

## Issues & Mediation Committee (IMC)

### Annual Report and QSR 2nd Quarter - 2020

**Commented [IC1]:** ~Darlene, I had to login as imc in order to access comments option.

**Commented [IC2R1]:** That is weird! Gail

The Issues Mediation Committee meets by teleconference call on the third Sunday of each month. We use Zoom.us as the platform for our meetings.

We held a virtual Face to Face (F2F) via Zoom May 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>.

- Policies and Procedures – revision currently in process, hopefully finished prior to CSC for submission to CoDA.org website.
- Motion started regarding changes in verbiage from Travel Reimbursement Opportunity (TRO) to Grant. This later became a joint effort with Finance Committee.
- Plans to create and submit required monthly IMC meeting minutes (public version keeping case confidentiality) for CoDA.org website publication.
- Discussions/Plans:
  - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for IMC related issues.
  - Creating Database of Voting Entity structures and contacts.
  - The Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) and the Database were just the beginning of a bigger project. We are calling this the CoDA Synergy Project. The purpose of this was to clarify Voting Entity Concerns and help in CoDA unity. As it develops, additional pieces to include an IMC toolkit and collaboration via the Chairs Forum.

**Commented [IC3]:** ~Darlene, CoDA Synergy Project: Clarity for Voting Entities and CoDA Unity. FAQs and database are a subset of the larger issue being addressed.

### **Current IMC Cases:**

We do have a number of active issues/concerns “in process”, mostly at the Voting Entity local level.

### **VOTING ENTITY ISSUES (VEI's):**

**Colombia VEI 1 & 2 - Closed** - Assigned to the Board. Columbia withdrew VEI 2 and the Board made a determination on VEI 1: The Board does not have the power to grant exclusive rights to any country to print, publish and distribute literature outside of their own countries, including the United States.

**Arizona VEI 2020-01 – Missed 2020 CSC Motion Deadline. Assigned to Service Structure Committee. Can be presented at 2021 CSC.**

Update the CoDA Preamble with one change to the first sentence. The suggestion is a change in the first line by replacing the language stating “men and women” with the word “people.”

**Arizona VEI 2020-02 – Closed - declined by Board.**

Motion: One-word description for each of the 12 Service Concepts  
Per Fellowship Service Manual: Eligible to be brought to CSC 2021 as a motion.

**Arizona VEI 2020-03 – Closed - declined by Board.**

Motion: One-word description for each of the 12 Service Traditions  
Per Fellowship Service Manual: Eligible to be brought to CSC 2021 as a motion.

**Arizona VEI 2020-04 – Active:**

2020 CSC Motion presented by Service Structure Committee.

SSC Motion #2

Motion: (Tradition Eleven) We propose this wording: Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of all public forms of media.

**SoCal VEI 2020-01 – Active:**

2020 CSC Motion presented by Events Committee: Events Motion #1

Call for "thirty seconds" prior to each vote on a motion at all future CoDA Service Conferences, and to update the FSM accordingly with that procedure.

**SoCal VEI 2020-02 – Closed:** Declined by the Board.

Can a new section be added to the VEI or Sub-committee motion forms for an approximately 50-word summary of the motion? For more complicated issues, the 50-word summary can be used to describe the overall concept of the motion. This could then be used by delegates and members to more fully understand the original meaning of the author's request (Voting Entities, Sub-Committees, the CoDA Board, etc.).

Per Fellowship Service Manual: Eligible to be brought to CSC 2021 as a motion.

**Texas VEI 2020-01 – Active:**

2021 CSC Motion presented by Literature Committee Motion  
Updating with proposed request: MEETING HANDBOOK Tab

In the "Recovery Patterns" packet, there are 2 columns. The first says "Codependents often" and the 2nd says "In Recovery." For some reason, these are said from 2 different perspectives.

Note: Literature Committee GC is to accept to work on this issue in the coming year and to bring a motion to resolve the confused presentation at the 2021 CSC.

**Canada VEI 2020-01: Voting Entity Literature – CSC 2020 Motion #1**

Motion/Issue: That the attached digital version of the Canadian new piece of literature called – *CoDA's Twelve Service Concepts "The Service Concepts, Alive & Strong!"* be accepted as CoDA Endorsed Literature and be made available to the Fellowship as a service piece in digital form, thus permitting trusted servants to use in their service work. CoDA Canada is currently ready to publish this booklet as a piece of Canadian literature in printed (hard copy) format.

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Yours in Service,

Greg B - IMC Chair

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