



**CoDA Service Conference (CSC)
2024 Motion Form**

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Motion submitted by: Board- CoDA Inc.

Motions submitted by: Board- CoDA Resource Publishing (CoRe)

Motion submitted by: (Committee)

Committee Name: _____

Motion submitted by: Voting Entity (VE) NorCal CoDA

Submitted Date: May 8, 2024

IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

- Motions are due 75 days prior to CSC which for this year is Wednesday, 2024 May 8.
- Bylaw changes/amendments are due 75 days before CSC which for this year is Wednesday, 2024 May 8. These changes/amendments cannot be brought to the floor if this deadline is not met. In accordance with our Fellowship Service Manual (FSM) and CoDA Bylaws, Bylaw amendments are to be submitted to the Board Secretary: secretary@codas.org.
- Revisions are due 60 days prior to CSC which for this year is Thursday, 2024 May 23.

Motion Number: 1. (X) 2. () 3. () 4. () 5. () (Check One)

Revision#: 1

Revision Date: per The Board's request 6/28/2024

Note: Please refrain from using CoDA acronyms such as VE, CEC, IMC, etc. when completing this form unless you make a reference such as: CoDA Events Committee (CEC), then use CEC.

Motion Name:

Form a "Special Fellowship Meeting" Task Force

Motion –

Approve the formation of a Task Force to develop a process for the “CoDA Fellowship as a Whole” to call for a Special Meeting between CoDA Service Conferences as referenced in the CoDA Bylaws, Article V, Section 5.

The Task Force would have one year to create the process for presentation at the 2025 CoDA Service Conference.

Prospective members of the Task Force could potentially include a member from the CoDA Board of Trustees, Issues Mediation Committee (IMC), Events, and the Delegate Relations Committee (DRC) along with any current or former Delegate from a recognized Voting Entity.

INTENT:

To empower the Fellowship to call a special meeting between the annual CoDA Service Conferences to obtain group conscience for CoDA as a Whole.

To unite us - not divide us

BACKGROUND:

Currently, as mentioned in the CoDA Bylaws, there is the potential ability for the Fellowship to call a special meeting of the Fellowship between CoDA Service Conferences; however, there is no actual process in place.

This Task Force would seek to develop a process to determine a clear course of action and answer these questions:

- What to do if a CoDA member has an issue that cannot be resolved with IMC or the Board and it affects CoDA as a whole?
- How to bring that issue to the attention of the Fellowship?
- How would a Voting Entity be involved?
- How would the Delegate Relations Committee (DRC) be involved?
- How to initiate a petition?
 - from VE to Fellowship?
 - from DRC to Fellowship?
 - from VE to DRC to Fellowship?
- How to get that petition out asking for signatures from all delegates who attended last year's CSC?

- How to then have the results of that petition containing signatures from 2/3 of the delegates from last years' CSC brought to the attention of the CoDA Board and IMC Committee and Delegate Relations Committee?
- How to have the petition included in the motions to be ratified at next year's CSC?
- Other suggestions?

Task Forces and Ad hoc Committees:

Definition of a Task Force:

Temporary group of people formed to carry out a specific mission or project, or to solve a problem that requires a multi-disciplinary approach.

Definition of an Ad hoc committee:

Committee formed for a specific task or objective, and dissolved after the completion of the task or achievement of the objective.

When a new Task Force or Ad hoc committee is established by the CoDA Board between CSC meetings the following steps must be followed:

- A clear mission must be developed
- A clear set of criteria for membership must be developed
- The mission and criteria must be made available to the CoDA Fellowship via posting on the website and sending out via the Email List to solicit volunteers
- Any suggestions made by the Task Force or Ad hoc committee must be presented at and approved by the next CSC prior to any actions being taken.
- Any current Task Force or Ad hoc committee not using guidelines will be disbanded and recreated following the above procedures.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

Tradition One Prayer -

“Higher Power, deepen my awareness to include the welfare of the whole, setting aside my discomfort and personal agenda. Help me speak my truth and allow others the same privilege, trusting that the spirit of unity supports my own recovery.”

Remarks:

This motion offers an opportunity to create healthy strategies to address any possible concerns of situations happening in committees or boards at the world service level.

The CoDA inverted pyramid of CoDA clearly shows the Voting Entities (VE) are the voice of the smaller home groups and communities at the top, with their purpose to bring that group conscience to the world service level.

This Task Force would provide clarity defining action steps a Voting Entity (VE) may take in addressing concerns between annual CoDA Service Conferences (CSC). The Task Force would also greatly appreciate and welcome input and participation from the Delegate Relations Committee (DRC) in exploring these strategies to successfully complete the goals of this Task Force.

(We ask that you use the most current FSM on coda.org and be very specific where this change should be made to include references to a certain sentence, paragraph, etc. You may copy and paste from the current FSM to ensure accuracy and indicate as “current wording:” then list the change or update by indicating “new wording:”)

This motion requires changes to the following: (check all that apply)

- ___ CoDA Bylaws: Page/Section# _____
- ___ FSM Part1 – Structure and General Information: Section# _____
- ___ FSM Part2 – Meeting Handbook: Section# _____
- ___ FSM Part3 – Guidelines for Other Service Levels: Section# _____
- ___ FSM Part4 – Service Conference Procedures: Section# _____
- ___ FSM Part5 – World Level Service Details: Section# _____
- ___ Change of Responsibility: _____
- ___ Other: _____

Specific details:

- Motions are to be sent to: submitcsc@coda.org
- Bylaw changes/amendments are to be sent to: secretary@coda.org
- If you want assistance writing your motion, please send email to Board@CoDA.org

(Data Entry Use Only)

Motion result: _____