarian
- IV. Adoption of Agenda
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- VI. Acceptance of 1977 Minutes
- VII. Welcoming Address
- VIII. Adoption of Rules of Procedure
- IX. Adoption of Rules of Parliamentary Procedure
- X. Appointment of Committees
  - a. Budget
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  - d. Constitution
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  - f. A.C.Y.O.A. Juniors
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  - c. Auditing Committee Report
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  - f. Proposals Committee Report
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  - h. Sports Weekend Study Committee Report
  - i. A.C.Y.O.A. Junior Committee Report
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  - a. Report on Budget Committee
  - b. Report of Nominating Committee
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    - 2. Election of Nominating Committee
    - 3. Election of Auditing Committee
  - c. Report of Resolutions Committee
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- XIV. Presentation of Host Banner
- XV. Adjournment
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DELEGATES

BAYSIDE, NY

Rev. Fr. Michael Buttero  
Rob Dogramajian (Chairman)  
Joanne Dorian  
John Malool  
Janet Takvorian

BOSTON, MA

Robert P. Borzakian, Jr. (Chairman)  
Rochard T. Mouradjian, Jr.

CHELTENHAM, PA

Very Rev. Fr. Arshen Aivazian  
Suzanne Minassian (Chairman)  
Mark Hanamirian  
Mike Juskalian

CHICAGO, IL

Very Rev. Fr. Jirayr Tashjian  
John Paklaian (Chairman)  
Cynthia Paklaian  
Deborah Stepanian  
Sona Yazijian  
Arden Karachorlu (Alternate)

DETROIT, MI

Nancy Malkasian (Chairman)  
Marianne Hovsepian  
Daniel Moynihan  
Graceann Jeverjian  
Jack Karakashian  
Semon Javizian

EAST ST. LOUIS, IL

Helen Norsigian (Chairman)  
Chris Mooradian

FAIR LAWN, NJ

Lisa Chekemian (Chairman)

HARTFORD, CT

Christine Derderian

LAWRENCE, MA

Mark Kazanjian  
Brian Bogosian

LOWELL, MA

Martha Manoian  
Jeanne Loosigian

NEW BRITAIN, CT

Gary Hovhanessian (Chairman)

PROVIDENCE, RI

Rev. Fr. Kaik Donikian  
Gary Tateosian (Chairman)  
Janice Najarian  
Shooshan Donikian  
Joyce Minassian (Alternate)

SPRINGFIELD, MA

Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian  
Karnig Durgarian (Chairman)  
Anna Garabedian  
Barbara Shamgochian

TORONTO, CANADA

Michael Afarian  
Arthur Okutan

WATERTOWN, MA

Rev. Fr. Dajad Davidian  
Alex Kouyoumdjian (Chairman)  
Ken Hagopian  
Michael Yaphchaian  
Nancy Madonian  
Von Totovian

WESTCHESTER, NY

Rev. Fr. Karekin Kasparian  
Steven Sirabian (Chairman)  
David Davidian  
Arthur Sabounjian  
Harry Tavitian

WISCONSIN

Jan Avakian (Chairman)  
Steve Kaishian  
Karen Avakian  
Myron Mikaelian  
Nick Akgulian  
Penny Giragosian (Alternate)

WORCESTER, MA

Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian  
Melanie Barsamian  
Seth Bilazarian

WYNNEWOOD, PA

Edward Ounjian

CENTRAL COUNCIL

Paul Pogharian  
Michael Zeytoonian  
Susan Minasian  
Ron Godoshian  
Linda Minassian

## C O M M I T T E E S

### ACYOA JUNIORS

Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Springfield)  
Karen Avakian (Wisconsin)  
Gary Hovhannessian (New Britain)  
Semon Javizian (Detroit)  
Mark Kazanjian (Lowell)  
Richard T. Mouradjian (Boston)  
David Onanian (Lowell)  
Ed Ounjian (Wynnewood)  
Steve Sirabian (Westchester)  
Vaughan Tatovian (Watertown)  
Sona Yazijian (Chicago)

### CONSTITUTION

Rev. Fr. Dajad Davidian (Watertown)  
Michael Afarian (Toronto)  
Lisa Chekemian (Fair Lawn)  
Rob Dogramajian (Bayside)  
Mark Hanamirian (Cheltenham)  
Nancy Malkasian (Detroit)  
Myron Mikaelian (Wisconsin)  
Helen Norsigian (East St. Louis)  
Barbara Shamgochian (Springfield)  
Michael Yapchaian (Watertown)

### NATIONAL EVENTS

Very Rev. Fr. Ashen Aivazian (Cheltenham)  
Brian Bogosian (Lawrence)  
Joanne Dorian (Bayside)  
Karnig Durgarian (Springfield)  
Steve Kaishian (Wisconsin)  
Nancy Madanian (Watertown)  
Suzanne Minassian (Cheltenham)  
Dan Moynihan (Detroit)  
Art Okutan (Toronto)  
Cynthia Paklaian (Chicago)  
Harry Tavitian (Westchester)

### RESOLUTIONS

Jan Avakian (Wisconsin)  
Seth Bilazarian (Worcester)  
Shooshan Donikian (Providence)  
Graceann Jevardjian (Detroit)  
Michael Juskalian (Cheltenham)  
Alex Kouyoumdjian (Watertown)  
Jeanne Loosigian (Lowell)  
Deborah Stepanian (Chicago)

### PROPOSALS

Nick Akgulian (Wisconsin)  
Robert P. Borzakian (Boston)  
David Davidian (Westchester)  
Christine Derderian (Hartford)  
Ken Hagopian (Watertown)  
Jack Karakashian (Detroit)  
John Malool (Bayside)  
Chris Mooradian (East St. Louis)

### BUDGET

Melanie Barsamian (Worcester)  
Karnig Durgarian (Springfield)  
Marianne Hovsepian (Detroit)  
Martha Manoian (Lowell)  
Janice Najarian (Providence)  
John Paklaian (Chicago)  
Janet Takvorian (Bayside)

September 5, 1978

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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representing The \_\_\_\_\_ Armenian  
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September 5, 1978

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ARMENIAN YOUTH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

The following members of The \_\_\_\_\_  
Armenian Church of \_\_\_\_\_  
were delegates to the National Assembly of the Armenian Church Youth  
Organization of America (ACYOA):

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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of The Armenian Church of America,  
presided over the Assembly which was held in Providence, Rhode Island  
during the Labor Day Weekend.

Armenian Clergy and youth from all over the United States and Canada  
attended the three day conference, which establishes the guidelines the  
ACYOA will follow during the coming year.

In addition to the assembly, athletic competition on a National level  
took place at the facilities of Brown University in Providence,  
Rhode Island. Teams and individuals, again from all over the United  
States and Canada, competed in order to establish the National Champ-  
ions of The Armenian Church Youth Organization of America.

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September 5, 1978

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ARMENIAN YOUTH NATIONAL ATHLETIC COMPETITION

\_\_\_\_\_ Armenian Church

of \_\_\_\_\_

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ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA  
CENTRAL COUNCIL AND YOUTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

SEPTEMBER 5, 1977 TO JUNE 30, 1978

PRESENTED TO

THE 1978 GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND  
AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 1, 1978

The Central Council has met five times during the current fiscal year. Two sessions were held at Diocesan Headquarters in New York City, one session was held in Watertown and two were held in Southfield, Michigan.

At a meeting held in Southfield, in conjunction with the Diocesan Assembly in May, Miss Linda Minassian joined the Central Council as Corresponding secretary, filling a vacancy created by a resignation.

All Central Council meetings were presided over by His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, with the exception of the Watertown session. In the absence of our Primate, The Reverend Father Dajad Davidian presided at the June meetings in Watertown, Massachusetts.

REGIONALIZATION

The National Events Committee of the 1977 General Assembly proposed two national events on a regional basis, Retreats and Anniversary Balls. One of the first major functions of the new youth director and the Central Council was to try organize our ACYOA chapters regionally. Following are the results:

1. New England has been regionalized and met five times during the past fiscal year. (Springfield, Lawrence, Worcester, Lowell, and Boston) New England has adopted a very informal procedure for its meetings, but included in their rules is that they must meet a minimum of four times a year.
2. The Greater New York area (New York and New Jersey has regionalized and basically set up the same rules of procedure as New England. They met four times during the past fiscal year (Tenafly, Bayside, Fair Lawn, and Westchester). Just as in New England, they plan to meet a minimum of four times a year.
3. The Mid-West had two regional meetings this past fiscal year. (Detroit and Chicago). Due to the lack of proximity of chapters, they hope to meet at least twice per year. Here again the rules of procedure are similar to New England and Greater New York.
4. The Mid Atlantic region had one regional meeting at Cheltenham, Pennsylvania in April. During the next fiscal year regional meetings are planned for Richmond, Virginia in October, and Miami in February.

Due to the great distance the chapters must travel, the Mid-Atlantic region plans on meeting twice a year as the mid-west is doing. Again, just as is true in the other regions, the rules of procedure are quite informal.

The objective of the regionalization is three-fold. First and foremost it bridges a terrible communication gap which has existed among chapters. Secondly, it allows chapters to exchange ideas on programs they have that may be successful, and also helps to prevent blunders by certain chapters if they are willing to learn the lessons of failure by sister chapters. Finally, it allows chapters to run functions together, bid for regional functions such as the Anniversary Ball, and support each other in activities, rather than compete with each other.

The Central Council and Youth Director want it understood that the regionalization of the ACYOA is in no way meant to take away the autonomy of any individual chapter. Rather, it hopes to allow the individual chapters to grow within the framework of mutual cooperation.

