



CoDA Quarterly Service Report

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CoDA Board Report

- The CoDA Board has accepted the resignation of Tom L. as trustee.
- We have received approximately 80 requests from meetings asking to get the CSR, as a result of the inclusion of a form in the recent Outreach Committee mailing. This will keep more members informed of CoDA national news. When possible, we send the CSR to people by e-mail in order to save money on postage and copying.
- There will be openings for four (4) CoDA Board trustees to be elected at the National Service Conference in September; we encourage members to consider serving the Fellowship in these positions.
- The annual Conference is our opportunity for the largest group conscience possible, and to “create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.” We look forward to meeting new people and renewing old friendships at the upcoming National Service Conference.

In Service,
The CoDA Board

Contact the CoDA Board of Trustees at:

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Chair Judi T. (term expires Fall 2003)

Vice-Chair Rosemary (term expires Fall 2002)

Chair D.

Treas Curtis F. (term expires Fall 2002)

Secretary OPEN

Trustee Sheila H. (term expires Fall 2002; eligible to run for a full term)

CoDA Service Conference Committee

The NSC 2002 committee has been hard at work getting the final touches on the National Service Conference. We believe that we have covered all areas and have several special events planned to make this a great conference.

The NSC 2002 committee is pleased to have David L. from Texas as the facilitator and give many thanks to him for giving of his time for this service. A special thanks also goes to Texas for sharing him with the Fellowship.

The delegate packets have been mailed to all registered delegates and to any one who has registered for conference that was not currently on our list. Late registrations will receive their packets at the door; no further mailings will take place.

A database is being completed with all the information from the registrations and will be turned over to National at the end of conference to update the National database on current delegates. An attendees list will be available to all those who attend, providing addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses. Badges will also be printed for each delegate to wear during conference to identify clearly their voting status.

Registrations have come in from all around the world. Yes, we have two registered observers from British Columbia. We have registrations from all across the states. We are hoping for more to come in these next few weeks, also.

At this time we have had no state come forward to present a bid for next year's conference. Please ask your community IF they could sponsor the event. The guidelines are very clear what has to be done and it really does not take a large number of supports to have a successful conference. The current committee will be on hand to assist you as well. If you believe your community is interested, please let the committee know, so that we can present this at conference.

Thank you to all the registrations that came on time, this does help with planning. Those who have not yet registered, there are still time, you are always welcome!!!

We hope that this conference will have a very large turn out and a great representation of the Fellowship. See you in "Bali-more" the locals don't pronounce the "t"
NSC2002 Committee

CoDA Literature Committee

The National Literature Committee (NLC) completed several of its major tasks in the third quarter of 2002. It had its first main meeting of the year in California from July 18-21. Anita F. kindly hosted that meeting. One project that was worked on was the expanded Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions Workbook. The NLC planned and organized all the key aspects of the new book, adding a new introductory letter, expanded sections for written responses, etc. Currently, Anita F. is working with CoRe to make formatting adjustments and review inventory. The NLC has also recently agreed on the binding style and cover design. If all goes according to plan, the NLC hopes to have the expanded workbook ready for purchase by the Fellowship in 2003.

The NLC also spent considerable time on the final draft of the new Experiences in Crosstalk booklet. While the content had been set and approved at last year's National Service Conference, the NLC felt that the booklet's formatting could be improved, in order to make the organizational flow easier for readers to follow. Again, after considerable debate and brainstorming, the NLC felt very good about the final version's professional look. Again, many thanks to Allison F., who did the lion's share of the editing for the final draft, and many thanks to Judi T. who originally spearheaded this effort. The Experiences in Crosstalk booklet is currently being published and should be available for purchase by members of the Fellowship by the end of this year.

The NLC also agreed to review the Newcomer's Handbook per the TX state issue request.

The NLC also discussed its ongoing In This Moment meditation book project and received a brief report from Kay M., the current project director. Kay was sad to report that while there has been some interest shown in submitting entries for the book project,

they have been very slow in actually being submitted. The NLC was afraid that it had lost many of the release forms from previous submissions, a setback that, if true, would have set the project back a good two years. However, we are thrilled to report that all the release forms have since been found, and the project can continue to move forward under Kay M.'s direction. In passing, we might mention that the NLC is always looking for new submissions by members of the Fellowship, so please consider submitting a few of your own and/or soliciting submissions by CoDA members in your home group. Apart from discussing some of next year's agenda items, the only other major business the NLC worked on was the appointment of a new NLC Chair for this coming year. After having chaired for the past two years, Tony H. felt that it was time to 'pass the baton,' so to speak. At this point, we are very pleased to announce that Jane H. has kindly agreed to assume the NLC chair position for next year. Jane will also be representing the NLC report at this year's National Service Conference, a duty that she so ably performed for the NLC at last year's conference also. Lastly, as outgoing chair, I would like to thank all the wonderful members of the NLC who have been such a pleasure to work with over the past couple of years: Roger P., Kay M., Judi T., Anita F., Allison F., Jane H., and Karyn J.. I love you guys; you've given me way more than you'll ever know. Yours in fellowship,
Tony H.

Outreach Committee Report

No Report

Teens

No Report

CoDA Convention Committee

No Report

Service Structure Committee

The focus of our work this year has been revision of the Starter Packet, revision of the Fellowship Service Manual (FSM), making approved changes to the Bylaws (available on the website), and fielding questions passed to us from the Fellowship and the Board. We also have motions to present at this National Service Conference concerning a few more proposed changes to the Starter Packet and FSM, as well as revisions of the FAQ page on the website, and presentation of some states issues.

Website Report

The new meeting update page is fully operational at this time. This new page allows the user to launch the meeting update page and enter all the information and select to update and the automated page now accepts the information and sends it directly to the contract person who then updates the website and database with the information. This eliminates the steps of the user printing the form and entering the data and mailing it in. There are also several "required fields" that will not allow the user to go forward without

an entry into those fields to assure that all the required information has been entered, which helps the contract worker to have complete information without making a phone call or sending email. Try to always keep your meeting list information current; our meeting list is only as good as the information you provide.

We have converted all our forms on the web, as well as the Meeting Starter Packet and Fellowship Service Manual, to be able to be printed using PDF. This makes for a much nicer form, such as the Literature Order Form.

The web team and the board continue to review new possible sites for links from the National site. If your community has a website, review the National guidelines and when you comply send in your URL with webinfo@ and have a link to your site. Help us carry the message.

A new team has been formed to work on improvements to the website, so you will be hearing more about that in other reports. A webteam member participated in a weekend meeting in Baltimore, MD to discuss the possibilities of additions and changes that will be suggested at NSC2002 to improve the website.

There is still lots of space to fill in, so send in your news, calendar of events, CoDA recovery stories, or post a community page telling what is going on in your area. You don't have to be a complete website; we can post a page of text if you send it.

Thanks for all your support in our efforts to have a great website!!!

Respectfully submitted:
Annie R.

Website Task Force

No Report

Finance Committee

No Report

Co-Nnections

Co-NNections has had a number of articles sent in this past quarter with 9 new writers. The committee has started putting together the Co-NNections On-Line 2002 publication and will have it ready for the NSC 2002.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have submitted articles to Co-NNections over the past year and look forward to another rewarding year.

Hospitals & Institutions (H & I) Report

No Report

Online Support Committee

No Report

CoRe

No Report

Issue Mediation Committee

No Report

Fellowship Services

No Report

Ad Hoc Committee

No Report