

E X C O R E P O R T S

A review of the year from the top along with ideas and hopes for the future.

President – Geoff Maltby

I am one of six people on the Executive Committee (Exco) of Servas International (S.I.) who are responsible for the day to day running of S.I. between one General Assembly and the next. We are scattered all over the globe – Australia, Canada, Italy, Nepal, Turkey and USA. Our main communication is by email but we can 'teleconference'.

We held our first 'face to face' meeting 3rd to 9th November 2004 in Paris. I believe our meeting in Paris was a most successful one. Many issues were discussed and resolved. There are still issues that require the attention of Exco over the coming months and with that in mind we have formulated an 'Action Plan'. Some plans include:

*To introduce an International Peace Plan for Servas in consultation with Servas Member Groups.

*To develop an outreach from Servas to members of the United Nations non-government organizations.

*To specify clearly, the scopes, motivations and guidelines and principles for the General Assembly.

*To introduce an Educational Plan so all National Secretaries have enough preparation concerning issues to be discussed and voted on for the next General Assembly.

*To address and solve the issues raised by the Audit Committee of Servas International and for Exco to work efficiently within the guidelines set out by the various Servas International Committees.

*To set up a 'legal panel' of Servas members whose responsibility will be to examine the Statutes of Servas International, provide Exco with a clear, consistent set of Statutes for Exco to send out to all National Secretaries for evaluation, have it voted on at the next General Assembly.

There is a lot of work ahead for us and other members of Servas but with the continued spirit, dedication and enthusiasm we have encountered in our short term on Exco, then I sincerely believe that there is a great future for this organization that we all love, called 'SERVAS'.

General Secretary – Sonora Clemens

As the General Secretary, I want to have a forum available to express openly the diverse opinions of Servas people, because I believe that only with open correspondence can we grow, only with open communication can we work together, only with harmonious understandings developed through exchanges of thought can we build peace.

Therefore I am pleased that as a member of the EXCO team we have a new website which is open to the public. Members are encouraged to visit it to learn many kinds of important information. Currently the past EXCO Newsletters are on the site. The November and December EXCO Newsletters will be there soon. The minutes of the meetings in Paris, the Audit report and the results of elections are only a few of the items people will be able to read when they visit www.siexco.org. It is even possible the "Distant Vote", (a procedure for making delegate decisions between conferences) will be handled on this website. I am excited by the potential of such a positive vehicle.

Vice President – Bibendra Pradhananga

As Vice President and Development Coordinator the statue of SI indicates the following responsibilities.

- a. Perform the functions of the President in the absence or incapacity of the President;
- b. Be responsible for the development and strengthening of national Servas groups;
- c. Keep broadly informed about the work of the Area Coordinators, represent their interests in the Executive Committee.;
- d. Perform such other functions as shall be delegated by the President or General Assembly.

During my tenure as VP in last three years, I was able to achieve most of that. Of course during that time we had our ups and down. I made good friends on the way, many came forward to support & came up with very good and useful suggestions. In my second term I hope to improve Servas in all ways possible but for that I will need all of your continuing support and valuable suggestions. I want to emphasize on involving more young people in work camps & other Servas activities. I am also concentrating in delivering on this task, which the voting delegates of the Servas world have entrusted to me.

Financial Statement

- Budget for 2005-7

This budget indicates proposed expenditure over the next 3 years. The money comes from the SI stamps. The figures are in Swiss francs as the account is based in Switzerland.

	2005	2006	2007	Total
EXCO	15 833	15 833	15 833	47 500
AC	8 500	8 500	8 500	25 500
UN	500	500	500	1 500
IT budget	20 250	20 250	20 250	60 750
other officer	500	500	500	1 500
auditor	600	600	600	1 800
printing	13 667	13 667	13 667	41 000
committees	5 375	5 375	5 375	16 125
projects	1 333	1 333	1 333	4 000
SI conference	0	0	73 333	73 333
others	3 000	3 000	3 000	9 000
Total	94 003	94 003	94 003	282 008

In future SI News we hope to extend this column to show you how the money has been spent as well as the future planning. To help keep costs down we cannot do that with the space available this issue.