



CoDA Quarterly Service Report

Co-Dependents Anonymous, Inc. PO Box 33577

Phoenix, A.Z. 85067-3577
(602) 277.7991

1st Quarter 2006

www.coda.org

CoDA Board Report

During the 2005 CoDA Service Conference the Board of Trustees was assigned several tasks, among them, renewal of the motion the Board complete a professional audit of CoRe financial records and inventory. This motion was first made and passed at the CoDA Service Conference in 2003 with a two-thirds majority. For those of you that are not familiar with the process, a motion passed by a two-thirds majority of the voters is binding on the Board. Your current Board has not yet completed this task. We are, however, committed to follow through with this motion by the next Service Conference. As I noted in the last QSR part of the problem is the dual location, the financial records are in one state (Texas, to be moving to North Carolina soon) while the inventory is in another state (Alabama). A large part of the Boards hesitation has been the cost of a professional audit.

The following statement was taken directly from the **Twelve Service Concepts of Co-Dependents Anonymous**: "The Trustees serve as the board of directors of CoDA, Inc., the non-profit corporation assigned custodial control of all money and property held in trust for the Fellowship and responsible for prudent management of its finances." This Board has tried to comply with this directive the years I have served as a Trustee. We have serious reservations about spending large amounts of CoDA money. We have determined having a CPA perform this audit will require us to spend at least \$5,000.00. I personally think it will cost more after we pay expenses, fees and time for a professional audit.

The QSR is the method by which we keep the Fellowship of CoDA informed on the status of tasks the Board was assigned at conference and decisions the Board has made between conferences. By this method we are also making the commitment to you to complete the audit by the August 2006 Conference and also inform you, the fellowship, it will be more expensive than we had anticipated.

CoDA is making great strides in becoming a world wide organization. We have 385 active meetings in 51 countries. The countries with the most meetings are Australia 40, Brazil 10, Germany 87, Ireland 13, Mexico 42, and United Kingdom 40. There are meetings in Israel, Guatemala, Chili, Japan Panama, Philippines, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Thailand and many others. I don't know how many CoDA meetings are in Canada but it is quite a few. Meeting@coda.org continues to receive E-mails from other countries requesting their meetings be added to the database at the rate of several a week. The Translation Committee has received several requests to translate the CoDA Literature

into other languages. Some countries have old licensees to publish CoDA material that are not valid and must be renewed and modified to conform to CoDA, Inc., guidelines and standards. Iceland, Netherlands, South Africa and Germany are communicating with the committee and United Kingdom has expressed a desire to publish CoDA Literature in England. The translation of CoDA Literature into Spanish is an ongoing process. I believe we will have some documents ready for the 2006 Conference.

I encourage all of you to become active participants in the 2006 CoDA Service Conference (CSC). We need committee members as well as voting entities. Only eighteen US States were represented at the 2005 CSC. However, three people from Canada and two from Chile attended. We are hoping for a much larger world participation in 2006. The CoDA Bylaws were changed in 2005 to reflect CoDA, Inc., as a world organization with other countries given a voice and a vote. (For more information go to the coda.org website and review the bylaws for the current voting process.)

Three of the seven members on the current CoDA Board of Trustees will be retiring at the 2006 CoDA Service Conference after serving for three years. This means there will be three openings for new Board members. We need people with a strong desire to serve that are committed to uphold the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. If you have these qualifications, please consider this method of giving back to the CoDA Fellowship. I assure you, anyone that serves will find a new growth and energy in their CoDA program. There is more information and blank forms on the CoDA web site (coda.org.)

Ramona P., Chair of CoDA Board of Trustees
Officers: Doug, Vice-chair; Jay, Treasurer; Leo, Secretary
Other Trustees: David, Roy and Ernie

CoDA Service Conference Committee

The Annual Service Conference for CoDA, Inc. will be held in the Los Angeles area. Tentative date is August 15-19, 2006. We appreciate SoCal CODA for taking this responsibility on.

CoDA Literature Committee

No Report

Outreach Committee

Hi again all from the Outreach AND Spanish outreach committees. We continue to grow in numbers in members of our committees and we continue to grow in service to the US and the world to the still suffering codependent.

