



The 75th ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Friday, May 27, 2022

9:00 AM - 4:20 PM (CDT)

Welcome from ACYOA Central Council Chair

Opening Prayer, Requiem Service, and Primate's Message

First Assembly Session

The 75th ACYOA General Assembly of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America convened on Friday, May 27, 2022 at **9:12 AM**.

The following Central Council members were present:

Sona Dagley, Chair

Alina Grigorian, Vice Chair

Rafael Grigoryan, Treasurer

Andrew Yenicag, Communications

Melissa Fanizza, Ministries & Outreach

Ani Misirliyan, Ministries & Outreach

Also present:

Bishop Daniel Findikyan, Former Primate

V. Rev. Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan, Primate-Elect

Jennifer Morris, DYYAM

Clergy and Members of Diocesan Council

Roll Call-Confirmation of Quorum

Sona Dagley (Central Council) took roll call.

Housekeeping

Mary Keutelian (St. Gregory, Chicago, IL) introduced herself as the 2021 Chair of the Day. She presented housekeeping notes and an introduction of Robert's Rules of Order.

Election for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Mary Keutelian (St. Gregory, Chicago, IL) welcomed the nominating committee to speak and present the nominees for Chair and Vice Chair of the Day. Natalie Mardoian (Nominating Committee) and Alex Dayeian (Nominating Committee) mentioned that Mary Keutelian offered to be Chair of the Day. Natalie asked if anyone from the floor had a nomination for the second slot on the ballot. Natalie explained that whoever has the most votes would be elected Chair of the Day and whoever has the second most votes would be the Vice Chair of the Day. Fr. Andreas Garabedian (St. Gregory, Chicago, IL) nominated Alex Dayenian.

Stephen Hollisian (Holy Trinity, Cambridge, MA) seconded the nomination. Alex accepted the nomination.

Mary Keutelian (St. Gregory, Chicago, IL) motioned to close nominations, Sona Dagley (Central Council) seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mary Keutelian (St. Gregory, Chicago, IL) appointed Jordan Reid (St. Mesrob, Racine, WI) and Mara Najarian (St. John, Southfield, MI) to be Sergeant of Arms during this election.

Sona Dagley (Central Council) took the roll call. There were 38 delegates present to vote. Mary Keutelian (Chair of the Day) stated that delegates were allowed to vote for the Chair of the Day via paper ballot.

Fr. Aren Jebejian (St. John, Southfield, MI) mentioned that members of the auditing committee can help to count the ballots. Zaven Dadian (St. John, Southfield, MI) stepped outside to assist.

Mary Keutelian (Chair of the Day) asked the Sergeant of Arms to stand by the doors.

Election results:

Natalie Mardoian (Nominating Committee) announced the election results. Mary Keutelian (St. Gregory, Chicago, IL) was elected Chair of the Day and Alex Dayenian (St. George, Waukegan, IL) was elected as Vice Chair of the Day.

Adopting of Agenda

Mary Keutelian (Chair of the Day) asked if there is a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Yn. Lucine Sabounjian (Holy Resurrection, New Britain, CT) made the motion to accept the agenda. Stephen Hollision (Holy Trinity, Cambridge, MA) seconded the motion.

Mary Keutelian (Chair of the Day) asked if there was a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Fr. Andreas Garabedian (St. Gregory, Chicago, IL) made a motion to approve the 2022 meeting minutes. Stephen Hollision (Holy Trinity, Cambridge, MA) seconded the motion.

Election for Central Council

9:30 AM - Natalie Mardoian (Nominating Committee) presented the slate of candidates. She stated that Melissa Fanizza (Central Council) was conducting the vote through Election Buddy. There must be six people running for each ballot, and the floor was open for additional nominations.

Jordan Reid (St. Mesrob, Racine, WI) nominated Lucine Boloyan (St. James, Watertown, MA), and she respectfully declined.

Melissa Fanizza (Central Council) nominated Zaven Dadian (St. John, Southfield, MI). Fr. Aren Jebejian (St. John, Southfield, MI) seconded, and Zaven respectfully declined.

Fr. Andreas Garabedian (St. Gregory, Chicago, IL) moved to close nominations, and Nora Knadjian (St. Gregory, Chicago, IL) seconded. Rafael Grigoryan (Central Council) declined moving forward as Rita Katanjian (St. Sarkis, Dallas, TX) and Vatche Kajadian (St. Sarkis, Dallas, TX) had Mardig Klachian (St. Sarkis, Dallas, TX) on the phone, and he wished to be nominated for the Central Council.

