

CoDA Events Agenda and Minutes

for May 5th 2020

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: May 5, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYqc-uorD8rHtC-zotaADbRhFvUdGZli8xf>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Round Robin: Kevin, Kathy, Carole, Sharon, Lorraine, Nancy, Florence

Opening Readings: (5 min.)

CoDA Opening Prayer: In the spirit of love and truth, we ask our Higher Power to guide us as we share our experience, strength, and hope. We open our hearts to the light of wisdom, the warmth of love, and the joy of acceptance.

IN THIS MOMENT: May 5th Read by Sharon

CoDA Service Concept 5: Trusted servants are directly responsible to those they serve and are bound to honor the group conscience decision making process and uphold those decisions concerning their service work. The Fellowship also recognizes the need and right for members to honor their own experience, strength, and hope and their Higher Power's will as expressed to them. When the group conscience violates an individual's own truth and makes participation impossible, the individual may relinquish the service position. - [Lorraine](#)

CoDA Tradition 5: Each group has but one primary purpose -- to carry its message to other codependents who still suffer. - [Lorraine](#)

Minute Recorder: Carole

TIMEKEEPER: Kathy

Feelings/Check-in: (30 seconds each member)

Recording to Cloud - not recorded today

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REPORTS: (1 min. Each- if further discussion needed will move to later in the agenda)

Chair: (Florence): sent email to hotel representative for Canada asking about locked in rates for guest room rentals, he responded they would honor our previous rate. I have sent email to the board advising them of dates offered and will wait for their response

to then get an addended contract. Next chairs forum is May 14th—can someone attend in my place?

- Kathy will go on Thursday May 14 ?time

Vice Chair: (Kathy)- 2022 applications: Texas and Guatemala—Ontario, Canada remain interested; Palm Spring with application to follow---**will have to go on hold for 2023??**

--Contact other interested Host Cities for the following years 2023 –26; 2022 can be offered if Rapid City comes back with a No **ACTION: Kathy**

- Rapid City all in for 2022

Secretary/Host Updates: (Carole)

- News blast went out regarding CSC in Ottawa 2020 postponed
- Another will follow once all the details of registration and hotel confirmation in place
- July 25-Aug 1st 2021 confirmed dates

Registrar: (Lorraine) back up: Kevin, Kathy—we have until May 30th to set up redo the current eventbrite setup for 2021. We need to set up a completely new eventbrite sight for virtual meetings. -- where are we at with this?

- Virtual meeting setup ACTION: Kathy and Lorraine on Friday
- Current Registration for Ottawa 2020:-
- Early bird 45
- Friday dinner 23
- Sunday breakfast 15
- Trusted servant 12
- Delegate or alternate 12
- Video delegate 4
- Observer 7
- Refunds to come

Speakers/Workshops: (Sharon) back up: Kathy, Kevin

- On hold, same people for Workshops and Speakers for 2021

AV: Skip and Kevin, Lorraine: **UPDATES: - should we pursue now for 2021? Or wait until we have the virtual meeting plans in place? We will need the technical support to help remote delegates for those who feel comfortable with navigating zoom.**

- Status quo for 2021

CoDA Retreat Subcommittee: Reached out to Royal Caribbean... nothing to do until full payment due on September 2nd 2020. They start sailing again June 12th, however if the virus continues that may change. They are protecting cruises through September however, again, if the date pushes out that will change as well.

- 16 registrants
- Confirmation of the final payment date **ACTION:** Florence

For Discussion: Do we send out any communication to the registrants? Do we send out any announcements to the Fellowship at this time?

Sheila responded that her and her wife have decided to cancel all of their vacations for this year including the cruise. She has also withdrawn her request to be a part of the Events Committee.

- Reach out to current registrants with an update **ACTION:** Florence

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: (we can experiment with zoom features as we have our discussion)

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-NOTIFICATION to Current registrants for 2020 in Canada: How do we want to handle this?

- Provide the new dates and possibility of rollover if remain interested or full refund **ACTION:** Kathy

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-JP's offer of help for 2021: (see his response and offer below) Do we want to earmark money for new postcards etc.. For 2021? Do we want to use www.coda2021.org as a pagemarker? He also has a suggestion that we use this url as our complete web page (bypassing the CoDA website)-- only issue I see is that we would have to still link back to the delegate page as Geff upkeeps that page.

- more information needed

— **June 10th Motion deadline:**

- VEI Submission- SoCal- assigned to Events - Do we want to present this at conference? Motion/Issue:** 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. **Intent, background, other pertinent information:** CSC Conference procedures item 8 (FSM Part 4, pg 7) describes the option of calling for "thirty seconds" of silence to ask

for Higher Power guidance on a particular issue. A motion was passed at the 2019 CSC to call for “thirty seconds” prior to each vote on a motion. This motion was brought to the floor by myself (a SoCal delegate), and it was positively received through the rest of the CSC proceedings. The SoCal Voting Entity would like to now support the continuance of this practice with this VEI. **Remarks:** The desire is to allow the voting members of CSC to have some moments to connect with their Higher Powers for guidance and direction on the vote of each motion that is considered.

