

# **Southern California Region of Co-Dependents Anonymous**

## **Assembly Meeting Minutes, June 03, 2017**

Location: June 02, 2017, 12:00 P.M.  
Torrance Marriott Redondo Beach Hotel  
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Next SoCal Meeting: August 26, 2017, 10:00 A.M.  
Clubhouse I  
Laguna Woods Village  
24232 Calle Aragon  
Laguna Woods, CA 92637

1. Darcie welcomed CoDA members to the Assembly and opened the meeting with a recitation of the CoDA opening prayer. The "Purpose", and the "12 Traditions" of Codependents Anonymous were read.
2. Introduction of the members of the Board that were present were Sarah C. Recording Secretary, Darcie D. Chair, Evie Webmaster, Leslie LACC Rep, Cheri Correspondence Secretary, Terri Outgoing Vice Chair, Christine Treasure, Kirsten Alternative Delegate, Darlene Delegate, Athena Delegate, Troy Conference Chair. Not present but mentioned was Addie H/I, and Roy Outgoing Conference Facilitator.
3. Darcie the Chair discussed the purpose of the board as well as why we are having an assembly meeting today. She stated the Board meets quarterly. The Board's job is to collect the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition, send Delegates to CSC and to host conferences. These all took place this year. We have 12 Board members. Anyone is welcome to attend a Board meeting. In your packet are the motions that were passed by the Board, as well as motions to be ratified.

#### **4. Annual Report – Presented by Chair and Treasure**

- a. Christine as Treasure distributed 2016/2017 Financial statements as well as the record for the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition donations. Her report was as follows: If there are any check requests, submit the approved reimbursement form today, and we will get all checks cut, signed and back to you today. There were no deposits in April. There was one May deposit of seventh tradition donations totaling \$415.58. The only outgoing funds from quarter 3 were on May 31, 2017. A transfer of \$5000 made to the conference account to cover additional fees based on contractual obligations related to the conference. Conference checking account balance as of end of business day June 1, 2017 was \$10,063.85
- b. The Chair stated financial approval will be handled under new business.

#### **5. Election of Officers**

Immediate Past Chair Corey began the Board election process.  
Darcie read the section from the Bylaws that pertain to elections.

#### **Vice Chair**

Corey began with Vice Chair Position.

Three nominations: Leo, Troy and Darlene

Leo addressed the assembly first. He briefly described his time in CoDA which began in 1989. He has held many service positions locally, regionally, and at world. He is looking forward to getting back into service.

Troy went next. He stated he has been serving for the last 13 months as this year's Conference Chair. He has held every service position available at LACC.

Darlene addressed the Assembly stating that she has served in many capacities throughout CoDA. Her service has been local, regional, and at world. Currently she is a Delegate.

Corey asked the members at the Assembly if there was anyone else interested and no one responded. Once the three members left the room, a vote was taken, and Darlene was elected as Vice Chair by majority.

### **Delegate II**

Corey moved to the next position available, which was the position of Delegate II.

One nomination: Kirsten.

Corey asked the members at the Assembly if there was anyone else interested and no one responded. Once the member left the room, a vote was taken, and Kirsten was elected as Delegate II by majority.

### **Alternate Delegate**

Corey then moved onto the next position of Alternate Delegate. There were two members interested in this position, however one of them was not present for the nomination.

### **Corresponding Secretary**

Corey then moved on to the Corresponding Secretary position.

The Corresponding Secretary description in the handout was incorrect and he apologized. He read an electronic version of the position. He asked if there were any nominations. There was one.

One nomination: Anna

Anna said yes to the nomination, and briefly discussed her time in CoDA. She said she has been a member for 9-10 months. She attends regular meetings and that this would be her first service position.

Corey stated that a Board member could still be elected as an interim until they meet the year requirement.

Evie stated at the next quarterly meeting she would have one year.

Terri wanted clarification from Anna regarding her time in CoDA. Anna answered all her questions.

Corey asked the members at the Assembly if there was anyone else interested and no one responded. Once the member left the room, a vote was taken, and Anna was elected the Corresponding Secretary by a majority.

### **Alternate Delegate**

Corey revisited the Alternate Delegate position and asked if the members had arrived for the nomination.

Kirsten officially confirmed that Lenai was interested in the nomination but could not be present for the vote.

France was also nominated. France addressed the assembly stating that she has been in CoDA for 17 years at all service levels.

Kirsten spoke on behalf of Lenai stating that Lenai has been with CoDA for 15 years at all levels.

Corey asked the members at the Assembly if there was anyone else interested and no one responded. Once the member left the room, a vote was taken, and France was elected as the Alternate Delegate by a majority.

### **Historian**

Corey moved onto the next position of Historian.

One nomination: Mike R

Mike R accepted the nomination and stated he has been a member of CoDA for more than 10 years ago and has served at all levels except world. He also stated he is very organized.

Corey asked the members at the Assembly if there was anyone else interested and no one responded. Once the member left the room, a vote was taken, and Mike R was elected Historian by a majority.

### **Conference Facilitator**

Corey moved on the Conference Facilitator position.

One nomination: Hal

Troy and Leo were both also nominated, but declined.

Hal stated he was former Chair of this organization. He talked about some of his ideas regarding the conferences and how they are run. He is currently looking for members to form a committee.