Vatche Kajadian (St. Sarkis, Dallas, TX) nominated Mardig Klachian (St. Sarkis, Dallas, TX), Sona Dagley (Central Council) seconded it. He accepted the nomination over the phone.

Fr. Andreas Garabedian (St. Gregory, Chicago, IL) moved to close nominations, and Nora Knadjian (St. Gregory, Chicago, IL) seconded. Nominations were closed by Mary Keutelian (Chair of the Day).

The nominees were:

Michael Kashian, (St. John the Baptist, Greenfield, WI)

Mardig Klachian (St. Sarkis, Dallas, TX)

Dn. Garen Megrdochian (Sts. Sahag & Mesrob, Providence, RI)

Madeline Ovesepian (Sts. Joachim & Anne, Palos Heights, IL)

Jackie Russel (St. Gregory of Narek, Richmond Heights, OH)

Yn. Lucine Sabounjian (Holy Resurrection, New Britain, CT)

Michael Sarafian (St. Hagop, St. Petersburg, FL)

Alex Dayenian (Nominating Committee) invited Melissa Fanizza (Central Council) to the podium to explain the voting process. Melissa stated that this voting program, Election Buddy, was previously used at the 2021 Virtual General Assembly. She stated that an email message would be sent with an invitation to vote. There were a total of four vacancies on the Central Council.

9:45 AM - Melissa Fanizza (Central Council) asked for a roll call to take place. Sona Dagley (Central Council) started the roll call. Mary Keutelian (Chair of the Day) introduced the current Central Council before the vote took place.

9:56 AM - Melissa Fanizza (Central Council) stated that there were 36 voters, so there must be 19 or more votes. The Election Buddy email was sent to all voters, who had five minutes to cast their votes. She stated that the voters were able to choose 1, 2, 3, or 4 candidates.

10:04 AM - Melissa Fanizza (Central Council) closed the vote.

ACYOA Bylaws Committee / Proposed Bylaws

10:05 AM - Melissa Fanizza (Central Council) introduced the history of recently proposed bylaws, as well as the newly formed ACYOA Bylaws Committee. The Bylaws Committee started work in 2020 and appeared at this General Assembly meeting to propose revisions to the bylaws.

Talin Hitik, Esq. (Bylaws Committee Chair) appeared on Zoom to present the proposed revisions.

10:37 AM - Mary Keutelian (Chair of the Day) opened the floor for discussion.

Fr. Aren Jebejian (St. John, Southfield, MI) requested that any changes be made before voting on the final bylaws document, because the document belongs to this General Assembly.

Stephen Hollisian (Holy Trinity, Cambridge, MA) asked about Article 15, for the restructuring of the ACYOA parish chapters. If there are not five members in the individual church ACYOA chapters, a regional ACYOA group may be established by the Central Council. The Central Council has never decided to dissolve an ACYOA chapter in the past.

Ben Tavitian (Hye Pointe, Haverhill, MA) asked if a regional chapter is the only governing body that will manage the chapter. Talin Hitik (Bylaws Committee Chair) answered that she anticipates a regional chapter will be managed with the guidance of Central Council and an appointed priest, and that all of the parishes will also serve to assist with the regional groups. The membership and funding will be equitable.

Lucine Boloyan (St. James, Watertown, MA) seconded Fr. Aren Jebejian's motion to make changes on the floor. She read Article 4 Section 3.1 and Article 7, Section 4, as there were grammatical errors in the bylaws.

Jennifer Morris (DYYAM) asked to offer a point of knowledge. Jennifer mentioned how in law's modern American English, "they" is used rather than "he/she". Talin Hitik, Esq. (Bylaws Committee Chair) said that is how she modernizes legal contracts, and "they" is taken in context as to whether it is singular or plural.

Fr. Avedis Kalayjian (St. Mesrop, Racine, WI) stated that there is no language in the bylaws about a three fourths vote, except for the dissolution of ACYOA. The General Assembly can do with the document as it will before it is voted on.

Alex Dayenian (St. George, Waukegan, IL), made a motion to accept the proposed bylaws in its entirety and requested a vote to follow up afterward.

