

EXCO Teleconference
May 15, 2010 at 15:00 GMT
Minutes
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NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY JUNE 9, 2010 AT 15:00 GMT

SAVE SATURDAY MAY 29, 2010 AT 15:00 GMT for possible DV motion discussion

Actions are identified in Italics and Underline

Attendees: Gary, Pramod, Mirek, Pablo, Penny

1. Greetings, quick updates, comments
 - Gary reported that Kim is sounding positive, but his vision problems prevent him from using email. Also, he has requested help for the next period of time to manage UN activities, country Peace Secretary linkages and the Peace Course. Action: **Pramod and Gary** will discuss options.
2. Review and agree on the agenda
 - Added 5d. Budget Committee
3. Review of notes from meeting of April 25, 2010
 - Pramod reported that he had spoken to Mary Jane about Distant Interviewing. More Distant Interviewers are needed. Clarity is needed about what happens after the Distant Interviewer approves a traveler, specifically what LOI form is used and how is the fee paid?
 - It was suggested that the SI Vice President could take the role of issuing these LOIs, with a standard SI LOI form, as a pilot project.
 - It was suggested that a promotional fund could be established with 10 or 20 stamps per year to be used for this purpose, with the hope that these travelers will subsequently contribute to the growth of Servas. This would avoid the need to arrange money transfers.
 - DECISION: Try this approach as a pilot until the end of October 2010. Action: **Pramod** will discuss these ideas with the Distant Interviewers, set up the process and bring further comments and recommendations to future EXCO meetings.
4. Email EXCO decisions made since last meeting
 - a. Mirek's attendance at SOL Developers meeting
 - b. Advance to Mirek to cover SOL Developers meeting expenses
 - c. Wording of SOL Declaration for Developers meeting
5. Items needing a decision:
 - a. SOL Meeting – J. Gunther's reimbursement
 - MOTION: Grant 835 USD to John Gunther to attend the SOL Developers meeting in Venice in May 2010, since he is already traveling and this is the equivalent of the discounted return travel fare from his hometown in Rosenthal, NY to Venice. Passed. Action: **Mirek** will notify John Gunther.
 - b. EXCO Distant Vote motions – LVs suggestions, others?
 - Membership Committee recommendations: DECISION: EXCO will make the motion, but will use the details, unchanged, that are supplied by the Membership Committee.

- Suggestions from LV Subramanian to change accounting year dates and to change accounting currency from CHF to Euros. DECISION: Consideration of these items will be postponed until the SI Registration project is completed.
 - Action: Penny will monitor the possible DV motions, and keep EXCO informed.
- c. East Asia meeting in Taiwan – funding request (\$700USD plus AC travel)
- Deferred to the next meeting
- d. Budget Committee
- Action: Mirek will write a call for nominations for the SI Budget Committee, and Penny will send it out.
6. Other important items:
- a. SI Registration
- Audit Committee statement re: stamp fees
 - Next steps
 - Action: Gary, Mirek and Penny will develop a strategy to recommend to EXCO.
- b. Action Chart
- Action: All EXCO members will review the chart.
- c. Siexco EXCO area NOT DISCUSSED
7. Concerns, successes or comments from EXCO members: NOT DISCUSSED
8. Other business NONE
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