



CoDA Quarterly Service Report

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CoDA Board Report

Dear Members of the CoDA Fellowship,

The **National Service Conference Committee** (NSC) **selected Seattle**, Washington, for our annual National Service Conference in September 2003. The Board treasurer signed the contract for the Embassy Suites hotel recommended by the NSC Committee. More information will follow in the next Quarterly Service Report (QSR) and will be posted on the website. We look forward to great attendance.

There have been a number of requests from the Fellowship to simplify the process for updating meeting information online. We have therefore decided to require filling out fewer fields to update existing meetings. Implementation of the new streamlined form may take some time, but we hope to make the process less time-consuming.

The web team has been working on making the same information available on both our current URL (web-address)

www.codependents.org and our new URL www.coda.org

This will not entail any changes for regular users of the website. Information will be available using both URLs.

We have notified several CoDA webmasters about the coming URL change for our site. They appreciate knowing that the URL change is coming so they can be prepared for updating their links.

Many CoDA sites are doing great work carrying the message; check them out at <http://www.codependents.org/codalink.html>

The Board followed up on motion **NSC 02074** from the National Service Conference 2002. We developed a proposal to **license the Canadian Recovery Society** (CDRS) to print and distribute CoDA literature in Canada, and sent it to CDRS. We just received their response (Feb 27) and will discuss this at our next Board teleconference.

According to our by-laws, the Board is responsible to protect CoDA copyrights. We have therefore made recent efforts to make sure that CoDA copyrights are observed on various websites.

In February, the Board accepted the resignation of Gloria, the independent contractor who administered **Fellowship Services for CoDA**. We appreciate her years of service and thank her.

The new Fellowship Services contractor is Glenn.

In Grateful Service,

The CoDA Board Of Trustees

CoDA Service Conference Committee

The committee is happy to report that Washington State has stepped up to the plate and volunteered their service for NSC 2003. The committee has been formed with several local volunteers from Washington, and one you will remember George F. The same George that is part of the website team. Annie R. was elected as Chairperson for this conference. Also serving on the committee are the folks that did such a great job last time in Baltimore, Laurel H. as Treasurer, Lisa R, and Gary R. have remained on the committee. The committee has gotten several bids from several hotels and is working closely with the board to get the best possible accommodations as possible.

The committee is trying hard to follow the suggestions and comments that were turned in on the evaluation form at NSC 2002.

As soon as a contract is in place, the committee will announce the dates and location. You can continue to check the Events Calendar of the website for updated information. Those states that volunteer to host the conference in the future; this is the time to be getting your local supporters together, so when you come to NSC 2003 you will be able to submit your proposal to be a host state. The current committee has gotten it down to a science, so we can extend a helping hand from afar!!!!

Submitted by:

Annie R. Chairperson, NSC2003

CoDA Literature Committee

The National Literature Committee (NLC) has now grown to 13 active members. We have several new project which are in process. These include development of short descriptions of our current literature, which may be added to the literature order form. The other submission under consideration is providing access to the CoDA Book via audio tape or CD.

We thank NLC members: Joanna, Judi, and Anita for their input in the form of questions to help shape this project into the meaningful project it could be. These projects were submitted by CoDA members Allison F and Elizabeth Renee and we thank them for their service.

We continue with our "In This Moment" meditation book project, but need many more submissions from the membership to complete the most important part of this book, i.e. the content. CoDA members who would like to be involved in this project by writing meditations can access our web site. Search the Home Page for the heading "Forms", look for the "Assignment of Copywriter" form (which must accompany your meditation submission) and click on HTML to download it. Then look for Meditation Project, a subheading of the Assignment of Copywriter and click on HTML to download the guidelines and sample meditation (3 pages in all). Submissions are welcome from the CoDA membership worldwide, but must be submitted in English as we do not at this time have translators. We continue under the able leadership of Kay B and committee member Sharon R. And we thank all of those committee members who have already made submissions.

The Texas state issue requesting a revision of the "Newcomer's Handbook" is very much in process under the leadership of Sharon R. and Becky D. We appreciate your efforts. NLC very much supports responding to state issues that arise as quickly as possible. The "No. Carolina State Issue requesting that all literature that is published through CoRe continue to come through the NLC group conscience process, and then through the NSC Group Conscience. We want to support the existing process, and want to express concern over what we have heard is an attempt to bypass our structure. We

acknowledge our desire to have lots of new literature, but also recognize it takes time to keep literature in alignment with CoDA Traditions, Steps and Service Concepts." This issue was referred to the NLC as well as to CoRe and the CoDA Board. Laurel, the Project Chair has worked on it and the NLC will discuss it at our face to face meeting in April.

