



CoDA QUARTERLY SERVICE REPORT

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WEB COORDINATOR REPORT

I continue to fight against SPAM on the CoDA email system. The week ending 20 Apr 07, CoDA received almost 6000 pieces of SPAM in that week. Of these pieces, the SPAM software and filters that I created stopped all but 250 pieces. There were another 15 pieces that were stopped incorrectly. This SPAM work is taking a lot of time, and real work on the website is suffering because of it. I am trying to find a happy medium between fighting SPAM and carrying on the day-to-day updates. The SPAM seems to be on its way down at the moment.

We have transitioned from one Fellowship Services (FS) worker to the new one, Joan O. We thank Barb for her service and welcome Joan. Joan has been able to update some meetings the very day they were sent in. Wow!

So far this year, the FS workers have processed almost 550 meeting changes of some sort. The World meeting updater has updated less than 20 meetings.

The Web Support Advisory Group (WSAG) continues to group conscience many requests for updates to various documents on the web. Some of these have been passed to the Service Structure Committee because of the nature of change or document to be changed.

The web contractor is working on some enhancements to the meeting database to combine the US and World meetings into one database and one search engine. Phase I work on this is due by 20 Jun 07. We expect the new interface will greatly enhance the search for and update of meetings.

Roy L.
Web Coordinator

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

Things have been going along rather smoothly. We have had regular monthly teleconference calls and will be in Phoenix for a face to face meeting in early June.

We will lose one member at this year's conference; Roy L. Roy has done a lot of work with the website since last conference. The board will try to retain his services as its web coordinator, a position that does not require board membership. This may evolve into a task force, if more help is needed.

Translation and printing of literature remains a problem; it is very expensive to print small quantities and most other countries cannot support the effort. The board would like to get more expertise in this area, so if any are fluent in publishing and printing, please lend a hand. I keep thinking that it ought to be easier than it appears to be, as we already have the setup done and on CD. Seems like the hard work is done and it only needs to be printed and shipped. Shows what I know. Another sticking point is the amount of royalty. It is currently at 40% and we will discuss this at the face to face meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Leo C, Chair, board of CoDA, Inc.

LITERATURE

The *In This Moment Daily Meditation Book* has been available for purchase from CoRe Publications since December 2006 and we understand that it is being well received by the Fellowship. This collection of 366 meditations was written by members of the CoDA Fellowship, edited by group conscience of CLC, and approved at the 2005 CoDA Service Conference (CSC).

A new booklet, *Peeling the Onion: Characteristics of Codependents Revisited. Codependents Look at Love, Sex, and Relationship Addiction and Avoidance* is also available from CoRe Publications. This new literature was approved at the 2006 CSC.

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.

Respectfully submitted,
CoDA Literature Committee

Translation Management Committee (TMC)

The Translation Management Committee is excited! We have been in contact with people interested in translating CoDA materials into several languages, including Portuguese, Chinese, Norwegian, Dutch, Italian, French and Turkish. We think we're making real progress in our efforts to reach thousands--maybe millions-- of codependents in their own languages.

At the 2006 Service Conference, the Fellowship approved guidelines for translation procedures. Since then, we have corresponded with CoDA members in the Netherlands, Italy, Norway and Quebec, as well as a Chinese-speaking member in New York.

If you have an interest in seeing CoDA texts translated into other languages and protecting our CoDA copyrights, please consider joining TMC. This is important 12th Step work and we are looking for additional trusted servants to join us. Experience with translating and/or copyright law is desirable but not required.

In Grateful Service,
Judi T. & Lena S.

TREASURER'S REPORT

CoDA's banking and services consolidation is nearly complete. We will be managing all of our Fellowship's resources through one financial institution allowing us to qualify for many useful services such as online bill-pay with no fees.

New Fellowship Service and Bookkeeping contractors are now located in Phoenix where our PO Box is. This saves the cost of a courier service, large postal expenses and many days of payment process delays due to mail forwarding.

Old bank accounts charging fees have been closed, and all our "prudent reserve" funds are now earning interest.

By reducing costs, simplifying our processes and improving return on Fellowship assets, we make best use of the resources available for CoDA to "carry the message".

My thanks to the CoDA Finance Committee and Board for their assistance and support in making these improvements happen.

In Service... Jay F.

HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS

Inmate mail continues to come at approximately 40-50 pieces per quarter.

Occasionally inmates request a Sponsor to write to, so anyone willing to handle those letters please contact the chair at: hosp@coda.org.

Inmates from the women's Perryville facility in, Goodyear, AZ. have wanted a CoDA Meeting at their facility since last fall. Two members of the fellowship have shared interest in helping with this. Additional volunteers willing to speak or chair a meeting once this is set up may send an e-mail to: hosp@coda.org.

