

WCC Meeting Minutes

Monday February 7th, 2022, 07:30 PST (GMT-8)

Web: [World Connections Committee \(WCC\) - CoDA.org](https://www.worldconnectionscommittee.org)

Opening Readings: (5 min.)

CoDA Opening Prayer: In the spirit of love and truth, we ask our Higher Power to guide us as we share our experience, strength, and hope. We open our hearts to the light of wisdom, the warmth of love, and the joy of acceptance.

Service Concept 1 and 2:

1) The members of the Fellowship of Co-Dependents Anonymous, in carrying out the will of a loving Higher Power, advance their individual recoveries, work to insure the continuance of their groups and their program, and carry the message to codependents who still suffer. They may also collectively authorize and establish service boards or committees and empower trusted servants to perform service work. - Pouria

2) The Fellowship of CoDA has the responsibility of determining, through its group conscience, the service work to be performed, and the best manner to perform such work. This authority is expressed through our group conscience. Authority carries responsibility; thus, CoDA groups conscientiously provide adequate funding and support for the service work they authorize. - Carole

Traditions:

1) Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon CoDA unity. - John

2) For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority – a loving Higher Power as expressed to our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern. - John

Promises:

1) I know a new sense of belonging. The feeling of emptiness and loneliness will disappear. - Pouria

2) I am no longer controlled by my fears. I overcome my fears and act with courage, integrity and dignity. - Pouria

Minute Recorder: Carole

TIMEKEEPER: Pouria

Attendance/Round Robin (in order of arrival) **(RR):** Pouria, Carole, John

Regrets: Jeanne, Sasha (who left group chat)

Feelings check in (RR). (1min)

Recording to Cloud – start

Consent Agenda and Minutes:

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of December 2021 Minutes

Meeting minutes for reference –

- [DECEMBER 2021 WCC MINUTES](#)
- [NOVEMBER 2021 WCC MINUTES](#)

Round Robin (RR): Pouria, Rossana, Carole, John

Interim Chair's Report: (10min)

- We have received word from Kris! He is recovering. As more information is available, we will continue to update all.
- Quarterly Service Report (QSR) for 4th quarter is released. Locate full report here: [CoDA Quarterly Service Report: 4th Quarter 2021 \(codependents.org\)](#)
- CoDA World reports meetings are being reviewed for the criteria which determines if the group is registerable as a CoDA meeting according to the Fellowship Service Manual: The Fellowship Service Manual of Co-Dependents Anonymous Part 2 Approved 2021, What is a CoDA Meeting?, p.5 <https://coda.org/wp-content/uploads/FSM-Part-2-Meeting-Handbook.pdf>

Reports:

- **Secretary:** December 2021 WCC Minutes – accepted end of last meeting, to be redacted and sent for posting on the WCC page of coda.org

- NOVEMBER 2021 WCC MINUTES - accepted and posted
- Process of posting: minutes are to be in pdf or Word; sent to Geff geff@codependents.org; they are posted to the website by him and accessible to the membership here: <https://codependents.org/Minutes/WCC/WCC.htm>

Round Robin: Pouria, Rossana, Carole, John

Liaison Reports:

- **Italy:** facing the reopening of face-to-face (f2f) meetings; looking for trusted service workers at the home group level and CoDA Italy; Board meeting soon, usually 7 however, only 3 persons at this time; CoDA Italy is an association with a legal representative needed, and they are looking for someone for this role; they do have insurance coverage; alternatively have a Liaison with direct representation to CoDA World; CoDA Italy has 24 home groups, no intergroups at this time; goal to present an overview of codependence in schools understanding it develops in childhood; - Rossana
- Question re association and legal representation: is the Board legally responsible and the individuals involved? Legal Representative of the Association has changed from being a legal liaison is now legally responsible for the Association, so a lawyer or accountant would be ideal to have on the Association; however, the finances are not readily available; another alternative is to close the Association, though it is the last option. Suggestions: visit CoDA World Board meeting to connect with someone to discuss the legal ramifications of Association status; CoDA Canada uses a Steering Committee status perhaps to manage the legal influence of Board status; WCC Chair will check on resources as well; consider visiting a CoDA World Teens Task Force meeting.
- **Ukraine:** n/a
- **Russia:** Sashia withdrew via WhatsApp group. Roman may be interested and to be followed up.
- **Iran:** no CoDA Iran meeting since last WCC meeting; workshops are going well with Farsi and English speakers; Concepts are translated, and the speakers have been sought on these concepts; now looking for someone for Concept 4. Can WCC help with providing suggestions for these

