

Notes on Delegate Videoconference #3

April 23 and 24, 2022

Delegate Meeting, #3 of 3, held on April 23, 2022 and repeated on April 24, 2022

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Serenity Prayer

Introductions

Board/Committee Updates - Sara L. and Martha Jean (4/23/22), Tracy and Amy B. (4/24/22)

Here are some of the things the Board has been working on:

- The Cosa Teens meeting is now open.
- The agenda for the Annual Delegate Meeting is available at this link:
https://cosa-recovery.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/2022_Annual_Delegate_Meeting_Agenda.pdf
- Time and thought have been given to the proposal to move all delegate meetings online and no longer have in-person delegate meetings.
- We are considering changes to the Convention.
- We have been thinking about how to best serve the delegates, the fellowship, and the program. We have some very important decisions to make. We will rely on feedback from delegates as well as from the wider fellowship for direction as we move forward.
- We've prepared final drafts of eight chapters of the basic text, which will be voted on at the Annual Delegate Meeting.
- The Budget and Finance Committee is focused on getting financial information to the Board monthly and to the delegates annually.
- We've worked on the website and have focused on getting greater visibility. We want to make sure we are seen more quickly when people are searching online for information.
- We have been supporting the Committees: Tech, Outreach, Literature, Delegate Liaison, Convention Committee, to name a few.

Q: Is the delegate meeting confirmed as being virtual or is it a proposal?

A: It's a proposal to have an entirely online annual delegate meeting regardless of whether the convention is in person or where the convention is.

Q: I have a question about the size of the Board. As Board members, how are you seeing the size of the Board? I know the bylaws say there is a minimum of seven board members. In the past we have had more than seven. Are you seeing the number as seven only or are you seeing it as potentially larger?

A: We currently have eight board members. One is leaving and we have one new candidate who will be voted on in the Annual Delegate Meeting. The number of board members depends

on the number of candidates and returning board members (who is stepping down and who is willing to serve).

Delegate Registration

Registration was reviewed in detail. This is a link to the page where you will find registration:

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

Q: Are there different registration deadlines for in-person and online attendance?

A: Yes, the in-person registration deadline is May 6 (because we have to let the hotel know what food we will require) and May 20 is the registration deadline for online participation.

Q: How many registered delegates are there to date?

A: Currently, there are twenty-eight registered delegates: eleven attending in person and seventeen attending online.

Q: I'm already a registered delegate. If my meeting selects an alternate delegate would I email the Delegate Liaison with the alternate delegate details?

A: Yes, please email the Delegate Liaison as well as updating your meeting details online. To update your meeting on the cosa-recovery.org website select the Meetings tab. On the drop down menu select Register/Update Meetings. The Register/ Update a COSA meeting page will open and you'll find a box half way down which says Click to Register/Update a COSA Group. When you click on the box you will be redirected to a COSA Meeting registration form. There you will find a section which asks you to fill in information about your group contact.

Literature

We reviewed the process of creating COSA literature. More information can be found here:

<https://cosa-recovery.org/literature/literature-in-development/>

- The Literature in Development Committee has worked on the COSA basic text and are excited about the chapters that we will be voting on:
 1. Concepts 6, 7, 8 & 9
 2. Step Twelve
 3. Tools: Serenity Prayer, Honesty, Practicing Gratitude
- The vote on literature at the Annual Delegate Meeting will be yes or no (green or red) for each of the proposed chapters.
- PDFs of all the literature we will be voting on have been sent to the delegates. You can also access them with this link:
<https://cosa-recovery.org/conventions/annual-delegate-meeting/>
- You can share this link or the individual links to each chapter with your groups or direct them to the website. Everything is accessible online.
- Having your meeting review the literature and come to a group conscience about how they want you to vote guides you when you vote during the Annual Delegate Meeting.

- Once the vote on literature at the Annual Delegate Meeting is complete you will have an opportunity to share and collect feedback. However, that feedback will not impact the chapter as it is going to the publisher.
- Our basic text is on track for the scheduled publication date. There are only four chapters that need to be written for next year. Three of those have already been written. The remaining work is to write introductions.
- If you'd like to be part of the Literature Committee we welcome you!

Q: Is all the literature that we will be voting on available on the website?

A: Yes

Q: It sounds like the goal is to complete all the voting on literature for the basic text next year. When will it actually be published? What's the date?

A: 2024

Q: My group spent hours working on reviewing the literature during the time it was up for review and we submitted feedback. I feel that my group may be disappointed and feel like their ideas weren't considered. What would you say to that?