My apologies for not processing the Books for Inmates to their respective recipients. This will be promptly attended to now that I'm past a stressful adjustment to new employment. It is VERY HELPFUL if contact names are included on the donation forms which will speed up the process. Due to varying policy codes it is best to send the books with permission to a Program Director, Clergy or Counselor at the facility to see that the inmate gets the book. Some mail has been returned because "stickers" (address labels) are NOT allowed on inmate mail. Sometimes inmates are moved and forwarding addresses are not available. It helps to verify these things before mailings to assure NO RETURNS which saves funds from being wasted. Texas has a special form to be filled out and sent with each book. There is no guarantee that the book will be placed in a particular library and may be sent where they have room. These have been some of my experiences. It is tedious work at times researching websites and sending e-mails to gather the necessary information and at times requires more time than I have to devote to it. If anyone is willing to help with this please write: hosp@coda.org.

Many potential volunteers write requesting information but nearly all do not stay in touch. It is my hope to build a relationship and trust level with those prompted by Higher Power to help on this committee. There is much that can be done locally and direction is given but then I haven't heard of any progress or successes in these endeavors.

A BIG Thank You to all those that have donated to Books for Inmates! There are some good things happening in the prisons in regards to recovery. Many a thank you comes from the inmates themselves who write again after receiving their materials and book. I still hear of some facilities that do not offer any help nor have resources available. These particular institutions are primary in placement of the CoDA Big Book and a Care Package (a variety of literature items from CoRe) if they have room for it.

A watchful eye is kept on requests to eliminate any duplications of literature or the CoDA book. Several inmates have written both to CoRe and CoDA, Inc. addresses for resources in the recent past.

Please accept my apology if you have tried to reach me by phone and I have not returned your call. I do e-mail much better due to my full schedule and especially time zones.

Respectfully submitted by:
Sandra C., H&I Chair

Co-NNections Committee

- During this quarter, the committee received and reviewed several submissions. Those found to comply with our editorial guidelines are posted at:

<http://coda.org/co-nnections.php>

- While reviewing the submissions, a question arose as to what type of copyright release is necessary.

The present Co-NNections webpage suggests that the act of sending a submission to Co-NNections constitutes an agreement that grants CoDA limited permission to publish their submission, with the person sending the submission retaining all copyrights.

However, several individuals operating at the CoDA national level have suggested that submissions must be accompanied by the CoDA standard copyright release form. This form requires the person making a submission to turn all rights relating to their submission over to CoDA.

Further, no mention of the current copyright release form is made on the Co-NNections webpage. If one is necessary, then the webpage needs to be reworded, and include a link to the copyright release form. The Co-NNections Committee is in the process of seeking a more definitive answer to this apparent paradox. Until the paradox is resolved, the process of posting submissions will be affected.

- Two fliers have been created. One of the fliers invites CoDA members to send submissions to Co-NNections, and the second is a sample flier which invites local CoDA group members to a writing workshop event. These documents will be placed on the Co-NNections webpage, when other expected revisions are made. Efforts will also be made to distribute copies to Voting Entities for distribution to their groups.
- We would like to invite others to join the Co-NNections Committee. Committee members participate in reviewing and approving member submissions based on our editorial guidelines. Approved submissions are posted on the website and can be included in a Co-NNections publication; Participating in the Co-NNections Committee provides an excellent way of working on the 12th Step by carrying the message to other codependents. Please contact connections "at" coda.org if you are interested.

Gary R.
Chairperson

WORLD LITERATURE PROCESS TASK FORCE

We have nothing to report at this time, but are still working on the process at this time. We always could use help from anyone that has experience with Literature publishing and/or distribution. You can contact the Task Force at the email address below.

Thank you,
Ramona, Chair
wlp@coda.org

CoRe REPORT

It is a busy time at CoRe!! We have begun distribution of the “**IN THIS MOMENT DAILY MEDITATION BOOK**”, and it is doing great! If you haven’t gotten one yet, please order soon.

We also have “**PEELING THE ONION**” that will be ready for sale by June 1.

We also have a **NEW ORDER FORM** that will be on the website by June 1, that will include the “PEELING THE ONION”, and it is a new venture for us – it will automatically add for you, add tax for you (if required), remind you to fill in needed data; then you print it and either fax or send to us along with the payment. This is a PDF form, so almost everyone with a computer can use it; it is not one you can save; you just fill it in, print, and close the PDF, so remember to print a copy for your own records. We are really excited about this, as our Dallas office spends an unbelievable amount of time adjusting orders due to miscalculation!

Spanish literature is getting closer. In March, we received the CD with all the translated material, so we are moving forward. We now have a Spanish proof reader, to help with that work. Watch the QSR and the CoDA website for announcements. Please be patient with us, we are working hard to get this to the fellowship as soon as possible.

We continue to have monthly conference calls, and are working to be the best publisher of recovery material ever!! Please contact us at core@CoDA.org if you have any questions, comments, corrections. We appreciate your input.

In service and recovery,
The CoRe Board

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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 3rd quarter of 2007 QSR, please email it to **QSR@coda.org**, by August 4, 2007.

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