

CoDA Service Items

Motion Key: 5046 **Number:** 19010 **Item Type:** MOTION **Date:** 9/9/2019

Vote: TABLED

Committee: Literature **Member Names:** Terry B.

Subject: Literature Motion #1 - Transparent Process for the Creation of New Literature

Description:

When a VE, or a committee other than CLC, brings a piece of literature directly to CSC for endorsement, CSC will vote on it provisionally. If the piece receives a provisional endorsement, the piece will be assigned to CLC. Once CLC has obtained the required CoDA copyright, CLC will work with the material to create the piece of literature.

CLC will present the finished piece to the next CSC for endorsement.

If, after one year, the piece is not ready, or CLC cannot find a good use for the submitted material, CLC will inform CSC with a full accounting.

Intent:

To create a transparent process for the creation of new literature.
To ensure continuity of the CoDA recovery message and to ensure its consistency with our Traditions.

Remarks:

We think this is a fair process, setting appropriate boundaries, accountability, and clear roles within CoDA as they pertain to the creation of CoDA literature.
It would be the intention of CLC to create a piece of literature using provisionally endorsed materials within one year. The CLC is a group of volunteers. Members' energy and ability to commit time varies. Not all topics appeal to all members.

QUESTIONS - yes

PROS AND CONS - yes

Pros - 1 - for this motion to get more literature out there;

Cons - 3 - in the last two years there was a motion to open up the literature approval process, think this overturns that motion; would like to see the process more collaborative.

Looked at 2 motions from 2017 - 17001 and 17002; Discussed tabling the motion until old business on Thursday.

CRAFTING - yes

MOTION TABLED UNTIL OLD BUSINESS

Motion Key: 5047 **Number:** 19011 **Item Type:** MOTION **Date:** 9/9/2019

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Committee: Literature **Member Names:** Terry B.

Subject: Literature Motion #2 - What is CoDA? 2.0

Description:

CSC to endorse the pamphlet What is CoDA? updated 2019.

Intent:

Update and replace the pamphlet: What is CoDA?
To better serve the codependent who still suffers, especially the newcomer.
To make basic information about the CoDA program understandable and accessible.
To provide the fellowship with a handout for newcomers and the general public.

Remarks:

The original pamphlet was written in the early days of CoDA. The new version reflects our current understanding and updated language.

Bundled with the three other updated 2.0 pamphlets, What Is CoDA? can be packaged as a four pamphlet handout for newcomers.

Two supporting documents: What is CoDA & What is CoDA 2.0

QUESTIONS - yes

PROS AND CONS - yes

Pros - 2 - in favor to pass, is good to get the literature out;

Cons - 0

CRAFTING - yes

VOTE: 37 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstention - Motion Passed Unanimously

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Motion Key: 5048 **Number:** 19012 **Item Type:** MOTION **Date:** 9/9/2019

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Committee: Literature **Member Names:** Terry B.

Subject: Literature Motion #3 - Attending Meetings 2.0

Description:
CSC to endorse the pamphlet Attending Meetings updated 2019.

Intent:
To update and replace the pamphlet Attending Meetings.
To better serve the codependent who still suffers, especially the newcomer.
To make basic information about the CoDA program understandable and accessible.
To provide the fellowship with a handout for newcomers and the general public.

Remarks:
The original pamphlet was written in the early days of CoDA. The new version reflects our current understanding and updated language.
Bundled with the three other updated 2.0 pamphlets, Attending Meetings, 2.0 can be packaged as a four pamphlet handout for newcomers.
Two supporting documents: Attending Meetings & Attending Meetings 2.0

QUESTIONS - yes
PROS AND CONS - 1 pro; no cons
CRAFTING - yes

VOTE: 38 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstention - Motion Passed Unanimously

Motion Key: 5049 **Number:** 19013 **Item Type:** MOTION **Date:** 9/9/2019

Vote: 2/3 Vote

Committee: Literature **Member Names:** Terry B.

Subject: Literature Motion #4 - Am I Codependent 2.0

Description:
CSC to endorse the pamphlet Am I Codependent? updated 2019.

Intent:
To update and replace the pamphlet: Am I Codependent?
To better serve the codependent who still suffers, especially the newcomer.
To make basic information about the CoDA program understandable and accessible.
To provide the fellowship with a handout for newcomers and the general public.

Remarks:
The original pamphlet was written in the early days of CoDA. The new version reflects our current understanding and updated language.
We chose to use CoDA's original list of common attitudes and behavior patterns for simplicity and clarity and because they appear in our basic text, Co-Dependents Anonymous. We selected seven "Avoidance Patterns" from the longer list to represent a similar number of characteristics as the other categories.
Bundled with the three other updated 2.0 pamphlets, Am I Codependent 2.0 can be packaged as a four pamphlet handout for newcomers.
Two supporting documents: Am I Codependent & Am I Codependent 2.0

QUESTIONS - yes
PROS AND CONS - yes
Pros - 3, needs to remain simple, fine as it is; H&I uses the flier all the time, making it simple works well; keep it simple.
Cons - 2, thinks the other one is conference approved, the list shouldn't have been changed; against unless change title "Am I Co-Dependent in Recovery" and make it a new piece of literature.
CRAFTING - yes

VOTE: 37 Yes, 1 No, 0 Abstention- Motions passes by 2/3rds majority.

