

WCC Meeting Agenda and Minutes

April 4th, 2022, Monday 07:30 PST (GMT-7)

Opening Readings: (5 min.) 10:33 EDT

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 4: All those who volunteer to do service work for CoDA by serving on committees, boards, or corporations are trusted servants, not authority figures. Ideally, trusted servants volunteer out of a desire to follow their Higher Power's will, out of gratitude for the gifts they have received from CoDA, out of a desire to grow in their ability to create and keep healthy relationships, and to contribute what they can of themselves to CoDA. The Fellowship recognizes the need to select the most qualified people willing to serve as trusted servants. At times, trusted servants may hire individuals outside of the Fellowship for commercial services. - Jeanne

Tradition 4: Each group should remain autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or CoDA as a whole. - Youssef

Promise 4: I release myself from worry, guilt, and regret about my past and present. I am aware enough not to repeat it. - John

Minute Recorder: Carole

TIMEKEEPER:

Attendance/Round Robin (in order of arrival)

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

Regrets: Rossana, Kris, Brenda, Hanna

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 Agenda - approved
- Approval of March 11th, 2022 Minutes –

Meeting minutes – approved March minutes

Minutes uploaded to CoDA website – to be posted once approved; January needs a resend to the website

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

Reports:

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

- Kris continues to be of service to Ukraine and John continues filling in.
- John continues to attend Chairs Forum and receive matters of WCC.
- Chair and Acting Chair remain in occasional contact
- Review of the support and growth of CoDA Meetings around the world with RSRs and liaising with committees
- Outreach @ CoDA.org has a list of USA Intergroups; Outreach attracts and supports at the member level where WCC supports groups coming together as VE – Voting Entity

Chair's Report (Kris):

- Not available (n/a)

Secretary (Carole) -

- encouraging Committee members, Liaisons, and Regional Service Reps, before the meeting, to write their reports in the agenda which will be converted to minutes after the meeting
- Clarification of the terms Liaison and Regional Service Reps (RSR) - see Policy and Procedures
- The RSR service worker is to be in contact with each continent (Geographical area) and the countries who live there. Their role is to establish communication with their countries and share information.

- Liaisons: are from other Committees – This service role is to stay connected with each committee and bring back any essential information in relation to WCC. They might need to attend the other committee’s meetings or get reports to and from them.

CoDA World Teens Task Force -

- Saskia, the WCC Liaison to the Task Force, is currently not available for service work

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** (Youssef):
 - This is the first report for CoDA UAE in the WCC
 - CoDA UAE stopped having face-to-face meetings in Dubai since March 2020
 - CoDA UAE is currently having online meetings (on Zoom) every Monday from 7:45 pm till 9 pm (UAE time, GMT +4)
 - The CoDA UAE weekly meeting is an Open Share Meeting following an outline that was put together but CoDA UAE regular members
 - There is a WhatsApp group called “CoDA Dubai Service” containing regular members; discussions happen there regarding which member will facilitate the weekly meetings
 - Currently, there is no National Board or Childrens’ group; potentially a group on WhatsApp would look most like an intergroup
 - 5 people in a service group in WhatsApp
 - Step Study Group in 2020 with Workbook which went dormant with CoVID
 - Talking about F2F meetings restarting, however looking for a new location within the CoVID mandates
- **Iran** (Pouria):
 - Workshops on Service Concepts going well
 - CoDA Iran is going well
 - TMC member to Iran is not currently available; TMC is potentially hiring someone to help with this process. Iran is grateful for the cooperative effort working with TMC
- **Italy** (Rossana):
 - situation remains the same as they look for alternatives to their Association situation
- **Japanese** (Helmut): n/a

- **Russia** (Roman): n/a
- **Russia** (Sashia): n/a
- **Sudan**: at an inquiry level
- **Taiwanese** (Michael McG):
 - Michael reported he is not available for service work with WCC
- **Turkey**: at an inquiry level
- **Uganda**:
 - John C Jan 2022 (email)- I am in the process of helping a friend in Uganda establish a first CoDA group. He is in...western Uganda in the Kasese district. 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.
- **UK** (Hanna):
 - Hanna was voted in by NSC to be WCC RSR
- **Ukraine** (Margareta):

Unfinished Business/Business arising from 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
 - RSRs are encouraged to review the website to become more familiar with WCC and the committee as well
- Looking at moving forward to ensure WCC is carry out what it says it will do
- Need to let all countries know changes to the tradition text etc. Arising from CSC (CoDA Service Conference) 2021. Search for the documentation on the changed Traditions and send globally via active WCC countries **ACTION:** John
 - Tradition 11 added...t.v. and all other forms of public communication
 - Social media: there is a policy added in the CSC 2021 **ACTION:** Jeanne, for the policy reference
- Possibility for workshop for example sponsorship to Communications Committee (comms) that are looking at topic-based PSA (Public Service Announcement) (support comms)
 - Communications Committee Chair communicated with Board and found that the Board is taking this on **ACTION:** Jeanne, to research where it is currently at

- AVM – Audio Visual subcommittee of Communications – working on videos and posting to CoDA’s YouTube channel
- The PSA – Public Service Announcement, is in English and Spanish: What is Codependence? And is a sample of what other countries/languages can do and then offer it to CoDA World for posting
- WCC would like to convey the importance of having the representation of many nationalities for future PSAs
- 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 RSR to WCC)
 - UK Workshops with subtitles can be helpful
 - Closed captioning – English only on YouTube; requires service worker who can use this technology
 - Each language/country can approach the country with the interested material with use for their purpose
- Meeting list calendar (approach web committee) use of a connected calendar which shows meetings and online in their own time zones. So, let us 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
 - **ACTION:** Carole, ask Florence, Web Liaison, for an update on this
- Finding new countries where no or little presence of CoDA and support ~ on going.
- WCC webpage placed in menu drop down
 - WCC can ensure it is part of the loop of communications to new inquiries
 - Communications Committee could forward inquiries to WCC
 - **ACTION:** Carole, ask Web Liaison
- Make on-going spreadsheet of intergroups and contacts in respective countries and languages for communications WCC
- Previous work: link was provided for review

New Business:

- **Feedback request on Board Strategic Plan:** review the updated Strategic Plan to offer suggestions/feedback before March 31st. A link was provided for review for discussion.
 - John offered feedback to the Chairs Forum

- **CoDA Events Committee question:** (Carole) Is attendance at the CSC – CoDA Service Conference hindered for Delegates because of language barrier?
 - Iran
 - RSRs contact events@codas.org with their need for interpretation at CSC this August
- **CoDA 24-hour Event:** (Carole) 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/events-calendar/?event_id1=11838
 - Consider bringing this information to your local, intergroup or national levels and participating, attracting and providing service to this event June 25/26
- **Help for CoDA.org search terms:** If you have searched for something on the CoDA website and it returned no results, send that search term to Mary - clancyirish1048@outlook.com who is compiling a list to send to the web liaison so there are more search terms which will be picked up. It will be ongoing for some time.
 - Search terms that may interest and attract others to find more readily information they are researching
- Translation of the FSM is this possible; Invite TMC to present to WCC RSRs to support their work on translation of CoDA idioms – **Action: John**
 - CoDA expressions would be helpful to have for each language/country's official language; TMC (Translation Management Committee) may be working on this already. **Action:** John will connect with TMC

Minutes approval, end of meeting: approved

Next meeting date: Monday May 2nd (GMT –7)

The 1st Monday of every month

Closing: Serenity prayer 12: 16pm EDT