

**ACYOA Central Council Abridged Meeting Minutes**  
**St. Mark Armenian Church, Springfield, MA**  
**Saturday, May 4, 2024, at 9:30 AM EDT**

Attendance: Ani Misirliyan (Chair), Jackie Russell (Vice Chair), Maddie Ovassapian (Secretary), Michael Sarafian (Treasurer), Yn. Lucine Sabounjian (Ministries & Outreach), Andrew Yenicag (Communications), Jennifer Morris (Diocesecan Youth and Young Adult Ministries), Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan (Primate)

1. Opening Prayer
2. Adoption of Agenda- adopted
3. Acceptance of February Meeting Minutes- accepted
4. Liaison System
  - a. Jackie went through some information for the draft for the May reach out.
  - b. Multiple Central Council members received feedback on chapters not knowing how much to give for the stewardship model- Council made a table of the 4 things that need to be done for each parish.
    - a. Stewards will go to liaisons, delegates/observers/etc should go to Maddie.
5. Communications
  - a. Social Media, E-Blasts, and Website
    - i. Andrew said he is going to do a social media post about the mission trip & an e-blast this week as well, promoting the Sunday night banquet for Sports Weekend.
  - b. ACYO Western Diocese CC Meeting
    - i. Andrew will ask if they would like to receive an email from Central Council once a month and also ask them about potentially having them on a podcast episode.
6. Committee Updates
  - a. Chicago GASW Committee/Overview
    - i. Doing well and are at about 200 participants and will still be getting more. They are only about \$6,000 off from their goal of fundraising. Ad booklet has been successful.
    - ii. Review GA Agenda (Ani and Jenni)
      - a. Asked Primate's opinion on it and made minor tweaks to schedule of events
    2. General Assembly Registration
      - a. Maddie shared list of current participants
    3. Election Buddy
      - a. Will be used at General Assembly.
    4. Discussion Questions
      - a. Jenni shared that discussion questions can be around what was discussed at Diocesan Assembly.
    - iii. Nominating Committee Update
      1. Council gave and shared updates on who is running for which position based on nominating committee spreadsheet
    - iv. Auditing Committee Report Update
      1. Michael said it was approved by committee
7. Ministries and Outreach
  - a. Podcast
    - i. Yn. Lucine will look through the next few months of podcast plans this week with Mardig.

- b. Bishop's 5K review
  - i. Council discussed that both were successful- the Primate agreed.
  - ii. Bishop Mesrop said he would like to see it continue every year or every other year (up to Central Council). Jenni suggested switching up locations every year (ex: New England and Midwest one year and then following year would be South and East Coast)
- c. ASP
  - i. Jenni said there are 22 total participants
- 8. Award Nominations
  - a. Central Council talked through all the nominations and recommendations.
- 9. Financials
  - a. Financial Report- Michael went through the financials report and answered some questions Council asked that he might get at General Assembly
  - b. Bishop's 5K- Around \$2,000 profit
  - c. 2023 Stewardship Status (collected in 2024)
    - i. As stated earlier, the Central Council will be reaching out to their chapters this week
  - d. 2023 Year-End Financial Report to be presented at 2024 GA
    - i. Council reviewed the report.
  - e. Review Finalized 2025 Budget to be presented at 2024 GA
    - i. The Central Council did not have any questions/comments.
- 10. DYYAM and Diocesan Assembly Updates
  - a. Jenni gave remarks on the podcast, Central Council updates, ASP numbers, no questions on ministries report
- 11. Review Goals
  - a. The Central Council reviewed goals and agreed they are working towards each one.
- 12. New Business
  - a. Redoing roles/responsibilities- Jackie mentioned that some roles are uneven, she proposed some ideas/changes.
    - a. The Central Council can think about this and discuss it at the next zoom meeting.
- 13. Upcoming Dates
  - a. CC Check In- May 15th
  - b. GA101- May 16th
  - c. Central Council Meeting (outgoing/incoming)- TBD
  - d. Fall Retreat Date- November 8th-10th?

**Additional Notes:** Der Avedis stopped in for a few minutes to seek advice on how to reach and communicate with college aged kids. The Central Council gave some tips and a differing viewpoint.