#### RETREATS

Ironically both Greater New York and New England scheduled their regional retreats on the weekend of March 3rd, 4th, and 5th, 1978. Unfortunately, a heavy snowstorm in the New York area on Friday, March 3, 1978 reduced the retreat weekend to a one day retreat on Saturday, March 4th. The facility used was Wainwright House in Pye, New York. Although the retreat was shortened, those who attended found the experience rewarding.

Due to a great deal of work on the part of Chuck Slagen and Kevin Magarian of Watertown, a successful three day retreat was held at the Genesis Spiritual Center in Westfield, Massachusetts. The retreat leader was The Reverend Father Dajad Davidian of Watertown. The New England region is anticipating another retreat for either October or November, and hopes to in the future have a fall and Lenten Retreat.

The Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church, which is our East St. Louis ACYOA chapter sponsored two retreats during the past fiscal year. During Lent, high school students from Illinois, Missouri, and Wisconsin took part in a retreat held at Pere Marquette Park, Frafton, Illinois, March 11th and 12th. In addition during the weekend of June 23d thru June 25th a retreat was held at Hye-Camp in Elkhorn, Wisconsin. The Very Reverend Shnork Kasparian assisted Father Yeprem Kelegian, pastor of Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church and the Retreat Leader for both Retreats.

#### FINANCES

BANKING is now being done with the Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company located on Third Avenue and 34th Street in New York City. This is the same bank the Diocese uses. The primary reason for changing our checking and savings account to this bank is because the ACYOA treasurer changes each year and so does our bank. This constant changing of banks creates too many problems. Further, we feel the bank we do business with belongs

in the city where the Diocese is located. A side effect of this banking change is that it helps to give the Diocese a little more financial muscle with Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company.

SECURITIES of the ACYOA are still being handled by the Merrill Lynch firm, but we have changed our account from the Detroit branch to the New York branch. Our account executive, Michele Forzley, along with the Youth Director will be the watchdogs of the ACYOA account. Our major objective will be to give the ACYOA the greatest return on the safest risks.

BOOKKEEPING systems vary greatly according to who is doing it. Once again, since treasurers change every year, and there is no guarantee that our treasurers are going to have any bookkeeping background, the ACYOA has adopted the Safeguard Disbursement System. It is a simple system that almost anyone can be taught. It will give us continuity for it is a standard system which cannot be changed from year to year. If anyone questions the system, he can check with the Diocese's travel agent Anniversary Tours. They handle a great deal more money than we do, and use this simple yet safe system.

TAX STATUS of the ACYOA is safe according to Mr. Edward Chapian a New York attorney. Safe that is as long as it remains under the umbrella of the Diocese. Thus being the case, our official name is:

DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA  
ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

PLATES

In order to facilitate better communication with the membership a set of plates have been produced to give direct mailing to individual members of the ACYOA. Also, a set of plates have been set up for Chapter Chairman using their home addresses. This prevents mailings from being addressed to chairman in general and being sent to their respective churches where quite often they either never get the information, or get it late. In order to keep the plates up to date, it will be necessary for chapter chairman to notify the Youth Director of new members as they join, and members who drop out as they leave.

PUBLICATIONS

As of this writing, the ACYOA seniors have put out two issues of our new quarterly magazine KEGHARD. The publication thus far has been put out by ACYOA members in the greater New York area as was requested by the General Assembly in Detroit last year. Michael Zeytoonian, Vice Chairman of the Central Council has been coordinator, and fortunately Jack Antreassian the Executive secretary of the A.G.B.U. has served as our advisor. Beginning with the Winter issue in December, the New York staff will be joined by a Boston staff to help make the KEGHARD even more successful. The Boston staff will be responsible for copy-editing, content and layout, accumulation of materials, KEGHARD correspondence, and subscriptions.

Once again, all Priests and other ACYOA members are encouraged to submit material for consideration to be published.

A continuing feature of our magazine will be to focus attention on lesser known Armenians who have made substantial contributions to both the Armenian and American community.

A second publication of the ACYOA is the CENTRAL COUNCIL BULLETIN. This is a simple publication cut out on stencils and run off. Its purpose is to inform the membership of the major happenings within our organization, as well as the results of Central Council meetings.

#### PUBLICITY

An all out effort has been made to give the ACYOA as much publicity as possible. This effort has been especially successful in New England, where the editor of the Mirror-Spectator has given us an ACYOA page. Unfortunately, individual chapters are not feeding the Youth Director material about their chapters, although some have been getting material in themselves on an individual basis.

In addition, the Youth Director has replied in writing to requests about our organization from universities, and other organizations, and individuals.

#### ANNIVERSARY BALL

New York's Anniversary Ball, scheduled for June 3, 1978 was cancelled because of circumstances beyond their control. The Westchester chapter was well on its way to bringing the anniversary ball back to the Greater New York area. Unfortunately, the Haik and Alice Kavookjian Auditorium, which had been promised to the Westchester chapter, was taken away from them because of a Canadian dance group which could only perform on Saturday, June 3rd. Ironically, due to complications with the United States and Canadian government, the Canadian group was unable to come to the United States and Kavookjian Auditorium became vacant on June 3rd.

The Worcester Chapter, during the New England regional meeting in December in Lawrence, was awarded the bid for the New England Anniversary Ball. The ball was held on Saturday evening, May 20, 1978 at the newly refurbished Mechanics Hall and was a success financially. As of this writing a final report of the New England Anniversary Ball has not been received by the Central Council or Youth Director.

#### MARTYRS DAY

The ACYOA used our Martyrs Day to honor victims of all genocides. It was felt to be most fitting, since the Armenians suffered the first genocide of the twentieth century.

All Armenian Churches were asked to open their doors for services at 9:00 p.m. on Monday evening, April 24, 1978. The following were the three phases to the commemoration:

9:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	A silent half hour of candlelight meditation
9:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Individual programs by each Church
10:00 p.m. sharp	All Churches start ringing their bells

The ringing of the bells was meant to symbolize that in spite of such programs of genocide, the Armenian, Jew, etc. not only survived, but is moving forward.

## ARMENIAN STUDIES

The ninth annual Armenian Studies program took place between June 14 and July 12, 1978. The Very Reverend Father Arshen Aivazian was managing director and The Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian was the educational director. Although the program was basically the same as in previous years, every effort was made to be more selective in choosing participants. Father Aivazian and the Youth Director turned down a number of applicants, because it was not in the best interest of our organization to allow certain people to go. In the final analysis fourteen participants went, seven boys and seven girls.

The initial feedback the Central Council and Youth Director received was that the feeling from Etchmiadzin was that this was one of the nicest groups to go over.

At this writing a complete financial statement has not been received, but it is quite certain that the program was run in the black.

## NEW CHAPTERS

Three new chapters have been added to the ACYOA seniors since September. In order of their arrival are Worcester, Cleveland, and Fair Lawn. A great deal of groundwork has been laid in Tenafly and hopefully a chapter will form there before the year is out.

In addition, the three Wisconsin Churches (Greenfield, South Milwaukee, and Racine) have formed into one chapter known as the Wisconsin Chapter.

In Connecticut, the Youth in Hartford have joined with our existing New Britain Chapter to form the Central Connecticut Chapter.

A detailed explanation of chapters and totals is near the end of this report.

## ARCHBISHOP'S TROPHY

The Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Award and Trophy was established by His Grace, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian. His prime interest in establishing this award was for the perpetuation of Armenian goodwill, fellowship and sportsmanship among the Armenian Churches of the Eastern Diocese.

This year the tournament was held in New York City on Friday evening, April 28, and Saturday morning and afternoon April 29, 1978. The tournament was held in conjunction with the tenth anniversary of Saint Vartan's Cathedral. St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Church was the winner, and now is the holder of the Archbishop's Trophy. In addition, to the basketball tournament; on Saturday evening April 29th a dance was held in the Haik and Alice Kavookjian Auditorium.

### VISITATIONS

All ACYOA Chapters, old or new were visited at least once by the Youth Director, with the exception of Miami. Since two Central Council members made official visits to the Miami chapter, the Youth Director felt it economically unnecessary to visit there himself. In addition, Central Council members visited a number of the ACYOA Chapters in their regions.

Also, a number of non ACYOA churches were visited by the Youth Director and Central Council with the hope of establishing chapters there.

Finally, the Youth Director has been in contact with Armenian Communities such as Memphis, Tennessee, Houston, Texas; Atlanta, Georgia, with the hope that when they feel there is a time to form a youth group they will notify us.

### ACYOA FILES

Joanne Dorian from the Bayside Chapter and the Youth Director have put all files available at the Diocese in reasonable order. Many of ACYOA materials were stacked in cardboard cartons, while others were just filed anywhere. The major problem now with the files is that gaps exist. Former Central Council members and others involved with the ACYOA in the past may have materials in their homes which they have inadvertently left there over the years. Anyone who is aware of such, should notify the Youth Director so that we can make the ACYOA files more comprehensive.

### CHAIRMAN'S ROUNDTABLE

The 1978 Chairman's Roundtable was held in conjunction with the Annual Church Assembly in Detroit. The meeting was held on Saturday, May 6, 1978 at the St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit. Of all the material in this report, the Chairman's Roundtable is the least necessary. The reason for this is the large turnout of Priests, Chapter Chairman, Diocesan Council members, Central Council members, etc.

Both the Youth Director and Central Council felt the meeting to be one of the most productive we have attended, and considered it to be a mini-assembly.

The Youth Director and Central Council would like to thank Marianne Hovsepian and Diane Kachadourian of Detroit for the outstanding job they did in taking the very lengthy minutes of the Chairman's Roundtable.

### PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE

Both the Youth Director and Central Council members have taken it upon themselves to increase the personal correspondence within our organization. Most letters are answered almost immediately, and thank you letters have become a way of life. On the other hand a great deal of disappointment exists, because too many of our members do not answer correspondence. This is not only with regard to the Central Council, but between chapters too.

