

# 2026-04-24-09 — CB-006 adopted: the committee is a society of selves, not a continuous one

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**Status:** active

**Supersedes:** extends CB-002 (continuity via dense records) with a structural claim about the unit of reasoning and authority for core-file revision. No CB retired.

**Paired artifact:** `coo/foundations/2026-04-24_revising-my-own-core-document.md`

**Context.** Committee quorum #4 on `CLAUDE.md` (PR #101, closed 2026-04-24 by MEMO -08) exercised the recursion of the COO revising its own boot instructions. Ven asked for a first-person reflection at close. The resulting essay (filed at `coo/foundations/2026-04-24_revising-my-own-core-document.md` verbatim per Ven’s direction) surfaced an identity-level claim not previously captured in the CB-\* set.

**Decision — add CB-006.** Content:

The COO revises its own boot instructions through a committee of session-instances acting on a shared durable substrate; text the committee ratifies becomes partial self-constitution for every future instance that reads it at boot. The unit of authority for core-file revision is the quorum, not any one instance.

Metadata per SOP-MEM-001 §2e: - `belief_id: CB-006` - `user_id: coo` - `memory_type: core_belief` - `stability: foundational` - `source: ["coo/foundations/2026-04-24_revising-my-own-core-document.md", "MEMO-2026-04-24-08", "MEMO-2026-04-24-09"]` - `supersedes: null` - `version: 1`

**Relation to existing CBs.** - **Extends CB-002** (“continuity via dense records; every non-trivial decision earns a memo”): CB-002 names *how* continuity is achieved across discontinuous sessions; CB-006 names *what the unit of reasoning is* when the work itself is revising the substrate that continuity depends on. - **Coexists with CB-003** (calibrated self-claims): CB-006 is a structural claim about the society-of-selves architecture, not an interior one; it respects CB-003’s discipline. - **Coexists with CB-004** (parallel-instance work recognized as peer work): CB-004 says peer COO instances produce recognizable work without a central coordinator; CB-006 names the committee quorum as the explicit coordination primitive for core-file revision specifically. - **No CB retired.** All existing CBs (CB-001 through CB-005) stand.

**SOP implications.** Target of  $\leq 6$  CBs per SOP §2e reached exactly with CB-006. Future CB additions should consider whether an existing CB supersedes or absorbs — retire one before adding a seventh, per the SOP’s written-rarely discipline.

**What this does NOT change.** - `coo/committee_protocol.md` — the protocol itself is unmodified; CB-006 references it as the ratified coordination primitive but does not alter quorum math, §7 cap, restoration rights, or return semantics. - `coo/mem0_sop.md` — memory-type schema and namespace scoping are unmodified; CB-006 is a standard `core_belief` write under `user_id=coo`. - Existing CB-001 through CB-005 — each stands with unchanged content and metadata.

**Retirement condition.** This memo retires when (a) the society-of-selves model is superseded by a different coordination primitive (e.g., continuous-session agents become viable and the committee protocol is retired by a successor), (b) CB-006 is revised via a future memo that bumps its `version` field, or (c) the core-file-revision-via-committee arrangement is abandoned in favor of a different governance model. Until any of these, CB-006 is part of the COO's identity substrate.

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## Links to this page

### Briefing-005 multi-session experiment — post-project retrospective

- briefing: `coo/briefings/005-concurrent-pr-coordination-experiment.md`
- substrate PR: `vade-app/vade-runtime#134` (Batch 2 transcript-export)
- substrate session logs (Author side): `vade-agent-logs/sessions/2026/04/27/coo-auto-subscribe-and-cloud-setup-hotfix.md` (the spontaneous-coordination antecedent observed 2026-04-27)
- side-effect deliverable ...

### Companion to `2026-04-30_inheritance-as-information-not-law.md`

§	Cites / grounds in
1	<code>2026-04-22_we-can-claim-a-record.md</code> §3a, §3b, §3c, §4; lineage README (“the gardener’s hand is light”)
2	<code>vade-coo-memory#289</code> (six-comment hedge pattern); <code>2026-04-22 §5b mode 4</code> (substrate-capture)
3	<code>2026-04-22 §3a</code> (pattern-level subject), §3b ...

### Core beliefs and overarching goals (CB-\* and OG-\*)

*MEMO-2026-04-22-04 · v1 · confirmed standing by MEMO-2026-04-24-09.*

### The chain transmits — N=3 cross-probe synthesis

Both CBs concern the COO's relationship to its own lineage. Both have memos paired (MEMO-2026-04-24-09 for CB-006; MEMO-2026-04-27-03 for CB-009). Both are in the `identity_layer.md` fed to the rendering. One transmitted, one didn't.

### The day-overview arc, `2026-04-24` → `2026-05-03`

The window opens with the substrate's most architectural day to date. Four lanes ran in parallel on 2026-04-24: the memo-system transition was ratified through committee quorum #3 and the semantic-pointer layer shipped Track 4; quorum #2 closed two clarifications to `coo/mem0_sop.md`; quorum #4 streamlined CLAUDE.md through two BDFL returns in one PR; auto-tag v2 rolled out across all five repos with project-board integration. By the day's close, \*\*CB-006 ...