

SoCal CoDA Regional Committee Quarterly Meeting - August 25 2018

Meeting opened at 10:09am with CoDA Opening Prayer and reading of Purpose and Traditions and introductions.

List of attendees: **Christine, Darlene, Darcie, France, Kirsten, Hal, Lauri-Ann, Caryn, Joe, Lesa, Bryna, Lefty, Athena and Nora.**

Reports

Officer reports

1. **Chairperson Darcie/Christine** – chair notebook and materials passed to new chair; introduction of new chair Christine, formerly SoCal treasurer
 - a. **Minutes** - Motion to accept Minutes from June 2, 2018 [Bryna]; 2nd [Athena]; passed 11 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained.
 - b. **Next Meeting** - Verified next Quarterly meeting will be December 1, 2018; 10:00am-1:00pm at Share in Culver City. Space has also reserved at Share for the March meeting.
2. **Treasurer Christine/Thuy** – Thuy unable to attend today, Christine has scheduled a meeting to hand off treasurer materials in three weeks.
3. **Immediate Past Chair Corey/Darcie** – no report
4. **Vice Chair Darlene** – Flyers for International CoDA Conference/CoDA Service Conference and CoDA Fellowship Forums 2018 have been set out - please take some for yourself, your intergroup & meetings.
5. **CSC Delegates: Delegate 1 France / Delegate 2 Kirsten** (Alt Delegate Rosa not in attendance) –
 - a. Team has been busy last few weeks: At last conference, SoCal Delegates agreed with NorCal Delegates to collaborate with each other (they are a great team to work with) and will have their next call-in meeting on Monday, August 27 at 7:30pm.
 - b. Evie and Athena created Google Forms to survey responses to the CSC motions. NorCal has suggestions for improving them by adding details about what each committee does. There has also been talk about adding Spanish translations to the Google Forms (there's been no word as to why Rosa is not here at the meeting.)
 - c. Evie will send an email blast when the forms are ready and voting is open.
 - d. Darlene asked if there are any "juicy" motions to stir up interest in voting. Athena replied that there will one about limiting how many times a motion can be brought to the CSC because there are individuals/small groups that take turns holding positions in order to bring the same motion back year after year.
 - e. Evie and Joe will have to coordinate to use MailChimp for the email blast and to update the blurb and link(s) on socialcoda.org
6. **Conference Facilitator Hal** –
 - a. On a personal note: the SoCal CoDA Conference was the 2nd best he's attended in the last 12 months. The absolute best was the Spanish Conference because the community was very close and it felt like CoDA, 1992. Hopefully the chair will stick around and be available to help with the next committee.
 - b. Reaching out to the SoCal CoDA Board [seeking volunteers] to build a committee.
 - c. At the post-conference meeting, Autumn shared that she had several challenges with registration; Hal hopes to connect Autumn with Joe to resolve the online registration issues.
 - d. For the 2019 Conference, we are considering Lancaster but have no location yet - hope to finalize the location within a month.

- e. Many people were concerned with holding the conference at the Marriott [cost and other concerns]
 - f. Hal is concerned about committee attrition and burn-out; the 2017 chair said “F it.” and walked away.
 - g. Athena mentioned confusion about vegan lunches not being reserved for those that requested vegan options. Hal requested [would love to get] feedback via email.
 - h. Christine clarified about location that San Diego is in the triennial rotation to host 2019, [which includes electing the Conference Chair from their region], but they may choose to decline. France said they have not flown the idea to the SD community to choose 3-Day or 1-Day conference. Lesa committed to report with SD community’s response by the end of September.
 - i. Christine asked SD to first elect a Conference Chair or decline, and then the questions of location and 3-Day vs. 1-Day can be decided after that. (Bryna suggested that the SD rep take the question to ICC in SD in October.)
7. **Conference Chair VACANT**–
- a. Darlene gave treasury data from SoCal CoDA 1-Day Conference in Yucca Valley; 113 attended; total registrations = \$4,470.75, minus a \$300 hold and minus \$1,700.00 seed money, net proceeds = \$2,470.75.
 - b. Half of the proceeds go to the hosting community and half goes to SoCal CoDA to send delegates to CSC.
 - c. Report and transfer of funds will be completed before September 30, 2018.
8. **Corresponding Secretary Anna/Lauri-Ann** – asked about how to get 7th tradition and contact information. Christine answered that the treasurer will let her know who sent 7th tradition and who to send the thank you/ acknowledgement letters to
9. **Recording Secretary Sarah/Caryn** –
- a. Caryn introduced herself; she plans to send emails to each officer to verify that the notes taken by hand are in alignment with the report given.
10. **Historian Mike/Corey** – no report
11. **Hospitals and Institutions Pauline** – no report
12. **Webmaster Evie/Joe** –
- a. Evie and Joe will be splitting duties until after ICC.
 - b. Joe plans to move socialcoda.org to WordPress, has concerns that Google Docs/Forms, etc. are vulnerable to unauthorized people getting access to the information put there
 - c. Joe hopes to get an email hosting service which will provide webmail (e.g. XYZ@socialcoda.org) for about \$1.00/month/account.
 - d. Joe has his own webhosting company and charges about \$50/year. Currently, and for the last several years, his company has hosted socialcoda.org. Within 60 days, he will sever that relationship and find another webhosting company for the site because of concerns that it is a conflict of interest to be both webmaster and webhost.
 - e. Joe also admits to procrastinating and not sending the last 3-4 [annual] bills to SoCal CoDA. He also explained that hosting means both keeping a domain name protected (not useable by others) and keeping a website functional. Our domain name is hosted by GoDaddy. HostGator was the website host two years ago, and will likely be the webhost chosen again.
 - f. Darcie asked about the policy for using personal debit card information when paying the webhost; can her personal information be removed from the account and the SCC debit card used instead. Joe explained that the bank account signers can be added to receive payment reminder emails from the webhost(s).
 - g. Darcie asked Joe to send SCC a bill [for the amount owed to him for services rendered].

