

This is the official report from the SoCal Delegates for the SoCal Board; Kirsten S., Rosa, Linnea M., Marlene E. This is a synopsis of the motions that were presented and voted on at this year's CSC.

**#5144: Call for 30 seconds before any vote at CSC (SoCal VEI & Events Committee)**

This motion was to add 30 seconds before any vote on a committee motion or VEI at a CSC conference. The procedure outlined in the FSM Part 4, page 14 will be updated to include the 30 seconds followed by the Serenity Prayer before the vote is taken.

It was passed with a 2/3rds majority so it is binding on the CoDA Board to carry out.

**#5150: Stop referring to the CoDA fellowship as CoDA, Inc. (SSC Committee)**

This motion's purpose is to clarify the difference between CoDA Inc. (the Corporation), CoDA World (the international level of the service organization) and CoDA fellowship (the recovery program and the members). The changes will be made in the ByLaws, the FSM and any other places where CoDa Inc. was used to refer to the anything besides the Corporation.

It was passed with a 2/3rds majority so it is binding on the CoDA Board to carry out.

**#5155: Chart of current legal and organizational structure to be added to FSM Part 5 (AdHoc Committee)**

This motion's purpose is to provide more detail for CoDA World's legal and operational structure with a new chart. The explanations for the chart will be kept in Part 5 of the FSM

It was passed with a simple majority so it is not binding on the CoDA Board to carry out.

### **#5160: Content Task Force**

The motion is to create a task force to help bring CSC existing materials written and used by CoDA entities around the globe to CSC for conference endorsement. The members would reach out to all entities proactively and encourage and support the VE's to submit to CSC. They would need to be reviewed and vetted in the established process for new literature. Ultimately it would boost CoDA income through the sale of additional CoDA endorsed recovery materials.

It was passed with a simple majority so it is not binding on the CoDA Board to carry out.

### **#5188, 5194, 5195: New business and motion to sanction against the Zoom Bomber**

During the conference, a Zoom bomber caused quite a bit of disruption with getting into the Zoom call with loud and sometimes offensive music many times. The Events committee created a more secure way for the conference to continue and the Bomber would find us again and disrupt the conference. This occurred on the first two days of the conference. The morning of the third day the Events committee received an Amends letter allegedly from the person responsible saying that he/she was a member of the fellowship and angry for not being able to be part of the Zoom call and instead needed to listen to the live YouTube stream. He/she explained they were using old ways of coping with anger and they wanted to make amends to the conference. After that we did not have any other issues.

On day three one of the delegates submitted a motion to accept new business (which had been banned for the virtual conference due to the need for a shorter conference) and also a separate motion to sanction that member and remove him/her from the fellowship.

The conference passed the motion to hear new business (#5188) and a related motion that everyone that was present during the Zoom bombing incidents be allowed to vote (#5194), but did NOT pass the sanction to that CoDA member for his/her actions. (#5195)

### **#5193: CoDA Inc. 2021 budget**

The proposed budget for 2021 reflects the shortfall of money this year from the fellowship in 7<sup>th</sup> tradition due to COVID shutdown's of many, if not all, CoDA meetings around the world. The finance committee recommended to be very conservative for income next year due to the fact there are many unknowns of when the meetings will be able to return to face to face. Factoring that in, along with the expected expenses for CSC/ICC for next year, left a shortfall of almost \$100,000 which the conference was uncomfortable with. The delegates voted to remove face to face meetings for committees from the budget to reduce the amount of shortfall for 2021. The approved budget for 2021 therefore has a projected shortfall of \$49,682 and if that does come to fruition then that money will come from CoDA's savings.

It was passed with a 2/3rds majority so it is binding on the CoDA Board to carry out.

### **#5147: Move that amending three of our Foundational Documents – the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Service Concepts– be a two-year process.**

