



2017 CoDA Service Conference Motions Feedback Form

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The full text of the motions, intents, remarks, attachments, and other details can be found at:

<http://coda.org/index.cfm/service-info/delegate-package/delegate-package-2017>

*List of Abbreviations: **AMC:** Association Management Company, **CoDA:** CoDA, Inc. (also known as CoDA World), **CoRe:** CoDA Resource Publishing, Inc., **CSC:** CoDA Service Conference which refers to the annual business meeting for CoDA, **FSM:** Fellowship Service Manual, **H&I:** Hospitals and Institutions Committee, **ICC:** International CoDA Convention, **IMC:** Issues Mediation Committee, **QSR:** Quarterly Service Report **SSC:** Service Structure Committee, **TMC:** Translation Management Committee, **Trad.:** Tradition, **TROs:** Travel Reimbursement Opportunities which refer to travel, hotel, and/or food expenses paid for by CoDA for members of the Board, committee chairs, and delegates from a Voting Entity that hosts the CSC, **VE:** Voting Entity, **VEI:** Voting Entity Issue*

Board Motions

Motion 1 (Bylaw Change): To add “leave of absence (not to exceed 45 days)” to one of the reasons an Alternative Trustee might assume a vacant Trustee position or why an officer of the corporation might leave their position before their 1 year term is over.

Motion 2 (Bylaw Change): To repeal the Bylaw motion passed last year with a dissolution clause since the Articles of Incorporation already have a dissolution clause.

Motion 3: Literature that has been previously approved by a VE or CoDA Inc. committee can be presented as a motion for CSC endorsement. It is presented one year as a motion to consider for a year and distributed as a draft with a watermark. It is presented as a motion for CSC endorsement the following year.

Motion 4: Contains the details of the procedure to be followed to achieve CSC endorsement of the literature described in the previous motion.

Communication Motions

Motion 1: That the Board of Trustees shall assign to a standing committee or appoint an ad-hoc committee to evaluate the current structure of World Service from a broad point of view with the intent of improving efficiency and reinforcing the dominance of the Fellowship over the Corporation created to serve the Fellowship.

Motion 2: That the current wording in FSM Part 2, the Meeting Handbook, describing Open, Closed and Topic meetings be replaced. Please go here to see the specific replacement details: <http://coda.org/index.cfm/service-info/delegate-package/delegate-package-2017/>

Motion 3: That the Communications Committee (Comm), or other entity selected by the Board of Trustees if the Comm is not active, be authorized to sponsor submissions to CoDA Announcements that are provided by a Voting Entity registered in any way with World Service, and that are found by Comm to be consistent with CoDA Principles.

Motion 4: To replace in FSM Parts 1&5 the descriptions of the Communications Committee. Please go here to see the specific replacement details:

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Co-NNections Motions

Motion 1: Replace the existing description in the FSM Parts 1&5 with the following: The Co-NNections Committee publishes Fellowship recovery stories. The committee's belief is that publishing the submissions shared by CoDA members will enhance the recovery of contributors and viewers alike. The Co-NNections Committee's goal is to provide a weekly Reading subscription service and an on-line Meeting in Print for CoDA members to share their thoughts about their recovery journey. Committee members do this by publishing Co-NNections®, collection of original writing, graphic art, audio and video based submissions sent in by members of the CoDA Fellowship.

Events Motions

Motion 1: FSM Parts 1&5: new description for CoDA Events Committee organizing CSC/ICC, securing location with Board, and announcing two years in advance. Includes a committee history and list of duties.

Motion 2: FSM Part 4: Change the submission of motions, reports, goals, and budgets for CSC from Events and Webmaster contact to submitcsc@coda.org. Remove paper copy option of delegate package. Printing is now the responsibility of VEs. No changes to timeframes, website, or eblast.

Issues Mediation Motions:

Motion 1: FSM Part 4 Bullet F: Clarify the process of submitting a VEI as a motion one year after the VEI has gone through the initial process of being assigned and then denied approval by the Board or Committee.

Motion 2: FSM Part 5: If it becomes necessary to increase IMC members between CSCs due to resignations or other reason, IMC will present vetted nominee(s) to the board for approval through the board motion process instead of waiting until the next CSC.

