

SSC Con Call Minutes
Sunday, June 21, 2020, 2-3:30 ADT, 1:00-2:30 EDT, 10-11:30 PDT and Arizona

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Opening:

- Establish round robin order for discussion *Dave, Leo, 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? *No*

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/1uIIe-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 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 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. **Will be done as part of update with approved motions after CSC**
- Evie to submit motions prior to June 10 **Done**
- Evie to add the information discussed about updating the FSM to our P&P manual and also improve the FSM update section so that it applies if someone outside of SSC does the updating. **Not done yet due to CSC prep priorities**

CSC Prep

- CSC prep Note: All motions were submitted by June 10 and must be finalized by June 25
 - Motion 1 - Traditions and Service Concepts By Law Change
 - Link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1C8HBhqR6otB-21kBfHxYwhRm2SBIwyNk/view?usp=sharing>
 - *Decision made by email to withdraw this motion since we like the Board motion related to this topic*
 - Motion 2 - Add “and all other public forms of media” in Tradition 11
 - Link to motion: https://drive.google.com/file/d/11n2hQ2YOnoqRIj_V3Io6f5-RGFKG_HuB/view?usp=sharing
 - AZ VEI 4 proposes and alternate way of revising Tradition 11 <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Xxow109jyPVbhb21tVPnPsjxgqPlzXr6/vi ew?usp=sharing>
 - Comments from Chairs Forum:
 - This motion can’t be approved unless Board motion #3 passes
 - Do people have a preference wording in SSC motion or AZ VEI?
 - Two people preferred AZ VEI; one felt that listing items is redundant
 - Seven people preferred SSC motion
 - newcomers might need it spelled out
 - based on AA Tradition 11 which has items spelled out
 - crafted last year to SSC version
 - keeps original wording expanded for 21st century
 - like expanded wording delineating
 - important to say honoring CoDA / standard tradition not staying in step w/AA
 - last sentence in first paragraph of Intent needs to be changed since SSC has pulled Motion 1 in favor of Board Motion 3
 - Link to revised motion: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hmR1QGGfHq5cwKRE40whta1JyRoS2NKE/view?usp=sharing>
 - Does the committee approve the revised motion?

- *We prefer the suggested AZ wording rather than our original wording despite the feedback we received from the Chairs Forum. This motion will be revised to be consistent with the AZ wording and something will be added to the Remarks making note of the change from the original wording.*
- Motion 3 -
 - Link:
 - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LCNuke3ZLYTdJcJ6526lu1We_7xIEhuw/view?usp=sharing
 - Comments from Chairs Forum:
 - Suggest changing “rules” to “guidelines” and removing “only” from CoDA, Inc. bullet
 - Some people are torn about separating the Corporation from the Fellowship because it might add to disunity
 - Clearly stated in the Part 5 chart proposed by the Ad Hoc committee that the Board of Trustees serve both
 - CoRe is not part of this because it is a separate corporation from CoDA
 - Concern that it chops things up a little bit more
 - Some people felt this is not helpful
 - Question: is the Corporation part of the Fellowship? Answer is no.
 - Not sure what problem this is trying to fix
 - Helpful when writing about CoDA to know what is being written about
 - Shows 3 different aspects of CoDA
 - Inc refers to a legal entity and last names are required on all legal documents; has responsibilities to governmental laws
 - Suggested reversing order of 3 items
 - Link to revised motion
 - https://drive.google.com/file/d/13vbhh1oSupd3BIY1wDQj73nXKQxq_Q9L/view?usp=sharing
 - Does the committee approve the revised motion? *Yes*
- *AZ VEI #1*
 - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1h3ywwqJPC0HrU-Tl0Cs10t0oBRYrXpIpRRen_5lRLHTU/edit?usp=sharing
 - *We discussed whether we should submit this as a late motion*
 - *We are waiting to hear back from the Board Chair whether an exception can be made to allow late motions that are as a result of VEIs submitted recently*
 - *We decide we would submit this as a late motion with a vote of 2-1*

Old Business *No time for this*

- Previously postponed motion: Consider a CSC motion defining what has to be approved by the board prior to being sent to the Fellowship

- 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?
- 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; another possible solution is to have an index with or without links to the appropriate Part, Section and paragraph heading(s)
- Do we feel that it is our responsibility to make a recommendation on who should maintain the FSM when SSC goes inactive?
 - We felt that we should make a recommendation of the qualifications necessary in order to be able to do this and to refer to the instructions included in the SSC P&P manual?
 - This is a Fellowship function and should therefore be performed by paid or unpaid a member of the Fellowship who is intimately familiar with the FSM
 - Previously brainstormed 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 Business None

New Action Items

- *Evie to send recent meeting minutes for loading on the CoDA.org website after first removing the links to the recordings*
- *Evie to prepare draft of SSC report and send to committee for review*
- *Evie to prepare SSC budget and send to committee for review*
- *Evie to submit all revised motions prior to the June 25 deadline*

Closing:

- Date and time of next meeting
 - Sunday, July 12 or 19, 11am EDT, 8am PDT and MST
- We agreed on the 19th although the 12th is doable if that is better for Sara*

- 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.”