**CoDA Service Conference**

**Committee Report 2017**

**Committee: Service Structure (SSC)**

**Last year's Committee Goals and Accomplishments towards those goals**

* Recruit additional members
* 3 members joined at CSC but only two remained on the committee through the whole year
* Update the Fellowship Service Manual (FSM) (and Meeting Handbook if FSM restructure motion not approved) in a timely manner with all related motions
* All changes were done within a reasonable amount of time
* Determine suggested additional improvements to the restructured FSM and bring as motions in 2017
* Significant improvements were made to all 5 parts of the FSM to improve its usability
* 1 motion will be presented at CSC to get approval for these changes
* Work with appropriate other service entities to determine possible changes in SSC’s responsibilities to assume those that originally belonged to SSC but have migrated elsewhere
* There was little support for addressing them at this time
* The SSC descriptions in the FSM were improved to more clearly state SSC’s purpose

**Other Accomplishments Since Last CSC**

* Identified and corrected numerous errors that were discovered in several parts of the FSM
* Dealt with one Voting Entity Issue submitted by the New York VE that was assigned to SSC at last year’s CSC
* This VEI requested that “the No Crosstalk/No Feedback “guidelines” be elevated to one of the core principles of what defines a Co-DA meeting. The principal of No Crosstalk/No Feedback shall be incorporated into the opening format and read aloud at all Codependents Anonymous meetings, worldwide.”
* SSC voted to take no action since we felt that it violated Tradition 4: “Each group should remain autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or CoDA as a whole."
* We sent our recommendation to the Board and once the Board’s agreement was received we notified the New York delegate
* Held regular monthly con call meetings and then held a very productive face to face meeting
* Identified several areas related to CoDA Inc.’s service structure and operations that we feel could use improvement and shared this information with the Board and all the other committee chairs
* There was little support for addressing them at that time
* Identified problems with the current Motions Database and notified the Board about them. Board is addressing these.

**Committee Goals with Action Plan to Meet Goals**

* Update the FSM in an even more timely manner with all related motions
* Will use list supplied by the Events committee at the end of CSC
* Continue to identify additional improvements to the restructured FSM and bring as motions in 2018
* Address all items that were identified but not addressed in the past year
* Develop an FSM Glossary
* Implement the ability to be able to link to specific locations in each part of the FSM
* This will require the purchase of Adobe Acrobat
* Complete the SSC Policies & Procedures Manual
* Develop new proposed 12 Service Concepts (both long and short forms) that focus on service at all levels, not just on service at the CoDA, Inc. level
* Continue to identify service structure problem areas and work with others to attempt to improve these new ones as well as the ones identified during the last year

**Ongoing Concerns:**

* How CoDA is spending its money
* Decisions are being made in haste as opposed to ensuring an informed full group conscience decision involving the Fellowship

**Members**

Evie S – Chair - SoCal

Leo C - SoCal

Dave S – PA

Sara J – Tucson, AZ

Renu B – Australia and Malaysia

**Board Liaison**

Addie M primary, Mary R backup for most of the year; positions reversed when Addie became CoDA, Inc. Treasurer