

## CONNECTICUT DELEGATE'S REPORT OF WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE, 2016

The full report of official actions of the Conference can be seen at: [http://www.codapdx.org/uploads/1/7/6/2/17624337/csc\\_motions\\_report\\_-\\_full\\_csc\\_report\\_10-21-16.pdf](http://www.codapdx.org/uploads/1/7/6/2/17624337/csc_motions_report_-_full_csc_report_10-21-16.pdf)

The following is a brief synopsis of the 2016 CSC (CoDa Service Conference)

English is the official language of Co-Dependents Anonymous Inc. for legal and corporate purposes only, will be added to the FSM (Fellowship Service Manual).

Previously it read English is the official Language of Co-Dependents Anonymous Inc.

Outreach Committee announced their Outreach Resource Guide (ORG) on the CoDa website. This contains information on carrying the message that has been and is being provided by members, meetings and intergroup from all over the world. This is a great resource for answering many questions.

CoDA has over the years developed a fine but ungainly Fellowship Service Manual containing wise guidance for our Fellowship. The Service Structure Committee restructured the FSM by splitting it up into five, more-focused sections, with improved wording making it easier to understand. The Meeting Handbook was previously split off, and now the rest dealing with the service structure and Conference procedures are in more manageable separate pdf sections and can be seen, downloaded and printed separately or as a whole on the CoDa web site.

### Motion #4159 Hospitals and Institutions

CSC gave approval to allow the use of 7<sup>th</sup> tradition donations to Books for Inmates and Institutions program be expanded to purchase other CoDa literature other than CoDa Blue Book and workbook.

Before the 2016 CSC the funds donated to the Books for Inmates and Institutions Program could only be used to purchase the Co-Dependents Anonymous book and The Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions Workbooks in Spanish and English. Because the donations have exceeded the cost for CoDA books and workbooks, there are excess dollars that cannot be used for other CoDA or H&I purposes. CSC approved that these

funds be used for other CoDa literature as well as the books to be sent to Hospitals and Institutions.

#### Motion #4751

More pamphlets in English & Spanish have been approved for posting on the CoDa.org web site and are available for a one time printing (fair-use policy) by an individual.

4001S - Bienvenidos a CoDA (Welcome to CoDA)  
4002S - ¿Soy codependiente? (Am I Codependent)  
4005S - Comunicación y recuperación (Communication and Recovery)  
4104S - Estableciendo Límites en la Recuperación (Establishing Boundaries in Recovery)  
4010B What is CoDA?  
4001 Welcome to Co-Dependents Anonymous  
4002 Am I Codependent?  
4003 Attending Meetings  
4004 Sponsorship in CoDA  
4005 Communication and Recovery  
4104 Establishing Boundaries in Recovery  
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4009 Using the Twelve Traditions

These pamphlets will continue to be available for purchase on the CoDA e-store.

#### Motion #4756

#### Motion #4757

Changes to the Expense Reimbursement Policy (ERR) for committee's and delegates who do service for the CSC.

#### New Technology

CoDa bought a new ms office technology product including e-mails, archiving, and conferencing of CoDa, the hope will be to allow video & audio conference meetings of up to 200 people. Research is ongoing to insure anonymity. Hope is to have worldwide participation at CSC.

#### Motion #4760 Literature

CSC approved the Literature Committee presentation's "Working the Steps as a Group" to be available on the web as a service item. This has extensive and detailed guidelines for step study groups and meetings

#### Motion #4761 Literature

Update of Affirmations, available on the Web

#### Motion #4762 Literature

Any CoDa literature approved by CSC for Publication may only be taken out of print by a motion at CSC

#### Motion #4764 Finance

That the definition of the Prudent Reserve contained in the description of the Finance Committee in Section 7 of the Fellowship Service Manual be updated so it reads:

\* Prudent reserve equals \$250,000 or equal to half of the total actual operational expenses for the previous two calendar years, whichever is greater.

Hopefully this will allow CoDA to conduct business and grow the budget without undue accumulation of funds in the Prudent Reserve.

Coda has tightened its budget as we practice living within our financial intake.