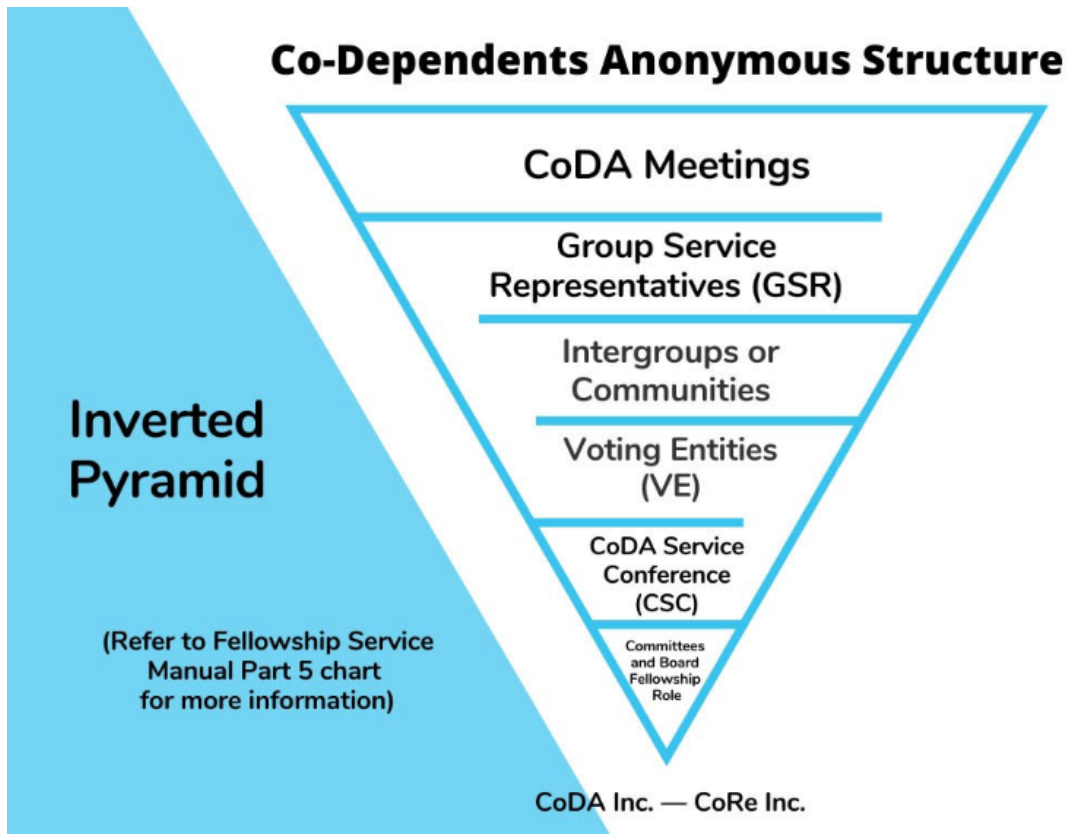
Any motion to amend these Foundational Documents must receive a minimum of two-thirds (66%) vote to be placed on the next year's CSC agenda for a second vote. At the following year's CSC, a three-quarters (75%) vote must be obtained to establish the proposed change.

Motion Passed by 2/3rds Majority

Cons: Concerned about the 3/4 vote at 2nd year CSC might be difficult (especially given that each board member has a vote, so potentially 11 votes) and questions why it needs to be at that level; believe this is a fear motivated motion and believe this might put us in a bind for changes that need to be made.