Fr. Aren Jebejian (St. John, Southfield, MI), said that is not the proper way to proceed. The motion was not seconded and denied, as it was out of order.

Stephen Hollisian (Holy Trinity, Cambridge, MA) pointed out Article 5 Section 3 (Campus Creations), and mentioned that college campuses may make it difficult for the ACYOA to create a religious organization on a college campus. Talin Hitik, Esq. (Bylaws Committee) mentioned that it is up to the college group's discretion.

Mary Keutelian (Chair of the Day) asked Lucine Boloyan (St. James, Watertown, MA) to come forward and re-state her amendment. Lucine asked that anywhere in the document "they" be changed to "he/she". Examples were noted in Article 4 Section 3.1 and Article 7, Section 4. Talin Hitik, Esq. (Bylaws Committee Chair) highlighted where in the Bylaws document that the language would be changed and read the changed language aloud to the Assembly. Mary Keutelian (Chair of the Day) asked if there is a second for the proposed amendment. Fr. Avedis Kalayjian (St. Mesrob, Racine, WI) seconded the motion. The floor opened for discussion of the amendment. Melissa Fanizza (Central Council) mentioned how language is used in the school system, as she is a teacher. She mentioned how they/them/their is part of modern verbiage. There was no other discussion on the proposed amendment.

Mary Keutelian (Chair of the Day) asked if there was a proposal to close the discussion of the amendment. Stephen Hollisian (Holy Trinity, Cambridge, MA) motioned to close the discussion, and Ben Tavitian (Hye Pointe, Haverhill, MA) seconded the motion. Melissa Fanizza (Central Council) continued the discussion, and pointed out to change Section 6 to Section 5.

Stephen Hollisian (Holy Trinity, Cambridge, MA) asked for clarification on Article 5 in its entirety. He discussed the process of speaking with university administration and how it works with a religious organization. He pointed out that with stewardship, a portion would be donated to the Central Council. Universities have strict rules about how funds can be distributed, and can restrict funding if you donate that money to the higher organization. Talin Hitik, Esq. (Bylaws Committee) clarified that the campus group does not need to organize with a college campus. There may be advantages and disadvantages to registering at a college or university. However, every member of the campus group is also a member of the ACYOA chapter.

Mary Keutelian (Chair of the Day) asked if there was a motion to end the discussion. Ben Tavitian (Hye Pointe, Haverhill, MA) made a motion and Jordan Reid (St. Mesrob, Racine, WI) seconded it. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mary Keutelian (Chair of the Day) asked if we could vote on accepting the Bylaws. Fr. Aren (St. John, Southfield, MI) made a motion to accept the Bylaws, and Sona Dagley (Central Council) seconded it. The motion passed with 30 affirmatives out of 38.

Fr. Aren Jebejian (St. John, Southfield, MI), thanked Talin, the Bylaws Committee members, and the ACYOA General Assembly attendees for taking part in a historical moment to revise the Bylaws for our organization. The last time a revision took place was eleven years ago.

Sona Dagley (Central Council) noted that these bylaws need to be voted on again at the next Assembly, so they are not revised at this time.

Talin Hitik, Esq. (Bylaws Committee Chair) thanked the Central Council and stated it was a privilege to have a solution for the ACYOA chapter structure. She was grateful to everyone for being forward-thinking.

Mary Keutelian (Chair of the Day) invited the Nominating Committee to the podium to share the results of the Central Council election.

11:15 AM - Alex Dayenian (St. George, Waukegan, IL) shared the Central Council election results:

Election Results:

Mardig Klachian (St. Sarkis, Dallas, TX)

Madeline Ovesepian (Sts. Joachim & Anne, Palos Heights, IL)

Yn. Lucine Sabounjian (Holy Resurrection, New Britain, CT)

Michael Sarafian (St. Hagop, St. Petersburg, FL)

Alt: Michael Kashian, (St. John the Baptist, Greenfield, WI)

11:16 AM - Mary Keutelian (Chair of the Day) invited the V. Rev. Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan, Primate-Elect, to speak. He discussed how ACYOA continued and adopted its programs during the uncertain times of COVID, and how they served above and beyond their own expectations. He mentioned the newly consecrated St. Sarkis church, and how there is room for both old and new to bring unique beauty into the world. He concluded by speaking about his experience serving as a priest to a church in the Midwest, and how this shaped his understanding of the Eastern Diocese.

