

**CoDA Service Conference 2021**

**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:** Communications Committee

**Date: \_5/10/2021\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Assigned Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_1\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Revision #: \_\_\_1\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** **Revision Date: \_\_\_\_5/27/21\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Motion** or **VE Issue Name: \_\_Correct Preamble**

**Motion/Issue:**

**Comm moves that the preamble be changed as noted:**

**Current:** Co-Dependents Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women whose common purpose is to develop healthy relationships. The only requirement for membership is a desire for healthy and loving relationships. We gather together to support and share with each other in a journey of self-discovery -- learning to love the self. ***(underlined part is what is deleted in proposed)***

***Proposed change:******Co-Dependents Anonymous is an inclusive fellowship whose common purpose is to develop healthy and loving relationships. We gather together to support and share with each other in a journey of self-discovery -- learning to love the self.***

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

the use of gender specific language does not include non-binary folks, transgender individuals or people in the process of transitioning from one gender to another. There are also folks out there who do not identify with either gender (agender) and we don’t want to exclude anyone from our fellowship of recovery.  We also believe that the repeating in sentence 1 and 2 is unnecessary, and the new wording is clear.

**Remarks:**

This is a combined effort of Arizona, Georgia and Communication Committee. Both AZ and GA had VEI’s on the preamble and consensus was this wording is best, cleaning up sentence structure and being inclusive in the preamble. The alternative was to change only **men and women** to ***people.***

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

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

**\_\_PG 27\_\_**  **FSM P3** **\_\_\_\_**  **FSM P4** **\_\_\_\_**  **FSM P5**

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

**\_\_x\_\_**  **Other: \_\_\_**change Preamble in all places where it is found and notify fellowship via GSR’s. ***This change will take some time, changing literature as it is reprinted rather than immediately.***

**(Data Entry Use Only)**

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

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