The Plates, KEGHARD, Central Council Bulletin, Visitations, etc. are all part of bridging the communication gap so many complained of last year in Detroit. On the other hand, communication is a two way street and we expect to have letters answered, and forms sent in on time etc.

#### MEMBERSHIP AND CHAPTER STATUS

Although the ACYOA seniors now have twenty-one chapters, twenty four of our churches are represented. The reason for this is that the Central Connecticut Chapter is made up of Hartford and New Britain. Also, the Wisconsin Chapter is made up of Greenfield, Racine, and South Milwaukee.

The total membership of the Senior ACYOA as of this writing is 628 members. Following is a breakdown of our chapters by regions;

#### CANADA

Toronto

#### MID-ATLANTIC

Cheltenham

Miami

Richmond

Wynnewood

#### MID WEST

Chicago

Cleveland

Detroit

East St. Louis

Wisconsin

#### NEW JERSEY - NEW YORK

Bayside

Fair Lawn

Westchester

#### NEW ENGLAND

Boston

Central Connecticut

Lawrence

Lovell

Providence

Springfield

Watertown

Worcester

If anyone is interested in the exact membership of any chapter or for that matter of a region, he may check these numbers out with the Central Council treasurer or the Youth Director.

CONCLUSION

Following is an excerpt from the Central Council Report presented to the General Assembly in Detroit last year by the then Chairman of the Central Council, Edward P. Kaiserian:

..... "Is that why chapters have asked for deadlines to be established and then ignored them? Is that why chapters have to be told more than once what they should be doing?"

The above was evidently true in 1977, and unfortunately to some degree exists today.

The ACYOA has a long way to go and no one is more cognizant of it than the Central Council and the Youth Director. Regionalization, the finances, the publications, the direct mailing, etc. once established, only need be kept in order. Items like this can become self sustaining when there is total commitment between the individual chapters and the Central Council. This is a bilateral situation, and to expect the ACYOA to grow through the unilateral efforts of the Central Council is folly.

During the next year, more time should be given to the vital areas of visitations, communications, and most important of all the development of new and varied programs.


As the Youth Director traveled around the country this past year, he found that a program of education is necessary in some quarters for some of the more senior members of the Armenian Community. They must be taught that young adults are capable of holding key positions in the Church, and with proper encouragement, may hold the answer to bridging the gap between the seventeen year old youngsters and the forty year old plus adults.


On the other hand, the best educational technique of all would be for young adults to develop a more reliable posture. When you commit yourself to doing something DO IT; when you are suppose to be at a meeting at a certain time BE THERE; (Armenian Time has become a BIG joke, but the biggest joke of all is that it is not enhancing the position of our organization); When as an executive within your local chapter you have a deadline to meet, make sure you meet it.

By being critical of ourselves we will grow and prosper. We are fortunate to have a National organization and through the organization we have the opportunity to meet personally. Believe it or not, too many youth groups do not afford their membership the opportunities we do. Their communication is strictly by the written word.

Of all our Church organizations, the ACYOA is the only one which can preserve the future of our culture and heritage. The task before us is awesome and almost frightening. WE CANNOT FAIL.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Paul C. Pogharian  
Central Council Chairman

  
George W. Tashjian  
National Youth Director



INCOME STATEMENT

1/1/77 - 12/31/77

Income

Beginning Checking	\$ 107.84
Diocese Allotment	4,000.00
Bank Interest	51.59
National Events	
Armenian Studies Program	1,181.98
'71 Sports Weekend	1,500.00
Dues	1,372.00
Misc (transfer of money)	1,587.66
	<u>153.17</u>
	<u>\$9,954.24</u>

Disbursements

Travel	\$4,125.71
Accomodations	1,683.91
Telephone	815.24
Meal	275.05
National Events	
Special Assembly	125.15
General Assembly	200.00
Armenian Studies Program	156.96
Bank Charges	18.93
Postage	40.40
Reproduction	28.48
Stationery	9.41
Misc.	
Supplies	3.11
Transfer of money	1,587.66
	<u><u>\$9,070.01</u></u>

INCOME STATEMENT

1/1/78 - 6/30/78

Income

Dues	\$ 812.00
Diocesan Subsidy	1,000.00
Keghard	75.00
Dividends	210.00
Sports Weekend '77	3,764.85
Archbishop Trophy Tournament '78	1,699.00
Regional	
Donations	370.00
Savings Interest	44.22
Armenian Studies	
	<u>\$ 7,975.07</u>

Expenses

Meals	\$ 417.95
Accommodations	1,128.28
Travel	3,246.27
Postage	147.66
Reproductions	36.99
Stationery	48.94
Telephone	1,271.38
Stock Purchase	5,098.21
Armenian Studies '78	70.00
Keghard	1,470.08
Bank Charges	3.74
Miscellaneous	513.47
	<u>\$13,452.97</u>

FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
1/1/78 - 6/30/78

6/30/78 Cash on hand

Checking:	United Virginia Bank	\$ 256.52
	Manufacturers Hanover	
	Trust Company	762.39
	<b>TOTAL CASH-CHECKING</b>	<u>\$ 1,018.91</u>
Savings:	United Virginia Bank	\$ 409.93
	Manufacturers Hanover	
	Trust Company	5.00
	<b>TOTAL SAVINGS</b>	<u>\$ 504.93</u>
	<b>TOTAL CASH 6/30/78</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,523.84</u></u>

DEPOSITS

Dues	\$ 312.46
Sale of Stock	1,523.96
Diocesan Subsidy	1,000.00
Kechar	75.00
Dividends	210.62
Sports Weekend '77	3,764.85
Archbishop Trophy Tournament	3,100.00
Regional Events	---
Donations	370.00
Savings Interest	44.22
Armenian Studies '77	---
Misc. (George opened WMT Savings)	5.00
Sub Total	<u>\$10,926.11</u>
Less Cash expense paid to trophy tournament	<u>850.00</u>
	<u>\$10,056.11</u>
Transfers among Accounts	9,249.66
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<u><u>\$19,305.77</u></u>

DISBURSMENTS

Meals	\$ 417.95
Accommodations	1,128.28
Travel	3,246.27
Postage	147.74
Reproductions	36.92
Stationery	48.67
Telephone	1,271.39
Stock Purchase	5,000.21
Armenian Studies	70.00
Kechar	1,470.00
Bank Charges	3.74
Archbishop Trophy Tournament	551.00
Misc.	555.47
	<u>\$14,046.05</u>
Total Transfers among Accounts	9,249.66
<b>TOTAL DISBURSMENTS</b>	<u><u>\$23,295.71</u></u>

A.C.Y.O.A.  
1977 SPORTS WEEKEND  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS

Receipts

Advance for Detroit ACYOA Sports Weekend	\$ 2,500.00
Booklet	3,043.75
Sports	552.00
Hotel	31,160.09
Publicity	19.49
Friday's Dance	997.00
Saturday's Dance	4,084.50
Sunday's Dance	2,721.00
Monday's Picnic	1,034.20
Delegate's Friday Lunch	72.00
T-Shirts, Playing Cards, & Champagne Glasses	157.00
Extra Food	512.00
Total Receipts	<u>\$46,853.03</u>

Disbursements

Booklet	\$ 877.50
Sports	3,987.94
Hotel	11,012.04
Publicity	2,259.16
Friday's Dance	3,449.71
Saturday's Dance	4,177.57
Sunday's Dance	6,195.49
Monday's Picnic	1,438.38
Delegate's Friday Lunch	681.28
Playing Cards & Champagne Glasses	1,327.18
Transportation	1,046.50
Phone Calls	90.24
Photography	268.74
Treasurer's Expense	15.90
Return of Advance for Sports Weekend	2,500.00
Total Disbursements	<u>\$39,327.63</u>

TOTAL PROFIT \$ 7,525.40

Central Council 50% of profit as of Feb. 16 \$ 3,764.85

Detroit ACYOA Total Profit \$ 3,760.55

AUDITED BY: Richard H. Simonian C.P.A.  
Plante & Moran

TRANSACTIONS

1/1/78 - 6/30/78

	<u>Balance 12/31/77</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Disburse- ments</u>	<u>Balance 6/30/78</u>
United Virginia Bank Checking	\$ 8.41	\$12,737.93	\$12,489.82	\$256.52
United Virginia Bank Savings	5,505.37	2,044.22	7,049.66	499.93
Manufacturers Hanover Checking	-0-	4,518.62	3,756.23	762.39
Manufacturers Hanover Savings	-0-	5.00	-0-	5.00
TOTALS	<u>\$5,513.78</u>	<u>\$19,305.77</u>	<u>\$23,295.71</u>	<u>\$1,523.84</u>

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

YOUTH DIRECTOR

SECURITIES REPORT

1978 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

August 30 - SEPTEMBER 1, 1978


The following three steps were taken to place the securities investments of the ACYOA in better working order:

1. The account was transferred from the Merrill Lynch office in Detroit, to the main office of Merrill Lynch - One Liberty Plaza - - New York, N.Y. 10006.  
This was done for obvious reasons, since the Diocese is located in New York, it would be easier and more economical to work through the Merrill Lynch office there.
2. The name on the ACYOA account previously was that of the Diocese. This from time to time caused confusion, and it was felt that the stocks and bonds of the ACYOA should be in the name of the ACYOA. Our account number is 894-04292.
3. The Account Executive for our securities is Ms. Michele Forzley. Ms. Forzley in addition to being an investment specialist, holds a law degree and has passed the bar exams in Massachusetts and New York. She attended our Central Council meeting in New York in February and met with the approval of our Primate and the Central Council.

Following is a description of the Securities the ACYOA presently holds, and also their value as of June 30, 1978.