11:30 AM - Mary Keutelian (Chair of the Day) thanked the parish members for being present at the General Assembly.

Election for Nominating Committee

Mary Keutelian (Chair of the Day) introduced the Nominating Committee to present the slate of candidates. Natalie Mardoian (Nominating Committee) introduced the current Nominating Committee ballot, including:

Lucine Boloyan - St. James, Watertown, MA

Natalie Hardy - Sts. Joachim & Anne, Palos Heights, IL

Talia Oknayan - St. John, Southfield, MI

Celine Phillip - St. John, Southfield, MI

Yn. Lucine Sabounjian (Holy Resurrection, New Britain) nominated Garen Mgirdichian (Sts. Sahag & Mesrop, Providence, RI) and Ben Tavitian (Hye Pointe, Haverhill, MA) seconded. Garen accepted.

Sona Dagley (Central Council) nominated Emma Kaloostian (St. James, Watertown, MA), and Stephen Hollisian (Holy Trinity, Cambridge, MA) seconded. Emma accepted.

Mary Keutelian (Chair of the Day) asked if there was a motion to close the floor. Sona Dagley (Central Council) made the motion to close the floor. Stephen Hollisian (Holy Trinity, Cambridge, MA) seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Election for Auditing Committee

Natalie Mardoian (Nominating Committee) introduced the current Auditing Committee ballot, including:

Rafael Grigoryan - Central Council

Donnie Rask - St. John the Baptist, Greenfield, WI

Alex Dayenian (Nominating Committee) nominated Armen Arslanian (St. John, Southfield, MI), and Emma Kaloostian (St. James, Watertown, MA) seconded the motion. Armen declined.

Rafael Grigoryan (Central Council) nominated Zaven Dadian (St. John, Southfield, MI), Stephen Hollisian (Auditing Committee) seconded. Zaven accepted.

Shant Der Torossian (St. James, Watertown, MA) nominated Stephen Hollisian (Auditing Committee). Mary Keutelian (Chair of the Day) seconded the motion of the nomination. Stephen Hollisian accepted the nomination.

Melissa nominated Ben Tavitian (Hye Pointe, Haverhill, MA), and Yn. Lucine Sabounjian (Holy Resurrection, New Britain, CT) seconded the nomination. Ben Tavitian (Hye Pointe, Haverhill, MA) accepted.

Stephen Hollisian (Holy Trinity, Cambridge, MA) nominated Shant Der Torossian (St. James, Watertown, MA), and Shant declined.

Andrew Yenicag (Central Council) nominated Chris Artun (Holy Martyrs, Bayside, NY) and Rafael Grigoryan (Central Council) seconded the nomination. Chris accepted the nomination.

Vatche Kajadian (St. Sarkis, Dallas, TX) nominated Rita Katanjian (St. Sarkis, Dallas, TX), and Yn. Lucine Sabounjian (Holy Resurrection, New Britain, CT) seconded. Rita accepted.

Fr. Aren Jebejian (St. John, Southfield, MI) asked if we could vote with plurality rather than a majority vote. Melissa Mardoian (Central Council) seconded the motion and the motion

passed by a vote.

Melissa Fanizza (Central Council) explained how the Election Buddy poll would work for the Nominating Committee and Auditing Committee.

Ben Tavitian (Hye Pointe, Haverhill, MA) stepped in as a back-up Sergeant of Arms, as Jordan Reid (St. Mesrob, Racine, WI) could not be found.

11:43 AM - Sona Dagley (Central Council) took roll call for the election. There were 36 delegates present to vote.

11:49 AM - Melissa Fanizza (Central Council) came to the podium to point out that Lucine Bolyan (St. James, Watertown, MA) asked to remove herself from the ballot, and that there was still a full slate. Melissa noted that the maximum number of candidates would be up to 3 for Nominating Committee and up to 3 for Auditing Committee.

11:57 AM - Mary Keutelian (Chair of the Day) asked if there was a motion to recess for lunch. Sona Dagley (Central Council) made a motion and Andrew Yenicag (Central Council) seconded the motion.

Break: 12:00 - 1:00 PM (CST)

1:36 PM - Mary Keutelian invited the Nominating Committee to present the results of the election for both the Nominating Committee and Auditing Committee.