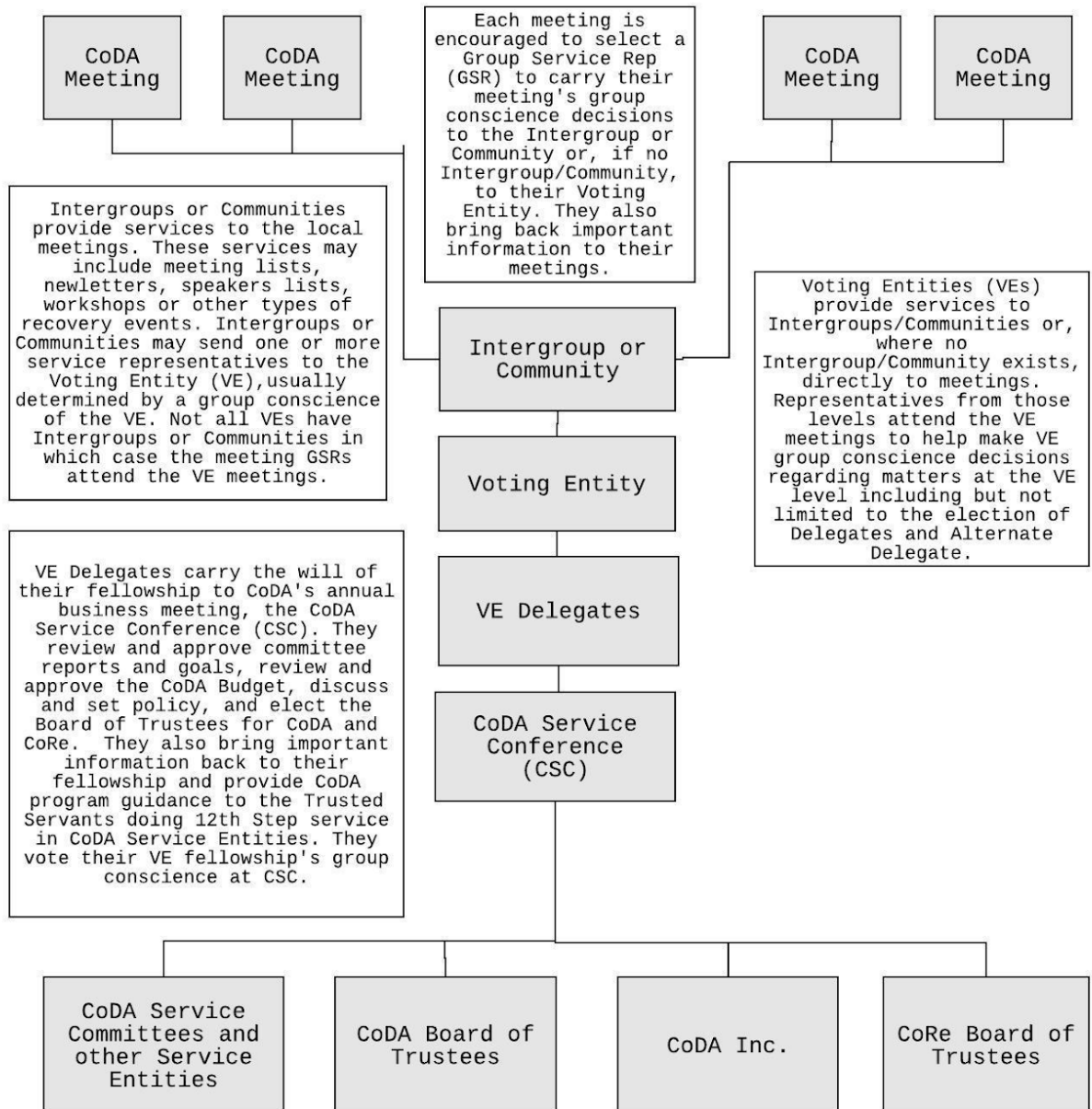
**#5154: That the revised chart of Codependents Anonymous structure shown here shall replace the current chart in part 1 of the FSM.**

Motion passed by simple majority - not binding on the board



## Co-Dependents Anonymous Structure Chart

Group conscience decision making provides a foundation for the entire service structure of Co-Dependents Anonymous (CoDA). It is an inverted pyramid and begins in our meetings, moving down to our Intergroups or Communities, continuing through our Voting Entities (VEs) and finally reaching the CoDA Inc. organization. Not every VE has both Intergroups or Communities



**#5156: Motion that effective upon the completion of the 2020 CSC, one standing committee Chair will be an active participant with voice on the monthly Public Board Meetings or conference calls with the exception of executive session meetings.**

The committee Chair will not have a vote. Each standing committee Chair will have a turn participating on a rotating basis as determined by the Chairs Forum.

This information will be added to Parts 1 and 5 of the Fellowship Service Manual (FSM).

Motion passed by 2/3rds Majority

**#5159: Motion that the Canadian new piece of literature called “The Service Concepts, Alive & Strong!” will follow the new VE Literature process in motions 17001 and 17002 to be considered CoDA Literature.**

This will give an opportunity for the Fellowship to provide feedback or improvements.

CRAFTING - yes

Motion Passed by 2/3rds Majority

THIS WILL BE BROUGHT BACK TO THE 2021 CSC FOR  
FINAL APPROVAL

**#5189: CoDA 2020 Board of Trustees Elections**

CODA Board Slate:

- 1) Barbara D - Northern California
- 2) Jose R - Guatemala
- 3) Faith J - Canada
- 4) Gail S - Nevada
- 5) Yaniv S - Israel

All voted in by 2/3rds majority

**#5148: Board Motion #4 Point Number 9 of the Qualifications list for the 'Job Description' for a Trustee of the Board of CoDA be edited to read as follows:**

9. Minimum requirement of attendance at any one of the last five CSC's, including the current CSC year, (either as a delegate or trusted servant). If such demonstration is not possible, at the discretion of the board, this requirement could be waived. Ask the applicant to demonstrate their knowledge of CSC based on past attendance.

