

**SoCAL CoDA**  
**QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES**  
**12/3/22 10AM-1PM**

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1. We began the meeting with the CoDA Opening Prayer, Readings and Introductions. Attending included Thuy, Kirsten, Gary, Scott, Corrine, Anna, Sharon, Vanessa, Joe, Christine, Edie, Aaron, Arthur. We had a quorum which had nine voting members when we started the meeting.

Board Reports:

**2. Chair - Thuy**

- i. Approved Minutes (Please see minutes [here](#)) from 9/10/22 Passed (9 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining)
- ii. Set next Meeting for Saturday March 4, 2023. All but two could attend that day.
- iii. Welcome to Scott the representative from Coachella Valley CoDA - a new intergroup
- iv. Open positions - Alternate delegate, recording secretary, Delegate 2, H&I
- v. We are working on making Zelle available for electronic 7th tradition contributions.
- vi. Thuy did not send out an email blast in November. She is planning on sending it out in December. She as the chairperson initiates and writes the blast and forwards it to the webmaster to send out. We tend to send out 1 email blast per month.
- vii. Anna asked if she can have more than one position on the board. Nothing prevents her from doing so according to the bylaws.

**a. Treasurer - Anna**

- i. Link to Treasurer's Report -
- ii. Gary asked if Anna was keeping a list of what groups were contributing. She is.
- iii. Kirsten stated that the login for Anna to see our account balances for Wells Fargo are not yet set up.

**b. Vice Chair - Kirsten**

- i. Working with a past chair to update the Wells Fargo bank account to take him off and also set up Zelle with our checking account (with Thuy's guidance) to send and receive payments electronically.
- ii. Worked on a motion to add a new responsibility to the Vice Chair's position, effectively adding to the by-laws (included in "new business")
- iii. Investigated the World FSM (CoDA Inc guiding document for CoDA) for guidance on welcoming a new inter group and if there is anything that we would need to do in that process

**c. Immediate Past Chair - Christine**

no report

**d. Recording Secretary - OPEN**

- i. Position is open - please report back to communities to help get this filled. Aaron is taking minutes today.

**e. Corresponding Secretary - Gary**

- i. Please check that your contact information is accurate, mark if you are receiving the board email, and initial under today's date to indicate your attendance: [2022-2023 SoCal CoDA Board Contact Info](#)
- ii. **SoCal CoDA Board Meeting, Dec. 3, 2022 Corresponding Secretary's Report**
  1. 7 Letters of 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition acknowledgement went out last month, Nov. I am working with Anna, SoCal Treasurer, to communicate my needs with

the information she receives with 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition donations to SoCal. She has been prompt and joyful in our interactions so I see this as being a wonderful partnership in serving SoCal.

2. I am also working to figure out how the second part of my service is carried out. Keeping an accurate list of the members of the SoCal Board and their contact information is still a query for me and I suppose this first meeting will help me determine the parameters of my job.

**f. Webmaster Chair - Lisa**

- i. Thuy reported for Lisa that she plans on having a new website by the new year.

**g. Historian - Joe**

- i. Joe is updating historical docs at home. He has documents for 2022 and 2021 ready. He is working on 2020 and 2019.
- ii. He is not sure how to put archived documents on our website. He wants to encrypt them so not everyone can look at them. Scott suggested locking them so that they cannot be altered.
- iii. Joe mentioned that Green Geeks who forward email for us do not forward to some email addresses such as yahoo. Some members have noticed that some of the forwarding addresses are coming back as not found.

**h. Hospitals and Institutions - Sharon H.**

- i. My brief report for H&I is that H&I World let me know there is a woman in prison looking for a Spanish sponsor so I forwarded the information to Spanish CODA via e-mail. As much as I would like to be of service at SoCal I am realizing it's not really feasible for me right now. If there is someone else interested in H&I, I would be happy to give it up but if not I will finish out until the next SoCal Conference. I am considering being of service for the 2023 and/or 2024 SoCal conferences so perhaps that is how I can give back.
- ii. I have connected with the H&I Chair at World and will be attending their monthly meeting in January unless someone else would like to attend.

