

Communication Committee Minutes - leader James

August 26, 2021 7:30PM (plan is to end at 8:30)

Open with Serenity Prayer Ask for permission to record? Yes

Tradition 8 - Co-Dependents Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

In Attendance/round robin order: James, Mary, David, Susan, Gail, Jeanne, Chris, Linda, Karen (Kaga)

Approval of June Minutes Motion by – Susan second -- David

Update from sub-committees: AVM (Audio Visual Media)–

This subcommittee right now is doing the Fellowship Forum and doing a great job!

CET (CoDA Email Team)– We have a full group of terrific volunteers!

C-phone (CoDA Phone)– We have a full group of terrific volunteers!

Some are doing more than one day – if you wish to reduce the days you serve, we do have a potential volunteer in the wings. We are now full; each day being covered.

Old Business

1. **CET and Cphone** - no chat held in July. It's an opportunity to discuss any questions and share new learnings. No longer meeting, may try again later. *Gail suggested spelling out what CET stands for in the notes (see above). The Communications Committee posts it's notes to the coda.org website. Most have no idea what CET is/stands for.*

New Business

1. **AVM**

- a. *Gail suggested writing out what AVM stands for in the notes (see above). In accordance with transparency, Communications Committee posts notes to the coda.org website. Not everyone knows what AVM is/stands for.*
- b. *It was noted that the AVM subcommittee has not met in a long time. Mary asked for those who wished to be on AVM to say so. David, Susan, Kaga (Karen), and Jeanne indicated they'd be interested. This group will meet at an agreed upon time.*
- c. *Jeanne volunteered to help with writing new monthly announcements, along with James. One of our liaisons to the CoDA Board, Gail (or is also the Board chair at this time) said the Board will approve any announcements, rather than us simply e-mailing an announcement to Geff that he puts out to the Fellowship. We may still send announcements to Geff, but he will be forwarding them on to the CoDA board for approval before they are sent out. (This way the Board won't be getting so many e-mails from so many different people).*
- d. *David thanked Gail for the "shout out" at CSC and the trust she placed in the AVM subcommittee members who are putting together the Fellowship Forum. He announced his intention to tender his resignation at the next AVM meeting so he can focus on Fellowship Forum.*
- e. *Two questions were thrown out for consideration. "Are there 'themes' coming up in e-mails that the CET is fielding or on phone calls that the Cphone volunteers are returning? What does the Fellowship need to understand?"*
- f. *Kaga expressed concern over what she sees as "separation and segregation." This could include CoDA world committee members each working on a project only in their committee, and not collaborating with other world committees. This could also*

include only CoDA members who have access to a computer being able to get all the CoDA info they need.

g. Mary mentioned the idea of AVM doing “instructional videos.” These would be different from both a PSA and Fellowship Forum. Will AVM take this on?

- 2. CSC report back to committee.** Turned out the board has assumed responsibility for the report, so we no longer need to do this. *Gail indicated there is a motion summary from CSC (CoDA Service Conference) in process. Each motion will be listed as well as the results. The summary will be sent out to the various e-mail lists that CoDA maintains.*
- 3. Rotation of leading meeting** – *David doesn’t want to lead, Susan is not sure yet. Anyone who doesn’t want to be included, please let us know so we can adjust accordingly.*
- 4. Elections – December** – *Chair Mary clearly stated her position will be open; Secretary Jeanne states she is happy in her position, but would let someone else have it if they wish*
- 5. Assisting in writing announcements to the fellowship** *It was noted that an issue with confusion on multiple committee member’s parts arose from a resend of a 2016 e-mail announcement regarding problems at a meeting. Geff e-mailed our committee stating that, when there is nothing new to send out, he picks something from the archives. AVM is taking on writing new material for the CoDA Announcements.*
 - a. Who is interested in this - *Jeanne volunteered, as did James*
 - b. Any ideas for potential subjects? *Move to AVM agenda*
 - c. Vetting process - *Move to AVM agenda*

d. What about the responses received from the meeting issues email? Do we put them together? Is there a volunteer or two? *Move to AVM agenda*

6. Speaker list –

- a. *Gail informed us this is an Events Committee job. Please refer any meeting/intergroup/voting entity looking for speakers for their group to contact events@codas.org.*

- b. *Kaga noted that CoDA as a whole has grown significantly since its inception. Where it used to suffice to have a list of a few speakers, more are now needed. The question is “On what level do we need speakers?” Kaga mentioned she has been involved as a speaker in the past. She talked about a member of a particular meeting sharing their ESH (experience, strength, and hope) as a “speaker” at that meeting. Then there’s the idea of having a speaker for a larger gathering. Perhaps the list that the Events Committee has put together would be good for those larger gatherings.*

Closed with CoDA Closing Prayer

Leaders for next months : *September– Karen (Kaga);*

October– Chris; November– Mary; December– Jeanne; January – James;