



# CoDA QUARTERLY SERVICE REPORT

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## CoDA, Inc. Board of Trustees Report

A few changes have been made to the web pages. One is recent and entails a couple of new links to get to things we deemed were important to the fellowship: meetings, literature order form and donations. These are now at the top of the page and are red, to be easily seen. A new order sheet for literature has been posted, also.

WSAG and SSC gave us their group conscience on hosting chat rooms and meetings at coda.org. Neither group is in favor of doing such. More discussion will take place, as we are looking for legal advice on our exposure as a corporation. Our legal liaison has taken this on.

We were sent a couple of items concerning meetings in different areas. These were returned to the respective areas, as CoDA has no "police force" nor do we tell meetings how to run. We have a Fellowship Service Manual which gives all that information, but there is no enforcement. If the local communities cannot convince a meeting to align themselves within the 12 Traditions, then the only thing we can do is to remove the meeting from any listings and stop giving out their information to newcomers who may call. Some of these instances were forwarded to IMC, but this is not necessary. IMC is the 'last resort' for mediation. Not the first stop to solve a problem.

The board has had three conference calls and one face to face meeting. We have been productive and are working well for a new board. Or for any board, for that matter. We have passed several motions, many of which concern the website. Roy L is our web coordinator and he deals with the newly created Website Advisory Group, who give us group conscience on requests and suggestions that come in and also advise on items where ever needed.

### **A note on the recent CoDA Literature price increase:**

After reviewing the financials of CoRe & CoDA, the Board supported a literature price increase motion at the '06 CSC as a matter of financial prudence. It has

been many years since the last price increase and costs to produce and ship literature have increased substantially in this time.

In addition, CoDA continues to expand our Outreach efforts through new literature and translations to a growing World Fellowship. This proposal was discussed and approved as a binding vote of the full CSC Assembly. Readers are encouraged to read the Finance Committee report for more on CoDA's current financial picture.

Leo C, chair.

## LITERATURE

The *In This Moment Daily Meditation Book* is now available for purchase from CoRe Publications. This is a collection of 366 meditations written by members of the CoDA Fellowship and edited by group conscience of CLC project committee members.

We trust that the following completed CLC projects, approved at the 2006 CoDA Service Conference, will be available for purchase from CoRe during 2007:

- 1) *Peeling the Onion: Characteristics of Codependents Revisited. Codependents look at Love, Sex, and Relationship Addiction and Avoidance.*
- 2) *The Affirmations Booklet*, revised edition.
- 3) A new audio recording, "From Running to Recovery" by Anita F.

Some current projects being worked on by CLC include development of a new handbook on the topic of healthy meetings, the reconsideration of text removed from the CoDA Book some years ago, edits to Step Four in the CoDA workbook, and an update of the CLC Style Sheet.

Members of the 2007 CoDA Literature Committee:

Laurel H. (TN), Anita F. (UT), Judi T. (MA), Janet C. (MA), Tony H. (NY), Roger P. (NV), Kay B. (FL), Salle H. (CA), Nancy H. (WI), Bette Jo G. (CA), Jeri S. (CA), David Mc. (TX), Rusty M. (AZ), Lisa W. (NH), Terry d. (NY), Joan O'C. (AZ), Barbara L. (CA), Maggie N. (MI), Tracey R. (IL), Mary I. (NC), Dianne C. (Canada).

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Income is down 14% for 2006 and expenses are up 24%. As usual, expenses are running below budget. It should be noted that CoDA, Inc had many large onetime expenses in 2006. 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition donations are down 15% for 2006. CoDA Conference Approved literature provided 67% of our income last year and remains about the same this year. CoDA still has many budgeted financial obligations to fulfill this year. We

encourage all meetings and groups to consider making or increasing 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition donations to CoDA.

CoDA Service Conference approved a 2007 budget in the amount of \$142,779. This is down \$40,000 from the 2006 budget, but still over the prudent reserve. Due to the budget continually being over the prudent reserve, the Finance Committee will be looking at adjusting the method to compute the prudent reserve. Finance Committee is working with the Treasurer to see that all expenses are allocated properly.

Yours in Service  
Della B.  
Curtis F.  
Judi T.

## SERVICE STRUCTURE COMMITTEE

The SSC was asked to consider the possible issues regarding hosting Chat Rooms and Message Forums on the [www.coda.org](http://www.coda.org) site. SSC does not support using CoDA, Inc. resources or assets for hosting Recovery meetings. It is SSC opinion that there would be no conflicts or issues with hosting Service Work related Chat Rooms or Message Forums on [www.coda.org](http://www.coda.org).

Terri S.  
Terry D  
Flo  
George R.  
Judi T  
Curtis F - Chair

## HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS

I have record for the following activity this past quarter.