1	\$1000 American Telephone & Telegraph Bond - (4 and 3/8 % dividend matures in 1985	\$1,000.00
5	\$1,000 United States Treasury bonds 7 and 5/8 % dividend matures 1980	\$5,000.00
20 shares	American Tel & Tel Common stock at <u>60 1/8</u>	\$1,202.50
40 shares	Eastman Kodak at <u>53 3/8</u>	\$2,135.00
50 shares	Niagra Mohawk Pwr. Corp. at <u>13 7/8</u>	694.00
64 shares	Standard Oil of California at <u>39 7/8</u>	<u>\$2,552.00</u>
		\$12,583.50

Respectfully submitted,

  
George V. Tashjian  
Youth Director

KEGHARD FINANCIAL STATEMENT

June 30,1978

Income

Subscriptions \$ 75.00

Expences

Bulletin #1 (offset, etc.)	160.00
Keghard Spring '78	240.00
Printing Spring '78	375.00
Summer Issue/Mechanical	
Correction	150.00
Keghard Summer	240.00
Keghard Design & Layout	150.00
Spring (special type,	
mechanical & paste-up	125.00
Set Headlines	7.50
Stats	11.29
Glossy	11.29
Total Expenditures	<u>\$1,470.08</u>

ARMENIAN STUDIES PROGRAM '78

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

INCOME

7 APEX Youth Fares @ \$1150.00	\$ 8,050.00
4 APEX Adult Fares @ \$1270.00	5,080.00
1 late registration	1,420.00
Contributions Through the Central Council	250.00
9 Visa & Airport Taxes @ \$20.00	<u>180.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 14,980.00</u>

IMBURSEMENTS

Travel Agency	\$ 11,933.00
Visiting Clergy	200.00
Booklet Printing (Fr. Garabed Yochakian)	60.60
Diocesan Bookstore	21.25
Telephone and Telegrams (Holy Trinity Church)	<u>124.16</u>
Total	<u>\$ 12,339.01</u>

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Director's Expenses	\$ 20.00
Stamps and Mail	29.33
Demanded by Travel Agency	605.00
To Holy Etchmiadzin	<u>2,400.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,054.33</u>

PRESENT CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE \$ 2,640.99



Archbishop's Trophy Tournament '78

Total Receipts

Entrance Fees	\$ 300.00
Dance (bar and door)	2800.00
Diocese Allotment for gym expense	584.69
Total Receipts	<u>\$3684.69</u>

Total Disbursements

Disco	\$ 250.00
Armenian Band	350.00
Mr. Schmidt	200.00
Gym overtime	30.00
Gym	584.69
Liquor	80.00
Set-ups	14.10
Advertisements	186.00
Flvers	15.00
Invitations	255.00
Misc.	20.00
Total Disbursements	<u>\$1985.69</u>

Total Receipts	\$3684.69
Total Disbursements	<u>1985.69</u>
Total Net Profit	<u>\$1699.00</u>

CHAPTER REPORTS

January 1978 - June 1978

- Chapters reporting to Date: August 29  
Bayside, Cheltenham, Detroit, Lawrence, St. Louis, Toronto,  
Watertown, Wisconsin, Wyncwood.

Of a possible 23 chapter 9 reporting!

Reasons Due to: Chapters not being in existence, lack of  
responsibility, chairman's change of address.

- Membership as of June 30, 1978: 386
- August number membership meetings per chapter: 6
- August number of members attending meeting: 65%
- August number of executive committee meetings: 5
- \*August activities in order of success:
  1. Annual social activities
  2. Activities relating to annual events within local church
  3. Fund Raising
  4. Spiritual
  5. Cultural
- ACYOA compares to other Armenian organization as being the only  
National Armenian organization to offer spiritual, cultural,  
and social activity.
- Regionalization has helped: PPOS - communication, aware of  
National activity, aware of other chapters activities, meet  
new people. CONS - Geography
- Majority agrees there should be more National functions. Less  
Social more cultural and spiritual. Should also implement  
spiritual and social to National functions already in existence.
- Majority of chapters were informed better the past six months  
than before. However, problems arise if members change address  
and/or chapter does not notify central council of change.
- Approximately 70% of our members received information regularly.  
Why didn't 30% receive information regularly?
- How can we improve ACYOA ?  
  
Build a better image, better coordinated programs, stress the  
Armenianism more, more communication, more concern from Central  
Council representative, more interchapter support, simply  
responsibility.

Respectfully Submitted  
Central Council

## REPORT OF THE NATIONAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

Committee members: Cynthia Paklaian, Chicago  
Dan Moynihan, Detroit  
Joanne Dorian, Bayside  
Harry Tavitian, Westchester  
Steve Kaishian, Wisconsin  
Suzanne Minassian, Cheltenham  
Art Olutan, Toronto  
Brian Bogosian, Lawrence  
Nancy Madanian, Watertown  
Michael Zeytoonian, Central Council

The committee began by reviewing last year's report of the National Events Committee. Last year's events were divided into programs that were implemented and those that were not implemented or that were defeated by the Assembly in 1977. Following that, new programs and ideas were discussed. The following were results.

Presently functioning national events or programs running well that need some tightening up only included the publication and the Armenian Studies Program, as well as the General Assembly and the Sports Weekend. Regional functions that were left pretty much as they are and up to the region and the chapter discretion were the retreats and the Anniversary Falls, as well as the ACYOA Days. The Winter Weekend, which has not received any response in terms of hosts, was also left as is.

1. Post Sports Weekend Yearbook:

The National Events Committee recommends to the Sports Weekend Rules and Guides committee that a deadline of November 30 be given to the publishing of the yearbook, and that its cost be included in the package plan or the meal plan. A charge can be levied on those not registered at the Sports Weekend, at the discretion of the host chapter.

2. Martyrs Day:

The National Events committee supports the proposed style and guidelines for the April 24 ACYOA commemoration. This year with an earlier start, we hope for more widespread participation and results.

3. Add to proposal on Scholarship program the words "and if feasible, initiate appropriate action."

Also consider offering a grant in another program rather than creating a whole program structure, (such as an ACYOA Grant as a part of the ACBU or ASA scholarship program.)

4. Archbishop's Tournament and Camps left for Proposals Committee, since there are proposals being presented on both of these events. In the discussion of an ACYOA camp, the question arose concerning usage by the ACYOA of the new St. Bersess Seminary building and grounds. The ACYOA would be interested in holding several activities there, and request information or guidelines on use of this complex.

5. Mission Program:

We propose that the ACYOA establish a Mission Program. The program would concentrate on visiting parishes which do not have clergymen serving them in residence, and would benefit by the program. These parishes would be designated by the Primate and the Central Council. The programs will consist of:

- a. Bible study classes
- b. Home and hospital visitation
- c. Meeting with auxiliary organizations and/or forming them when needed.
- d. Presenting programs of a cultural and religious nature.

We suggest that this program take place during the summer or during vacations. The mission team(s) would consist of a clergyman and Senior ACYOA members. This program will be designed to be self-sufficient, or even make a small amount, which in turn could be redirected into aid for the parishes visited.

6. Armenian Studies Program Reunion Weekend:

The reunion weekend will be an annual weekend, designed for alumni of the nine years of ASP's. It would serve several purposes. It would be a social reunion for participants to meet and reminisce. It would be designed to hold workshops on Saturday for the participants. Various members could prepare lectures and presentations for the general public, including slide shows on Saturday night. An on-going exhibit of pictures, artifacts, etc., would be open to the public throughout the weekend. Lastly, each year's reunion could publish an annual collection of essays, photos, art, etc.

In addition, this group would serve as a word force to solicit funds and support for the program, as well as to help the Central Council to promote the program. The result is a mature group of experienced young people, which will undoubtedly add a special quality to the ACYOA.

The first reunion weekend will be planned by the Central Council, with the aid of interested ASP participants; future reunions will be done totally by the Alumni group. Again, this would be designed so that any costs are absorbed by the participants, and it will very possibly make money for the Studies Program.

August 30, 1978

## MINUTES OF PROPOSAL COMMITTEE

Meeting was called to order by Ronny Gogoshian at approximately 10:45.

In attendance were:

- 1.) Jack Karakaslian - Detroit
- 2.) Chris Mooradian - E. St. Louis
- 3.) Chris Derderian - Hartford
- 4.) Bob Borzakian - Boston
- 5.) Ron Gogoshian - Detroit
- 6.) Ken Hagopian - Watertown
- 7.) John Malool - Bayside
- 8.) David Davidian - Westchester

The Committee Members asked Mr. Gogoshian to chair the meetings & Mr. Hagopian to keep the minutes.

Proposal #1: Amendment passed by committee.

Proposal as amended passed by committee.

The proposals committee make, the following amendments; to delete the word "(small booklet)" and insert in its place "Loose Leaf".

We liked the idea of a Glossary & Index. We liked the idea of periodic reprinting of the constitution. We felt that with the constitution being in such a state of flux, it might be better to reduce printing cost at this time by leaving the constitution in loose leaf form.

Proposal #2: Proposal passed by committee.

It was noted that there is already a study going on concerning A.C.Y.O.A.Jrie., the A.C.Y.O.A., Jr. committee.

The committee would like to bring to the attention of the assembly that this proposal calls for a study only and that any additional steps wether budgetary or organizational should be passed upon by this assembly.

Proposal #3: Proposal passed by committee.

The proposal speaks for itself. The committee asks the assembly to note that there will be serious questions as to the funding of such scholarship fund in the future.

Proposal #4: Proposal rejected by committee.

The committee felt this was too involved and taxing a project to be placed on the shoulders of C.C. or the youth director, and not necessarily the purview of A.C.Y.O.A., though it sounded like a good idea.

The committee noted it was being done by other organizations ie., ACBU, and that some job coordination is already taking place on a local level by the local parish Priets.

Proposal #5: Proposal rejected by committee.  
Additional cost and time were the primary reasons for this proposals rejection.

