



CoDA Quarterly Service Report

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CoDA Board Report

As this report is being prepared, trusted servants are getting ready to attend the 17th annual National Service Conference (NSC) in Seattle. The Conference is CoDA's annual business meeting, at which Delegates:

- Elect CoDA and CoRe Board trustees
- Review budgets and expenditures
- Endorse literature
- Develop goals for the Fellowship and plans to reach those goals

The Board has approved links from CoDA's website to two CoDA communities, NorCal and Desert.

<http://www.norcalcoda.org/>

<http://www.desertcoda.org/>

The Board will be asking NSC to direct CoRe to include all NSC endorsed CoDA literature available through the CoRe order form, including translations thereof. The Board is recommending to the Finance Committee reimbursement for mileage be raised to .30 per mile from the current .25. The Board and members of the Outreach Committee have held informal discussions of the Tradition implications to offering online support, and the Board has decided to present recommended guidelines to the Service Conference for consideration. We will be recommending that CoDA cease listing cyber-meetings, in light of our deep concerns about whether an "online meeting" can function within our Traditions. The new online support policy, if approved, would include a separate place on the CoDA website for listing online support resources, with a brief statement saying these cyber resources are not set up, run, or endorsed by CoDA but are listed only as a service to our Fellowship.

The reports and information from the 2003 Conference will be included in the next Quarterly Service Report.

In Service,
The CoDA Board

CoDA Service Conference Committee

No Report

CoDA Literature Committee

The NLC (National Literature Committee) is pleased to submit the results of our work since the NSC 2002. At that time we were asked to address three state issues. We addressed the Texas state issue requesting a revision of "The Newcomers Handbook." Sharon R. volunteered to be the project leader and under her guidance the revisions were made and group conscienced and prepared for inclusion in the packet prepared for the National Service Conference. We appreciate her perseverance and dedication to this very needed project.

The MD/DE state issue was "Determine if CoDA wants to fund translation of non-CoDA literature." After much discussion the NLC gave this response, "The National Literature Committee supports funding and distributing only CoDA Endorsed literature which has been brought through the NLC group conscience process and has been approved by the National Service Conference."

The third issue came from North Carolina 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." And further explains "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 assigned to NLC, CoRe, and the CoDA Board. The CoDA Board gave their response at the NSC 2002 and is as follows: "The CoDA/CoRe contract, dated May 1996, specifically states that : 'CoRe Inc. shall not own, sell, market, publish or distribute any literature, products or materials other than CoDA Conference approved literature, products or materials...'" The CoDA Board supports continuing the process by which literature is written and edited by the NLC for Conference approval." Based on this information, the NLC dialogued through our group conscience and this is our response: "The National Literature committee supports the current practice of literature being created and/or edited by the group conscience process of the NLC and then endorsed by the National Service Conference before it can be published by CoRe. The NLC also supports the CoDA Board response to the North Carolina State issue, and the process which includes a liaison member of the CoDA Board interfacing, as needed, with the CoRe Board to insure that the contract terms are upheld." Many thanks to Laurel as project leader for volunteering her time and devotion to this project .

The NLC also needed to complete the very time-consuming preparation for publishing of our new Co-Dependents Anonymous Twelve Step and Twelve Tradition Workbook and we did. Our goal is to have the workbook published in readiness for the 2003 NSC. Anita, our project leader has spent many years with other CoDA members developing our CoDA Workbook basing it's development on the weekly CoDA meetings of a dedicated group of CoDA members who relied on their experience, strength and hope and the principles of our program for guidance as well as the NLC group conscience and the many CoDA members who are currently using the workbook sections and giving their input . This has truly been a work of love and we thank all who've been involved from the bottom of our hearts!

The NLC also prepared "The Blurbs" which the NLC has long wanted, to aid CoDA members in their selection of CoDA Endorsed literature. Although we didn't have a project leader for "The Blurbs", we all pitched in and group conscienced it. We then

submitted it to the rest of the NLC for their input and will submit it to the NSC in September for their endorsement. Special thanks to Sharon for volunteering to prepare "The Blurbs" for submission to the NSC.

A newly created piece of literature called "Common Threads of Codependency" is codependents talking about codependency, recovery, relapse, and authenticity. Many CoDA members contributed their experiences as a codependent to Allison, who pulled it all together adding her ability to make sense out of it all, and then turning it over to the NLC for a group conscience. Many thanks to Allison, Janet and Tony, our project leaders, and the entire NLC for their incredible contributions. As one member put it "this is really powerful".

Last but not least by a long shot, are the ITM'S or "In This Moment Meditations" which has been a long time in coming. We hear that members routinely make requests for a CoDA meditation book. Well get ready because we are determined to help this happen if it's our Higher Powers wish. And it seems at this point that perhaps it is because this year we have been receiving more and more meditations as members become aware of this project . Interest has been building by accessing the CoDA website (www.coda.org) and spreading the word at CoDA state and local meetings, and within the CoDA Fellowship. All we ask from the world wide Fellowship of Co-Dependents Anonymous are meditation contributions (of approximately 150 words beginning with "In this moment...") from your experiences as a codependent. Some 'would be' contributors have hesitated to write because they think CoDA will use their name in the meditation book. This is not the case, the NLC and our very energized project leaders Sharon R. and Kay B. wish to assure the Fellowship that all names will be kept anonymous.

I'm grateful to have been given the opportunity to serve the Fellowship this year. Working with so many wonderful recovering codependents as there are on the NLC has been a real blessing for me. Thank you Higher Power. Thank you CoDA.

Respectfully submitted, as a trusted servant,
Jane H., Chair

Outreach Committee Report

No Report

Teens

No Report

CoDA Convention Committee

No Report

Service Structure Committee

No Report

Web Site Report

No Report

Finance Committee

No Report

Co-NNections

The committee is hard at work putting together the hard copy of the 2003 On-Line publication. Submissions were down this year, but we will still have a good issue this year.

I would like to see a bigger diversity of writers. Whether you think you can write or not, we could use your input. Co-NNections is about sharing your experience, strength and hope with others in our Fellowship. If you can share in a meeting, you can share in Co-NNections.

Hospitals & Institutions (H & I) Report

No Report

Online Support Committee

No Report

CoRe: CoDA Resources Publishing, Inc.

No Report

Issue Mediation Committee

No Report