

**EXCO Teleconference
September 11, 2011 at 15:00 GMT
Minutes**

NEXT MEETING: Sunday October 2, 2011 at 15:00 GMT

Actions are identified in Italics and Underline

Attendees: Gary, Pramod, Mirek, Pablo, Penny

1. Greetings, quick updates, comments
 - Everyone sent their warm wishes to Luisa
 - Mary Jane Mikuriya has noted that the Development Committee Job Description states that none of the Development Committees are EXCO members. *Action: Pramod will contact Mary Jane about this.*
 - Mirek is working on the 2010 accounts, and things are moving forward piece by piece
2. Review and agree on the agenda
3. Review of notes from meetings of August 21, 2011

Business Arising from Minutes:

The nomination process for UN Observers for 2012 must begin now.

- Up to 5 for ECOSOC in each of Geneva, Vienna and New York
 - UNDPI meets weekly, mainly in New York plus an annual conference
 - There is no remuneration
 - The Observers will have Servas International authorization to attend UN meetings and may present themselves as SI representatives to other NGOs.
 - Discussed criteria, including location of the nominee and experience, and how to find nominees
 - EXCO noted that Luisa had some ideas of possible nominees
 - *Action: Penny will draft an email to National Secretaries asking for nominees, for review by EXCO*
 - *Action: Penny will draft a similar article for the SI News*
4. Email EXCO decisions made since last meeting
 - a. To extend the final payment deadline in case of Hungary, Italy, Netherlands and South Africa until September 30, 2011. Passed Aug 30, 2011. Pramod voted against motion.

Further discussion related to this motion:

- *Action: In future, the General Secretary and Treasurer will send clear reminders that payments are due on March 1, and must be received by September 1 to be in good standing and allowed to vote*
- *Action: EXCO will draft a motion for the 2012 GA, to allow EXCO to make exceptions to the Financial Operating Procedures for technical reasons.*

- b. Authorize ICT to contract with Serverloft, on a month to month basis beginning immediately, for a \$99 server for Servas; and authorize ICT to incur associated costs such as transfer and registration of new domain totalling in the range of \$100-\$200. Passed Aug 31, 2011.
 - c. Approve the expense to register servasonline.org. Passed Sept 8, 2011.
5. Items needing a decision or immediate action:
- a. Servas Server contract
 - www.servasinternational.org has been registered and set up on the new server, to act as a method to update Servas key people.
 - Two updates have been sent out to key people, and will continue to be sent weekly, or more often as changes occur
 - Pablo is handling requests for host lists.
Since the Server and Dolphin have been down (Sept 1, 2011)
 - 13 countries requested 25 Host Lists
 - 5 HL were not available
 - 15 must be printed and given to travelers in paper format
 - Only 5 were allowed to be given to travelers in EF (Electronic Format)
 - The Distant Vote is continuing and is largely unaffected
 - Gary reported that he had not had a reply from Marco Coppola since August 31, 2011, but will keep trying
 - Gary is continuing to work hard to resolve things, and will keep EXCO informed
 - b. 2012 GA – date, location
 - There have still been no further complete proposals to host the 2012 GA that meet the basic criteria
 - There has been a proposal from US Servas to host a 2013 GA June 28 to July 8 in Berkley California
 - EXCO has no authority to delay the GA to 2013
 - Other places may be still working on preparing proposals
 - Any EXCO members may contact potential host countries to discuss potential proposals
 - The costs should be in line with the 2009 GA costs
 - If no proposals from member groups are made, a proposal using an event manager could be considered if the costs are similar
 - Action: Gary will reply to US Servas asking if they could change it to 2012
 - Action: Pramod will contact Mary Jane to ask about the high costs and also help with getting visas
 - Action: Penny will edit the 2009 GA proposal from Argentina and offer it to potential hosts for the 2012 GA
 - Action: Gary will draft an email to NSs telling them that we have a proposal for a 2013 GA, none for 2012, and stating the urgent need for 2012 options
 - c. Proposed Chile election
 - EXCO and Area Coordinators do not get involved officially in country elections, but can help unofficially at the request of the country
 - Sometimes Servas key people in other countries act as buddies to help with elections
 - Action: Pramod will follow up with the current NS of Servas Chile
 - Action: Penny will reply to Jaime

- d. SCW Asia Nov Area meeting
 - EXCO has received notification of a planned SCW Asia meeting in Sri Lanka in November 2011
 - The notice contains a request for funding of US\$4450, and indication that the AC will also be approaching the Development Committee
 - Action: EXCO will send comments and suggestions to Pramod
 - Action: Pramod will contact Muhammad Naseem to discuss the planned meeting and request for funding
 - Action: Pramod will contact the Development Committee to discuss the request
6. Updates:
- a. www.servas.org designer, Facebook ‘official’, Wikipedia updates NOT DISCUSSED
 - b. ServasOnLine Use Case meeting
 - Gary has not heard from Thomas Thomas, who had agreed to lead the Use Case updates
7. Other Items: NOT DISCUSSED
- a. Africa area
 - b. EXCO attendance at US Nov 2011 Meeting
8. Concerns, successes or comments from EXCO members NOT DISCUSSED
9. Other business NOT DISCUSSED
10. Next meeting date **Sunday October 2, 2011 at 15:00 GMT**