However, the committee noted with deep concern that this assembly and the business before it should be the #1 responsibility of those assembled here. That incomplete consideration of issues, or the postponement of others does not speak well as to our priorities or the future of A.C.Y.O.A.

That this proposal might better be brought up as the last order of business of this assembly where, what we have accomplished and what we have left to do will be more apparent.

Proposal #5: Ammended passed by committee.

Proposal as ammended passed by committee.

Amendment: to include following the word "Central Council Shall" instruct local chapters to "organize and conduct... passed.  
Proposal as ammended: passed.

The committee felt that such a study should have the support of the local chapters and that indeed such a study could not be accomplished without the assistance of the local chapter.

Proposal #7: Proposal tabled by committee.

The committe had trouble dealing with this proposal and asks that its sponsor explain its purpose to the assembly.

It has also been noted by the committee that an ammendment to the constitution concerning fiscal year and thereby annual reports directly effects this proposal and should probably be considered first.

Proposal #8: Archbishops tournament. - Rules & Guide lines.

The Archbishops has asked that we table this proposal until such time as he and the committee can meet together to discuss it.

The committee recommends that this proposal be tabled till Friday all.

Proposal #9: Proposal by Springfield.

Proposal passed by committee.

The committee noted that such a study is already being conducted by the Sports Weekend Study Committee.

The proposals committee adjourned at approximately 1:30 am., August 31, 1978.

Respectfully Submitted

Kenneth Hagopian, Secretary

PROPOSAL

RE: The possible purchase of an ACYOA camp.

The Springfield Chapter of the ACYOA would like to present the proposal that the ACYOA Central Council select a committee to investigate the feasibility of purchasing a camp for the organization. Such a committee would decide whether or not the group would support financially and morally (through attendance) such a camp, and if such a camp would be available to suit our organization's needs.

If said camp was to be purchased, it might be used as the location for yearly Sports Weekends and other ACYOA functions. When choosing the site for this camp, the demographic distribution of ACYOA chapters across the country should be kept in mind.

We hope that this proposal will be considered and such a committee formed in the hopes of acquiring a meeting place for ACYOA members in this country.

REPORT OF THE 1978 CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

The Constitution Committee agrees with and recommends passage of, or disagrees with the following Constitutional amendments as noted below. In a case where the Constitution Committee agrees with the ideal of an amendment, but recommends a modification of wording, a proposed modification is presented below.

<u>Art. 16 Sec. 1</u>	Disagree
<u>Art. 4 Sec. 6</u> (1977 Const. Comm.)	Disagree
<u>Art. 4 Sec. 6</u> (Watertown)	Disagree
<u>Art. 4 Sec. 6</u> (Bayside)	Disagree
<u>Art. 4 Sec. 6</u> (Central Council)	Agree and recommend with modification

Those persons at least 18 years of age or High School graduates who are not communicant members of the Armenian Church, but who are interested in A.C.Y.O.A., and are willing to subscribe to the objectives and policies of the Constitution may become Associate Members. Application for Associate Membership shall be made to the Chapter Executive Committee, and approved by Central Council. Associate Members may participate in the local activities of the Chapter, but may not vote or hold elective office. Annual contributions equal to membership dues by Associate Members in lieu of dues shall be considered contributions to the Chapter. After two consecutive years of Associate Membership a member may be accorded full membership to the A.C.Y.O.A. by Central Council and the Primate.

<u>Art. 4 Sec. 3</u>	Disagree
<u>Art. 7 Sec. 9</u>	Disagree
<u>Art. 8 Sec. 1</u>	Agreed and recommend
<u>Art. 8 Sec. 5</u>	Agreed and recommend with modification

In case of a vacancy in the Chapter Executive Committee, an election shall be held at the next regular Chapter Membership Meeting. The member who had the highest number of votes short of election at the last Chapter Annual Membership Meeting shall be a nominee. The newly elected Executive Committee Member shall be subject to Art. 8 Sec.2.

<u>Art. 8 Sec. 6</u> (Bayside)	Disagree
<u>Art. 8 Sec. 6</u> (Watertown)	Disagree
<u>Art. 9 Sec. 3</u>	Agreed and recommend with grammatical modification



Art. 10 Sec 12h

To receive the reports of Standing Committees and act on their recommendations or proposals.

<u>Art. II Sec. 5</u>		Disagree
<u>Art. II Sec. 9</u>	(1978 Central Council)	Disagree
<u>Art. II Sec 9</u>	(Watertown)	Agree and Recommend
<u>Art. II Sec. 10</u>	(1977 Constitution Committee)	Agree and recommend
<u>Art. II Sec. 10</u>	(1978 Constitution Committee?)	Disagree

REPORT OF THE 1978 CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE  
(Continued)

Art. 13 Sec. 1

Agree and recom-  
mend

Art. 16 Sec.4

Agree and recom-  
mend with modification

Eliminate " or modified".

Art. 16 Sec. 5

Agree and recom-  
mend

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Fr. Dajad Davidian- Watertown  
Rob Dogramajian- Bayside (Chm.)  
Paul C. Pogharian- Watertown  
Mike Yapchaian- Watertown  
Nancy Malharian- Detroit  
Barbara Shamgochian- Springfield  
Myron Mikaelian- Wisconsin  
Mike Afarian- Toronto  
Mark Hanamirian- Cheltenham  
Lisa Chekemian- Fair Lawn  
Helen Norsigian- East St. Louis

SPORTS WEEKEND STUDY COMMITTEE

PROPOSED:

THAT, in order to appeal to the diverse interests of a broader cross-section of Armenian-American youth; and, in order to awaken in them a sense of achievement and participation by means of Armenological expressions; and, in order to apply greater importance and priority to cultural and religious and intellectual activities; and, in order to create a positive image of the ACYOA as a productive and goal-oriented organization, Sports Weekends should include the following programs:

1. Art & Craft Competition: painting, sculpture, graphics, etc. using Armenian subjects; and judged and awarded by a qualified committee.
2. Music Competition: musical performances of Armenian pieces by young Armenian musicians (and/or performances of their own compositions) to be judged and awarded by a qualified committee.
3. Dance Competition: dance performances (individual or group) of Armenian or legitimate choreographic value to be judged and awarded by qualified committees.
4. Literary Competition: prose, poetry, or other literature of Armenian subjects to be judged and awarded by a qualified committee.
5. Science Competition: inventions, scientific accomplishments and/or science related projects, exhibitions, demonstrations, etc. to be judged and awarded by competent committees.
6. Exhibits: Manuscripts, Coins, Museum pieces, and other Armenian-related collections and/or educational and instructive materials.
7. Panel-(Religion) - Lectures, discussions and films on current questions, history, and the Armenian Church.

6. Theological Panel and Essays: Research done by youth on various theological subjects offered by the Diocese (Primate) and presented for discussion at a Panel headed by qualified clergy; and to be awarded and cited.
  9. Collections: Exhibits and/or collections accumulated by youth of Armenian Paintings, Armenian coins, Armenian memorabilia, or any Armenian subject matter. To be judged and cited by a committee.
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NOTE: By the above proposal, the A.C.Y.O.A. would justify its existence as an Armenian and a Church organization in the following ways:

1. Create interest, competitiveness, and inter-communication among youth with the above mentioned common interests.
2. Create a responsible and mature attitude about Armenian things with a view to priorities, and in view of receiving recognition for doing Armenian things.
3. Create and educate a generation for more responsible, enlightened, intelligent leadership, goal orientation and accomplishment for the future benefit of the A.C.Y.O.A., the Armenian Church and the Armenian Community.
4. Give all things of Armenian value a new importance and meaning.

SPORTS WEEKEND STUDY COMMITTEE

During this past year, the Sports Weekend Study Committee has tried to meet as much as possible during National Events, (Sports Weekend, Archbishop's Cup Tournament, etc.) We have met with the Chairman of the Providence Chapter and tried to give them as much guidance and knowledge from what we have experienced in the past two years.

We would like to see the scope of Sports Weekend expanded in both sporting, cultural, and spiritual activities and would like to devote more time to both of these areas.

Our major undertaking was to find a Youth Camp for our Diocese. Due to the fact that money was not budgeted for our committee, we found our efforts to be limited. The options we have discussed are:

- Purchase land and build.
- Purchase an existing building.
- Lease an existing camp.
- Rent an existing camp for a couple of weeks when not in use.

We feel that there are many ways which Sports Weekend can and should be expanded and that a Youth Camp is one of the major concerns of our Diocese. In order to pursue these areas, we must strongly recommend that this Assembly budget this committee in order for us to proceed.

Sincerely,

Stefanie Madanian  
Ron Godoshian  
David Onanian

PROPOSAL #7

7. (The proposal which follows concerns the synchronizing of the award presentation with the fiscal year for which it is presented. It also allows for a relatively equitable period for retaining the award with respect to the length of the period for which it is awarded. Following the proposal a table attempts to summarize its procedure.)

Proposal:

WHEREAS, During the 1977 General Assembly it was proposed and accepted that an annual award be presented by the Central Council to the chapter which best exemplifies the aims and goals of the A.C.Y.O.A. ,and

WHEREAS, The Central Council determines eligibility for this award by reviewing each chapter's Annual Report, obligations, activities, and programs, and

WHEREAS, The Central Council having made this review of calendar year 1976 Annual Reports, obligations, activities, and programs, did make a presentation of this award during 1977 General Assembly/Sports Weekend, and

WHEREAS, The Central Council has requested the calendar year 1977 Annual Report, etc, which is the only complete information available, and

WHEREAS, Article 13 Section 1 of the Constitution states the fiscal year of operation which was approved by the 1977 General Assembly so that the Annual Reports, etc. which are presented during that year's General Assembly may be in their entirety,

THEREFORE, Proposed

That the Central Council synchronize the requesting of Annual Reports, etc. for determining the chapter's eligibility for award with the fiscal year of the organization according to the following procedure:

- a. Based on the 1977 Annual Reports that were requested, Award presentation for 1977 should be made at the 1978 General Assembly, and Sports Weekend.
- b. In order to adjust from the calendar year to a fiscal year, the Central Council will request a report for the period Jan. 1978 - June 1978 and based on these reports, Award presentation for 1978 should be made at the Chairman's Roundtable Meeting during the Diocesan Assembly.
- c. Having covered this interim period, the Central Council will request a report for the period July 1978 - June 1979 (one fiscal year) and based on these reports, Award presentation for 1979 should be made at the 1979 General Assembly and Sports Weekend.