Our Outreach members are- Florence M. (Laurel, MD) (chair), Karen G. (BRYAN, TX) (co-chair), Tracey R.(from Chicago), Jay W. (Ohio), Wayne M. (CA, USA), Debi M. (our newest member ALSO IN CA), We also have an observer who is positive about becoming a full member, her name is Linn G. and she is from Norway!

Our Spanish Outreach members are...

Tracey R. (USA), Florence M. (USA), Marta O. (Chile), Cari (USA), and Maggie (USA), and Yara C (USA).

We also are still working on our outreach update committee with Allan B. who's task is to update old meetings as issues come up.

Recently there was a glitch in the search engine to look up meetings and I want to comment on how helpful everyone was to pitch in and find meetings for those in our areas. Outreach and Spanish outreach members are very hard workers who spend a lot of time answering email inquiries and getting other codependents connected. This is an important part of service work for CoDA. Anyone interested in helping with our team, please come--You are welcome!!

We have also been including in all of our outgoing email a byline for the upcoming Convention in Austin TX:

Save the date: May 26-28, 2006 (Memorial Day weekend) CoDA Convention in Austin, Texas, USA. For more information, go to <http://www.coda.org/events/2006codaflyer.htm>. Scroll down for the link to the registration form.

We hope this gets the info out to everyone and we have a great convention turn out this year!!

Translation Management Committee

The review of the German language CoDA Book was completed. There were just a couple minor issues that are not significant in understanding the CoDA program.

The Translation of CoDA Literature to Spanish has begun. Regrettably, it has taken us longer than anticipated to complete a contract, make a down payment and establish contact with a translator.

We have received requests for permission to translate literature into Dutch and Icelandic languages.

We have begun working on Policy guidelines, Procedural Guidelines, and Priorities for the Translation process. We will have them prepared for approval at Conference. If you have any concerns or suggestion please email to translation@coda.org.

Translation Management Committee
Richard Co-chair
Lena Co-chair
Curtis Co-chair
Judi T.

Spanish Outreach

No Report

Teens

No Report

CoDA Convention Committee

The 2006 CoDA Convention Steering Committee is excited about the upcoming CoDA Convention! We continue to make marked progress in advance of the convention scheduled for May 25-28, 2006 in Austin TX. Pace of convention registrations have picked up and hotel room reservations are definitely on the upswing. However please be mindful there are only a set number of rooms available at the \$77 rate. Thus we urge all those folks interested in attending the convention to register soon before the block of rooms are sold out. By the way, when rooms at \$77 rate are sold out, Marriott has sister hotels located right there next door.

Additionally, we have an especial treat for all who will be attending; we will be celebrating CoDA's 20th anniversary birthday Saturday evening at the convention dinner. So register NOW and come be a part of this momentous occasion in celebration of CoDA recovery.

It's not too late! Come share the experience, strength, and hope of recovery. Come for the recovery workshops; 9 to choose from! Come for the spirituality. Come for the fellowship with your CoDA family. Meet up with old acquaintances and make new friends! Come for the FUN of it all in beautiful Austin Texas! Come be a part of it!

NOTE: Convention starts 4pm Thursday May 25th. Ends 12 Noon Sunday May 28th.

CoDA Convention status updates and progress mile-stones highlighted as following:

- Gayle T. resigned from the convention steering committee. Jan 2006
- The convention steering committee elected Joe L. as chair person. Jan 2006
- Negotiated and finalized guaranteed attendance and room nights with the Marriott Hotel. CoDA Convention guaranteed minimum 100 attendees and 150 room nights with attrition allowances of 20% and 30% respectively as per contract. Jan 2006
- As of February 8th, received ~80 convention registrations and 119 room nights are accounted for. Feb 2006
- Received approval from the CoDA Board to add celebration of CoDA's 20th birthday at the Saturday evening convention dinner. CoDA Inc. agreed to fund up to \$400 towards the birthday celebration to include the birthday cake. Feb 2006
- Program Subcommittee has organized and confirmed 9 workshop leaders and 4 keynote speakers. Feb 2006
- Final round of convention reminders will be mailed to meetings contacts with last update dates of 2004-2006 (per CoDA Board approval) during 1st half of March 2006. Feb 2006
- Local Austin area volunteers were found to handle 1) raffle fund raiser 2) information and entertainment packets 3) food and snacks coordinator and 3) concierge /host. Feb 2006

Respectfully Submitted,
Convention Steering Committee
(Joe L., Chair; Annie R.; David Mc.; Karen G.; and Terri S.)