Conclusion of Elections

Elected onto the Nominating Committee:

Emma Kaloostian - St. James, Watertown, MA

Garen Megrdichian - Sts. Sahag & Mesrob, Providence, RI

Natalie Hardy - Sts. Joachim & Anne, Palos Heights, IL

Alternate: Talia Oknayan - St. John, Southfield, MI

Elected onto the Auditing Committee:

Rafael Grigoryan - Central Council

Zaven Dadian - St. John, Southfield, MI

Rita Katanjian - St. Sarkis, Dallas, TX

Alternate: Donnie Rask - St. John the Baptist, Greenfield, WI

2021 ACYOA Central Council Report

1:36 PM - Mary Keutelian (Chair of the Day) invited Sona Dagley (Central Council) to present the ACYOA Annual Report.

Sona Dagley (Central Council) thanked her fellow Central Council members for their continued dedication. Throughout the year, ACYOA found ways to gather in Christ through outdoor activities, Zoom discussions, etc. The Central Council met on Zoom once per month until they decided to have in-person meetings, and held two in-person Bishop's 5Ks. The 75th Anniversary of 2021 was pushed back to 2022, and due to life circumstances, the co-chairs sent in letters of designation and turned it over to the ACYOA Central Council. It will take place on September 17, 2022 in Fair Lawn, NJ. They continued to promote Summertime Service, and also, created a virtual ASP trip. Retreats were held in a smaller setting, as well as Zoom discussions (Sunday Scripture, Monday Meditation, and Diving Deep). Sona opened the floor for any questions or remarks.

Melissa Fanizza (Central Council) asked if her last name could be changed to Fanizza and if Ani Misirliyan's last name could be spelt correctly.

Fr. Krikor Sabounjian (Holy Translators, Framingham, MA) said that Sona has taken her job very seriously.

Fr. Aren Jebejian (St. John, Southfield, MI), remarked that everyone stepped up and came up with innovative ideas. He also mentioned the ACYOA 75 Year Anniversary and asked why the committee resigned. Sona replied that the previous committee committed prior to COVID and could no longer commit their time to this project. Jennifer Morris (DYYAM) pointed out that there is a line item on the agenda to discuss the 75+1 Anniversary.

Lucine Boloyan (St. James, Watertown, MA) thanked ACYOA for everything they had planned in person as well as through creative online outlets.

Mary Keutelian asked if anyone would make a motion to close discussion. Ben Tavitian (Hye Pointe, Haverhill, MA) made the motion, and Jordan Reid (St. Mesrob, Racine, WI) seconded it.

2021 Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries Report

Mary Keutelian (Chair of the Day) invited Jennifer Morris (DYYAM) to present the 2021 Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries Report. Jennifer stated that she and Kat need the help of ACYOA for camp this summer since it was online for two years. They are looking for lifeguards and counselors. Additionally, Jennifer noted that the junior chapters flourish at the parish levels, and they want to grow that to the senior chapters, as well. Jennifer opened the floor to questions.

2:00 PM - Fr. Ghevond Ajamian (St. Sarkis, Dallas, TX) mentioned that the ASP price has gone up drastically. There is a \$4,100 fee per participant, but there is also a \$10,000 grant from the Dadourian Foundation. The first 20 participants received a scholarship, but they will have about

six more participants, so grassroots fundraising is currently taking place right now.

2:02 PM - Melissa Fanizza (Central Council) mentioned that Jennifer Morris (DYYAM) puts together so many pieces and pushes everyone, and she cannot imagine having anyone else lead the Central Council.

2:03 PM - Alex Dayenian (Nominating Committee) spoke of his ASP trip. He asked if there are other plans in the future to get involved with Artsakh. Jennifer Morris (DYYAM) mentioned that all of the funds from the Bishop's 5K went towards the Artsakh Relocation Project.

2:06 PM - Yn. Lucine Sabounjian (Holy Resurrection, New Britain, CT) asked about the reaction to Sunday Scriptures. Jennifer Morris (DYYAM) said ACYOA Juniors do not often log on. She suggested that the Seniors let the Juniors know the sessions are taking place so they participate in future sessions. She thanked last year's Central Council and the outgoing members of this year's Central Council.

