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**Voting Entity Issue:** SoCal CoDA requests that the following term of office for Standing Committee Chairs be adopted, and added to the Fellowship Service Manual: "*Standing Committee Chairs shall be elected at the Conference by the members of their Committee for a term of three (3) years and may serve a maximum of two (2) terms, but there must be a lapse of at least two (2) years between each elected term."*

**Voting Entity Issue Intent:** It is the intent of this motion to follow the principles of Co-dependents Anonymous. As stated in the FSM on page 21 (Section on Meeting Starter Packet - Growth: *"... Job rotation also supports the concept that each meeting depends on all who attend. Let different volunteers perform each task, rotate positions regularly, and limit terms of service....Our Higher Power will surely make available a member experienced in service...."* Furthermore, on page 40 of the FSM under Voting Entity Delegate Term of Service, is found: *"CoDA encourages rotation of leadership positions among members. This practice broadens the base of service experience and prevents the domination of personality and pursuit of prestige in service roles."*

This motion requires that Standing Committee Chairs at CoDA World practice the limits set for other service positions within the organization. In fact, this is the exact term limit imposed on the CoDA Board itself in the CoDA By Laws under Article VII - Board of Trustees, Section 3 - Election and Term of Office: *"Trustees shall be elected by the Conference for a term of three (3) years and may serve a maximum of two (2) terms, but there must be a lapse of at least two (2) years between each elected term."*

This is repeated in The Fellowship Service Manual (FSM) under Section 09, CoDA Service Structure, CoDA Service Board and Trustees (pg 41) : *"The term of office is three years."*

Currently, there is no policy of rotation of service for Standing Committee Chairs at the CoDA World level. Unlike the policy guidelines for service at the level of home groups, of voting entities, and of the CoDA World Board, Standing Committee Chairs now have no guidelines for rotation of service. This motion will rectify that omission.