Intent: To make sure that an applicant for Trustee has a significant understanding of the processes and procedures of a Conference and is willing to participate in meaningful ways.

Crafting: Yes

Result: Passed by  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority

**#5153: Motion for CSC to approve options for a CoDA Service Prayer as written.**

Committee: AdHoc

Service Unity Work Prayer from Service Concept 7:

'Higher Power, please help us stay mindful in our service work, reminding us that we do not seek personal power, nor do we govern or control others to advance our personal agendas. Instead we practice:

- Anonymity
- Humility
- Tolerance
- Gratitude
- Amends, and
- Forgiveness

Intent: To raise awareness of the importance of service work and how it relates to our recovery.

Crafting: Yes

Result: Passed by  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority

**#5158: Motion to change the latest wording of The Welcome.**

Committee: Literature

Motion to change the wording of The Welcome:

(Original) Many of us were raised in families where addictions existed - some of us were not. In either case, we have found in each of our lives that codependence is a most

deeply rooted compulsive behavior and that it is born out of our sometimes moderately, sometimes extremely dysfunctional **families** and other systems.

(Suggested) ... sometimes moderately, sometimes extremely dysfunctional **family** and other systems.

Intent: Making the statement more readable and inclusive by equating 'family' to 'other systems'.

Result: Defeated

**#5172: Motion to give voice to every CoDA member during CSC.**

Committee: CSC

Crafted to give voice to the following attendees of the Zoom meeting:

- 1) Chairs of Committees
- 2) The IMC voting entity liaison
- 3) Events Committee members
- 4) Alternate Delegates  
at 2020 CoDA Service Conference

Result: Passed with  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority

**#5190: CoRe 2020 Elections**

Committee: CSC

Result: Passed with  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority

CoRe 2020 Slate:

- 1) Chris H - Arizona
- 2) Madeline - Florida
- 3) Richard I - Canada

Result: Passed with  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority

**#5149: Replace Tradition 11 to clarify regarding current and new technology forms of communication. (SSC Committee)**

Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, films, television and all other public forms of communication.

· **Motion passed with a 2/3rd majority.**

The language will be brought back to next year's CSC for final 3/4rds vote due to foundational documents change processes. If approved, then it will be changed (See Motion #20023)

**#5152 CoDA Service Conference declare 2021 the year of service to the Fellowship (AdHOC\_Service Committee)**

This motion proposes that during 2021 every CoDA meeting, every Standing committee, at the CoDA board, begin a campaign to emphasize service as a basic part of recovery. This can be accomplished by individual sharing, in new and revised literature, on the website, or and in Connections.

- **Motion passed with 2/3rds majority.**

**#5151 Include the paragraph from the CoDA Blue Book onto part 2 of the FSM under “Foundational and Meeting Document”. (AdHoc Service Committee).**

This motion proposes to include the above paragraph when revising existing literature and creating new literature. Service is important for deepening individual recovery and preserving the health, vitality, and survival of the fellowship. By adding this paragraph, it will promote “Service” as the 5th part of the CoDA program; 1-Attend meetings, 2-Sharing and Fellowship, 3- Working the Steps, 4- Sponsorship 5- Service.

**Motion passed with a 2/3rds majority.**

**#5162 Update and change in any wording in the FSM from Travel Reimbursement Opportunity (TRO) to Voting Entity Delegate Grant (s). (IMC).**

This motion proposes to replace TRO from the FSM parts 3, 4 and 5 with the following: CoDA CSC North America and International Delegate Grant for Voting Entity Delegates.

The wording change will allow a VE to reapply for a Grant every 6 years. (This Grant program is designed to bring VE delegates to conferences that are financially unable to send delegates to CSC). Eligibility for VEs has been limited to two (2) years lifetime.

Examples of wording changes to include: “hosting CoDA Community receives their Host Grants”, “...awards and informs the VE Delegate Grant recipients”, “...processes and qualifies Delegate Grant Voting Entity (VE) applications”, “...awarding of delegate Grants to eligible VEs..”.

- **Motion passed with 2/3rds majority.**