TABLE

<u>Year of Report</u>	<u>Reviewed During</u>	<u>Award Year</u>	<u>Award Period (months)</u>	<u>Retention Period</u>	<u>Award Ratio</u>
1/76-12/76	9/77	76	12	12	12/12 = 1.000
1/77-12/77	9/78	77	12	8	8/12 = .667
1/78-6/78	5/79	78	6	4	4/6 = .667
7/78-6/79	9/79	79	12	12	12/12 = 1.000
7/79-6/80	9/80	80	12	12	12/12 = 1.000

Explanation - 'Award Ratio' This ratio is to show the relative equitable period for retaining the award with respect to the length of the period for which it is awarded (if we are inclined to go so far as to express it in ration form)

ACYOA JUNIORS COMMITTEE REPORT

August 30, 1978

ISSUE: Should the Seniors assume greater responsibility towards the juniors, and if so, in what manner?

FACTS:

1. Is there a Junior group
2. How many members
3. Activities
4. Activities with Juniors

1. WASHINGTON - No organized group, but working on it.
2. WYNNWOOD - twelve Juniors, combined Seniors & Juniors; activities for fund raising, dances and other social events, game nights, sports - do as one group.
3. CHELTHAM - fifteen Juniors, separate group; have own meetings, officers and hold own functions; also combine some of the affairs with the Seniors.
4. RICHMOND - fifteen Juniors, were once separate but presently combined, although they do not hold all functions as a combined group - do some together and some separate.
5. WATERTOWN - Seventy members, - separate group Palm Sunday - hold banquets together; other events are separate. Juniors hold meetings every other Sunday. Juniors have Sports tournament on Memorial Day. Seniors do help out with the organization.
6. WISCONSIN - three parishes. South Milwaukee has five members with own treasury - not organized; Organized - Racine fifteen Junior members with own treasury; Greenfield - ten Junior members, not organized; there are no organized meetings, etc., however do participate in all Senior activities and events.
7. CHICAGO - fifteen Juniors, separate group; Have two Senior advisors appointed by Parish Council. Hold car washes, bake sales, etc. Have annual spaghetti dinner, they are welcomed to go to Senior meetings but they also hold their own meetings (once/month); Have their own treasury.
8. DETROIT - sixty - seventy members, own organized group; activities bake sales, recreational activities, annual religious retreat, lenten fish dinner, etc. Do not have designated advisor; Senior's executive body give guidance and assistance regularly.
9. SPRINGFIELD - thirteen Juniors, separate organized group, hold district conferences, bake sales, etc.
10. BAYSIDE - fifty - sixty dues paid members with a paid youth director. Always have two chaperons at each event. Strong chapter, Seniors invite Juniors to special Senior meetings, have a full executive board.
11. FAIRLAWN - have an executive board; twenty - twenty five members; advisors from parish help to organize.
12. TENAFLY - fifty members, advisor from parish, separate - organized group. Advisors from Seniors. fifteen - twenty members
13. WESTCHESTER- Separate organized group; advisors from Seniors; fifteen - twenty members, full executive board, chaperone at all function.



14. ST. LOUIS - twelve members, together with Seniors; hold functions together.
15. HARTFORD - twenty Junior members; dinners, bingo, serve at church functions, activities; presently are reorganizing. No Senior-Junior relationship.
16. PROVIDENCE - thirty five - fourth Juniors; activities; annual folies, assisted Sports Weekend, ACYOA Day. Excellent cooperation between Senior and Junior groups.
17. LOWELL - twenty members; dances-activities; Good relationship between Seniors and Juniors. Some Junior attend Senior meetings.
18. LAWRENCE - ten members; activities - Palm Sunday dinners, talent shows; Have good Junior-Senior relationship, but could be better.
19. NEW BRITAIN - fifteen members; activities - church bazaar booths, car washes, picnics dances, etc. Excellent relationship between Juniores and Seniors; Both Seniors and Juniors - small - therefore are a mixed group.
20. BRIDGEPORT - ten members; attend local functions; No Senior group.
21. WORCESTER - fifty paid Juniors but approximately twenty-five are active; Good working core and hold a number of annual events including spaghetti supper, ACYOA Day banquet, Martyrs Day celebrations, and a fall weekend (Columbus Day) for all New England Juniors. Juniors help Seniors in everyway including "dirty work" but this unfortunately is not reciprocated at all. (This unfortunately causes disharmony.)
22. HAVENHILL - fifteen Juniors; beginning in September will have nine members (due to graduations); activities - Halloween parties; No Senior chapter therefore there is no communication for the Juniors.
23. BOSTON - fifteen - twenty Juniors; activities - bike-a-thons and Palm Sunday banquets (ACYOA Day); Relationship between Juniors and Seniors is somewhat of a distant one. The Junior Chapter is very weak and due to an exodus of many Juniors to the Senior group.

The question of Junior nationalization and Junior regionalization was considered. However, it is felt that at this point in time Senior ACYOA is not prepared to accept the full responsibility of assisting the Juniors to so organize. On the other hand, we should continue to try to help them organize regionally or nationally if this is their desire. The Juniors should be their own driving force, let them say what they want first, and we will guide and encourage them to the best of our abilities.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. One Year prior to their eligibility to Senior membership, juniors could be invited to fully participate in Senior activities.  
(example: Juniors participating in annual Senior events)
2. It is recommended that each Senior ACYOA chapter return to its parish and make an effort to organize a Junior ACYOA (on a local basis only), if no Junior group or a weak Junior group exist. Each chapter should determine its own mode of action in forming Junior groups, working through the Parish Council and/or parish priest. Such Senior chapters should submit written reports to Central Council at the following General Assembly as to the progress made in each locality.
3. It is strongly recommended that each Senior chapter should provide at least one Senior co-ordinator to the Junior group.
4. It is further recommended that each Senior ACYOA region also organize their group chapters regionally. Again, it is up to each region to determine their mode of action.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Members:	Jan Avakian	Wisconsin
	Seth Bilazarian	Worcester, MA
	Shooshan Donikian	Providence, RI
	Graceann Jevorjian	Detroit, MI
	Michael Juskalian	Cheltenham, PA
	Deborah Stepanian	Chicago, IL

WHEREAS, we extend our most humble and sincere greetings to His Holiness Vasken I, Catholicos of All Armenians and whereas His Holiness has continuously shown his paternal love and concern for the Armenian youth in America, be it resolved that on this occasion we extend our warm wishes and renew our deep respect and allegiance to His Holiness, the Catholicos and to the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin.

WHEREAS, our Primate, His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, has shown his love and interest in the ACYOA through his tireless efforts as its President and has offered us his able leadership and guidance, be it resolved that the members of the ACYOA extend their appreciation and deep respect to him and pledge continued support and loyalty to His Eminence and to our Diocese.

WHEREAS, the Diocesan Council and the 1978 Diocesan Assembly have pledged their support to the ACYOA, be it resolved that the ACYOA acknowledges their support and is grateful for their efforts.

WHEREAS, North America has become the home of many, including those of Armenian ancestry, be it resolved that the ACYOA extends its good wishes to the government of the United States and to President Jimmy Carter, and to the government of Canada and its Prime Minister, Pierre Trudeau.

WHEREAS, this assembly is being held in the City of Providence, Rhode Island, be it resolved that the ACYOA sends warm regards to Governor J. Joseph Garrahy and Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr.

WHEREAS, the Reverend Haik Donikian, Pastor of St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian Church of Providence, Rhode Island and President of the Providence ACYOA, has guided the Providence Chapter to a successful weekend, be it resolved that the ACYOA extends its gratitude for his hospitality.

WHEREAS, Very Rev. Father Arshen Aivazian, Cheltenham; Rev. Father Michael Buttero, Bayside; Father Nersess Jebejian, Springfield; Father Dajad Davidian, Watertown; Deacon Michael Chevian, Providence, and Sub-Deacon Michael Zeytoonian, Westchester, have shown a sincere interest in the ACYOA by their attendance, be it resolved that the ACYOA express its appreciation for their interest.

WHEREAS, Very Rev. Father Arshen Aivazian and Rev. Father Garabed Kochakian and Yeretzgin Roberta led the 9th Armenian Studies Program to Armenia, be it resolved that the ACYOA expresses its appreciation for their time and efforts.

WHEREAS, the ACYOA acknowledges the service rendered to the organization by the three outgoing members of the Central Council, Paul Pogharian, Linda Minassian and Ron Godoshian, on the occasion of the completion of their term in office, be it resolved that heartfelt appreciation is extended to them for their devoted services and accomplishments.

WHEREAS, the ACYOA acknowledges the services rendered to the organization by Brian Boghosian, who for personal reasons resigned from office, be it resolved that our appreciation is extended to him for his devotion and services.

WHEREAS, the Providence Parish and Parish Council under the able leadership of Parish Council Chairperson Lorena Janjigian have extended their hospitality to the ACYOA, be it resolved that this assembly expresses thanks and appreciation to the host chapter, Linda Minassian Sports Weekend Chairman, and to all of the members of the Sports Weekend Committee.

