

Delegate Video Conference Notes

2021

Delegate Meeting #3 of 3, on 4/22/2021 and repeated on 4/24/2021

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Serenity Prayer

Introductions

Board/Committee Updates - Julana (4/22/21) and Mary (4/24/21)

See notes from Delegate Meeting #1 and #2 for previous information.

Convention Committee:

- Convention Registration is now open. See here: <https://cosa-recovery.org/conventions/2021-convention/convention-registration/>
- This year's virtual convention will be Saturday 5/9 and Sunday 5/10
- Option for dial-in is available this year for the 3 main rooms during the convention, for those with unreliable internet. Send an email to the registration committee to receive the dial-in information: registration@cosa-recovery.org
- We need volunteers. You can volunteer to be the host of 1 event at 1 time. Please go to the convention tab or email cosa.virtual.convention@gmail.com for more info.
- The entire convention schedule will be available online.
- The convention planning had a focus on different time zones. There was collaboration with UK members who will host the opening on Saturday (morning in US, afternoon in UK) with a panel "Experience, Strength and Hope for the newcomer".
- On Saturday and Sunday, there will be a banquet at 12pm EST (that may be breakfast, lunch and dinner depending on time zone), with a COSA speaker and an invited SAA speaker.
- There will be a lot of workshops, some meetings, a serenity room. All virtually.

Finance Committee:

- The Finance committee is looking into ways to make contributions easier
- The board is looking into transitioning to a virtual office, rather than having a physical office.

Literature Committee:

- Literature will be available by the end of April 2021; it will meet the deadline of 30 days prior to the delegate meeting.
- Literature is available on Kindle.
- Last year all literature, except for 2 items, was approved. For 1 of the items, Tradition 7, COSA's wanted more written about service as a "donation" in addition to financial contribution.
- The literature committee needs help from service volunteers. They will train volunteers, so please reach out.

Outreach Committee:

- There is a questionnaire to get to know COSA members better in the Balance and the Cosa's in the Know.
- The outreach committee is trying to reach professionals such as psychologists, therapists, pastors, people who work in shelters and in schools. Anyone working with potential COSA members.

Technology Committee:

- The new website is up and running and going well.

Current Board members: Chris C, Amy MJ, Julana, Martha Jean, Sara L., Amy B, Mary, Tracy S, Joe

Q: What was the second Saturday workshop called hosted by UK members?

A: It is called "Interactive Workshop on Sobriety Circles"

Q: During the "banquets", will we be allowed to eat?

A: Yes, you are allowed to eat during the banquet speakers.

Q: Is the dial-in option only for the convention or also available for the delegate meeting?

A: Because voting will occur, the request is to attend online. In case connection is lost, there is an option on zoom to dial in. The delegate liaison will double check this.

Q: Is there a plan to make the bookstore virtual at the convention?

A: There is nothing formally planned, but a lot of our literature is available on Kindle.

Q: Will paper copies of literature still be available?

A: Yes, paper literature continues to be offered, but it will be printed on demand, rather than stored in a building.

Delegate Registration

Delegate registration is free and open now, until May 23rd.

Register here: <https://cosa-recovery.org/conventions/2021-delegate-meeting/>

Halfway down the page on the left side, indicate in the drop-down menu "Yes, I want to register for the Delegate Meeting" and fill out the form.

There are currently plenty of volunteers to be delegate mentors, so if you are new or wish to have a delegate mentor, please indicate so in the registration or email the delegate liaison at:

delegateliaison@cosa-recovery.org

Q: If a member has registered for the convention, but hasn't received confirmation, is that coming soon?

A: The delegate registration is separate from the convention registration. For the convention, an immediate window popped up confirming registration. An email will go out in the beginning of May with the convention schedule. If you do not receive that, please email the convention registration: registration@cosa-recovery.org

Safe Communications Guidelines

These guidelines were reviewed in its entirety, and are available on the COSA website here:

https://cosa-recovery.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/ISO_of_COSA_Safe_Communications_Procedures.pdf

Delegate Meeting Rules of Order

This document was reviewed in its entirety, and is available on the COSA website here:

https://cosa-recovery.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Delegate_Meeting_Rules_of_Order.pdf

In addition, the Delegate Meeting Voting Guide was reviewed:

https://cosa-recovery.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Delegate_Meeting_Voting_Guide.pdf

Voting process

The delegate meeting voting process stays the same – using green, yellow and red. However, we will be using the online anonymous polling system to vote rather than voting cards. It will not be possible for anyone to see how each individual has answered.

For Literature, Finance and Delegate items, you must choose from the multiple choices of the poll to give your answer. To vote:

1. The poll will pop up on your screen: Red, Yellow or Green
2. Click on the answer of your choice
3. Click on Submit
4. The results (percentage per color) may be shared with everyone when it appears that voting has completed. The host is able to see the number of people who have voted, but cannot see the individual responses.

NOTE: There were extensive discussions around abstentions and its implications around percentage of votes and avenue for speaking up. Delegates requested guidance from the board. After input from board members, there will NOT be a choice to vote “abstain”. However, Inge will be the person to message if you wish to “comment”.

After the vote, if you wish to have the opportunity to speak for yellow, red, or green (not mandatory) about why this is your choice, please send a private message in chat to:

- For **red**: message Julana - “speak for red”
- For **yellow**: message Kerstin - “speak for yellow”
- For **green**: message Kymberlee - “speak for green”

The above COSA members will serve to facilitate the queue for speaking, and you will be called on in the order your chat message was received.

- For other COMMENTS (abstention): message Inge - “comment”
- Also, in case you need to step away or turn off your video, please message the co-host Martha Jean.

For Board Candidates, you will receive a new poll with the opportunity to vote Yes or No for each nominee.

Board members have a 2 year term (6 years max) and 2 are returning board members (Chris C. and Martha Jean). There is one nominee (Jo). Recovery resumes are available here:

<https://cosa-recovery.org/conventions/2021-delegate-meeting/>

POLLING TESTS were conducted.

Q: Do the people who wish to speak according to color need to be balanced?

A: No. We ask the minority to speak first, and ensure that all colors get a voice. However, if there is only 1 person who wants to speak for red, and 5 people who wish to speak for green, then the minority will be heard first and the facilitator will manage the time to allow for Cosa's to speak.

Q: When will the delegate items be posted?

A: The legal deadline is 30 days before the delegate meeting. By the end of April, the items will be posted here: <https://cosa-recovery.org/conventions/2021-delegate-meeting/>

Next Meeting Time(s)

Optional REFRESHER meeting:

<p>CONTENT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Delegate meeting: rules of order● Guidelines for participation at the Annual Virtual Delegate Meeting● Voting procedure if requested● MANDATORY voting polls test	<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, May 8, 2021</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9am Pacific / 10am Mountain / 11am Central / 12pm Eastern / 5pm GMT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, May 23, 2021</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9am Pacific / 10am Mountain / 11am Central / 12pm Eastern / 5pm GMT</p>
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Meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88925303710>

Password: **Delegate**

Close with Serenity Prayer