

**DELEGATE RELATIONS COMMITTEE (DRC)  
Annual Committee Report (WORD Version)  
CoDA Service Conference - July, 2024**

Perspective

This is our first “anniversary,” and our first Annual Committee Report. As we approach CSC 2024, we’re directing our planning toward the importance of the Delegates and Alternates in the CoDA Service Structure.

Committee Members

Debra D. (Committee Chair DRC, Past Delegate, OR)

Kate M.B. (Co-Chair DRC, Delegate, Moscow)

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Eddy G. (Alt Delegate, SoCal)

Addie M. (Past Delegate, SoCal, CORE Board)

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Sara J (AZ past delegate, CoDA Literature Committee)

Many of the members of the DRC model a part of the committee’s Mission Statement by being active trusted servants in one or more World Committees and in their Voting Entities or Intergroups.

We are one of the World Committees who have seen a change in our Board Liaison. We were grateful for Kevin’s service and availability, and are looking forward to being regularly in contact with Steve S.

Meetings

We have held fourteen committee meetings since our first Delegate meetings at CSC in July, 2023. Those July meetings were the Committee’s first attempt to reach out to Delegates for their input on the needs they see for support in their

multi-faceted roles.

After February 2024, we began to meet more frequently. As Workgroups become more established, we may revert to a regular monthly meeting.

### First Steps

We elected a Committee Chair, Co-Chair and Recording Secretary. We are grateful for their service as our first year comes to an end.

We established a Policies & Procedures Workgroup to begin creating the structure we'll need to be a productive committee in healthy relationship with a Higher Power. We have developed meeting guidelines that are becoming more goal oriented.

A WhatsApp group and e-mail alias were essential to beginning communication with the Fellowship. This is a place that has faced some lack of momentum, but we are optimistic that this will be changing soon.

The Committee Chair participated in MS365 training and worked with FSW Carole to facilitate the use of Interpretation in Committee meetings.

Our Webpage is no longer "coming soon!" We still have a long way to go, but it is there for members to find, and we have been grateful for the Web Liaison's service and responsiveness, which will help us to keep moving forward.

We developed a PowerPoint slide show for presentation at the Fellowship Forum that aims to illustrate how the DRC can contribute to the strength of CoDA by serving Delegates. Another Power Point will continue the process of introducing our committee and our intentions to the Fellowship.

### Goals

The activities of Delegates are central to the structure of CoDA. With effective Delegate Relations, the Delegates and Alternates will be a major source of connection between the members of the Fellowship and the World Committees, CoDA and CORE Boards.

We've gradually realized that we need to put some essential resources and partnerships in place before we can implement some of our ideas.

Internally, we need to continue the process of updating and supplementing our Policies & Procedures Manual. Regularly assessing whether our current projects

align with a valid Mission Statement will help to keep us on track. Another internal goal will be planning for a Face-to-Face for the committee.

Some goals are dependent on collaboration. An example of that collaboration will be the creation of one Contact List for Current and past Delegates and Alternates. This list needs to be developed cooperatively by the World Committees that need this particular means of outreach. It needs to be shared and used with care and intention

Completing the design and implementation of the DRC webpage will be especially valuable as a tool for outreach.

Recruiting new DRC Members and expanding our Workgroups will provide the skills and energy to move from theoretical possibilities to actual accomplishments.

These goals will be the path to the Delegate Relations Committee having some real progress to report at CSC 2025.

### Thanks/Gratitude

To the Field Service Workers who've supported our efforts to get the Delegate Relations Committee up and running, especially Carole, Connie and Geff. And to the Interpreters who've been so valuable in our efforts to include a diversity of Delegates in our meetings. And to Delegates who've reached out and, in their questions, and comments helped to determine our direction.