

WCC Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2022, Monday

07:30am PST (GMT-7)

Opening Readings: (5 min.) 10:34EDT

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. - All

Service Concept 6: The Fellowship guarantees trusted servants the right and authority to freely make decisions commensurate with their responsibilities and the right to participate in group conscience decisions affecting their responsibilities. Each CoDA member is also guaranteed the right to respectfully dissent during the group conscience decision making process. A member may freely and safely express any personal grievances as long as no particular person or group is unexpectedly singled out as the subject of the grievance. Members are encouraged to honor their own integrity as well as the integrity of others. - Roman

Tradition 6: A CoDA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the CoDA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary spiritual aim. - Carole

Promise 6: I learn to see myself as equal to others. My new and renewed relationships are all with equal partners. - John

Minute Recorder: Carole

TIMEKEEPER:

Attendance/Round Robin (in order of arrival)

(RR): Roman, Pouria, Jeanne, Carole, John

Regrets: Florence

Feelings check in (RR). (1min)

Housekeeping item: In the interest of time, please stay on topic and please do not repeat points that have already been made

Recording to Cloud – start

Consent Agenda and Minutes:

- Approval of June 6, 2022 Agenda – Motion to approve by Jeanne, 2nd Pouria, accepted
- Approval of May 2, 2022, Minutes – at end of May’s meeting by all present

Attendance/Round Robin (RR): Roman, Pouria, Jeanne, Carole, John

Reports:

Acting Chair’s/Vice Chair Report (John):

- From 5/14/22 Chairs Forum Report for WCC (John D, Vice Chair)
 - CSC Attendance for WCC: WCC to appoint an attendee to CSC that is typically the chair of the committee. With Kris on leave due to war in Ukraine, John will try to discern if Kris intends to go otherwise, John will consider going to CSC as a stand in. Also, Zoom attendance may be a consideration
 - Considering the date of the discount to attendees for hotel cost and airline for cost effectiveness
 - World connections from Uganda, Turkey and UK remain in process.
 - Continuing understanding international complexities of intergroups to best advise ways to grow fellowships
 - Italy growth remains slow due to regulatory requirements for meeting organizational status as a business entity.
 - UK doing very well with Teen and Neurodiversity fellowship areas

Chair’s Report (Kris):

- n/a

Secretary (Carole) -

- Upload of Minutes to CoDA website – May, April and March to sent; January 19th 2022 meeting was cancelled so there are no minutes available for uploading

CoDA World Teens Task Force -

- WCC Liaison to the Task Force is needed

Regional Service Representative (RSR) Reports: (if I have the wrong name associated with country or language, please let me know of the change, ty)

- **Dubai** (Brenda): n/a
- **Iran** (Pouria):
 - Local level registration, more about CoDA approved literature
 - CoDA pamphlets continue to use outside information
 - Outreach information for use with hospitals, prisons, etc
 - Hesitant to fully register due to potential control/regulatory process
 - Committed to governmental rules, some say it is obvious others say want this statement in the literature; the phrase has negative connotations; if a letter of introduction from WCC or CSC would be helpful;
 - Another phrase: we are thankful to CoDA for putting aside negative relationships; would rather say thankful to CoDA for healthy relationships since the translation to Farsi on the former has a negative implication
 - Formation document could be used to explain for new groups – Tradition 10
 - H&I-Hospital and Institutions work in collaboration with WCC and CoDA Iran **ACTION:** John and Jeanne to liaise with H&I
 - H&I has a system to supply CoDA literature to those within these institutions as a start-up for them
 - H&I in CoDA Iran are 2 months into the process of carrying the message, looking for locations
- **Italy** (Rossana):
 - The status of wellness of our meetings and association for the report: At the moment we did find a willing servant that accepted the service of the legal representative of the association for one year so at the moment we are trying building up the group unity and not to leave any body behind in the service and updating all the services that

were in standby. So, the critical phase at the moment is over thanks to our Higher Power.

- WCC helps the learning process which is specific to each country
- **Russia (Roman):**
 - Russia does not have a voting entity yet, no legal registration and no plans to register currently.
 - Online intergroup (coda.org.ru): 48 online meetings per week (100% YoY), CoDA Teen has opened 2 weeks ago. Plans – to receive publishing permissions from CoDA World to make CoDA literature available for online purchase on Russian website.
 - Moscow (coda-msk.ru): there's an intention to form a literature & translation committee
 - Saint-Petersburg (coda-spb.ru): this is the primary and only point of produce of our literature, within and without Russia, which may be different during the war
 - Challenges: no single translation of some documents. Missing legal P&P agreement, limited availability of the e-books online. CoDA Characteristics, and a few others are translated
 - As an Intergroup would like to sell their own literature; the process is slow negotiating with CoDA World Translation;
 - Financials are a work in progress to decide on the location of the banking/legal entity which is easier in the UK; the sanctions are a challenge for this process;
 - More than 100% growth each year online
 - There are youth/teens groups started
 - A service worker is part of the Teens Task Force-?