**i. Community Representatives**

- i. The Valleys CoDA - Sharon A
  - There are few in person meetings in the Valleys.
  - All business meetings are virtual. They used to have workshops too each month but not doing that currently.
  - There is a new chair of their intergroup. There are other changes in officers as well.
- ii. San Diego - Aaron -  
*SoCal Conference 2023 Planning Committee*
  - The theme of the conference is: CoDA, a journey not a destination. Are we there yet? The email address of the committee is: [arewethereyet023@gmail.com](mailto:arewethereyet023@gmail.com). They have contacted a venue but not settled on one yet. Still undecided whether it will be hybrid, in person, or just virtual. Still undecided whether it will be 1, 2, or 3 days.
  - Effort has been made by intergroup chair to get more GSRs to monthly intergroup meetings with mixed results.
  - Monthly Speaker's Meeting has grown. January 1st meeting will include a potluck.
  - In January will have a rotation of some positions.

- iii. LA CoDA - Tom F (No - alt)
  - Elections were held November 12<sup>th</sup> for 3 positions for the intergroup, Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. Sadly, no one self-nominated or accepted nomination for the Chair or Secretary positions. We did gain a new Vice-chair. We will try again December 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - The intergroup is still considering the request from So Cal to execute the 2024 Regional Conference, No answer yet.
  - The intergroup and most of our group meetings are still in Zoom format.
- iv. Desert Communities - Corrine S.
  - November intergroup meeting was canceled because there was no quorum. They are considering collapsing their intergroup.
  - We discussed here that the rules for forming an intergroup are fairly loose according to the CoDA FSM - just meetings, officers, and minutes required. Website not mandatory.
- v. CVCoDA Intergroup - Scott P
  - Coachella has virtual men's meetings
  - They have a website: <https://cvcoda.org/>
  - Scott is subbing for their rep who could not make it today.
  - Scott asked about donation amounts and was referred to the CoDA FSM found on coda.org

**j. Sub-Com Chair - Conference Purpose - Thuy**

- i. A final report from the Conference Purpose Ad-hoc Committee can be found [here](#). The committee found that there seem to be several reasons why people come to the conferences and what our focus should be including fundraising, recovery, fellowship, and bringing people to the SoCal assembly where new officers are elected. A few people added that the conferences were great for spreading recovery and bringing people to CoDA.

**k. Ad-hoc Committee Resourcing Audio Productions - J**

- i. This committee has not met.

**l. Conference Facilitator - Christine**

- i. Christine is waiting for San Diego to elect a chair for the 2023 summer conference so that she can start helping them and for Los Angeles to make a decision whether they will host a conference in 2024.

11:25-11:40am Break

**m. CSC Delegates - 2022/2023: Vanessa (1), Sharon A (2), OPEN (alt)**

2023 CSC will be in Houston, TX the week of July 24. The delegates are the conduits between Southern California CoDA members and CoDA World.

- i. **Delegate 2:** Sharon A is stepping down from this position. We now have a vacancy that needs to be filled. Can you help recruit for this position?
- ii. **Alternate Delegate:** Open position. This position helps create continuity for SoCalCoDA; current delegates can prepare the alternate delegate to step into a voting position at world.
- iii. **Delegate Relations Task Force (DTRF):** This new world task force has met twice and elected a chair, vice chair, and secretary. All current and past delegates are welcome to attend and have voice and vote. The purpose of DTRF is to determine if delegates want to create a standing world CoDA committee.
- iv. **Gender-inclusive Language Task Force:** This is a new world committee. At CoDA Service Conference, Canada put forward a motion to use gender

affirming language. It was tabled because it needed extensive crafting. Please email [Board@CoDA.org](mailto:Board@CoDA.org) if you are interested in participating and mention in the email subject line "Gender-inclusive Language Task Force".