A: We're very grateful for all the comments we receive about the literature when it's up for review. We do our best to fully and carefully consider comments and incorporate all of them.

Q: In the context of an "up or down" vote—yes or no, green or red—what does a yellow vote represent?

A: The overall decision will be a yes or no. Yellow is part of the voting process where clarification may be sought in order to vote green or red. (A yellow vote indicates I still have questions about this proposal as it is currently stated). When there is a red or yellow vote delegates are given an opportunity to comment or ask questions prior to the next vote.

Q: Are we referring to this book as "The Big Book"?

A: There is a survey coming out after the convention asking the fellowship what we want our book to be called.

Q: I heard that the project after the basic text was going to be a Step-work workbook. Is the Literature Committee still thinking of doing that?

A: We haven't committed to anything yet. We'll wait until the basic text is completed. We want feedback from the fellowship.

ISO of COSA Safe Communications Procedure

We reviewed the ISO of COSA Safe Communications Procedure. This is the link:

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

Delegate Meeting Rules of Order

We reviewed the Delegate Meeting Rules of Order while viewing the Delegate Meeting Voting guide. Both documents can be found by following these links:

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

Delegate Meeting Voting Guide

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

Q: Can anyone ask a question at any time in the process or only during the times where delegates are allowed to speak for one or two minute(s)?

A: Delegates may ask questions at any time during the process. It must be a question. It is not an opportunity to share a comment.

Q: I'm speaking for those on Zoom who have vision challenges. I'm on a normal size computer and when you were screensharing the print was too small for me to read. Can all people who screen share make it as big as possible and increase the arrow (cursor) size?

A: Thank you for bringing this to everyone's attention. We'll work with Martha Jean who has been instrumental in moving the delegate meeting and convention online and see how we can address this. During the Annual Delegate Meeting there is very little screen sharing of printed material.

Voting Process

The Annual Delegate Meeting voting process stays exactly the same as in the past—using green, yellow and red. However, online we will be using the anonymous polling system to vote rather than the voting cards used by in-person participants. Online, it will not be possible for anyone to see how each individual has voted.

For Literature, Finance, & 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 is complete. The host is able to see the number of people who have voted but cannot see the individual responses.

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

- For **red**: message Nan: "Speak for red"

- For **yellow**: message Kymberlee: “ Speak for yellow”
- For **Green**: message Martha Jean: “ 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 Board candidates: You will receive a new poll with the opportunity to vote Yes or No for each nominee.

Recovery Resumes for new or returning board candidates can be found on the Annual Delegate Meeting page of the website under the section titled Proposed Slate and Recovery Resumes.

Q: How do you know how much time to vote and how do we know when everyone has voted?

A: The number of participants voting will be visible on the screen during the polls. Hosts and co-hosts cannot participate in voting in the online polls. At the Annual Delegate Meeting the votes of hosts and co-hosts will be recorded separately and added to the total.

Q: What is the process for voting on the proposal made by the Board? How do we ask questions? I am trying to manage the expectations of my group. Is it an up or down vote?

A: Board Chair Sara L. will speak to the motion before we discuss it or vote on it since it was brought by the Board. The Delegate Liaison will seek clarification from the Board about the mechanism for asking questions.

Q: On the website I see proposed slate and recovery resumes. Are those people who will be voted on for the Board?

A: Yes.

Q: And there are going to be more items put online including the budget related items?

A: Yes. Links to these items are shown below.

Proposed Budgets Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Link:

https://cosa-recovery.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Proposed_Budgets_2022-2023.pdf

COSA Financials Link: <https://cosa-recovery.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Financials.pdf>

COSA Profit and Loss Link:

https://cosa-recovery.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Actual_vs_Budget.pdf

Next Meeting Times

REFRESHER Meeting

<p>CONTENT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serenity Prayer • Introductions • Registration • Rules of Order • Voting procedures • MANDATORY voting polls test 	<p><u>Saturday, May 7, 2022</u> 12:00 p.m. Pacific / 1:00 p.m. Mountain / 2:00 p.m. Central / 3:00 p.m. Eastern / 8:00 p.m. GMT</p> <p>OR</p> <p><u>Sunday, May 22, 2022</u> 9:00 a.m. Pacific / 10:00 a.m. Mountain / 11:00 a.m. Central / 12:00 p.m. Eastern / 5:00 p.m. GMT</p>
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Close with Serenity Prayer