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THE GOALS COMMITTEE

The Goals Committee met from 11:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. to discuss the long and short range goals of the A.C.Y.O.A. Since it was the first time a Goals Committee had been established, it was difficult for us to initiate discussion on this topic with no prior precedent.

We started our Goals discussion by using the objectives of the A.C.Y.O.A. as a guide line. The objectives are our goals but do not use any vehicles by which these objectives can be accomplished. Article 2, Section 1; encourages our members to propagate the principals and teachings of the Christian faith according to the customs of the Armenian Church. An excellent way to accomplish this goal would be for the Central Council to appoint a committee to study the feasibility of creating an audio-visual program dealing with the practices, teachings ... of the Armenian Church. A long range goal of this objective would be the establishment of a central library containing cultural and spirtual material on the Armenian Church. Article 2, Section 2; states we should promote among our members and others an appreciation of our Armenian culture and heritage. We feel that the creation of a Domestic Studies Program to compliment and enhance the Armenian Studies Program would be beneficial in attaining this goal. Upon concluding this Domestic Studies Program a person would be eligible to travel to Armenia with the ASP and be better prepared to appreciate and understand our spirtual and cultural heritage. Article 2, Section 3; states we should strengthen the social and spirtual bond among our members in the striving of a healthy community life among Armenians. We feel that the social aspect of this organization is being properly addressed at this time. The spirtual goal will be accomplished by the implimentation of our suggestions for Article 2, Section 1.

Discussion was initiated concerning the formation of another organization within the A.C.Y.O.A. for individuals over 25. We concluded that this plan was not feasible at this point in time. We are not strong enough now to splinter our organization to create a new one. It is imperative that we widen the scope of A.C.Y.O.A. by implimenting activities which are geared towards this specific age group. An example of this would be to include a music or literary contest within the sports weekend competition. It is important that we take our most successful national event and broaden its base to attract a more balanced cross section of members.

It is very important that this organization have a delegate representing us at the Diocesan Assembly. This person could be the Executive Secretary. It is equally important that we have voice and vote at the parish executive level. By doing this we hope to attract our over 25 brethren who have been alienated by our organization.

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Finally, our committee suggests the formation of a standing Goals Committee to guide this organization in our long and short range goals and objectives.

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Mark Onanian	-	Lowell
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Gary Hovhanesian	-	New Britian
Suzanne Minasian	-	Cheltenham
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During the Midwest Regional Meeting on June 7, 1980 the Chicago Chapter made a proposal to amend the constitution, which is submitted as follows:

Article 11
Central Council

Section 1. From among the members of the A.C.Y.O.A., the General Assembly shall elect five members to constitute the Central Council. Only 1 person from any Chapter may be elected to the Central Council in any given year. At least one person from each region shall be elected to Central Council from any chapter of that region. Said regions be dertermined by Central Council. The Central Council term of office shall commence following the confirmation of the election by the Primate and Diocesan Council.

We hope that this proposal is given much thought and consideration. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dixon Boyana
Secretary of the Day