Board recommendations for improving financial health to reach the codependent who still suffers:

1. Increasing outreach to the codependent who still suffers
  - a. Public service announcements
  - b. Print media
2. Getting the word out to the Fellowship of the resources available to the Fellowship.
3. Improving communications within the Fellowship
  - a. Could we contact each meeting if we wanted to by mail or email?
  - b. Develop a point of contact with each CoDA group, intergroup, and voting entity and maintain regular correspondence with them so we don't lose them
  - c. Modeling open and honest communications
4. Creating new literature
5. Increasing the perception that CoDA is self-supporting through our own contributions.
  - a. Periodic appeals by mail to each CoDA group

- b. Promotion of the Celebration Recovery Plan
  - c. Promotion of Gratitude Month
6. Increasing all sources of income

#### Motion #4768 Spanish outreach

Approval for the web master to make a working Spanish and English version of

- meeting search
- meeting registration form
- meeting update form (in Spanish and English) must include all fields necessary for members to change their home addresses, phone #'s, and email addresses along with check boxes to indicate permissions to display phone numbers and/or emails.

#### Motion #4792

Authorize CoRe to print the conference approved document (Sponsorship Pamphlet) in Spanish translation (Folletode Pad rinazgo) a pamphlet for which the original English document has been archived, as well as any other archived literature supported by the CoDA Board.

#### Motion #4815 Communications

Update language & meaning of open & closed meetings

“A CoDA meeting may be “open” or “closed”. “Open” means that anyone can attend. “Anyone” means codependents, non-codependents, students, or representatives of other organizations (including the media), etc. (It is expected, and may be specifically asked, that all such visitors agree to respect our need for anonymity and confidentiality.)

A “closed” meeting, however, is a meeting attended only by people who are codependent or who have the desire to develop healthy and loving relationships. Newcomers who think they may be codependent and/or have the desire to develop healthy and loving relationships can attend a closed meeting.

A meeting may be further restricted. For example, a meeting may be listed as “closed - women.” In this example, only women who are codependent (or have the desire to develop healthy and loving relationships) may attend this meeting. Another example, a meeting may be listed as “LGBTQ”. In this example “Anyone” (as described above) may attend this meeting. It also means that this meeting may be designated LGBTQ but it is still open to those who do not identify as LGBTQ.

However, in respecting the spirit of Traditions One, Three, and Five, we honor one exception. No member of our Fellowship shall be turned away from even a closed or restricted meeting, if there is no other meeting available to this person.

Motion #4816 BYLAW CHANGE

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c) (3) of the Code (or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code). Any and all assets will be turned over to CoDA, INC., or any successor in interest. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be equally distributed by the former Corporation to remaining affiliated international CoDA Corporations.

If any disposal/distribution is not possible, not appropriate or otherwise not capable of being accomplished, then by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Motion #4817 Service Structure

More clearly defined description of CSG/Intergroup and Voting Entity (VE) and their roles.

Motion #4819 Finance

Approval of the 2017 Budget of \$204,820 income and \$212,735.21 expenses, as presented by Chair of Finance Committee.

Motion #4820

Unanimous approval of the 5 members to the IMC committee

Slate names are:

- 1) Nancy O - Connecticut (by proxy)
- 2) Greg B - Minnesota
- 3) Paul N - Georgia
- 4) Gail S - Nevada
- 5) Lilliana – Colombia

Motion #4822 Board nominations approved

FINAL COUNT - approved in this order:

- 1) Marcy
- 2) Salle
- 3) Liliana
- 4) David L – alternate

### Motion #4824 Literature

Any piece of CoDA Conference endorsed literature which is allowed to go out of print must continue to be available to the membership via the coda.org website under the fair-use policy. If there are issues of legal liability or via group conscience of the CoDA Board, the CoDA Board may decide against publishing particular items if a full explanation is provided to the Fellowship.

### Motion #4826

The date and place of the CoDA Service Conference recommended by Events Committee in conjunction with the CoDA Board, and ratified by Conference. The date and location, avoiding major federal holidays and religious holidays, will be announced two years in advance at the CoDA Service Conference

The 2017 Conference will be hosted by Minnesota CoDA in Minneapolis sometime in October. It will be held in San Diego for October 2018.

The Events committee conducted a polling of the membership, it was determined that having the CSC and convention in October, was preferred by a majority. The CSC and convention has been held in July during the past five years and found not to be as well attended during the summer.