# CoDA Service Conference __2011_

# Motion # 3 – Open/Closed Meetings definition in FSM

## Committee: SSC Date:____2011_____

## Motion Number: (data entry purpose only):_____

**Result (data entry purpose only):**

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**Motion: To clarify description in the FSM concerning open, closed and restricted meetings.**

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SECTION 3 FSM-

**"Open" and "Closed" Meetings**

A CoDA meeting may be "open." This means that anyone can attend. "Anyone" means codependents, non-codependents, students, or representatives of other organizations (including the media), etc. (It is expected, and may be specifically asked, that all such visitors agree to respect our need for anonymity and confidentiality.)

A "closed" group, however, is a group attended only by people who are codependent or ~~think they may be codependent~~ who have the desire to develop healthy and loving relationships. Newcomers who think they may be codependent and/or have the desire to develop healthy and loving relationships can attend a closed meeting.

An open or closed group may be "restricted." For example, a meeting may be listed as "closed - women." In this example, only women who are codependent (or have the desire to develop healthy and loving relationships) may attend this meeting. Another example, a meeting may be listed as "open-Gay/Lesbian". In this example "Anyone" (as described above) may attend this meeting. It also means that this meeting may be designated Gay/Lesbian but it is still open to those who are not Gay/Lesbian.

However, in respecting the spirit of Traditions One, Three, and Five, we honor one exception. No member of our Fellowship shall be turned away from even a closed or restricted meeting, if there is no other meeting available to this person.

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**Intent:** To address MO VEI 06014-Motion 06080 to clear up language regarding open, closed and restricted, meetings.

**Remarks:** Much discussion and some research as to how meetings are designated was made by the committee. Many members seem to have differing definitions of what these terms mean. In addition many meetings lists designate meeting types in different ways. We hope this rewording in the FSM clarifies some of the confusion.