

Board Summary for CoDA World Board Conference Call
November 10, 2012 8:30am-10:30am PST

Dear Fellowship,

Our November Conference Call as usual opened up with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. We also read the 11th Tradition and the 11th Service Concept. Attending were Lisa, Evie, Jutta, Barbara, Hal, David, Mercedes and Dagmar. We had no observers. We approved our October minutes. We unanimously voted to ratify the following motions approved by group conscience during the previous month:

- Sending documents from New England storage to board secretary's home
- Sending documents from our bookkeeper to secretary's home
- Letter to Meeting Search Engine contractor cancelling contract
- Revision of Board Committee Liaison Policy
- Board announcements and any CSC related items other than those created by the Events Committee will be reviewed by the Board before they are sent out, and have the heading, "From the CoDA, Inc. Board of Trustees".

Board members were reminded that Board internal communications and conference call recordings are confidential and not to be shared outside the Board unless prior approval is gotten. This is primarily for the purpose of protecting us legally. A Summary such as this one is prepared and distributed after each con call to ensure that the Fellowship is made aware of what decisions the Board is making.

We were reminded that the Board and Committee reports for the next Quarterly Service Report (QSR) are due no later than January 15, 2013.

The annual signing of the Conflict of Interest Policy by all Board members has been completed. We discussed and accepted the Conflict of Interest Statement submitted by the current Board member whose spouse is a member of the CoRe Board.

We had a lengthy discussion about how we will go about securing a new contractor to do the badly needed Meeting Search Engine work. We agreed that the Web Liaison will contact the Webmaster to get specifics about what software the current meeting database is written in and exactly what software skills we require. We also agreed that we should approach this and other technology projects in a professional manner utilize a Request for Proposal (RFP) procedure.

We have received notification of a \$5000 donation from the T. Rowe Price Program for Charitable Giving, which is a "donor-advised fund." People contribute to that fund and then advise the administrators how to distribute the funds. This donation states that it should be earmarked to be spent for "improvement of website." There are several issues associated with this donation. Our 7th Tradition states "A CoDA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions" which this donation appears to violate. Also, our advised annual acceptable donation limit from an individual is \$2000, which this donation exceeds. We have chosen to not accept this donation at this time. We agreed to have further discussion on

this matter. The limit of \$2000 is stated in the Is There A Limit to The Amount an Individual May Donate to CoDA? in the Commonly Asked Questions section of the Meeting Starter Package.

We discussed the location of the Board face-to-face meeting scheduled for February. Although we often try to have f-2-f meetings in a location where one member lives we have decided this time to have our f-2-f on the US east coast for the sake of our two European members. Since it is winter time we chose Florida to improve the chances of not encountering bad weather either during travel or while there. Although Miami was our first choice hotel costs were too high so we have agreed on Orlando as the location.

Due to several lengthy discussions during the meeting we were unable to complete the agenda and several items will be handled either via email or during December's con call.

We closed the meeting with the serenity prayer at 10:30am Pacific time.

Future board con calls

- Saturday, December 1st, 8:30AM Pacific Time
- Saturday, January 12th, 8:30AM Pacific Time

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