Corey asked the members at the Assembly if there was anyone else interested and no one responded. Once the member left the room, a vote was taken, and Hal was elected Conference Facilitator by a majority.

Corey stated we have filled every position today, and thanked everyone who participated.

## 6. Ratification of Motions

Next, the Chair asked all the members in the room to stay for the ratification of motions. She showed the assembly the handout with the motions.

### Motions to be Ratified at the 2017 Assembly

#### August 27 2016

1. **Motion:** Increase SoCal Assembly Luncheon subsidy from \$800 to \$1000. Rationale: subsidy hasn't increased in several years and hotel meal prices have increased. Discussion.

- This motion was voted on and approved by the majority

Corey suggested that the motions be read and then if there are any questions or need for clarification they could do that.

2. **Motion:** SoCal to support NorCal's approved motion for CSC to be scheduled during the month of July. Rationale: limiting the CSC to July allows for more predictability for individuals and voting entities to plan on and make arrangements for attending CSC.

A vote was called this motion however, brought on discussion as the members at the assembly were not clear on the ratification process. Corey clarified the ratification process as it is in the Bylaws.

- This motion was voted on and approved by the majority

#### December 3, 2016

3. **Motion:** Nominate and accept Sarah C. to fill the position of Recording Secretary

- This motion was voted on and approved by the majority.

4. **Motion:** To have Delegates 1 and 2 and Alternate Delegate term begin the calendar year following the election. Rationale: Currently the delegates term ends right after the CSC conference. Wants to extend their time to complete reports.

This would require a By-Laws change: (Needs two-thirds majority vote)

Current By-Laws: D. Terms of Office 2. Terms shall commence at the beginning of the following quarterly business meeting session in which elections were held. Outgoing officers are expected to attend to supply information and materials to their successors and cooperate to ensure the smoothest possible transition.

Suggested By-Laws Change: D. Terms of Office 2. Terms shall commence at the beginning of the following quarterly business meeting session in which elections were held with the exception of Delegate 1, Delegate 2, and the Alternate Delegate which shall be the beginning of the following calendar year. Outgoing officers are expected to attend to supply information and materials to their successors and cooperate to ensure the smoothest possible transition.

Prior to the vote, discussion and explanation was provided by the board to the assembly.

- This motion was voted on and approved by the majority.

5. **Motion:** Proposed a letter for outreach to Mental Health Professionals.

Corey discussed this motion and explained it was a letter that was designed to introduce who we are to mental health professionals. Discussion as to how this letter is presented and used by health professionals.

- This motion was voted on and approved by the majority.

6. **Motion:** To allocate \$50.00 towards maintaining the Orange County Website. Rationale: It was decided that it was important that community websites not "go dark", so if a SoCal community becomes unable to manage their own website, then the website will be redirected to CoDA.org until such a time that the community wishes to take back control of their website.

- This motion was voted on and approved by the majority.

#### **March 4, 2017**

7. **Motion:** To proceed with both the SoCal CoDA Regional conference in either May or June, and the CoDA World conference in October of 2018. Rationale: It was decided that the SoCal conference would still be a needed service to the region since the conferences were far enough apart and would serve a largely different group of members.

It was discussed by the Chair that SoCal needed both conferences to attract members.

- This motion was voted on and approved by the majority.

8. **Motion:** VEI to CoDA World regarding a Thirty-Year Commemorative Coin. Rationale: A motion passed to submit a VEI from the SoCal CoDA Region to World, to get clarity on a motion that was held in an executive session concerning a commemorative coin. In that executive session, the motion was withdrawn and there is not enough clarity in the minutes to understand why the motion was withdrawn. Delegates stated that attempts to get clarification were unsuccessful. In the spirit of Concept 12, specifically "Every member has the right to know what is happening within our organization", we as the Voting Entity would like more transparency concerning the decision that was made to not make the commemorative coin available to the public

Chair explained the motion after it was read from the handout. She expressed the Board is asking for clarification of the description found in the minutes from CoDA world. She addressed that this coin was produced but was never made available and currently do not know what happened to the coin. It is currently unclear from CoDA World Board minutes.

This motion brought up a lively discussion. The Chair asked for 30 seconds of silence to keep the room safe for everyone.

Chair after a moment of silence opened the meeting back up with the Serenity prayer. She then asked if there were any comments and to keep them brief.

- This motion was voted on and approved by the majority.

Next, The Chair then discussed the motions which were passed from the day before.

**June 2, 2017**

9. **Motion:** Voted for an Adhoc committee
  - This motion was voted on and approved by the majority.
  
10. **Motion:** Update the Bylaws
  - This motion was voted on and approved by the majority.
  
11. **Motion:** Approval of the Budget
  - This motion was voted on and approved by the majority.

**7. New Business**

Tina from the Spanish community asked if a motion could be passed during the assembly to create a large print blue book in Spanish. Discussion regarding creating a VEI.

The Chair asked for Tina to come to the quarterly meeting and that the Board would help.

Chair asked if there were any other questions or comments. She stated the next SoCal Regional Board meeting would be held on August 26, 2017 instead of September 2<sup>nd</sup>, which is Labor Day weekend at 10am.

A motion to adjourn was called.

Passed by the majority, and the meeting was closed at 2:00pm.

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Chair, Darcie D

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Immediate Past Chair, Robert L

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Vice Chair, Terri R