Motion 3: FSM Parts 1&5: grammar corrections, section reference additions and removals, and adding to IMC mission, i.e. "processes and qualifies TRO VE applicants.

Literature Motions

Motion 1: In order to have a prompt update to service items after a CSC, the literature committee would like the Service Structure Committee to be able to incorporate the change in the appropriate section of the FSM, replacing the earlier version, without additional CSC approval.

Motion 2: The literature committee would like to update Part 5 in the FSM that describes them to include that they proofread and edit, as well as write, CoDA service items and literature.

Outreach Motions

Motion 1: Approve the following brochures as a package: 1. "Information for Professionals" 2. "Your First Meeting". Please see the two document attachments at: <http://coda.org/index.cfm/service-info/delegate-package/delegate-package-2017>

Service Structure Motions

Motion 1: FSM Parts 1&5: Reorganizing of and updates to FSM including VE surrendering rights to representation at CSC only when done in writing, new CoDA Structure Chart, removal of Trad. 4 comments (Part 2, pg 6), adding Trad. 9 as the purpose of committees, an IMC Election Process, inclusion of the Chairs Forum being part of CSC agenda review, addition of Board backup liaison, and more... Please see the 6 attachments at:

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Motion 2: FSM Parts 1&5: Change SSC's Standing Committee section from, "function is to serve the will of the Fellowship" to "serves in an advisory capacity...regarding service structure and the foundational documents." Remove SSC Description and Roles and Duties sections. Update Purpose section with "to serve the will of the Fellowship [through CSC]." Add "Suggest improvements to the service structure of CoDA, Inc. and coordinate implementation if requested."

Motion 3: CSC to annually review SOS (AMC) services and hours performed by line item and a detailed report from CoDA Board with SOS responsibilities and any planned changes. SOS to provide detailed hours in QSR. Contract to be reviewed every 2-5 years and comparison made with competitive bids. Purpose is to ensure that CoDA Inc.'s financial resources are being used in the best way possible and that we are getting the best possible service.

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Translation Management Motions

Motion 1: This motion is to make a change to the FSM Part 5 under the "function" section, adding that TMC works with the Board of Trustees while performing their function of designing and managing the process by which CoDA Conference Endorsed Literature is translated.

Massachusetts VE Motion

Motion 1: FSM Part 1: Add "That no State, Country, or Voting Entity be considered to have surrendered their rights to Representation and Voting at the CSC (in spite of any affiliation) without having surrendered those rights in writing to CoDA, Inc." Intended to confirm that each state is entitled to 2 delegates when New England area sends 3+ delegates (never more than 2 per state). NOTE: This Voting Entity Motion was submitted by the Massachusetts Voting Entity. It was previously brought as a VEI and not acted upon so is now eligible to be brought as a motion.

Voting Entity Issues

Arizona VEI 1: We move that the annual ICC/CSC flyer be published on the website in English and Spanish.

Arizona VEI 2: To add the subtitle "Codependents Look at Love, Sex and Relationship Addiction and Avoidance" on the cover of "Peeling the Onion" booklet since many people have been confused by the title and content. The title "Peeling the Onion" can mean many different things, but the booklet seems to focus a lot on sex and romantic relationship issues, rather than on all relationships.

PA and Colombia VEI 1: That in both versions of the Welcome the words "and/or other" be inserted between the word "family" and the word "system." 2. That this change be implemented immediately in all versions of the Welcome on the web and be inserted into printed versions as they are reprinted. 3. That the present version of the long form of the Welcome continue to fulfill the requirement of being read at every meeting until meetings are able to make the change in their meeting documents. NOTE: This issue was brought two years ago as a VEI. It was subsequently rejected. It was brought as a motion last year and was not approved. It is being brought once again as a VEI.

SoCal VEI 1: We are requesting explanation of the "discussion" in the Board minutes emailed on December 23, 2016 as highlighted on pages 9 and 16. The board minutes that were published and emailed included verbiage that does not clarify what happened during the board meeting discussion. It is not clear as to why the motion was not presented at CSC concerning a commemorative coin. Would like clarification regarding the decision-making process as to why the motion was not brought up for a vote.

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