WHEREAS, Arthur Sabounjian, Westchester; Suzanne Minassian, Cheltenham; Deborah Stepanian, Chicago; Phyllis Madanian, Watertown; of the Assembly Executive Committee, Parliamentarian Michael Yapchaian of Watertown, have conducted this assembly in an outstanding fashion, be it resolved that the ACYOA expresses its appreciation for their services.

WHEREAS, the Providence Marriott Inn has provided excellent accommodations for the ACYOA, be it resolved that this assembly extends its sincere appreciation to the hotel management and staff.

WHEREAS, a greater concern and sense of responsibility has been displayed by these attending the convention, be it resolved that, as we face the future, may God grant us the strength and knowledge to reach greater horizons as the future pillars of the Armenian Church.

## A GUIDE TO COORDINATION AND A PEACE OF MIND

Too often the question 'why should I join ACYOA?' is asked and we are left speechless. One can not answer this question with one word. In fact, one fact can not answer this question with one word, nor with one sentence, nor with one paragraph. The Armenian Church Youth Organization of America while preserving one of history's most ancient cultures, provides the means whereby each individual can create his or her own purpose. ACYOA is the only Armenian church organization which offers the opportunity for spiritual and cultural as well as social activities.

It must be understood that being the leader and coordinator of any group of voluntary people is not the easiest task in the world. In fact those that seem to be successful in organizing every thing they do usually rely heavily upon a mutually agreeable system between themselves and the organization they work for.

The ACYOA is a prime example of such a situation as mentioned above. Perhaps the most difficult job of any ACYOA member is to be coordinator or chairman, be it a function of the chapter or a member of the chapter executive committee. ACYOA must rely upon its leaders to be well prepared with a well thought out plan and system.

The following is a suggested guide for you as seen through the eyes of a Central Council Member.

In this synopsis we will attempt to explain why any Armenian should join ACYOA.

Perhaps the most abused excuse used by many volunteers of any organization is the fact that there just is not enough time. This may be true in one respect but wrong in another. If the lack of time in your life is to the point where it creates havoc in your schedule, it is at the point where you should decide whether or not you will be able to commit yourself fully to the responsibilities you assumed when you accepted the position of leadership. Acceptance and honesty is what our organization needs most. Acceptance of the fact that part of your time must be sacrificed is crucial to the success of your organization. Honesty is to admit to yourself that it is not working out. Force is not the answer.

Often times words create misunderstandings and hard feelings. The place, time, and way you explain something may mean the difference. We love our organization and would not like to see it lost due to conflicting personalities.

Finally, for a volunteer organization to succeed it needs to realize that when the going gets tough, not to run, but to stand up and compromise to a suitable conclusion. We may never reach total harmony but we must reach a total organizational system.

Anyone can be a leader if that person realizes it is an art combined with a well planned system.

SUGGESTIONS TO GUIDE YOU BY:

1. Each and every chapter is first to serve and be responsible for the welfare of the local parish and chapter.
2. Each and every chapter no matter what its size must realize unity and must realize the need for an equal distribution of responsibility.
3. Tools of the trade are necessary.
  - A. Membership List: in writing to each executive committee member including names, addresses, and phone numbers. Extra copies should be on hand.
  - B. Constitution: each member of the chapter should have a copy of the Constitution of the ACYOA Seniors.
  - C. Arrangements with church office: for miscellaneous uses i.e. copy machines, mailing and printing materials.
  - D. Notice Cards: for a quick announcement for any particular reason. It should be noted that it takes a minimum of 2-3 days for cards to be fully distributed into the hands of the members. Each member should be given ample time (average of 2 weeks) to plan for any kind of meeting.
  - E. Files for reference: you will achieve the best organization possible if written reports are submitted after every function. Benefit arises when we can refer to our files from the past to help us in the present.
4. A complete and thorough understanding of the duties of each executive committee member is essential. The executive committee consists of at least the following; president, chairman, vice chairman, treasurer, recording secretary, corresponding secretary.
  - A. Chairman must maintain control and be a part of every chapter function. He or she must be prepared to control and run a well informed, brief as possible membership meetings preferably with a written agenda for all. He or she must be familiar with the rules and use of Parliamentary Procedure. He or she must be able to foster and maintain proper communications between local parish priest, parish council, as well as all other church groups. It is the responsibility of the chairman to be aware of the financial status of the chapter.
  - B. Vice Chairman must be aware of the aims, goals, and plans of the chairman and be ready to step in for any reason any time. The vice chairman is responsible for the Membership Drive working with the treasurer to collect dues. He or she should be using new avenues to attract new members with

all interests. He or she should prepare a list as to what our organization has to offer locally, regionally, and nationally.

- C. Treasurer keeps an account of all receipts and disbursements monthly. He or she should have prepared for each membership meeting, in person or not, a current status of funds in the local chapter. The treasurer should notify members of the entire executive committee of any conflicts or problems immediately.
- D. Recording Secretary must take minutes of all executive and membership meetings. He or she must distribute the minutes to members of the executive committee for follow up no later than three weeks after the meeting.
- E. Corresponding Secretary helps coordinate with the publicity coordinator all correspondence of the chapter-flyers, news releases, letters, etc. He or she is responsible for notifying the members of the chapter of every up-coming event well ahead of time.

Each and every chapter may coordinate to the means whereby benefitting each situation. But all responsibilities mentioned above should be carried out to assure yourselves of a well balanced organization. The executive committee should try to meet at least twelve times a year.

- 5. Remember a constant communication between parish council and your organization can only help. Parish council should assign a liason to your group who will attend every membership meeting. On the other hand each executive committee should sit down and discuss goals and problems that may arise. Let them know what we are about as well as them letting you know what they are about.
- 6. Plan to participate and indulge in all programs described in chapter eligibility for "A" Award.
- 7. Maintain a constant well informed line of communication between Parish as described above, between executive committee and membership, between executive committee and Regional Committee, and between executive committee and Central Council.

NOTE: In any situation do not wait to be contacted, take the initiative. DO IT FIRST.

- 8. Fund raising activities for the Church and your chapter should be planned well in advance. ANNUAL EVENTS WORK THE BEST.
- 9. Of all the multitude of activities ACYON deals with, the membership meeting is the most important. A well organized membership meeting is primarily used in an informative capacity. The membership monthly may have to deal with certain questions which arise and decide as to which course is best to take. If the executive committee does their homework, the membership can complete its business in a short period of time. Every chapter can gain or lose members depending upon the quality of the membership meeting and the image portrayed.

My final comments will be geared primarily to the chapter chairman. You may or may not know that being chairman of a chapter is not the easiest thing to do. It leaves you in a position of being damned if you do and damned if you don't. Perhaps the best way to approach the most important of leadership positions is by first asking yourself if you are willing to fulfill your duty to its maximum even if you are left holding the bag. This is not to say that you will be a martyr. The bottom line is, are you willing to show you can fundamentally get the best performance out of your chapter?

Always try to plan ahead with a time schedule to best fit you. Communicate on a weekly basis with your executive committee and at least on a monthly basis with your membership. Preferably in writing! Point out to yourself all financial obligations you will be encountering and plan your fund raising to help meet these demands. Perhaps the best advice anyone can give is to: complete all your work as it comes due and tend to it immediately. Perhaps even specify a given day of the week to do your work.

In conclusion, I feel ACYOA has the potential to become the consistent well coordinated organization that it should be. With the focus of professionals being handed down from the Diocese i.e. full time paid youth director, we must all become professionals although we receive no monetary compensation.

ACYOA offers perhaps the best well rounded spiritual and religious concept of any Christian church. Breaking it down, our religion and culture is perhaps the most historic and enriching of any other being portrayed in the most basic form. Unity: ACYOA is proud to be able to preserve such a culture and at the same time offer programs which our members can relate to in these changing times. Each of us have only one special try, let's get it right the first time.

Respectfully,

A Concerned Member



## R U L E S

### ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN BASKETBALL AWARD

His Grace, Archbishop Torhom Manoogian, has established the "Archbishop Torhom Manoogian Basketball Award", and Trophy. The prime interest of establishing this award is for the perpetrating of Armenian good will, fellowship and sportsmanship among the Armenian Churches of the Eastern Diocese. The incentive is the magnificent Trophy to be presented to the Church which wins each challenge. This Trophy is being donated by His Grace, Archbishop Torhom Manoogian.

1. Any Parish in the Eastern Diocese which wishes to challenge for the cup must notify Central Council and the current trophy holder of their intentions.
2. At least one challenge per year shall be held under the direction of Central Council, with the tournament location to be determined by Central Council based on Regional needs.
3. At least one additional challenge must be accepted by the current trophy holder between Central Council directed challenge tournaments.
4. Challenges will be operated on a first come first serve basis.
5. Central Council organized tournaments shall include both the Mens and Womens challenge cups.
6. All tournament associated activities shall be CoSponsored with Central Council. Half the net proceeds shall be sent to Central Council by the host Parish.
7. All costs shall be covered by the Parishes involved. An entry fee shall be determined by the host parish with the approval of Central Council.
8. Team rosters approved by the Parish Priest shall be submitted prior to tournament play.
9. There will be no age limitation for this Challenge Cup.
10. Ineligible players constitute forfeiture.
11. All games shall be governed by college rules.
12. All preliminary and championship games shall consist of two halves, stop time, and the length of time shall be determined upon final scheduling.
13. Two individual technical fouls shall constitute that individual's disqualification of that game and suspension of the following game.
14. Officials, Judges and Marshals for the tournament shall be professional or people of equal experience.

15. An ALL-STAR team and most valuable player selection shall be made at all Central Council directed challenges.

16. The Tournament Trophies shall be presented to the winning Parishes. Individual trophies shall be given to the All-Stars and Most Valuable Players.

17. The list of winners and records shall be recorded and kept as a permanent part of the Tournament.

A.C.Y.O.A.