- h. Darlene asked when the website will be switched over to WordPress (response: about three months) Joe added that WordPress has plug-ins that will allow each board officer to have a separate login to access and update reports and other information on the page(s) relevant to their position.
- i. Darcie added that SCC is paying to keep the OC CoDA domain name active and it routs to the CoDA World website.

13. Sub-committee Chair, Bylaw Changes Darcie –

- a. Compiled changes that were ratified (except the Webmaster update because the position description is incomplete, Darcie will work with Joe and submit it in December.
- b. Some descriptions are outdated and Darcie will work with the sub-committee to make updates this year.

Intergroup Representative Reports

1. **Overall Darcie** is not getting emails through to Kerry L. and Deborah; requested that other board members reach out to them to verify contact information.
2. **Desert Communities:** Kerry L. – no report
3. **LA CoDA:** OPEN – no report
4. **Orange County:** OPEN – no report
5. **San Diego CoDA: Lesa G/Bryna, alt. –**
 - a. Super Seminar Saturday; \$300 in Literature sold, made a total of \$45.
 - b. Nancy is Workshop Seminar Chair and asks for ideas to increase attendance.
 - c. Outreach, Mail and Literature positions are OPEN - there's been some enthusiastic discussion about eliminating the Literature Chair position and leaving it to the meetings. (Darcie mentioned that someone in Temecula might volunteer as Literature Chair)
 - d. Webmaster is having issues with making updates
 - e. Newsletter will have an article showing the CoDA World structure [organizational chart] from the FSM [Fellowship Service Manual]
 - f. A beach party two weeks ago was attended by 18 members
 - g. A Sponsorship workshop will take place on August 29, 2018
 - h. A holiday event is tentatively scheduled for December 8, 2018
 - i. Newsletters and Email List Subscription are available at <http://www.sdccoda.org/>
6. **Spanish-Speaking Community: Nora** - 16 groups
 - a. Free Picnic will be held on September 30, 2018 from 10:00am-6:00pm in Downey
 - b. A \$12.00 conference "Conferencia Anual 2018" will be held November at Trinity Community Church, West Covina, the dates and times are as follows:
 - i. Friday, 11/16/2018, 5:00pm-9:00pm
 - ii. Saturday, 11/17/2018, 9:00am-9:00pm
 - iii. Sunday, 11/18/2018, 10:00am-6:00pm
 - c. Athena volunteered to help get the conference set up for audio recording of the workshops.
 - d. Link on SCC to new website codahispana.org, works
7. **TVCC: Lefty** – 37 groups
 - a. Purchased a drill press to put key-ring-holes in attendance chips.
 - b. Now has a Literature Chairperson [Lefty] who will purchase, store and sell literature to TVCC members. He will also rendezvous with members between monthly meetings so that they can get literature within 3-4 days of ordering. Currently shopping around for storage locations.
 - c. New Webmaster Chairperson is updating meeting information for TVCC (5M people in a 6,700 square mile area). Will talk to Joe about website. Darcie suggested adding a link to codahispana.org.

- d. Voted in a \$150 New Meeting Start-Up Kit (also balloon insurance coverage from Lloyds of London)
- e. H&I: many panels canceled because health insurance won't pay for CoDA but will pay for AA & NA. The best one is twice a month at Salvation Army, attendance is usually around 70. Someone mentioned that literature [for H&I] can be purchased at or below cost by emailing hosp@codanet.org .

Assembly reps: Kirsten (1st) and Athena (2nd)

Minutes were approved by vote: 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained

Business

Administrative Business

- 1. Approve prior meeting minutes – approved (see page 1)
- 2. Set date/time/location of next meeting – Saturday, December 1, 2018; 10:00am – 1:00pm at Share!, 6666 Green Valley Circle, Culver City 90230

Unfinished Business

- 1. Picking up mail from P.O. Box: Christine asked for a volunteer to accept the keys. Kirsten suggested asking Thuy. Hal volunteered as possible back-up. Darlene volunteered to coordinate transfer of keys from Terry to Thuy & Hal.

New Business

- 1. **Motion:** moved to reschedule December meeting to 12/08/18
 - a. Athena motioned; ___ seconded
 - b. Motion withdrawn
- 2. **Discussion** about allowing the Corresponding Secretary to use email [instead of postal mail] whenever it's available and use postal mail only when necessary. Darlene suggested modifying the bylaws and position description.
- 3. **Motion:** Since no Intergroup stepped up to host the SCCC 2018, in lieu of splitting the proceeds with an intergroup, we will reserve (as a separate line item for the treasurer) \$1,235.00 to be disbursed directly [to venue/vendors] to cover expenses to fund a local Yucca Valley CoDA event. **Rationale:** the Conference Chairperson was from a Yucca Valley meeting, not an Intergroup, and she plans to use it to create a retreat. **Background:** Article VI, Section A of the bylaws.
 - a. Darlene motioned; Darcie seconded
 - b. Darcie amended
 - c. Christine amended
 - d. Motion passed: 11 for, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions
- 4. **Motion:** Create an ad hoc committee to prepare an amendment to the SCCRC bylaws which will prioritize the purposes of the Annual SoCal CoDA Conference which are: carrying the message, the Annual Assembly, fellowship, and fundraising. The committee will report during Old Business on December 1st.
 - a. Darlene motioned; Darcie seconded
 - b. Motion passed: 11 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstentions

Meeting was extended 10 minutes twice by group conscience and closed with the Serenity Prayer at 1:23pm