Motion Key: 5050 **Number:** 19014 **Item Type:** MOTION **Date:** 9/9/2019

Vote: 2/3 Vote

Committee: Literature **Member Names:** Terry B.

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Subject: Literature Motion #5 - Welcome to Co-Dependents Anonymous 2.09

Description:

CSC to endorse the pamphlet Welcome to Co-Dependents Anonymous, updated 2019.

Intent:

To update and replace the pamphlet: Welcome to Co-Dependents Anonymous.
To better serve the codependent who still suffers, especially the newcomer.
To make basic information about the CoDA program understandable and accessible.
To provide the fellowship with a handout for newcomers and the general public.

Remarks:

The original pamphlet was written in the early days of CoDA. The new version reflects our current understanding and updated language.

Bundled with the three other updated 2.0 pamphlets, Welcome to Co-Dependents Anonymous can be packaged as a four pamphlet handout for newcomers.

Two supporting documents: Welcome & Welcome 2.0

QUESTIONS - yes

PROS AND CONS -yes

Pros - 1 - think it is good.

Cons - 1 - name should be changed;

CRAFTING - yes

VOTE: 31 Yes, 2 No, 2 Abstention - Motions passes by 2/3rds majority.

Motion Key: 5052 **Number:** 19015 **Item Type:** MOTION **Date:** 9/9/2019

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Committee: Outreach

Member Names: Jay G.

Subject: Outreach Motion #1 - Introduction to the 12 Step Study Group

Description:

The Outreach Committee moves that the attached, as amended*, "Introduction and Guide to a 12 Step Study Group" be adopted by the CoDA Fellowship as a service document for free download on the CoDA website.

*As amended - Agreed to change the word "completion" to "participation" in the Certificate of Recognition.

Intent:

Meeting formats exist for open/closed/step groups of all kinds but no format for online step groups have currently been adopted. This is an attempt to fill this void.

Remarks:

With the growth of the internet to reach the "still suffering codependent" we believe this meeting format will encourage and support the use of the internet in a structured and healthy way.

One supporting document:

Introduction to 12 Step Study Group

QUESTIONS - yes

PROS AND CONS - yes

Pros - 3 - like it because it is helpful for sponsors and sponsees; fantastic document with several testimonials;

Cons - 1 - would be in support except for the "certificate of recognition" puts forth the notion that people can be done with the 12 step program; Agreed to change the certificate to a "certificate of participation."

CRAFTING - yes

VOTE: 40 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstention - Motion Passed Unanimously

Motion Key: 5074 **Number:** 19100 **Item Type:** VEI **Date:** 9/9/2019

Vote:

Committee: VEI

Member Names: Jen L

Subject: VEI #1 - Colorado: Remove Reading Requirements - ASSIGNED TO BOARD

Description:

Remove all reading requirements for CoDA meetings. Any two or more gathered for healthy and loving relationships may call themselves a CoDA meeting, provided they have no outside affiliation.

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IT WAS DETERMINED THIS WAS NOT A VOTING ENTITY ISSUE AS IT DID NOT COME THROUGH THE INTERGROUP, IT WAS AN INDIVIDUAL SUBMISSION. VEI REJECTED.

Intent:

Reading requirements violate Tradition 4, giving the impression CSC controls the groups rather than the other way around. New members and groups may fail to realize responsibility for the health and survival of the Fellowship lies with them.

Remarks:

Motion Key: 5075 **Number:** 19101 **Item Type:** VEI **Date:** 9/9/2019

Vote:

Committee: VEI **Member Names:** Jen L

Subject: Florida VEI #1 - Language Addition to Tradition 11 - ASSIGNED TO SSC

Description:

One of our Florida CoDA group members suggested that the language below be added to Tradition 11 to bring the Traditions into the modern era. Apparently, this has already been done by another 12 Step fellowship, as shown here: <https://www.cdaweb.org/twelve-traditions>.

THIS VEI WAS ASSIGNED TO SSC, WHO REPORTED THEY ARE WORKING WITH FLORIDA.

Intent:

Correct language in Tradition 11 to read:
Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, films, and social media.
3) Suggested resolution for the issue:
Please add language in Tradition 11 to include social media.

Remarks:

We are open to suggestions, recrafting.

Motion Key: 5076 **Number:** 19102 **Item Type:** VEI **Date:** 9/9/2019

Vote:

Committee: VEI **Member Names:** Jen L

Subject: Florida VEI #2 - Eliminate "try" and "but" - ASSIGNED TO SSC

Description:

Eliminate the words "try" and "but" from CoDA Literature, where appropriate, specifically in the Welcome and The Twelve Traditions.

THIS VEI WAS REJECTED BY SSC BECAUSE IT IS A CHANGE TO THE FOUNDATIONAL DOCUMENTS.