(RR): Roman, Pouria, Jeanne, Carole, John

- Translations done within the fellowship of 2-3 members translating with an editor
- Blue book is translated without the personal stories, though it is started to translated for the online group
- Daily Meditation hard copy and soft copy; pamphlets;
- Communication is a challenge with the translation committee for some of these documents; WCC can help with the process

- <http://coda-spb.ru/literature/>
- CoDA Board will be hiring a Service Worker for the Translation
- P&D/Publishing & Distribution contract is end product; the translation can be done by individual languages in the interim; more clarity is needed from TMC and the Board; **ACTION: John**
- **Ukraine** (Margareta): n/a
- **UK:** New RSR needed

Old Business/Business arising from minutes:

- **WCC webpage** (Carole)
 - Can it be placed in the drop-down menu of the home page?
 - Further follow-up is needed with Web Liaison
- **Web page Calendar of Meeting Lists:** (Carole)
 - Could it reflect the time zone of the viewer, ie India
 - Further follow-up is needed with Florence, Web Liaison, for an update
 - Confirmed it is working!
- **CoDA Events Committee question:** (Carole)
 - Is attendance at the CSC – CoDA Service Conference hindered for Delegates because of language barrier?
 - Requests for bids from interpretation agency are being sought for Spanish and Farsi
 - Events has not received further need of interpretation services
 - Update for RSRs to pass onto Delegates, if needed, **please reach out to IMCVEL@coda.org** with language interpretation needs
 - Reminder: RSRs please pass onto your national body for in-person and on-line
 - Propose this announcement goes out to inter CoDA Announcements and GSR list **ACTION: Carole – done**
 - **Reminder: CoDA 24-hour Event:** This is an invitation to everyone around the world to participate in this 24-hour event hosted by 4 individual members of CoDA. There is a need for speakers, hosts and more. See the attachments available at this link for more information and participation: <https://codacanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/coda-world-event.pdf>

- Consider bringing this information to your local, intergroup or national level to help cover the full 24 hours in your time zone June 25/26
- **Review WCC page**, <https://coda.org/service-info/world-connections-committee-wcc/>
 - Familiarize yourself with the webpage because it exists and know your part
 - look for glaring inaccuracies related to content and not design
 - Vice Chair will add to an email with other items to RSRs

New Business:

- Suggest review of the Delegate Package, considerations WCC could make on the proposed Motions
 - No motions from WCC currently, with the due date June 8th
 - PSA is being revised by the Board
 - Delegate Package: <https://coda.org/world-service-events/> select Delegate package
 - 10 min extension of the meeting – approved, to address a motion proposed by Pouria
 - Proposed motion: CoDA Iran - approved workshops in English language could have subtitles of other languages to carry the message;
 - Proposed motion for WCC to present: CSC to translate some literature and workshops to international languages with help of WCC RSRs to help with final edits, using subtitles/closed caption in the YouTube channel, CoDA website
 - Motion Revision: WCC makes a motion to ask all materials from workshops be translated into languages of the fellowship at a world level within 60 days of the CSC
 - Some workshops for each language so they can know what CoDA is, ie Chinese translation of workshop on the 12 Steps. Hire a Public Service Worker with help from Service Worker of the fellowship
 - Actually, there's a high demand for that international content of the workshops in Russia too, but not so many people speak English. So would be a great help to get it somehow organize to have subtitles.
 - Subtitles in English can be translated automatically by desired language, then download the auto translation to correct by that language translation committee and then sent for upload to CoDA World; not available in Farsi language and auto translation is not effective so a professional translator is needed
 - The final edit to be provided by RSR
 - Possible Motion revision: Proposal is to auto-transcribe original audio in English and then get automatic translation, then download the transcript, get it polished in local language by a local service worker and uploaded back to YouTube
 - Best practice: auto transcribe on all CSC and workshops and committees

- Motion revision: Proposal is that CoDA adopt a best practices approach to auto-transcribe original audio in English and then get automatic translation, then download the transcript, get it polished in local language by a local member of fellowship or service worker and uploaded back to YouTube or other audio/video methods.
- Develop a Task Force to bring translation to many languages of the CoDA fellowship
- Motion revision: Proposal is to request that a task force be formed to adopt a best practices approach to translate the basics of CoDA in the literature of the 12&12 Workbook and the big Blue Book. Also, translation to include auto-transcription of original audios in English which would then get automatic translation, then download the transcript, get it polished in local language by a local member of fellowship or service worker and uploaded back to YouTube or other audio/video methods.
- The basics of CoDA group development is hampered by the translation of materials into other languages and countries and WCC can help this process by encouraging the fellowship to support this effort to carry the message to the codependent who still suffers across the world
- Revision: propose to call together best practices in a Translation Task Force and ask CoDA World/Inc to hire a Public Service Worker to carry out the work that comes out of the Translation Task Force
- The motion can be reviewed by the Board Liaison to WCC before submission
- Motion to ask for an extension and work on it further by email, Carole 2nd Jeanne
- Motion alternatively Vice Chair to craft the motion for CSC submission, John, 2nd Jeanne, approved

Minutes approval, end of meeting: approved as written by all present

Next meeting date: Monday July 11th (GMT –7)

The 1st Monday of every month

Closing: Serenity prayer: 12:51 EDT