

World Communications Committee Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2024

Minute Recorder: Carole

TIMEKEEPER: Jeanne

Attendance/Round Robin (RR): Leane, Mehdi, Jeanne, Carole

Consent Agenda and Minutes:

- Approval of Agenda:
- Approval of December 2023 Minutes from the end of previous meeting; Meeting minutes for reference – Board Liaison approved

Reports:

- **Treasurer, Leane:**
 - Awaiting information on PayPal potential use
- **Secretary, Carole:**
 - Our WCC email alias is updated to reflect all current interested representatives and request was sent out end of December to CoDA World for an update; not yet confirmed this is updated

Committee Liaison Reports:

- **Board:** (via email)
 - Reviewing Board P&P and Service Manual amalgamation with current active links
 - Securing a method to transfer of funds was discussed and remains a work in progress
 - Board Treasurer is Tina R., treasurer@coda.org
- **CoDAteen:**
 - Chair is coming to a WCC meeting in the new year
 - First CoDAteen Meeting Jan 5th went well.
- **Communications** (Jeanne)
 - The Communications Committee has not held a meeting since October.
- **Delegate Relations Committee:**
 - Meeting monthly with past and present Delegates
 - More information can be sought from Chairdelegaterelations@coda.org

Intergroup Representative (IR) Report: (please provide your time zone)

- **Tehran** (Mehdi):
 - 15 in person meetings, 30 members at least
 - Workshop weekly, 500 usual attending
 - 3 Arabic, Persian, and Turkish languages

- Tehran CoDA, www.tehrancoda.ir
- **Canada** (Carole):
 - Elections were held at the 1st AGM
 - CoDA Canada Trustees Taskforce is being developed to work on business issues beyond what GSRs need to be involved in, remains a work in progress
 - Delegate elections coming in January for CSC 2024, next week
 - 81 registered meetings, 40 online meeting
 - Working on defining their quorum, registered members
 - Working on who can hold positions on CCSC if on another external committee like from publishing
 - Time Zone EST/EDT
- **France** (Sandra/Claire)
 - Follow-up:
 - Can CoDA France develop own Mediation Committee; **Action: Steve** will research and get back to Claire
 - As members practice recovery in service, there will be less attraction to the service providers not practicing healthy meeting and service
 - Healthy meetings booklet, is it translated by Canada? **Action: Carole** YES: <https://cdrsestore.ca/product-category/francaise/>
 - As well as: Information pour Professionals <https://cdrsestore.ca/product/information-pour-professionnelles/>
 - “Green working book” 12 steps & 12 traditions: we are waiting to hear from TMC about a French version of the Canadian version that has been reviewed and adapted by volunteers (this adaptation was necessary for fluidity of reading as French and Canadian languages have different vocabulary, expressions, and sentence structures (from native language). To what extent can we use this version in meetings (version supervised by our Publication Committee)? we would like to know about approval and publication process
 - We would also need explanations and details regarding the term “brief excerpt” in the fair uses
- **Ireland** (Aoibheann)
 - Reached out following an email invitation by WCC
 - Time zone IST
- **Portugal** (Ana from an email)

- We forward you the emails exchanged with TMC, hoping that you can help us finish this procedure.
 - TMC has responded
- **Northwestern Group Mexico**
 - Reached out with a 7th Tradition to CoDA World
 - An email invitation has been sent to join in a WCC meeting
- **Uganda** (John, from an old email of 2022)
 - I am in the process of helping a friend in Uganda establish a first CoDA group.
 - We have been working on this project for a couple of months and are hopeful they will have their first meeting next month.
 - Things are progressing nicely, and I wanted to let you know about our efforts.
 - I have been a grateful member of CoDA for 34 years and would appreciate any advice you might have. WCC has extended an invitation to him recently
 - John has been sent an email invitation to join WCC meetings, but has not responded
- **Iceland** (Sara from an email)
 - They have connected WCC into the CoDA Iceland website <https://coda.is/samstarfsnefnd-coda/>
- **Latvia** (Mila from an email)
 - proudly announce that a CoDA fellowship has been established in Latvia.
 - I have been elected by the local members to represent Latvia internationally. This is my first experience of serving across borders in a 12-step program
 - I'd be happy to receive some guidance on the next steps the Latvian CoDA should make in order to become officially recognized and added to the list of International Meetings.
 - IMC has reached out
 - We have started our own website <https://www.coda.org.lv/>
 - We have made some steps in translating CoDA literature into Latvian,
 - We have set up several groups as well as an Intergroup.
- **Finland** (via email from CoDA Helsinki)
 - Skype meetings have slowed down slightly after the coronavirus period, which means that there is a shortage of volunteer service workers
 - Finnish-speaking groups:
 - Tuesdays Hämeentie 75, Helsinki 18.30-20.00. The door opens at 6:15 p.m., Opposite the Vallila tram halls.
 - Friday's face-to-face meeting at Liisankatu 27 K, Helsinki at 18.15-19.45
 - Sunday Skype meeting from 20:00 to 21:30

