



ISO of COSA

Agenda Item Form for Delegate Business

Name of Meeting/Group/Individual proposing Business Item:

(Please provide meeting number if applicable)

Amy S. and Sarah D.

Proposed Motion:

(Be precise; one sentence, if possible) In order to provide better clarity to newcomers about who it is that COSA has the potential to help, to have our language align with the actual makeup and intention of our fellowship, and to prevent COSA from being confused with recovery fellowships focused on stopping one's own compulsive sexual behavior, we propose that:

With the exception of the Steps and Traditions, the phrase "by compulsive sexual behavior" be replaced with the phrase "by another person's compulsive sexual behavior" in COSA's web pages and yet-to-be-written publications.*

*Because we honor and respect the work the Literature Committee has done and the desire of COSA as a whole to publish the forthcoming Basic Text, this proposal does not concern any potential changes to that document.

Explanation of Issues and/or Purpose of Item:

Much of the current language on our website and other documents is the same as that of 12-Step fellowships for sex addicts, which has led to confusion, particularly among newcomers. Clarifying our language allows us to address our primary purpose as laid out in Tradition Five by clearly stating to newcomers our organization's intended audience and what problems we address, and supports COSA unity as laid out in Tradition One. We hope it helps eliminate the scenarios of potential new COSAs thinking they have not found the right program, or of newcomers who are seeking support in stopping their own compulsive sexual behaviors mistakenly coming to COSA meetings when they are looking for a different type of meeting.

How this Proposal Might Be Carried Out:

(Consider volunteer hours, volunteer or paid skills needed to implement)

This would involve several hours of volunteer work from those trusted servants who oversee our web site.