

Delegate Video Conference Notes

2021

Delegate Meeting #2 of 3, on 4/7/2021 and repeated on 4/11/2021

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Serenity Prayer

Introductions

Board/Committee Updates - Amy MJ (4/7/21) and Sara L. (4/11/21)

See notes from Delegate Meeting #1 for previous information.

Convention Committee:

- Working on virtual convention to be global and inclusive
- Our deposit money from Columbus has been refunded
- It is hard to predict the future at this point, so next year's convention planning is still flexible

Literature Committee:

- Working on chapters
- The COSA Basic Text is moving forward
- Volunteers needed: writers and editors; sending weekly emails and general responses; coordinator for the Balance.

Technology Committee:

- The new website is continuing to be tweaked and updated, and is much more functional
- The website is adding a tab for service positions and volunteers for the board and committees

Finance Committee:

- The Board is looking at options for a virtual office to curb office expenses while balancing the needs and recovery of our employees while protecting COSA's assets. COSA gets a lot done through Dropbox and Google files, so there is less need for physical filing cabinets. We are looking at switching to print-on-demand literature and would like to store visual-audio recordings virtually as well.

Q: Where will next year's convention be?

A: We are assuming we can meet in person next year. If COSA follows SAA, then we are anticipating meetings in Atlanta in 2022 and New York in 2023

Q: Does the convention planning committee have enough volunteers?

A: We are pretty close to this year's convention and things are going ok. However, it always helps to have people volunteer who can help out. Service positions include:

- planners
- Organizers
- writers

- individuals interested in offering workshops and panel discussions
- Individuals to make sure the committee is meeting deadlines
- Individuals to help plan the delegate meeting
- other areas

Go to the convention tab: <https://cosa-recovery.org/conventions/2021-convention/> or email cosa.virtual.convention@gmail.com.

Q: Are there alternatives to attending online, such as attending by phone?

A: The convention is virtual and thus online this year. Zoom offers a call-in option.

Q: Who are the board members?

A: There are 8 current board members, and 1 board nominee. They come from different time zones.

The board used to be made up of committee chairs. Different factors contributed to separating committee chair service from board service. Now, the committee chairs drop in for a 10-20 minute time slot rather than the whole 2 hour meeting.

For board member contact information, please email delegateliaison@cosa-recovery.org

Q: Is the COSA Big Book still planned to be published in 2023?

A: We are still on track for the original plan at this time. The literature committee has been working on this book for years, and have to also do self-care especially during this pandemic.

Guidelines for Participation at the Virtual Annual Delegate Meeting

Delegate registration: Open April 14 to May 23

Costs: Free

These guidelines were reviewed in detail, and the document is available here:

https://cosa-recovery.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Guidelines_for_Delegate_Meeting.pdf

Items to be voted on this year:

- Literature (see below)
- Board nominee(s)
- Proposed COSA budget
- Possible delegate item(s)

Q: How will COSA members be informed when items to be voted on become available?

A: The delegate liaison will directly email delegates There will be an announcement in “COSA’s in The Know”, and delegates are encouraged to share information with their groups and discuss how feedback will be provided from group members to the delegate.

Q: Does a smart-phone work for voting on zoom?

A: If zoom is downloaded it should work via the app.

Q: What is the role of the alternate delegate?

A: Alternate delegates are back-ups in case you can’t attend. Since our Annual Delegate meeting is virtual this year, you are able to split time between you and the alternate delegate if needed. They can vote as long as they are present for both the discussion and vote of a topic.

Q: If you are the delegate for a meeting, and the alternate for a second meeting, how many votes do you get?

A: As one person, you only get one vote, even if you represent more than one meeting. Please inform your groups.

Q: Where is all the delegate information on the website?

A: On the website www.cosa-recovery.org go to:

- Documents and voting items: Convention tab -> 2021 Convention -> 2021 Delegate meeting

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

- Meetings and notes: Convention tab -> 2021 Convention -> Delegate Teleconference

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

The Twelve Traditions

The Twelve Traditions were read, and are available here:

<https://cosa-recovery.org/resources/the-12-steps-traditions-and-concepts/>

Literature

Literature to be voted on this year is not online yet, but will be made available as soon as possible, probably about one month before the Annual Delegate Meeting. This year, the literature we will vote on is intended to be included in the Big Book of COSA:

- Steps 10 and 11
- Concept 5
- Traditions 7 (resubmitted), 11 and 12
- Tools: Slogans, Sponsorship (resubmitted), Journaling, and Anonymity.

This is a pass/fail vote. Is the literature ok to move forward as written? This is not a time to make little changes.

Miscellaneous

Q: How many voting test days should I attend?

A: There are 4 opportunities, but each delegate is only required to attend one voting test.

Q: The deadline for proposals has passed. Were any proposals submitted?

A: One proposal was submitted. The Board will decide whether that will be put on the Delegate agenda. Sometimes a proposal does not need to be voted on because it is something that is allowed.

Q: Do our votes require a simple majority to pass?

A: No. The voting guide will be reviewed at the next meeting (meeting #3).

Next Meeting Time(s)

Delegate meeting #3 of 3:

<p>CONTENT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Board / Committee updates● Delegate registration● Safe communications guidelines● Delegate meeting: rules of order● Voting procedure● MANDATORY voting polls test	<p>Thursday, April 22, 2021 5pm Pacific / 6pm Mountain / 7pm Central / 8pm Eastern / 1am GMT (next day)</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Saturday, April 24, 2021 9am Pacific / 10am Mountain / 11am Central / 12pm Eastern / 5pm GM</p>
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Meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88925303710>

Password: **Delegate**

Close with Serenity Prayer