- In addition, Skype also has weekly step work group meetings, some of which groups accept new members

Unfinished Business/Business arising from minutes:

- Email dated June 15 of Mohamed Y concerns
 - **Action Pouria:** encourage Mohamed to contact IMC; add Healthy Meetings booklet particularly Step 13 as a Home Group Meeting topic and provide copies for Newcomers to purchase, and Sponsorship <https://cdrsestore.ca/product/sponsorship-whats/> and <https://cdrsestore.ca/product/sponsorship-coda/>
 - Pouria's comments can be helpful to IMC; - **Pouria**
- Set up a new meeting to meet the fellowship's needs, for example 12hr differences for some to the current WCC meetings.
 - What times and day would work for you?
- Is the work from webmaster to connect links of CoDA Stores e-literature around the world to CoDA.org site completed? (Include Info about Electronic Literature in Other Languages on coda.org) Email for update sent November 6, 2023, by Secretary; **Action: Steve**
 - Update on linking literature stores e-books around the world to CoDA World website: links sent to webmaster:
 - CoDA Canada <https://cdrsestore.ca/>,
 - CoDA Iran <https://coda-ir.org/> ,
 - CoDA Russia <https://www.codarus.org/books>,
 - CoDA Italy: <https://codipendenti-anonimi.it/menu/letteratura>,
 - CoDA Mexico <https://codamexico.org/categoria-producto/literatura/> ,
 - CoDA Ireland obtains literature from CoDA UK <https://www.codaliterature.co.uk/> ;
 - CoDA Iceland <https://coda.is/baekur-og-baeklingar/#CoDA-b%C3%B3kin>
 - CoDA France obtains literature from Canada and UK;
- Events Committee request...to provide confirmation of Chair's attendance or another representative first day of ICC to attract Committee interest
 - CoDA Board approved at last meeting Dec 2nd, 2023
 - This means CoDA World covers the cost of one ICC day, immediately after CSC, for Committee Chairs to attract members of the fellowship to service work, typically not in World Service
 - Arriving a day ahead for CSC will help with acclimatizing to new time zone for the Chairs travelling internationally and ready for first business day

New Business:

- Change in service positions
 - Pouria in the WhatsApp chat has resigned as Chair, remaining as a member of WCC
 - Usually, the Vice Chair becomes Acting Chair, who accepted via WhatsApp
- ICC - International CoDA Convention interpretation changes
 - Events has decided not to have interpretation for ICC
 - Sad for people who want to participate around the world of different languages
 - It becomes an English only conference
 - Not a good idea seems to limit access to those who don't speak English when this is world, and it is hard to reach the world when in English only
 - China, Arabic, a duty to transfer the information of CoDA to those who do not have translated material
 - Resources:
 - tmc@coda.org
 - Interpretation@coda.org
- The 2024 Sponsorship Workshop will be held virtually, February 10, 2024, by CoDA World Outreach.
- WCC RSRs are needed for Europe, Asia, North America, South America, Middle East

Minutes approval, end of meeting by those present: **approved**

Next meeting date: March 4, 2024, 12:30 EST

The 1st Monday of every month

Closing: Serenity prayer