Mary Keutelian (Chair of the Day) asked if there was a motion to close the discussion. Rita Katanjian (St. Sarkis, Dallas, TX) made a motion to close the discussion, and Lucine Boloyan (St. James, Watertown, MA) seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Small Group Discussions

Melissa Fanizza (Central Council) and Ani Misreliyan (Central Council) said that everyone was to be broken up into small group discussions for thirty minutes.

2:57 PM - Ben Tavitian (Hye Pointe, Haverhill, MA) noted that engagement numbers are dwindling. With COVID, a lot of things became remote and people have found other activities to fill their time. He proposed that ACYOA Juniors and Seniors connect through a more down-to-Earth event so the Juniors can see "this is us."

2:59 PM - Shant Der Torossian (St. James, Watertown, MA) commented that the transition from ACYOA Juniors to Seniors is the age range where they lose people, but mentorship from high school to college, as well as fostering connections, can be beneficial. His parish successfully mentored ACYOA Juniors in the past.

3:01 PM - Rita Katanjian (St. Sarkis, Dallas, TX) recalled that when their ACYOA Senior chapter was dying out, one of their community members made a three and five year plan for hosting Sports Weekend. It gave them something to work towards and get excited about, and ultimately, this is why their ACYOA Senior chapter is as strong as it is right now.

3:03 PM - Aline Tashjian (St. Leon, Fair Lawn, NJ) noted that every summer, their ACYOA chapter hosts "Beach and Badarak" with a sister church, St. Stepanos. The community members attend Badarak in the morning and then go to the beach afterwards with a barbeque. She suggested that perhaps for a long weekend, one of the warmer weather parishes could cost parishes during the winter months.

2021 Auditing Committee Report

3:08 PM - Mary Keutelian (Chair of the Day) invited Zaven Dadian (Auditing Committee) and Stephen Hollisian (Auditing Committee) to present the 2021 Auditing Report. Zaven stated that the committee reviewed the 2021 Financial Report. There were no questions. Fr. Andreas Garabedian (St. Gregory, Chicago, IL) motioned to accept the report, and Nora Knadjian (St. Gregory, Chicago, IL) seconded the motion. The motion passed.

2021 Financial Report

3:11 PM - Mary Keutelian (Chair of the Day) invited Rafael Grigoryan (Central Council) to present the 2021 Financial Report. He reiterated the duties of his position, and presented the financial information. No questions were asked. Sona Dagley (Central Council) motioned to close, and Aline Tashjian (St. Leon, Fair Lawn, NJ) seconded the motion. The motion passed.

New Business

Review 2022 Approved Budget/Review and Vote on 2023 Proposed Budget

3:17 PM - Rafael Grigoryan (Central Council) presented the 2022 approved budget, as well as the proposed 2023 budget.

Ben Tavitian (Hye Pointe, Haverhill, MA) asked about the 2019 website line, and how do we expect to be paying less in 2023? Arsen Yelegen donated his time to help redo the website.

Ben Tavitian (Hye Pointe, Haverhill, MA) asked how stewardship will be adjusted in 2024. Rafael Grigoryan (Central Council) said that will be discussed further next year at the 2023 General Assembly. Sona Dagley (Central Council) said that next year's dues will be for 2022.

Lucine Boloyan (St. James, Watertown, MA) asked that since Central Council meetings were conducted Zoom during Covid, will that affect what is spent on these meetings going forward? Rafael Grigoryan (Central Council) said it was easier to join Zoom, but the in-person element was missing to work through problems together. He said it will be on a case-by-case basis, but the approach going forward will be in-person meetings. Melissa Fanizza (Central Council) commented that meeting with the parishes provides an additional piece other than meeting with each other.

Lucine Boloyan (St. James, Watertown, MA) asked about fall/spring retreats, in which food/lodging has been covered by the Central Council. Is this plan going forward? Rafael Grigoryan (Central Council) pointed everyone to the religious and education budget.

Mary Keutelian (Chair of the Day) asked about the religious program expenses, and if specific line items will disappear. Rafael Grigoryan (Central Council) responded that after the third year (2023), those lines will be removed.

Yn. Lucine Sabounjian (Holy Resurrection, New Britain, CT) asked what is the Parish

Assessment Expense? Jennifer Morris (DYYAM) responded that this passed five years ago at the Diocesan Assembly, and ACYOA works to do an audit of who submitted it so those funds are transferred to the Central Council. Three parishes do not pay those funds. Sona Dagley (Central Council) clarified that the money comes from the parish and not from ACYOA members.