workshops? Translation (IMC) are looking for Tradition 7 of \$100US though the funds are not available for Iran currently. Iran is looking for creative ways to raise funds, ie e-pub via CoDA Canada and need a program to change pdf and the photoshop image to e-pub, any suggestions. (the image is not readable after conversion to e-pub on some apps). Problem with crosstalk in meetings in the chat; looking for suggestions - Pouria

- Suggest using direct chat rather than 'everyone'; group conscience on how the chat tool will be used during meetings and incorporated in the Chair script.
- **Taiwanese:** n/a
- **Dubai:** n/a
- **UK:** CoDA Neuro Diversity that is starting tomorrow in the UK, shorten readings and easy with more breakout rooms to provide for their special needs. Congratulations! - Cammie
- Little response from Liaisons. **Action: John** will reach out to see where they are at
- WCC has received enquiries from Sudan and Turkey who would like to meet beyond Home Group meetings
- Turkey has interest in translation, expanding the CoDA World website to .tr – WCC can connect them with Translations Management Committee (TMC) and to the website Liaison
- Sudan is working towards VE status – WCC can connect them with IMC; There are over 10 countries speaking Arabic and CoDA Iran may be able to provide some support for Sudan's translations
- WCC is like the next step to Outreach and Communications
- Translation of dialects can be an issue.
- CoDA expressions would be helpful to have for each language/country's official language; TMC may be working on this already.
- **Action: John** will connect with TMC

Unfinished Business/Business arising from previous minutes:

- Review what is up on the web site WCC page, <https://coda.org/service-info/world-connections-committee-wcc/> **ACTION: All** to review the

website page for awareness, look for glaring inaccuracies related to content and not design

- Looking at moving forward to ensure WCC is carry out what it says it will do

RR: Pouria, Rossana, Cammie, Carole, John

- WCC CoDA Youth committee position - CoDA Teens Task Force
 - Cammie has accepted to be the representative!!!
 - WCC will provide a report time in the Agenda for the CoDA Teens Task Force

Recommended by Chair to table the remaining topics for next meeting.

GC: approved by all

Meeting date and time going forward:

- 1st or 2nd Monday of the month at this same time -
- RR: yes, yes, yes, potentially, yes
- GC: March 7, 7:30 –9am PST (-8 GMT) and going forward first Monday of the month

Tabled:

- CSC (CoDA Service Conference) - change to WSC World Service Conference ~ thus the feeling of inclusion of CoDAs across the world. More global participants.

Items from Oct 1st meeting:

- Move these items to Goals, perhaps
- Need to let all countries know changes to the tradition text etc. Arising from CSC 2021. Search for the documentation on the changed Traditions and send globally via active WCC countries

ACTION: John

- Possibility for workshop for example sponsorship to Communications Committee (comms) that are looking at topic-

based PSA (support comms) Share workshops (UK/Germany) translate workshops for use in other countries. Possibly work with Events so national workshops could be interpreted. And look at developing relations with all new and existing countries and languages (invite liaisons to WCC)

- Meeting list calendar (approach web committee) use of a connected calendar which shows meetings and online in their own time zones. So, let's say India can look for an online meeting in USA and show in their own time zone (less confusion/) plug-in from online excel spreadsheet
- Finding new countries where no or little presence of CoDA and support ~ on going.
- WCC webpage placed in menu drop down
- Make on-going spreadsheet of intergroups and contacts in respective countries and languages for communications WCC
 - Previous work: https://nonprofit12steorganiza-my.sharepoint.com/:x/g/personal/wccchair_coda_org/EeMIRZ-act1NIYPiSPXh_7sB2h0Blm15I5DV8_DjPdT1og?e=nAfWYf

Minutes approval: approved by all

Next meeting date: March 7, 7:30 –9am PST (-8 GMT)

Closing: Serenity Prayer 12: 10 EST