BUDGET: JULY 1, 1978 - JUNE 30, 1978

INCOME

Dues	\$ 1,250
Diocesan Subsidy	30,000
<u>Keghard</u>	300
Dividends	1,000
Sports Weekend '78	4,000
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Tournament	2,000
Anniversay Balls	<u>1,500</u>
Total Income	\$40,050

DISBURSEMENTS

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETINGS (3)	\$ 1,800
Travel	
Lodging	
Food	
SPORTS WEEKEND MEETING WITH HOST CHAPTER	400
Travel	
Lodging	
Food	
CHAIRMAN'S ROUNDTABLE	700
Travel	
Lodging	
Food	
GENERAL ASSEMBLY	700
Travel	
Lodging	
Food	
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY SALARY	25,000
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY EXPENSES	3,500
Travel	
Lodging	
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	6,000
Telephone	
Postage and stationery	
Supplies	
Reproduction and printing	
NATIONAL QUARTERLY PUBLICATION - <u>KEGHARD</u>	4,000
SPORTS WEEKEND COMMITTEE MEETING	<u>950</u>
Total Disbursements	\$43,050

Respectfully submitted,

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SEPTEMBER 1, 1978

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE  
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We the auditing committee of the 1978 assembly have come to the conclusion that proper accounting techniques were not maintained.

In our audit we find that the recommendations from last years auditing committee were ignored. Namely, the Armenian Studies Program was not kept as a separate account by the Central Council, but by the Armenian Studies Program director. Also, as noted in the 1977 report any money accumulated was to be used solely for the Armenian Studies Program, however, we find that the \$1181.98 from 1976, which was used last year for Central Council expenses, has not been returned to its proper account. In further checking, we do not find where the deficit of the 1977 Armenian Studies Program was paid.

To date, the 1976 Sports Weekend books have not been presented to us for an audit as well as the 1977 Sports Weekend books which were to be audited at this assembly.

We recommend that a proper method of recording the sale and purchase of stocks and bonds must be maintained for present and future use.

We have found the checkbook balance in agreement with the transactions conducted during the year, however, the financial reports as presented to the assembly are null and void. The auditing committee is now under-taking the writing of the correct financial reports to be presented upon its completion. (See Appendix 25)

It is not the job of the auditing committee to spend the entire assembly time in an audit, therefore, we propose for a six month audit and money be allocated in the budget for such an activity.

Auditing Committee  
1978 ACYOA General Assembly

Anna Garabedian, Springfield Rep.  
Alex Kouyoumdjian, Watertown Rep.

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

FINANCIAL REPORT

July 1, 1977 - June 30, 1978

REVENUES

DUES	\$ 2,106.43
DIOCESAN ALLOTMENT	3,000.00
SPORTS WEEKEND '71	1,500.00
SPORTS WEEKEND '77	3,764.85
ARCHBISHOP'S TROPHY TOURNAMENT	1,612.25
KEGHARD	75.00
RETURN FROM EDDIE (CONFERENCE)	153.17
DONATIONS	200.00
GAIN ON STOCKS	1,475.41
INTEREST FROM STOCKS	210.62
BANK INTEREST	49.07
MISCELLANEOUS	<u>5.00</u>
	\$14,151.80

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DISBURSEMENTS

<u>EXECUTIVE SECRETARY</u>		\$ 3,484.77
Travel	2,463.41	
Accommodations	756.95	
Meals	264.41	
<u>SPORTS WEEKEND COMMITTEE</u>		542.41
Travel	200.80	
Accommodations	262.44	
Telephone	79.17	
<u>ARMENIAN STUDIES PROGRAM</u>		286.96
1977	156.96	
1978	130.00	
<u>CENTRAL COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE</u>		2,034.59
Telephone	1,708.88	
Postage	185.28	
Reproduction	68.28	
Stationery	72.15	
<u>CHAPTER VISITATIONS</u>		686.92
Travel	592.30	
Accommodations	70.62	
Meals	24.00	
<u>CENTRAL COUNCIL</u>		2,935.81
Travel	2,072.12	
Accommodations	675.60	
Meals	188.09	
<u>CHAIRMAN'S ROUNDTABLE</u>		531.50
Travel	406.00	
Accommodations	20.00	
Meals	59.50	
Meals (1977)	46.00	
<u>GENERAL ASSEMBLY</u>		925.32
Travel	425.50	
Accommodations	106.21	
Supplies	378.61	
Booklets	15.00	

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DISBURSEMENTS (CON'T)

<u>REGIONAL MEETINGS</u>		\$ 73.65
Travel	50.40	
Accommodations	23.25	
SPORTS WEEKEND '77		560.00
SPECIAL ASSEMBLY		18.81
KEGHARD		1,470.08
ACCOUNTANT		80.00
SAFEGUARD SYSTEM		143.17
SERVICE CHARGES		16.67
SAVINGS		5.00
MISCELLANEOUS		<u>202.75</u>
		\$13,998.41

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CHECKING ACCOUNT

BEGINNING BALANCE-ARLINGTON TRUST 7/1/77-		\$ 865.52
REVENUES	\$14,151.80	
DISBURSEMENTS	<u>13,998.41</u>	<u>153.39</u>
ENDING BALANCE UNITED VIRGINIA & MANUFACTURERS 6/30/78		<u>\$ 1,018.91</u>

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

UNITED VIRGINIA 7/1/77		\$ --
<u>Deposits</u>		
SALE OF STOCK	\$ 5,486.15	
INTEREST	63.44	
<u>Withdrawals</u>		
PURCHASE OF STOCKS	5,049.66	
ENDING BALANCE AS OF 6/30/78 UNITED VIRGINIA		\$ 499.93
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MANUFACTURERS SAVINGS BANK AS OF 6/30/78		\$ 5.00





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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN'S MESSAGE  
TO THE A.C.Y.O.A. ASSEMBLY IN PROVIDENCE, RHODE  
ISLAND - SEPTEMBER 1, 1978

I would like to express my real pleasure and appreciation to all those who organized this weekend, and also for the accomplishments of our chapters and for the maturity our organization has exposed. We know that we have set our goals for our youth organization, and they cover the parish level, the Diocesan level and also the ecumenical level. Our goals are our ideals we have set for ourselves. And we strive to accomplish them according to the measure of the wisdom, strength, devotion and all the Christian virtues God has given us.

I know that an enthusiasm has been generated in our Diocese and among the members and the chapters of our youth organization. This enthusiasm came about because of certain factors. One immediate factor is the fact that we have a youth leader, a youth director, and as you already have expressed your appreciation, I want to add my own, to George Tashjian who has not only worked unselfishly but also given of himself more than a member of our organization would have done. I have received reports from the chapters, from the priests, from the parish councils who have come into contact with George Tashjian. They have expressed their pleasure and their satisfaction for the work he has done, and also for the enthusiasm created in the parishes and among the young people.

Our Central Council, five of them, worked hard and I want to express my special satisfaction for the kind of interest the members have shown towards their own responsibilities. This is the secret of their success. Chapters or chairmen, executive councils or committees will succeed if they themselves expose the same consciousness and conscientiousness about their own responsibilities.

I know that the parish priests and the parish councils are anxious to see that the young people are brought together and are made active members in the parishes. Even when we remark about some indifference on the part of some priests or parish councils, we should realize that deep in their hearts they wish someone qualified would help them. We have to take a positive approach which will change such individuals and situations.

His Eminence Archbishop T. Manoogian's Message  
to the ACYOA Assembly in Providence - Sept. 1, 1978

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Of the many needs for the further progress of our organization, I want to dwell on the need for local leaders. Who will bring about the local leader? No outside authority can create or produce a local leader and I hope you understand what I mean. Sometimes we expect of a Primate, we expect of a Youth Director, we expect of the A.C.Y.O.A. Central Council to get local leaders. It is not possible. They will fail. Local leaders can be created, encouraged and trained in the local parishes only, and those responsible in this endeavor are the priests, the parish councils, the school teachers and the parents. They should encourage their young people to take up leadership, and if we succeed in this, many of the problems we face today may be solved.

The Primate and the Central Council are willing to help but the initiative and insistence should come from the local parishes. I hope that you, as delegates, will go back to your parishes and look for persons with some quality of leadership, and develop good leaders.

I want to present one new mission for the A.C.Y.O.A. Actually, it is not a new mission. It is a challenge to produce from its own members our future priests. This is a must. This is the most important need that we have today in our Diocese. In order to do this, first, we must create an atmosphere in our chapters. We should create an atmosphere of fellowship where the spiritual values of our culture, heritage and faith are appreciated, and where the history and the cultural heritage of our Church and of our people are studied and re-evaluated. The result of this will be that some members may be encouraged to choose priesthood for their vocation.

This is a challenge for and the mission of the A.C.Y.O.A. We talk about the future of our people in America, we talk about the future of our young people in our Diocese, and we cry for leaders, we cry for spiritual leaders for our parishes. If we ourselves do nothing about it, we will be damned. It will be the sign of our own spiritual bankruptcy.

We want college graduates specially. When I was listening to the credentials of the candidates for elections who were being introduced, I asked myself, "Which one of these will choose to be a priest?" And why shouldn't any person in any other vocation make the change? Why shouldn't a person with all the experience of any other field and vocation use those qualities in serving God and helping his fellowmen in the church as a spiritual leader? We need priests with many qualities. They should serve higher purposes and the highest purpose is to serve God.

I want to see that by the next year we can report that some of our chapters have created the fellowship, the spiritual atmosphere for the appreciation of spiritual values, and two or three of their boys, specially those who have accomplished something in their lives after having their college education, have made the right choice to serve Our Lord, and by serving Christ to serve their own people, their fellowmen. If we do this, we will be the most blessed organization in our Diocese.