- 1) An additional \$310 has been received into 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Funds in regards to the "Books for Inmates Project".
- 2) Approximately 40 inmate letters have been responded to.
- 3) The following have been sent out.
  - 21-Standard Inmate Packets
  - 9-New Meeting Starter Packets
  - 2-CoDA Books placed in library at Spring Grove State Hospital, MD.
  - 13-CoDA Books were sent to Inmates.
- 4) The 200 CoDA Workbooks approved at CSC 2006 have been ordered and are being held by, CoRe Publishing, waiting direction for placement.
- 5) **The Perryville Women's Facility in AZ**- An inmate wrote me that there are hundreds of women actively working their recovery in the 12 Step Programs

available but **want a CoDA Meeting as well**. After announcing to all the Arizona e-mail addresses received at CSC 2006, NO ONE has stepped UP to meet this request. (I've been informed that there once was a meeting at this facility many years ago that obviously died.) I Let Go and Let God, to find those "willing to be willing".

- 6) There are more inquiries about volunteering but none that are staying in touch to report progress.
- 7) Three H&I Handbooks were mailed out. One to San Francisco, CA and two to Sacramento, CA.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Sandra C.  
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## WORLD LITERATURE PROCESS TASK FORCE:

The World Literature Process Task Force (WLPTF) was created by the CoDA Board and ratified by the CoDA Service Conference (CSC) of 2005. The task force was created in response to complaints CoDA was receiving from other countries regarding the high cost of purchasing CoDA literature from CoRe, Inc. (the publishing arm of CoDA.)

The exchange rate for currency of other countries often makes buying CoDA literature cost prohibitive. Even when the currency, i.e., Pound Sterling and Euro, is valued greater than the US Dollar the high cost of shipping still presents a problem.

If the cost of CoDA literature is beyond the financial means of CoDA members in other countries, we want to do everything in our power to address this issue. The purpose of the WLPTF is to determine what problems exist and identify any steps the CoDA organization can take to minimize this problem. This task force is supported by both CoDA, Inc. and CoRe, Inc. We all want to find a workable solution.

In order to accomplish our task we are seeking input from members of the Fellowship, especially those who are dealing with this problem. Please share your experiences as they relate to this issue and tell us how you think this problem might be resolved. Send responses to [wlp@codas.org](mailto:wlp@codas.org) or Co-Dependents Anonymous; Attention: World Literature Process Task Force, P.O. Box 33577; Phoenix, AZ. 85067-3577. The WLPTF will present ideas and suggestions to improve and/or change this process at the 2007 CSC later this year.

Ramona P Chair WLPTF

Members:

Judi T. Translation Management Committee

Laurel H. Literature Committee

Anita F. Representing CoRe

Curtis F. Finance Committee

## WEB COORDINATOR REPORT

As we come to the close of 2006 and start a new year, the web coordinator is hoping just that will happen (many of the happenings in 2006 will close and new happening await us in the new year). 2006 has seen many changes to CoDA's website and meeting searches. Many good and some bad. In April we lost our connection to the meeting database. In July we brought up the new website. We have been trying to get everything working like it should every since.

We have a team that is diligently working to improve CoDA's site and make sure that all of our information is correct and up-to-date. The team is comprised of the web contractor, Web Support Advisory Group, Fellowship worker to update US meetings, a volunteer to update non-US meetings and myself, the web coordinator. Let's take a look at what each of these have done and are planning to do.

The web contractor developed the new site. Currently he is developing a quote to combine the US and World meeting databases. We hope to have this up and working by the end of next quarter.

The Web Support Advisory Group provides a Group Conscience on member's suggestions for improvements to the website. They continue to review many suggestions and pass those to the web coordinator for processing.

Fellowship Worker has also been very busy. Unfortunately, with the problems with the database in April and then instituting the new website, she was unable to process meeting requests in the timely manner as she wanted to. To-date, she had updated 1249 meetings; 114 of these were new meetings. She is caught up with meeting updates. Hooray! In addition to the meeting updates, she processes all of the snail mail to CoDA and forwards it to the specific committee that it goes to. Now for the bad news, she has resigned because she has received a promotion at her regular work and will be leaving us around the end of January. The board is looking at three candidates for this position. I say a hearty, Thanks! And congratulations on the promotion!

The volunteer that updates the World meeting database has also been working. He has updated 120 meetings. He has also provided a lot of information to the web contractor to make the transition from the current process of two separate databases and two separate methods of searching to a combined database.

I, as web coordinator, have also been busy providing coordination between the different parties above and to the Board of Trustees. I tracked down and updated meetings on three occasions when the requests appeared to be "lost." I am also implementing checks to ensure that meeting updates are not "lost."

As the team continues to work and improve the new website, we are looking at expanding information so that email addresses as well as phone numbers will be produced in meeting searches. We are also discussing other menu options for locating material on the website.

Respectively submitted; Roy L., Web Coordinator

## CoDA Quarterly Service Report (QSR) 1st quarter 2007

To CoDA's Trusted Servants,

The purpose of the QSR is "serving our CoDA Fellowship" by providing a bulletin "in which committees can report their activities." (Quoted from CoDA by-laws)

It's a vital link between CoDA Inc. Committees, Delegates and members. The QSR and **coda.org** website provide the most complete and up-to-date sources of information about our Fellowship. Please share this information with your meetings and service entities.

Any interested CoDA member can receive the QSR by email. Just contact **QSR@coda.org** to be added to the distribution list.

If you plan to have something in the 2nd quarter of 2007 QSR, please email it to **QSR@coda.org**, by the May 4, 2007.

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