

Issues & Mediation Committee (IMC)

Annual Report and QSR 2nd Quarter – Updated 7/25/2021

The Issues Mediation Committee meets by teleconference call on the third Sunday of each month. We use Zoom.us as the platform for our meetings.

We are considering a Face to Face (F2F) in 2022. No definitive plans yet.

Goals completed:

- Policies and Procedures revisions.
- Monthly IMC public meeting minutes (version keeping case confidentiality) for CoDA.org website publication.
- Update Voting Entity Issue (VEI) Tracking process.

Discussions/Plans:

- Synergy Project – The purpose of this project is to clarify Voting Entity (VE) concerns and help in CoDA unity. This includes Voting Entity Structure options and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for new VEs and IMC related issues. As it develops, additional pieces to include a Toolkit for new IMC members and additional collaboration with the Chairs Forum.
- Cross-training for members in the IMC roles:
 - VEL
 - Public Minutes
 - Budget

- VEI Tracker
- QSRs
- Synergy Project
- Toolkit
- FAQs
- Setting up Monthly Meetings
- Within VE structure, create 'How to Attract Individuals to become a Delegate' for service at CSC

Current IMC Cases:

We do have a number of active issues/concerns “in process”.

VOTING ENTITY LITERATURE (No longer tracked by IMC. Previously submitted as a VEI, but Board now categorizes these under the process/deadlines for Committee motions. This entry will be removed from the next QSR.):

Canada Service Concept VEI 2020-01 (no longer VEI) – Being presented as CSC 2021 VE Literature motion (not CLC motion).

Motion: That the Canadian new piece of literature called – *CoDA's Twelve Service Concepts “The Service Concepts, Alive & Strong!”* be accepted as CoDA Endorsed Literature and be made available to the Fellowship as a service piece in digital form, thus permitting trusted servants to use in their service work. CoDA Canada is currently ready to publish this booklet as a piece of Canadian literature in printed (hard copy) format.

VOTING ENTITY ISSUES (VEI's):

Arizona Preamble VEI 2020-01 – Assigned to Literature Committee, then Service Structure Committee, and now Communications. Being presented at 2021 CSC.

Update the CoDA Preamble with one change to the first sentence. The suggestion is a change in the first line by replacing the language stating “men and women” with the word “people.”

Georgia Preamble VEI 2021 – Assigned to Communications. Being presented at 2021 CSC.

Similar to 2020 Arizona Preamble VEI but with different wording.

Arizona Tradition Eleven VEI 2020-04 – Assigned to Service Structure Committee. Was presented as 2020 CSC motion and again as 2021 CSC motion. Motion: (Tradition Eleven) We propose this wording: Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of all public forms of media.

Texas Meeting Handbook VEI 2020-01 – Assigned to Literature Committee but has been “resubmitted” for consideration at 2022 CSC. 2020 motion will be expired in 2021 and Board denied resubmission. Texas will need to do a new submission in 2022. 2021 CSC Motion presented by Literature Committee Motion: Updating with proposed request: MEETING HANDBOOK Tab-In the "Recovery Patterns" packet, there are 2 columns. The first says "Codependents often" and the 2nd says "In Recovery." For some reason, these are said from 2 different perspectives.

Note: Literature Committee 2020 GC was to accept to work on this issue in the coming year and to bring a motion to resolve the confused presentation at the 2021 CSC. CLC thought it was withdrawn, but it was miscommunication and now VE and CLC are requesting more time and to be presented at 2022 CSC.

There was some confusion if it was withdrawn or will be presented at 2022 CSC as a Literature motion or directly from Texas as a VE Literature motion. Texas and/or CLC to work on updating the literature piece and resubmit when ready.

Arizona Health Guidelines 2021 – Assigned to Board.

Health recommendation for mask and other related guidance in FSM.

SoCal Healing Prayer 2021 – Assigned to Literature Committee.

Move that CSC endorses as a CoDA approved prayer to be included in CoDA literature. *Higher Power, Thank you for pulling up this memory. It's a painful one. Thank you for starting to uncover this part of me. Higher Power, I welcome your healing light to shine on all corners of this memory so that I can love this part of me, too.*

Canada Inclusive Language VEI 2021 – Assigned to Board. Similar to 2020 Arizona Preamble VEI and 2021 Georgia Preamble VEI but for all CoDA literature, documents, media, etc.

IMC can be reached at IMC@coda.org

Yours in Service,

Greg B - IMC Chair

CURRENT MEMBERS:

Greg B. (MN - Minnesota) **(Chair)**

Darlene H. (OH - Ohio) (**Vice Chair**)
Steve S. (FL - Florida)

Christian J (IL - Illinois) (VEL – Voting Entity Liaison)

Dan R – Sudbury, Ontario, Canada

Gillian A (U.K.)

Laurie C (GA -Georgia) (Vice-VEL – Voting Entity Liaison)

Fernando C – New IMC Member with Board Approval

Board Liaison: Matt Back up Board Liaison: Don