### 3. Old Business

- a. Conference Committee Motion: I would love to put in a motion that SoCal has an events committee that can work on the conventions in Palm Desert, LA, San Diego and now we have the TVCC Valley's. One committee under the same umbrella, maybe just a two or three year commitment, put a service team together and work on the Convention and assembly a year ahead of time for whichever is the hosting city. → Tabled on 9/10 for rewording with inclusion of by-laws changes, Motion dropped 12/3 since the person who made the motion is no longer part of the board.
  - This motion was tabled as it still has not been reworded.
- b. Should we have the past board contacts available with a password? -Joe
  - we had no discussion on this topic
- c. Update re: United Airline Credit \$942.10: Multiple attempts have been made to collect the credit to no avail. Unless someone else would like to pursue this, we'll consider this issue closed.
  - No one volunteered to pursue this issue.

### 4. New Business

- a. Elections for:
  - i. Alternate Delegate:
    - Edie was nominated and elected as our new Alternate Delegate: Passed (8 for, 0 Against, 1 Abstaining)
  - ii. Recording Secretary
    - No one volunteered. Please take back to your communities to ask for volunteers.
  - iii. Delegate 2 (replacing Sharon)
    - Please take this back to your communities to ask for volunteers. We will have the election next business meeting.
  - iv. H&I
    - Please take this back to your communities to ask for volunteers. We will have the election next business meeting.
- b. **Motion 1:** The SoCal Board directs its delegates to provide a summary of last year's CSC at the upcoming regional conference in 2023. The summary shall also include what the delegates think is likely to come up at CSC 2024 and its relevance to SoCalCoDA. This presentation will take place as part of the opening (?) of the conference.
  - ***This motion was tabled.***
- c. **Motion 2:** To give delegates and past delegates permission to follow the board's recommendation to direct its delegates and past delegates to think through how to prepare the region to vote for 2023 motions. The delegates already prepare summaries and a survey. The board directs the delegates to provide a plan for 2023 process including publicity, dissemination, and voting on motions that takes into consideration feedback from last year and the realities of our in-person and virtual lives. The Board

directs its delegates to present this plan at the next Board meeting for discussion and approval.

- ***We discussed that only 30-40 people generally take part in completing surveys that delegates present to all Southern California CoDA members to help them decide to vote on motions coming up at the yearly CoDA Inc meetings. Delegates and past delegates will think about what changes to make to this process to try to get more input and information out.***
- ***This motion passed (10 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining).***

d. Motion for an addition to the Vice Chair's responsibilities (submitted by Kirsten):

i. I move that we add the designated statement (in italics) to the existing description of the duties of the Vice Chair in the current SoCal Bylaws:

VICE CHAIRPERSON: Presides over SoCalCoDA meetings and Regional Assemblies in the absence of the Chairperson and when requested by the Chair.

Serves as member-at-large of all standing and Ad Hoc committees.

{ADD} *Responsible for making updates to the SoCal Bylaws when a motion is passed by Board group conscience and ratified by the SoCal assembly. This will be done electronically to the then-current version, then forwarded to the webmaster for website updating.*

In absence of both Chair and Vice Chair, SoCalCoDA meetings and Regional Assemblies shall be presided over in the order that officers are listed in this Article.

- ***This motion passed (10 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining).***

e. Discussion: should we draw up a new intergroup map so that CoDA meetings in different parts of Southern California are represented to an intergroup and have a voice with SoCal CoDA?

- ***Two ideas came out of this discussion***

- ***Draw up a new map of Southern California showing various intergroup areas. Both Scott and Christine have offered to explore this.***
- ***Draw up guidelines to have available to groups on how to form an intergroup and have representation at our quarterly business meetings.***

5. Reminder: Next meeting will be March 4, 2023 @ 10am Pacific at SHARE at 6666 Green Valley Circle, Culver City, CA)

6. We closed with the CoDA Closing Prayer and Serenity Prayer at 1pm.