- Agree with doing or not; if do agree, make a motion at CSC: GC Agree
- Who will contact VEI agreeing to do this motion and investigate if VEI writes it? **ACTION: Kevin**

ii. Do we have any other motions/issues we want to present? Budget

- Ideas for discussion at another meeting:
- Request more time for Retreat
- 2007 motion review re: CAL and outside literature use and sells by email review

ACTION: Sharon

- Budget needs
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- **VIRTUAL ICC? Options?**
- Tabled

– **VIRTUAL CSC MEETING**

1. **Interpretation?** do we want to pursue options for an all virtual meeting?
 - Board has stated that the \$20,000 not feasible
 - A following meeting discuss other options like Fellowship member involvement
2. **Live streaming?** There is an option on zoom to live stream- this could be an option for observers
 - Zoom has an option for live streaming on YouTube or Facebook; more investigating for anonymity
 - Worth investigating **ACTION: Florence, Kevin**
3. **Monitoring for Virtual Meeting (see bylaw and FSM process below) according to our bylaws you have to be present for the entire discussion of a motion to vote.** What is the best way to monitor this using zoom with multiple delegates? Feedback from CSC prep group suggested that we may have to be a little relaxed and rely on honesty.

- Next meeting...think about best way to approach this ie. 5 delegates per Events member

4. **Method of Voting:**

- i. Polling: Let's test it out! We can draw reports from it etc.. And see who actually has voted. I would be willing to run the polling during the event but would like at least one person to be a back up.
 - ii. Other method? raise hand, use yes/no etc..
- Fellowship forum a good place to do testing with the larger numbers of the Fellowship attending

5. **Technical Support:**

- i. who would like to be involved in zoom monitoring, assisting delegates? What does this look like?
 - ii. How do we communicate among Events members during the conference? Chat feature? Separate phone conference?
- Next meeting, when we discuss the skeleton agenda for virtual CSC, who will be involved in the different tasks will surface naturally

ANYTHING ELSE???

Meeting schedule: one hr with one item to focus at weekly meeting

Next meeting: May 12th 7pm

Close - 8:40pm EST

• **FROM JP**

- That being said, one of the "solutions" I offered was to create an ENTIRE landing (website) page just for CODA2020.org, so we could have control of the content and layout. But I think that "solution" got lost in emails.

Money for 2021? I am interested in marketing the 2021 event via a poster, a new CODA2021.org and a landing page. AND we'd have to firm up our agreement about my role and make sure we GC any major changes to poster and landing page.

FROM BYLAWS 5. Assignment of Voting Rights at Conference If a Delegate leaves the Conference floor, that Delegate may assign voting privileges to a person from the same Entity. This is called "passing the badge." If an Entity sends an Alternate Delegate to Conference the badge is passed to that Entity's Alternate Delegate. If an Entity does not send Alternate Delegates, the badge

may be passed to another member from that Entity. This ensures that each Entity has full voting representation at Conference. If a Voting Delegate passes a badge and leaves the room temporarily, and a motion is made in the Delegate's absence, the Delegate cannot retrieve the badge until after the vote on that motion. *This allows the people who have heard the entire discussion on the motion to vote on that motion.*

FROM FSM

- **Presence During the Group Conscience Process and Passing the Badge:**

It is the responsibility of each voting member to be prompt for meetings and to be present during the entire period of time an item of business is discussed. Whenever possible, it is recommended that all voting members be present during all business presented on the CSC floor, including the introduction and discussion of all business and preliminary motions. Voting members must be present during the entire community problem solving method for a motion (presentation of the issue or preliminary motion, discussion and brainstorming, crafting a motion from the suggested solutions) in order to vote on that motion.

If a voting Delegate has to leave the room during CSC business, an Alternate Delegate may vote in the absence of the Delegate by exchanging badges. Voting Alternate Delegates, who have been passed the badge, must be present during the entire problem solving method for a motion in order to vote on that motion. If a motion or preliminary motion is on the floor, a badge may not be exchanged until discussion and voting on that motion is completed. When a Delegate or Alternate uses a badge to address the CSC concerning a motion, he or she may not pass that badge until the discussion and the vote on that motion have been completed.

A volunteer may be asked to hold badges of any voting member that needs to leave the room during this process. These badges will not be returned until the vote has been taken. "A group conscience decision grows out of the combined wisdom invested in the whole group." (CoDA Fellowship Service Manual, Section 2). It is important that voting members be present and open to all viewpoints presented to be able to vote for the one they see as best for CoDA. It is also important for voting members to stay for the entire CSC whenever possible. When too many voting members leave early, there is no quorum to conduct business.