

SSC Con Call Minutes
Saturday, April 18, 2020 5-6:30 ADT, 4-5:30 EDT, 1-2:30 PDT and Arizona

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Notes taken during the meeting meeting are in *bold italics*

Opening:

- Establish round robin order for discussion *Sara, Leo, Dave, Evie*
- Serenity Prayer
- Read Tradition 2 - For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority --a loving Higher Power as expressed to our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern. *Dave*

Quick check-in - 1 minute each

Start recording

Any agenda changes needed? *None*

Links:

- Link to 2016-2017 history document if needed:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dgMCptNgxIyWhtB0rT--fVr_xLxwn7nmQMEUPo7res0/edit?usp=sharing
- Link to 2017-2018 history document if needed:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1uIle-3W1-HcQwfekoFcvMZTDMc8TvisopavtCuHU2Ak/edit?usp=sharing>
- Link to 2018-2019 history document if needed:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EBYXoUnuAxokI-ilyT54m8ACd1Erje_nfUYEAC-XmSo/edit?usp=sharing
- Link to 2019-2020 history document if needed: Document not yet created
- Link to combined FSM:
http://coda.org/default/assets/File/SSC/Newest%20FSM/FSM_Combined%5B1%5D.pdf

Link to SSC current page on CoDA.org:
<http://coda.org/index.cfm/service-info/service-structure/>

Previous Action Items:

- Evie to draft the following motions and send to the committee for review
 - Define what, if anything, has to be approved by the board prior to being sent to the Fellowship **Not done because the survey issue became moot and because the adhoc committee's work will hopefully result in this being taken care of**
 - Evie to look through the adhoc committee documentation to see if there is anything to help make this motion more specific
 - Modify the ByLaws to more clearly state how the board should be protecting the Steps, Traditions and Service Concepts **Done**
- Evie to send a request to the board that they review our survey request again since it appears that surveys are allowed and if there is a specific problem with our survey to please let us know how we can specifically make it acceptable. **Not done because the survey issue became moot**
- Evie to submit an FSM correction regarding who can send delegates to the FSM to make the FSM consistent with the By Laws; this can be done without CSC approval since it is correcting an error. **Not yet done because of CSC prep priorities**
- All to do a quick review the of the FSM and see if there are any other suggestions for improvement that aren't too big since we don't have much time; please send any suggestions to the whole committee **Done**

Committee Business

- Proposed Survey **Postponed as a result of online discussions**
- CSC prep Note: Motions must be submitted by May 5 and finalized by May 20
 - Drafts created:
 - Motion 1 - Traditions and Service Concepts By Law Change
Link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1C8HBhqR6otB-21kBfHxYwhRm2SBIwyNk/view?usp=sharing>
 - *Some wording changes were made during our discussion and the basic intent of the motion remained the same*
 - Notes from previous call
 - Doesn't SSC already have permission to propose modifications to the Steps, Traditions and Service Concepts?
 - This is supposed to be a bottom up Fellowship. Motion should focus on a description of exactly what the board's responsibilities are and why does it seem like they are getting involved with things that committees have taken a group conscience on including not letting motions be voted on at CSC
 - Possibly address who can change committee descriptions

on the website; currently this should come from what is in the FSM; some things that were approved this way are still in the FSM

- Motion 2 - Add “and all other public forms of media” in Tradition 11
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/11n2hQ2YOnoqRIj_V3Io6f5-RGFKG_HuB/view?usp=sharing
 - *No changes were made to the suggested motion during the call*
- Other possible motions?
 - Any suggested improvements to FSM? *None at this time*
 - Any other suggested motions?
 - *Discussion about the fact that we do not believe that any committee responsibility should be included in the ByLaws since the ByLaws focus on the Corporation . Currently IMC is given the responsibility in the ByLaws to manage who are the approved Voting Entities and their delegates. This was originally the responsibility of the Board Secretary. Arguments can be made for and against whether this responsibility should be assigned in the ByLaws because the VEs and their delegates have both Corporate and Fellowship responsibilities. We decided that now is not the time to bring this issue to the CSC so no motion will be developed at this time.*
- Postponed motion: Consider a CSC motion defining what has to be approved by the board prior to being sent to the Fellowship **Postponed**
 - Possibly say each committee may send at least two announcements, which may include surveys, a year without board approval since we are a bottom up organization
 - Include more guidelines on what can be announced - what is acceptable
 - Committees group conscience what they propose so why does it need to be reviewed by the board?
- Possibilities for the future:
 - Try to simplify the FSM as much as possible to make translations easier
 - Suggestion that we make an effort to keep things on the same page to make it simpler for people to find things even if they are looking at an older version; probably not doable; best solution is either to encourage people to use the most current version; another solution is to tell people the Part, Section and paragraph heading and suggest that they search for it
- *Other committee business*
 - *Discussion about whether the board should be making the decision about what to do about the upcoming CSC as a result of the pandemic without including the Fellowship*
 - *We agreed that although we do believe it would be better to include the Fellowship in this decision, the time criticality of making it means that it does not make sense to try to address it at this time especially since we don't have the mechanics in place to easily include the Fellowship in the decision*

- *We do believe that we should let the adhoc committee know of our concerns because this is another instance of how the distinction between board corporate and Fellowship functions are not clearly designated along with the difference in how these different types of functions need to be handled differently between CSCs*
- *AI - Evie to let the adhoc committee know about SSC's concern that decisions like what to do about the upcoming CSC should possibly not be made just by the board but should rather involve all the VE delegates as well as any relevant committees*
- *Who should maintain the FSM when SSC goes inactive?*
 - *Brainstorming possible ideas*
 - *Volunteer within the Fellowship?*
 - *Possibly SOS if no volunteer available?*
 - *Board secretary?*
 - *Paid Fellowship Service worker?*
 - *Whoever does this needs to be a member of CoDA; need to have an understanding of the implications of the changes to ensure that they are done properly*

New Action Items:

- *Evie to submit motions prior to May 5*
- *Evie to let the adhoc committee know about SSC's concern that decisions like what to do about the upcoming CSC should possibly not be made just by the board but should rather involve all the VE delegates as well as any relevant committees*

Closing:

- Date and time of next meeting
 - Sunday, May 3, 1pm EDT, 10am PDT and MST?
- CoDA Closing Prayer

“We thank our Higher Power for all we have received from this meeting. As we close may we take with us the wisdom, love, acceptance and hope of recovery.”