# CoDA Service Conference 2011

## Motion #1

**Committee: Outreach** **Date: 5/7/2011**

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

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

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**Motion:** The members of Spanish Outreach are hereby petitioning the Board, and the 2011 CoDA Service Conference to grant our request to become a standing CoDA Committee.

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**Intent:** Spanish Outreach wants to concentrate its efforts, in carrying CoDA's message of recovery, and offer information to all Spanish-speaking codependents at the World level.

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**Remarks:** Since it was first started, eight years ago, Spanish Outreach has arduously worked to assist Spanish speaking codependents obtain knowledge of CoDA. Just as our Fellowship changes, and becomes better known internationally, so has the nature of our service work. It is now more time consuming and complex. We are experiencing an increasing number of inquiries from Spanish speaking codependents seeking information on all aspects of the Fellowship. These range from help ordering literature, to translations, and guidance for the establishment of new meetings. We are asked for directions in forming intergroups, and VEs, and ways for other countries to obtain permissions for printing their own translated literature. We are asked to translate parts of the Fellowship Service Manual so it could be used as reference material for individual groups. The Hispanic communities are seeking to serve, and want to do it well . . . As someone mentioned in one of the emails . . . "Our group wants to learn and do the way things are done in CoDA." There is little Spanish information available, and codependents come to us searching for answers. There are new meetings developing every month. Our work has grown, and is becoming detective in nature. People aren't just seeking meeting information anymore. It's taking longer and longer for us to provide

information. For the most part, we have to search the main site, translate, and email the answer. Being part of Outreach is a wonderful experience. We are grateful to all of its members for allowing us to learn from them, but as a subcommittee, we participate in some of their teleconferences, and GCs, and this takes additional time from our specialized service work. We are confident and knowledgeable enough to seek standing status. With our work, Spanish Outreach has proven to be worthy of standing alone. Just in the first quarter of 2011, we answered a total of 725 emails.