

**CoDA Service Conference 2020**

**Motion/Voting Entity Issue (VEI) Form**

**Check one: \_X\_ Motion** (Committee/Board)

**\_\_ VEI** (See VEI Guidelines on reverse side of this form)

**Committee/Board** or **VE/Delegate Name: \_So Cal / Events\_\_\_\_**

**Date: \_\_6/1/2020\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Assigned Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Revision #: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Motion** or **VE Issue Name: Call for 30 Seconds before any vote at CSC**

**Motion/Issue:**

To call for "thirty seconds" of silence to ask for Higher Power guidance prior to any vote at all CoDA Service Conferences, and to update the FSM accordingly.

Change FSM Part 4 Page 14:

Original:

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| 5 min | 4. Changes are made to the preliminary motion per group conscience. When finalized, the motion is read back to make certain it is in its final form. |
| 1 min. | 5. The Facilitator calls for a vote: Those in favor; Those opposed; Abstentions.  a. Motions that receive 2/3 or more votes are binding on the Board of Trustees unless that motion is later deemed in conflict with the law or the CoDA Bylaws.  b. Motions with 2/3 vote for Committee work only require support from the Board; the Board does not do Committee work |
|  | 6. One additional speaker on the minority opinion may be heard at this time. |
|  | 7. Any participant may call for "30 seconds of silence" at any time in order to remind the assembly of Higher Power's guiding presence and/or to slow down an escalating debate. Each period of silence will be followed by the Serenity Prayer. |

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**Intent, background, other pertinent information:**

CoDA Service 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 a SoCal delegate, and it was positively received through the rest of the CSC proceedings. So Cal and Events Committee would like to make it a regular part of the conference proceedings.

**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.

This motion is the result of a VEI submitted by So Cal.

**This motion or VEI requires changes to: (please check any that apply)**

**\_\_\_\_ By Laws \_\_\_\_ FSM P1 \_\_\_\_ FSM P2**

**\_\_\_\_ FSM P3 \_\_X FSM P4 \_\_\_\_ FSM P5**

**\_\_\_\_ Change of Responsibility**

**\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**(Data Entry Use Only)**

**Motion result: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**VEI Result – Assigned to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (date)**