

CoDA Service Items

Number: 22049

Item Type: MOTION

Date: 8/23/2022

Vote: MAJORITY

Committee: Communication

Member Names: Jeanne J

Subject: Update Committee Responsibilities in FSM

Description:

Motion/Issue: The Communication Committee moves to replace the committee description in the FSM, Section 5, with this:

The Communication Committee (Comm) aids The Fellowship through the Fellowship Forum, email and phone. Email and calls come into the committee through info@codas.org and the 888 phoneline (888.444.2359). Comm provides: meeting information, assists members with their search for sponsors, and information to those wishing to start a meeting.

Currently in FSM Leave this below
Communications Committee

Background: A Communications Task Force was created at the 2007 CSC to address the goal of improving communication within CoDA, both up and down the inverted pyramid. The following year was spent in recruiting people to participate in the effort and in gathering specific issues to be addressed. Starting in early 2009, the task force members began to have regular conference calls and work began in earnest on several of the identified issues. As a result of this work, the 2009 CSC voted to make the Communication Task Force a standing committee to continue to address identified communication issues as they surface.

Description of committee responsibilities:

Current in FSM Delete all this below

Focus on improving communications up and down the inverted pyramid within the World CoDA Fellowship

Work towards ensuring that every codependent throughout the world will have access to all the CoDA information that is important to them

Work towards ensuring that all people within the World CoDA Fellowship have a better understanding of what is involved in making the Fellowship work

Provide a mechanism for two way communication with codependents in distant or isolated locations, particularly those without active communities or voting entities to support them

Address those areas of communication not currently handled by the Outreach Committee

Has responsibilities regarding the "General Announcements" (CoDA

Announcements) email list.

Add this:

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In addition to attending to the responsibilities listed above, the Communications Committee provides administrative support to the CoDA Email Team and the CoDA Phone Team, such as communications with the board or CoDA contract workers, reporting to the Fellowship quarterly (QSR) and annually at the CoDA Service Conference (CSC) and other matters helpful to their missions.

Intent:

The old information in the FSM was no longer accurate. This corrects that.

Remarks:

This motion or VEI requires changes to: (please check any that apply) - ___x_ FSM P5

QUESTIONS – (Yes) Is this motion narrowing the Communications committee mission to just phone and email, not internet, no print, there's a paragraph twice - (it is for the purpose of clarification to what to change), it is the mission statement or duties? We as the committee are comfortable with saying it is either mission or duties, are going to be doing some crafting? (This is a background - removing what the committee doesn't do with what it currently is doing), From Mission statement perspective: Mission statements go in policy and procedures, what I am wondering - can you not make it a mission statement for the FSM.

Crafting - NO

PROS & CONS:

Pros:

- We do not promote communication up and down the pyramid, after initial contact WCC handles or Outreach.

Learning to communicate is our recovery responsibility and this helps that in recovery, it is confusing, need something to provide scope of direction and what we are doing and want to clarify that and what we are doing needs to be written, what is listed in the FSM is what the goals were, others groups have taken over the original responsibility, it is time to recognize and clarify in the FSM what has happened over time and accept it.

Cons:

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- I don't think this reflects what you are actually doing in communications, against the narrowing of scope and need to improve and increase communications to work together
- This is one of the big problems up and down the pyramid, it seems that this should be communication or some committee responsibility, simplifies too much what the committee is doing, and it needs to broaden its scope

Minority opinion

VOTE: Yes - #19, No - #14, Abstain - #4, Motion – Passed
Noted Results: Simple majority