



CoDA Service Conference 2016

Motion Form

Committee: Finance Committee **Date:** _____

Motion Number: (data entry purpose only): _____ **Finance 3-3** _____

Result (data entry purpose only):

Motion:

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.

Intent:

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

Remarks:

Currently the prudent reserve of “2 years of actual **operational** expenses” requires CoDA to have 2 additional dollars added to the prudent reserve for each dollar of

growth in the annual budget. This stifles growth and requires an excessive amount of money to be put into the Prudent Reserve.

For 2017 the prudent reserve would be \$403,800 under the old definition and \$250,000 under the new definition.

With a balance sheet showing a total of just over \$320,000 on June 30, 2016, we would in theory only be able to approve a budget of about \$160,000. The budget for 2016 which proposed income to equal expenses was set at just over \$194,000. Without a redefinition of the prudent reserve, CoDA would have to reduce its budget further which will stifle growth.

Redefining the Prudent Reserve is only one piece to continuing to reach the codependent who still suffers. Increasing outreach to the codependent who still suffers without knowledge of CoDA, sharing the resources of CoDA, Inc. with the Fellowship, improving communications within the Fellowship, creating new literature, increasing the perception that we are self-supporting, and increasing all sources of income are some of the objectives that CoDA needs to address in the next few years.