Chris Artun (Holy Martyrs, Queens, NY) motioned to end the discussion. Aline Tashjian (St. Leon, Fair Lawn, NJ) seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

New Proposals

There were none.

2023 ACYOA General Assembly & Sports Weekend Bids

Jordan Reid (St. Mesrob, Racine, WI) proposed that St. Mesrob would be willing to bid for 2023 or 2024. Lucine Boloyan (St. James, Watertown, MA) also proposed that St. James would be willing to bid for 2023 or 2024. Both Jordan and Lucine planned to return to their home parishes to discuss.

2024 ACYOA General Assembly & Sports Weekend Bids

Shant Der Torossian (St. James, Watertown, MA) stated that within the next three months, they will come to the Central Council with a bid for 2024.

Nora Knadjian (St. Gregory, Chicago, IL) noted that Tampa, Florida was going to just do a fellowship-based weekend without a sports component.

Stephen Hollisian (Holy Trinity, Cambridge, MA) indicated that their ACYOA, Holy Trinity, Cambridge, MA, is happy to help the chapter planning Sports Weekend.

Rita Katanjian (St. Sarkis, Dallas, TX) also said that St. Sarkis is happy to help the chapter plan a future Sports Weekend.

Mary Keutelian (Central Council) noted that the Central Council will reach out to the parishes going forward about 2023 and 2024.

Update Regarding 75+1 Anniversary

3:40 PM - Sona Dagley (Central Council) was invited to discuss the 75+1 Anniversary. The original plan was to hold a Friday night gathering, the Bishop's 5K and a banquet on Saturday, and badarak on Sunday. Since turning it over, the Central Council wanted to commit their time and energy into the youth and were not able to commit themselves to planning the weekend. They propose the youth fly on Friday night, and everyone comes for the one in-person Bishop's 5K on Saturday morning. The Holy Martyrs Street Festival will take place on Saturday evening, and people are welcome to go. The evening event will not be formal.

Stephen Hollisian (Auditing Committee) asked when registration starts, and Sona said it will take place in the summer.

Fr. Andreas Garabedian (St. Gregory, Chicago, IL) asked if there is any collaboration with the Western Diocese, and Sona answered there is not.

Lucine Boloyan (St. James, Watertown, MA) inquired about the “insights program” during the weekend. She asked about networking/professional events, and if members of the community could be incorporated as guests to celebrate the community. For example, she suggested topics such as a Christian working in finance or teaching. Sona agreed that it was a good idea and asked Lucine to assist with planning the program.

Nora Knadjian (St. Gregory, Chicago, IL) motioned to close the discussion of new business, and Ben Tavitian (Hye Pointe, Haverhill, MA) seconded the motion. The motion passed.

FAR/AYO Presentation

3:50 PM - Andrew Yenicag (Central Council) presented on projects from FAR and AYO.

Chris Artun (Holy Martyrs, Queens, NY) asked if FAR/AYO is a 501(c)(3) organization, because some companies will make a direct donation. Yes it is.

2022 ACYOA General Assembly & Sports Weekend Committee Welcome

3:57 PM - Mary Keutelian (Central Council) invited Rita Katanjian (St. Sarkis, Dallas, TX), to welcome everyone to the 2022 General Assembly and Sports Weekend.

Report of the 2022 Resolutions and Courtesies Committee

3:59 PM - Nora Knadjian (St. Gregory, Chicago, IL) presented the Report of the Resolutions and Courtesies Committee (see attachment).

Ben Tavitian (Hye Pointe, Haverhill, MA) motioned to close, and Aline Tashjian (St. Leon, Fair Lawn, NJ) seconded the motion.

Mary Keutelian (Chair of the Day) asked for any last remarks. Fr. Krikor Sabounjian (Holy Translators, Framingham, MA) asked the Assembly to set an example and behave in a way that represents our Christian faith and heritage. Fr. Andreas Garabedian (St. Gregory, Chicago, IL) thanked the Central Council and host city.

4:17 PM - Mary Keutelian (Chair of the Day) stated a few last housekeeping announcements, and asked for a motion to adjourn. Fr. Andreas Garabedian (St. Gregory, Chicago, IL) motioned to end the meeting. Nora Knadjian (St. Gregory, Chicago, IL) seconded the motion.

4:17 PM - Benediction and Adjournment with Meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.