We do not have as yet a project chair of the Maryland/Delaware issue "Determine if CoDA wants to fund translation of non-CoDA literature." This issue will be explored. Some concerns have been expressed re: Tradition Six and the World Service License of the CoDA Copywriter.

Tony H. has volunteered to chair "Threads of Codependency" and Janet C and Roger P. have volunteered to be on the committee; we are very pleased to have all three on board.

FYI: NLC supports the inclusion of everyone on the committee in the development of the group conscience in every project. And for this reason, we need to have face to face meetings once or twice a year. After the project is completed with revisions guided by the group conscience, it is submitted to the National Service Conference for approval; if it passes, it is turned over to CoRe to publish.

Regarding the CoDA Workbook, there have been delays in producing it due to an oversupply of the sections which made up the NLC's attempts, to make available to the CoDA membership sections of it, until the entire project was completed. Anita, the Project Chair for this project continues to work on it with the publisher. We want to express our appreciation of her service to CoDA.

Your trusted servant,

Jane H.

NLC Chair

Outreach Committee Report

No Report

Teens

The Outreach Committee has sent us the names of several people willing to work on the CoDA Teen portion of the ITI Committee. These names are forwarded to the people supporting the project.

In my opinion, CoDA Teen is one of the most important areas of CoDA. It is also the area that has had the least amount of growth in the Fellowship. Codependent kids, just like codependent adults, are searching for something to help them deal with the pain and confusion of their daily lives. I have been in the CoDA program for many years but I still remember the fear and panic I felt trying to get through each day before I found this program. Also, I remember how miserable my childhood years were and how often I considered self-destruction. Life has not gotten any easier since I was a teenager; it is much more difficult for the kids in today's world.

Please, if you can help build CoDA Teen in your area, read our request for help on the CoDA web site (www.codependents.org) get in touch with Outreach and volunteer to help CoDA Teen. If your program has stalled or is not making progress as quickly as you think it should **try service work**. There is no better way to jump-start your CoDA program than to share the "experience, strength and hope" you have learned with others.

We have three people, Caitlin from AZ., Dori from RI. and Geri from CA. who volunteered at the 2002 National Service Conference to support the CoDA Teen project.

This project has been asked to re-write and modernize the CoDA Teen information available for purchase through CoRe. This information needs to be updated with the terminology and jargon that will reach today's teenagers. In order to make the message effective to the group we are trying to reach, they must be able to relate to the information.

We have several goals for this project. Goal one, of course, is "carrying the message". I believe, in order to carry an effective message, we must accomplish the following three goals as well:

- update/rewrite the CoDA Teen pamphlets
- review the starter pack for CoDA Teens
- re-write and modernize the CoDA Starter Pack

We have made some progress but there is still a lot of work to be done. This is a major undertaking; if you are willing to assist, please get in touch with us.

CoDA Convention Committee

No Report

Service Structure Committee

No Report

Website Report

The website team has been very busy re-designing the website. A new layout on the homepage will help in your navigating the website. We hope you like the improvement. The site is also in the process of moving to a new location. In order to make this move, a new tool is being designed to use the Meeting Search engine. This new website will be available, hopefully by the time you receive this report. The new domain name is CoDA.org, so when you get a chance to review the new site go to www.coda.org and have a look. This new site will provide better service, more email capabilities for committee chairs, and a new up grade to the way the meeting database is entered. We still own the domain name of codependents.org and once we shut this website down, it will forward your request to the new site. The only disruption you may notice is that some bookmarks may need to be re-established after we move to the new site completely. This is not the "re-engineered website" that the Task Force is working on; that is still moving forward and will be a major change in the look of the site.

The web team is also in the process of gathering the Spanish translated items that CoDA has on hand and is working with a translation company to build a homepage in Spanish for the website to link all these items from, once they have been updated to current language and style of the English versions. We are also working on a Spanish Glossary to aid Spanish speaking users of the website, the ability to interpret the Meeting List Search engine. Plans are to also include the Starter Packet and Fellowship Service Manual in Spanish in the future. The Spanish version of the website will also link to CoDA-World Service website, www.codaws.org to locate items for sale in Spanish.