Intent:

Being impeccable with our words. As Yoda says, "Do or do not, there is no try." Also, most times, using the word "but" invalidates the words used immediately preceding it

Suggested Resolution:
See attached literature copies with suggested changes.

Remarks:

We are open to suggestions, recrafting.

Motion Key: 5077 **Number:** 19103 **Item Type:** VEI **Date:** 9/9/2019

Vote:

Committee: VEI **Member Names:** Jen L

Subject: Colombia VEI #1 - VE Active in Translation of CoDA Literature - ASSIGNED TO THE BOARD

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Description:

Colombia has a long standing tradition of being a country where the most "neutral" Latin American Spanish is spoken.

And the Voting Entity has been and wishes to be active in the translation of CoDA Literature into Spanish.

THIS VEI WAS ASSIGNED TO THE BOARD.

Intent:

Increasing the possibility of having approved material for those who don't have printed literature available in their countries either because they don't have a sufficient number of groups or because no legal entity exists to represent them.

By having CoDA Inc. approved literature available through a nearby country, new and existing groups would be able to structure themselves.

Suggested Resolution:

Allowing Colombia to provide for ALL CoDA previously authorized available literature- translation, editing, and printing to all Spanish speaking Central and South American, and Caribbean countries.

Remarks:

This could be a way to honor the Fifth Tradition: to carry the message to other codependents who still suffer. Furthermore, this will enable Seventh Tradition contributions for both Colombia and CoDA Inc. to be in place.

Motion Key: 5078 **Number:** 19104 **Item Type:** VEI **Date:** 9/9/2019

Vote:

Committee: VEI **Member Names:** Jen L

Subject: Colombia VEI #2 - Translating CoDA Literature - ASSIGNED TO THE BOARD

Description:

Every non English Speaking Voting Entity is faced with the challenge of translating CoDA approved literature into their own language.

THIS VEI WAS ASSIGNED TO THE BOARD.

Intent:

This is or can be a major obstacle to literature dissemination worldwide.

Suggested Resolution:

Creating an International Translation Committee, composed of members from different voting entities. The aim of such committee would be to involve members from all over the world willing to participate, and to centralize translation needs in CoDA Inc.

Remarks:

Unifying, through such service, worldwide literature translation needs. Providing, to members from all countries, the possibility to offer their services.

Motion Key: 5080 **Number:** 19002 **Item Type:** FYI **Date:** 9/9/2019

Vote:

Committee: CSC **Member Names:** Lisa

Subject: Quorum Count - 2019 CSC

Description:

Beginning quorum count for the 2019 CSC is 39 delegates - there are 36 in the room and 3 on the Zoom teleconference. 2/3rd count is 26.

Intent:**Remarks:**

Motion Key: 5084 **Number:** 19003 **Item Type:** MOTION **Date:** 9/9/2019

Vote: 2/3 Vote

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Committee: CSC

Member Names: Jen L

Subject: Motion to give Voice to every CoDA member with amendment

Description:

Move to give voice to every CoDA member in attendance at the CoDA Service Conference 2019, but if you are not representing a Voting Entity that you identify yourself as a non-voting member.

Seconded by Kathy from Illinois.

Intent:

So that every CoDA Chair, Committee member, observer, and attendee have a voice and be able to ask questions, etc.

Remarks:

QUESTIONS - Yes

PROS & CONS

Pros - 3 - important that anyone that makes an effort to be here should have an opportunity to speak and be a part of the process; the more people we have interest, more open process, the more to the benefit to CoDA;

Cons - 1 - if not a delegate, was not voted in shouldn't have voice.

Crafting - yes

VOTE - 33 Yes, 1 No, 2 Abstention - Motion passes with 2/3rds majority.

Motion Key: 5086

Number: 19005

Item Type: MOTION

Date: 9/9/2019

Vote: 2/3 Vote

Committee: Board

Member Names: Jen L

Subject: Ratification to 2018-2019 Board Motions

Description:

Question and Answer period regarding the board's motions.

Jen made a motion that the Board's 2018-2019 motions be ratified as presented.
Linda A. seconded.

VOTE: 37 Yes, 2 No, 0 Abstention - Motion passes by 2/3rds majority.

Intent:

Remarks:

Motion Key: 5088

Number: 19006

Item Type: MOTION

Date: 9/9/2019

Vote: 2/3 Vote

Committee: Board

Member Names: Jen L

Subject: THIS MOTION AMENDS MOTION#19003 - Motion to give Voice to every CoDA member with amendment

Description:

Move to give voice to every CoDA member in attendance, except Webinar attendees who would communicate via chat, at the CoDA Service Conference 2019, but if you are not representing a Voting Entity that you identify yourself as a non-voting member.

Intent:

Remarks:

Amendment to revisit this motion - full count to approve revisiting this motion.
31 Yes, 7 No 0 Abstention - Majority passes to revisit

REVISITED MOTION

Questions - yes

Pros and Cons - yes

Crafting - yes

VOTE - 29 Yes, 6 No, 3 Abstention - Motion passes by 2/3rds majority.