

Reporting on the 2017 CoDA Service Conference (CSC) and International CoDA Convention (ICC)

The CoDA Service Conference (business meeting) and the International CoDA Convention (workshops/speaker meetings) were held in Minneapolis, MN in October.

<p>CoDA Service Conference (CSC) Attendance (aka business meeting)</p> <p>24 - Trusted Servants (CoDA Board, CoRe Board, Committee Chairs)</p> <p>11- Observers</p> <p>29 - Delegates</p> <p>11 - Alternate Delegates</p>	<p>International CoDA Convention (ICC) Registrations (aka workshops and speaker meeting)</p> <p>15 - 1 day (represents 7.5%)</p> <p>90 - Early Registrations (represents 42.5%)</p> <p>144 - Regular Registrations (represents 50%)</p> <p>15 – Scholarships</p>
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CoDA Service Conference (CSC)

Also known as the business meeting, the CSC, started at 8:00 am on Tuesday, October 10, and concluded on Friday, October 13th around noon. For the business meeting, there were: 10 Motions, 2 Motion Bylaws, and 7 Voting Entity Issues submitted. Business included electing new CoDA Board Members, the CoRe Board and Issues and Mediation Committee members. In addition, each committee presented their yearly reports, goals and budgets. Finally, the CoDA budget was reviewed and approved. All of the information presented can be viewed at <http://coda.org/index.cfm/service-info/delegate-package/delegate-package-2017/>.

While many of the motions were related to corrections and additions to the Fellowship Service manual, here are a few that were not. All motions can be viewed at link above.

1. Motion Key 4874 - To encourage more new CoDA literature, literature previously approved by a Voting Entity or CoDA Service Conference committee can be presented as a motion to CSC for endorsement. In the past, literature had to be approved only by Literature Committee before it could be brought to the CSC for endorsement.
2. Motion Key 4941 –To reduce the number of Fellowship Service Manual corrections taking time from the business meeting, corrections and changes can be approved prior to the business meeting. After reviews from appropriate World Service members, e.g. Committee Chairs, Deletes, etc), changes can be made to the Fellowship Service Manual if the Service Structure Committee and the CoDA Board agree the proposed changes meet all the legal and CoDA fellowship requirements without a formal motion. If they do not agree, the changes will/can be proposed as a formal motion at the business meeting.
3. Motion Key 4883 – To address the lack of communication up and down the inverted pyramid of the Fellowship, it was agreed that other entities, e.g. Voting Entities, can submit CoDA related service items to CoDA Announcements through the Communications Committee, or other entity selected by the Board of Trustees
4. Motion Key 4881 - An ad-hoc committee will be created to evaluate the current structure of World Service and identify potential improvements that could be made. CoDA Board has approved the funding for one face-to-face meeting. The ad-hoc committee will provide quarterly reports.

2017-2018 BOARD OFFICERS – Election results Chair - Jen L Vice Chair - Mary I Secretary - Madeline R Treasurer - Salle H	Issues Mediation Committee – Election results 1) Gails S 2) Greg B 3) Paul N 4) Liliana R 5) Andrea S 6) Marijka L 7) Steve S 8) Darlene H	CORE BOARD - Elections results 1) Barbara D 2) Dagmar M
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2018 Total Budget Expenses of \$232,243.00

2018 Total Income of \$224,300.00

Should International CoDA Convention Be Held Every Year

Each year, many wonder whether or not the CoDA Service Conference (business meeting) and the International CoDA Convention (workshops/speaker meetings) should be held back to back. Hopefully, the following information will help clarify how everyone benefits from having the CoDA Service Conference (CSC) and the International CoDA Convention (ICC) as a “back-to-back” event. Here are some common beliefs held about the hotel selection, location and cost.

Having the two events back to back, forces CoDA World Service to:

1. Book hotels that are not close to the airport.

In truth: Our primary goal (based on surveys) is to secure hotels with reasonable guest room rates. Many hotels near the airport charge higher rates given convenience and “executive” business services offered (aka 4 and 5 star hotels). Our next goal (based on surveys) is to secure hotels with food within walking distance. Typically, hotels close to the airport do not have food within walking distance.

2. Book large hotels which cost more than a small hotel.

In truth: Most airport hotels (that are within our price range) do not have ballrooms large enough for the business meeting but most have smaller meeting rooms that will accommodate a workshop.

In truth: The sleeping rooms purchased by ICC attendees doubles the hotel’s expected revenue. This allows us to negotiate a better guest room rate for all which especially favors the business meeting attendees.

Here are some comments made about how much International CoDA Convention (ICC) costs CoDA.

1. Each year CoDA spends thousands in travel, speakers and hotel costs to pay for ICC.

In truth: ICC is self-supporting through registration fees and 7th donations made by the fellowship. In 2015 (N. California), registrations were \$16,975. In 2016 (Arizona) registrations were \$17,800. In 2017 (Minnesota), registrations were \$12,000. It is projected that 2017 ICC will be self-supporting or very close.

2. The locals benefit most by ICC.

In truth: 74% of the Delegates and Alternate delegates and 62.5% of Trusted Servants stayed to attend the ICC. Therefore, CoDA’s Trusted Servants and Delegates benefit significantly from the CSC and ICC being held back to back.