Service Structure Committee

If you have questions about CoDA's structure, group conscience process, Conference procedures, etc.--check out these resources on the CoDA website:
http://www.coda.org/servmanual_bylaws.html

This year, we are editing the "Commonly Asked Questions" (CAQs) and "Welcome Letter" to reflect our change from a national to an international Fellowship.

Our purpose is to support, maintain, and create CoDA fundamental structural documents, including the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Fellowship Service Manual, Twelve Concepts, and other documents, as directed by the CoDA Service Conference.

We can be reached at: ssc@coda.org

In Service to the Fellowship,
Service Structure Committee

Website Report

No Report

Website Task Force

No Report

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is working with the Treasurer to update the chart of accounts to reflect our International scope of operations. This should help in being able to track income and expenses more accurately.

We are coordinating an "unofficial" review with CoRE to go along with the audit by the outside auditor that was passed by binding 2/3rds majority at Conference 3 years ago. The plan is for the Finance Committee to be able to do annual reviews to verify CoDA is receiving appropriate royalty payments. This should be much cheaper than hiring an auditor to do it each year.

Income rose 15% in 2005 and expenses ran about the same. As usual, expenses are running below budgeted. The Finance Committee recommends that all trusted servants of CoDA, continue to spend wisely and frugally. We encourage all meetings and groups to consider making or increasing 7th Tradition donations to CoDA. CoDA still has many budgeted financial obligations to fulfill this year. 7th Tradition donations were down 8% in 2005. Seventy five percent of our income last year was from the sale of CoDA Conference Approved literature.

Your Finance Committee

Judi T.
Curtis F.
Della B. Chair

Co-NNections

No Report

Hospitals & Institutions (H & I) Report

No Report

Online Support Committee

No Report

CoRe

We are alive and well!

CoRe had a very productive face to face meeting in Dallas in January. We are transitioning some responsibilities, so it was very helpful to meet. We will be ready to publish the ITM book (In This Moment) shortly. It is so exciting to see this completed. For those who have not heard, this is a book of daily meditations.

We are having an audit from the Finance committee, and look forward to **making** that report to the **F**ellowship.

Did you know that CoRe has not increased prices on literature since 1998? We have worked hard to keep prices down, and will continue to do so.

Did you know you can e-mail your order to CoRe? As long as you include the item numbers, description, quantity and price, along with the billing and shipping information, we can process your order! No need to attach the order form, just please double check your order.

Our next face to face meeting will be during conference in the fall. We look forward to seeing you there.

In service,
Mary

Issue Mediation Committee

No Report

Fellowship Services

In January Fellowship Services received Seventh Tradition funds from fourteen states and Canada for the amount of \$1,746.99.

E-mail processing:

- New meetings 30
- Inactive meetings 33
- Meeting updates 44

- Other (info requests) 3
- USPS Mail
- New meetings 21
 - Inactive meetings 2
 - Meeting updates 15
- Other 4

CoDA Quarterly Service Report (QSR)

To CoDA's Trusted Servants,

The purpose of the QSR is "serving our CoDA Fellowship" by providing a bulletin "in which committees can report their activities." (Quoted from CoDA by-laws)

It's a vital link between CoDA Inc. Committees, Delegates and members. The QSR and **coda.org** website provide the most complete and up-to-date sources of information about our Fellowship. Please share this information with your meetings and service entities.

Any interested CoDA member can receive the QSR by email. Just contact **QSR@coda.org** to be added to the distribution list.

If you plan to have something in the second quarter of 2006 QSR, please email it to **QSR@coda.org**, by the first of June, 2006.

Use email! Help cut mailing costs!

Update Form July, 2006

In order to distribute the QSR in the most cost effective manner, we want to send QSRs by e-mail whenever possible.

If you have e-mail, please send your name and address: qsr@coda.org

If you wish to continue receiving the CoDA Quarterly Service Reports by postal mail, please confirm your address below.

Please PRINT

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State _____ Zip _____

Mail to:
 CoDA Quarterly Service Report (QSR)
 P.O. Box 33577 Phoenix, AZ 85067

You WILL BE REMOVED from the postal mailing list unless we hear from you.