

Communication Committee Agenda – leader Linda P

October 27, 2022 7:30PM (Eastern)

Open with Serenity Prayer

Tradition Ten – CoDA has no opinion on outside issues; hence the CoDA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

Service Concept Ten -- When the CoDA Service Conference is in session, the CoDA Board of Trustees is directly responsible to the Conference. When not in session, the Conference assigns its decision-making authority on material matters to the Trustees. The Board of Trustees is authorized to monitor the work of Conference-appointed service committees and may provide assistance or guidelines when necessary. The Trustees serve as the board of directors of CoDA, Inc., the non-profit corporation, are assigned custodial control of all money and property held in trust for the Fellowship and are responsible for prudent management of its finances.

In Attendance/round robin order: *Linda, Jeanne, James, Chris, Dayle, Kaga, david, Board Liaison Gail*

Approval of September Minutes Motion by -- James second – Dayle; Unanimous

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Introductions – use round robin order

Permission to record? YES

Update from sub-committees:

1. **AVM (audio/visual/media)** – *A CoDA member has put together a meditation. She is not able to be here tonight. Plans on presenting it at the next meeting.*
2. **CET (CoDA Email team)** - The CET has responded to 84 emails since our last meeting.
3. **C-phone (CoDA Phone)** - The Cphone team has answered 37 calls since our last meeting.

4. **Fellowship Forum (FF)** – *One of the cohosts for FF referenced the 3rd quarterly service report and stated that Gail S is speaking this coming Saturday. The topic is “Nothing Changes if Nothing Changes.” James and david are co-hosts. FF meets once per month on Saturday afternoon at 3:00 PM Eastern time. Opportunities to share experience, strength, and hope (ESH) and to discuss issues in CoDA that are not usually discussed at CoDA meetings are afforded. Fellowship Forum recordings are posted to Youtube on the CoDA channel and on the Fellowship Forum page. (See links below). November’s topic is the 40 Questions presented by NorCal. This Saturday’s Fellowship Forum topic is “Nothing Changes if Nothing Changes” and will be presented by Gail S.*

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00:27:39 david a: CoDA Fellowship Forum Audio Recordings:

<https://www.codependents.org>

00:28:05 david a: CoDA YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0oWXZDpoVdKbyJ0YDh1zTQ>

Old Business

1. Meditation Presentation – *The CoDA member working on this presentation is not able to attend this meeting. She wants to come to next month’s meeting.*
2. November and December Date Changes – *November meeting will be on November 17 and the December meeting stays on December 22 as scheduled.*
3. Meeting day/time -- Does the current meeting day/time still work for most? YES

New Business

1. The secretary reports...
 - a. ...that she has followed up on the question of how the Communications Committee (Comm) became responsible for finding willing sponsors to be put on a list and then got tasked with maintaining that list. She went about finding an answer to that question and was made aware of the following history. The first edition of the list was created by passing around a pen and paper at the CoDA Service Conference (CSC). Outreach maintained the list for several years. At some point, the answering of e-mails was transferred to Comm. While Mary was

chair, she inquired about where the sponsorship list was, and it was sent to her. She thinks she got it from Events.

There was then a big discussion about the Communications Committee not being responsible for finding sponsors. Someone asked how available the sponsorship list will be. He also stated that some meetings keep sponsor/temporary sponsor lists. He wondered how available the list was to meetings and to people looking for sponsors.

A member commented that she does not give out the whole list. Members calling in are given two or three names. She reiterated that ESH is all that's needed to sponsor. Someone else mentioned that sponsorship could be viewed as simply telling someone about CoDA. There is literature that speaks to this.

Clarification by our Board Liaison: The sponsorship list was with the Outreach Committee. Outreach didn't feel they were the right committee to handle it, so approached the Board about it. The Board had a conversation with a past chair about Comm perhaps taking over being the custodian of the sponsorship list. Comm is not "responsible" for the list. The Board is. Comm updates the list when directed to by the Board.

Most of the people on the list are trusted servants who have attended the CoDA Service Conference. They put their names on the list with the understanding that the entire list would go out to those looking for sponsors. The individual would then make calls. It was never intended that just a few names from the list would go out.

A member noted that there is a workshop on sponsorship and finding sponsors that CoDA UK offers four times a year. CoDA Canada also occasionally has workshops on sponsorship. He asked to be added to the current sponsorship list.

b. ...that she sent out the current sponsorship list on September 13 and October 26. A member of Comm alerted the secretary that the October 26 link was not able to be edited. The secretary agreed to send out an editable link.

c. ...that our board liaison and backup liaison have been informed of the committee's decision to accept them and be in our meetings. By group conscience, they will not be added to the email alias.

Motion to extend by Linda. **Seconded by unknown. Carried.**

1. **Board 2x2** – Our board liaison and back up board liaison met with two members of the Communications Committee last Monday to talk about the motion regarding the Communications Committee description. (It passed at CSC). *The results of that meeting will be taken back to the Board for a group conscience of that group.*

Commented [GU1]: Gail as Board Liaison would not have seconded. Not sure who did second. If no one can recall who seconded, "Gail" can be marked as "unknown" or the second be removed. Or can be "group conscious" to extend the meeting.

2. **Chairs Forum** – Chairs Forum voted to continue meeting as a group every month. The members of Comm who are sharing the chair's duties have spoken about one of them attending Chairs Forum every month. One person will attend the Chairs' Forum one month. The other will attend the Chairs' Forum the next month on an alternating basis. Questions? Comments? Objections?
Clarification from david: *Two people are available to attend the chairs forum on alternate months. What does the group think?* **Consensus** was to accept that.

3. **Facilitators for Comm Meetings in 2023** – Who is willing to facilitate for January? February? March?

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4. **Prayer for the Tradition of the Month** – Do we wish to add the prayer for the tradition of the month to our agenda? **Discussion and group conscience needed.**

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5. **CoDA and LGBTQIA+ (Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual) Individuals** – *Is this community included in CoDA, or is there a perception of The Fellowship only being for straight people? If this community is not included, what are the suggestions for what can be done about that?*

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6. **CoDA and non-cis genders** – *Are people whose gender identity does not match their birth sex included in CoDA, especially when it comes to language? If not, what can be done about it and what has already been done about it?*

Cisgender refers to a group of people whose sense of identity and gender matches their birth sex. Non-cis gender refers to a group of people whose sense of identity and gender is different from their birth sex.

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Close with CoDA Closing Prayer

*We thank our Higher Power,
for all that we have received from this meeting.
As we close, may we take with us
the wisdom, love, acceptance, and hope of recovery.*

Leaders for next months:

1. *November – david*
2. *December – Dayle*