

Notes for the Delegate Telemeeting 3/21/2020

Repeat of the first Delegate Telemeeting of this service year.

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Introductions

Board/Committee Updates - Sandy S.

- Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the ISO of COSA sent out a communication to the entire fellowship on 3/20/2020. See it here: <https://mailchi.mp/cosa-recovery/connecting-in-columbus-cosa-convention-the-covid-19-virus-750561?e=5ac361a053>
- We have until May 1 to assess the status of our convention without financial penalty, so we have the gift of time to decide whether to cancel or postpone the convention. We plan to move forward as if we are holding the convention until we make a decision.
- The board is meeting weekly to follow the health crisis in the world and is listening to sources from the state of Ohio, the federal government, and the CDC to make decisions and plan for alternatives if needed.
- The business of COSA is continuing. The bylaws require that the delegate meeting take place, but it may have to occur online, and may be moved from a Friday to a Saturday or Sunday to lessen the impact on people who have to take time off work.
- We are planning for the best and looking for alternatives.
- Registration process will be discussed by the board this week.
- What delegates can do during this time:
 - Encourage everyone in their group to sign up for emails to receive communications about the convention from committees and the board. Go to the main page at www.cosa-recovery.org and enter your email address in the field next to the fundraising thermometer.
 - Make direct donations to the ISO for 7th Tradition online (as a group or individual)
- The Planning Committee is still moving forward amidst uncertainty.
- The Technology Committee is making progress on updating our website.
- The Literature Committee is making final changes to chapters that are going to Expedited Review so they can go up on our website.
- The Nominating Committee has voted to accept three new members to the board, and will present them for a vote at the delegate meeting. Recovery resumes of the three candidates will be up on the delegate tab of our website soon.
- The Finance Committee reports we are behind in our donations at this time of year. Cosa runs on both volunteer and financial fuel, and we are short on financial fuel, so please donate to the ISO.
- The Outreach Committee has Martha Jean as a new Committee Chair.
- The board continues to do their best to keep everyone updated and safe.
- Local meetings can send updates to their meetings to meetingupdates@cosa-recovery.org, for example, adding a note "this meeting is temporarily meeting via zoom, please email the meeting contact to get the zoom information." The ISO of COSA will add a general statement on our website.
- If you have questions, please email delegateliaison@cosa-recovery.org

Delegate Responsibilities - Inge

What does a Delegate do?

- Serves for a two-year term
 - This promotes continuity for two years, then encourages new members to serve in this position after two years.
 - Traditionally, delegates have been year-round. However, after feedback from last year's delegates, the delegate telemeetings are focused as a preparation for the annual delegate meeting at the convention.
- Represents their home group's group conscience at the Annual Delegate Meeting and throughout the year (Delegates take feedback from their group members, but are trusted servants and are not bound to vote a certain way. They may take information presented at the delegate meeting into consideration and change their vote.)
- Acts as a conduit for information between the ISO and their home group
- Encourages written submissions to the COSA Literature Committee (the convention plans on giving a workshop on how to write for COSA)
- Informs their home group about financial and service needs at the International level
- Encourages all members to be generous with their time, talent, and treasure
- Participates on an ISO working committee
- Follows the COSA Delegate Checklist

Delegate Registration and Fee - Inge

The delegate registration is open now: <https://www.cosa-recovery.org/2020/DelegateRegistration.html>

The Annual Delegate Meeting Registration and Fee are separate from the Convention Registration and Fee. Delegate registrations must be received by the ISO no later than May 1, 2020..

The Fee for the Annual Delegate Meeting is:

- \$70.00 if you are attending in person (includes lunch)
- \$15.00 if you are attending via videoconference instead of in person (there is a limit of twenty attendees for convenience when meeting in person, but if the entire meeting is held online, the limit is 100)

Note: If we switch to an all online delegate meeting, there will be a tech check meeting for all.

If you have any questions, please email delegateliason@cosa-recovery.org

If a person registers to attend in person, and the convention continues as planned in person, but the person wants to switch to Zoom based on their personal risk/comfort level, then the difference will be refunded with no penalty for switching to Zoom.

Delegate Qualifications - Inge

What do we do at the Annual Delegate Meeting?

- Vote on the Annual Budget of the International Service Organization (ISO) of COSA
- Vote on New Literature
- Hear Proposals from Delegates/Board Members
- Elect New Board Members (they conduct the business of the ISO of COSA)
- Discuss the ISO of COSA Business of the Past Year detailed in the Annual Report

Delegate Sobriety Requirements:

It is suggested that Delegates have a minimum of one year in the COSA program. If all of the group members who plan to represent your meeting and attend have less than one year, a meeting's group conscience decision may waive that requirement.

Delegate Meeting Participation and Voting:

Our Annual Delegate Meeting is open to any COSA to sit and listen. However, only one registered Delegate per group or Intergroup will have voting privileges. While one person can

represent more than one group, that Delegate **will have only one vote** (please inform your meetings).

Delegate Business Items/Forms:

If you would like to recommend and present a change or new request to the ISO at the Annual Delegate Meeting you must complete a Delegate Business Form, and it must be received by the ISO no later than April 1.

To add a formal item to the agenda for the delegates to vote on, please fill out the form here:

http://www.cosa-recovery.org/2019/Delegate_Business_Form.pdf

Time permitting, there may be an opportunity to add a question or comment on the day of the delegate meeting. However, with all the literature, there are a lot of items to vote on already this year.

Literature - Inge

- Some literature in development is currently available on the Literature tab of the website: <https://www.cosa-recovery.org/LitInDev.html>
- However, FINAL drafts of all literature (about fourteen items) will become available under the DELEGATES tab of the website soon (probably beginning of April). Inge will email delegates when those final documents are available on the website because the delegates will vote on new literature.
- The literature will require a YES or NO vote. It is not intended to add little comments or details. It is a pass/fail vote.

Next Meeting

The SECOND delegate meeting has two times available, which will be:

Delegate meeting #2 of 3

Wednesday, April 1, 2020 6:00 p.m. Pacific / 7:00 p.m. Mountain / 8:00 p.m. Central / 9:00 p.m. Eastern / 2:00 a.m. GMT <i><u>Meeting info</u></i>	OR	Saturday, April 18, 2020 11:00 a.m. Pacific / 12:00 p.m. Mountain / 1:00 p.m. Central / 2:00 p.m. Eastern / 7:00 p.m. GMT <i><u>Meeting info</u></i>
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Action items:

- Make the delegates' checklist form available online
- Email delegates when the FINAL literature items are available