Reported by:

Ann R., Website Project

Website Task Force

The Website Task Force has held a face to face meeting to clarify the requirements and features desired for an enhanced CoDA website. The Task Force set priorities for those enhancements and is in the process now of working out how to seek bids and review them. The group conscience decision has been made that anyone interested shall be permitted to bid on this work. The Task Force is excited about continuing to move forward with this important work.

Finance Committee

No Report

Co-Nnections

Co-NNnections has had five writers submit items since the last report, as well as a few "Words Of Wisdom".

Hospitals & Institutions (H & I) Report

I have not received a report from the team members on the H&I portion of the ITI Committee.

When Outreach sends names of people willing to work with H&I, I forward those names to the two people supporting this project. We need more people willing to get involved and help carry the message to hospitals, institutions, and prisons. This team was asked, at the 2002 NSC, to help re-write the H&I documents for the Fellowship. If you can assist in this project, please let us know.

At the 2001 NSC we made arrangements with CoRe to send CoDA information to any prisoners requesting it. We are grateful for their assistance in helping expedite the process of carrying the message.

Ramona P.

Chairperson of Issues, Teen and Institutions

Online Support Committee

No Report

CoRe

CoRe is working on consolidating the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions Workbook into one publication. Our goal is to have the publication available for purchase at the end of 2003. CoRe is also discussing the CoDA Teen and the Hospitalization & Institution pamphlets, and preparing a report regarding these items for the National Service Conference.

CoRe has updated the Literature Order Form to include the Experiences in Crosstalk Handbook, and the 17 year Medallion. The order form for CoDA literature is available on CoDA's website www.codependents.org and the e-mail contact for CoRe regarding CoDA Literature & Book orders is CoReLit@aol.com

Orders can be mailed or faxed to CoRe as stated on the CoDA Literature Order Form. Please note that orders of 5 or more CoDA Books or over \$100 are shipped UPS and a *specific address is needed rather than a P.O. Box.*

The 1st printing CoDA Book Collector's Edition in Hardback is being offered at a special sale price of \$15 plus S/H. The supply is limited and this edition book will not be printed again in hardback. The book itself and the dust cover is stamped Collectors Edition, First Printing, therefore making them real collector's items.

Anita F. was elected at the NSC to serve on the CoRe Board for the next three years. We appreciate her continued service.

Roy L. resigned from the CoRe Board at the end of last year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Roy for his service. CoRe is excited to share we received an order from England for 100 softback CoDA Books. They were shipped the third week in February. CoRe looks forward to serving you.

Issue Mediation Committee

The IMC has received three issues from members of the Fellowship. I am hopeful we will come to a resolution acceptable to all people involved. Thank you for having enough faith in this committee to request our help and guidance. We ask your indulgence for the amount of time it is taking us to arrive at a group conscience on the issues. One member of this committee does not have E-mail and communication takes longer. Be assured we are working on the issues and each individual will be notified as soon as we reach a decision.

Fellowship Services

No Report

Ad Hoc Committee

We, the **Ad hoc Committee to examine the structure and process of CoDA, Inc and CoDA WS**,* are inviting National Service Conference attendees from the years 1990 to 2002 to answer a questionnaire about the creation, formation and process of the World Service Organization of CoDA (currently known as CoDA WS).

If you have any recollections from those conferences, documents, notes etc. or any other pertinent information regarding WSO, then we have a questionnaire we would like for you to complete. Keep in mind this group has used other names such as, ISO, ISC, WSC, CoDA-WSO, CoDA WS, so check your files for any references to those groups also. If you are interested in participating in the questionnaire then, please contact, Mary Elizabeth P. via e-mail at:

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Ramona P. via e-mail at: Ramona_Pirovano@dom.com

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Respectfully in recovery,

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*NSC Motion 02059 Conference 2002 Passed: Majority

Intent: to elect a committee of thoughtful, recovering people with experience in service, without prejudice, and with a thorough understanding of the Traditions to begin work on the following tasks.

- Examine the structure and process of the relationship between Coda WS and Coda, Inc. in order to understand that structure based on the Twelve Traditions

- and any other research the committee determines to be useful (e.g. by-laws, contracts and past motions)
- Identify questions and concerns about the current structure and process and suggest resolutions to those issues by applying the Traditions, and make written recommendations about how to clarify the structure and process of the relationship between CoDA Inc. and CoDA WS, and present these recommendations to the Fellowship at the next NSC.