



CoDA Service Conference 2020 Voting Entity Issue Form

(Also See Voting Entity Issues Guidelines)

Voting Entity: ___SoCal_____ **Date:** __1/29/20_____

Delegate: __Rosa Saca_____ **Revision #:** _____

Rev Date: _____

Voting Entity: Please fill out #1, #2, #3, #4:

1) Voting Entity Issue background information:

In order for delegates to represent at CSC the opinions of the membership of their intergroup, the general CoDA membership needs to have a basic understanding of what motions are going to be presented at CSC. However, the motions as included in the delegate package can be a daunting read.

To inform the area members of upcoming motions and to receive member input, SoCal has collaborated with NorCal to create an on-line survey with summaries of each motion. You can find the survey at this link [CoDA World Survey 2019](#).

One of the most labor-intensive aspects of putting the survey together has been summarizing each motion into just one or two sentences. Such a short summary may not fully describe each of the motions, but it provides basic information as to the intention of each motion. On the SoCal survey, further specifics, including the full motion and links to relevant documents, are also made available to the extent possible.

2) What is the Issue or concern?

The question was raised at SoCal as to whether short summaries of each motion could be included as part of all motions as presented in the delegate package. These summaries not only could be copy-and-pasted into materials made available to area members, such as in the SoCal Survey, but could also serve as a useful summary to delegates as they first start to review the motions in the delegate package.

3) Suggested resolution for the issue:

Add a new section to the Motion form to include a short summary of the motion. Guidelines might be that the summary be no more than one or two sentences, ideally less than 30 words, no more than 50 words summary of the motion. This summary would be included with the motions in the delegate package. This short summary clearly cannot fully describe longer motions or relevant background, but it can provide basic information as to the intention of the motion. See sample below.

For example, these are a few summaries of 2019 motions:

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1. Removing the foundational documents as a requirement at meetings
 2. Removing the following questions from the Am I Codependent pamphlet- "Do you have to believe in God to belong to CoDA?" "What is the difference between CoDA, AI Anon and ACA?" "Can you recommend any books, therapists, hospitals that treat codependence?"
 3. Adding Crosstalk to the Attending Meetings pamphlet
 4. Adding a brief history of CoDA to the "What is CoDA" pamphlet
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4) Remarks or additional information:

FYI – here's what's on the LA CoDA webpage; see the link below and scroll down to the section titled "Sept. 7 Voice Your Vote" to see the reviews of the motions and summaries.

<https://sites.google.com/view/lacoda/news>

(Data entry purpose only)

Result - Assigned to Board or which committee: _____

Date: