

**EXCO Teleconference
August 21, 2011 at 15:00 GMT
Minutes**

NEXT MEETING: Sunday September 11, 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

2. Review and agree on the agenda

3. Review of notes from meetings of August 7, 2011

4. Email EXCO decisions made since last meeting NONE

5. Items needing a decision or immediate action:
 - a. DV Nov 2011
 - There will be one motion in the DV Nov 2011.
 - Summary:
 - Motion 1 (To approve the 2010 Audited Accounts) has been withdrawn, since the 2010 Audited Accounts are not ready
 - Motion 2 (To approve of the 2012 SI Budget) has been withdrawn, since the 2012 budget passed at the 2009 GA has not been modified
 - Motion 3 (To modify the decisions of the 2009 GA related to registration of Servas International, to allow EXCO to proceed with the registration) has been revised and will go forward
 - Motion 4 (To fully fund the Youth Development Officer to attend the next General Assembly, as an elected officer of Servas international) has been withdrawn by Servas Britain
 - Action: Penny and Chris Patterson will finalize DV documents, get them translated and sent as per the DV schedule
 - b. Servas Server contract
 - Penny is working with the ICT to finalize the server contract
 - **DECISION: Upon information from the ICT, the server invoice will be paid immediately.**
 - Action: Penny to present recommendation to EXCO as soon as possible.

- c. 2012 GA
 - EXCO members consulted with various countries about the option of a virtual GA
 - There was general agreement that a face-to-face GA is valuable, and that it is worth investigating using the Distant Vote process to handle some GA items
 - If a Distant Vote is required, the statutes require that motions will need to be finalized 9 months before the start of the GA (DV must be at least 6 months before the GA; motions must be final 3 months before DV closes)
 - **DECISION: Based on consultation, EXCO came to the conclusion that a face-to-face GA in 2012 is required**
 - **DECISION: Further work will be done on tactical use of Distant Vote for some routine items normally done at a GA**
 - **DECISION: EXCO agrees to call a Distant Vote at least 9 months before the 2012 GA, if appropriate, for the sole purpose of dealing with 2012 GA motions**
 - Action: Penny will consult with Chris Patterson about this use of the DV process
 - Action: Penny, Pramod and Chris Patterson will discuss how to proceed
- d. Funding of delegate to Bonn UN meeting
 - At her request, Gary registered a German Servas member, Gabriela Young, as a delegate to the routine annual meeting of the UN Department of Public Information in Bonn
 - The meeting is a briefing, not a negotiating or programming meeting, and Servas will not have an opportunity to speak formally
 - It is normal for Servas, as an accredited UN NGO entity by ECOSOC, to attend such meetings, which had normally been held in New York
 - Accommodation expenses to attend UN meetings are not generally paid
 - **DECISION: Based on the facts presented, EXCO decided that SI would not fund the accommodation for Gabriela Young**
 - Action: Gary will notify Gabriela of the decision
- e. Email re: Africa meeting additional expenses
 - The email from Sheldon describing additional expenses that exceed the money available will be treated as information; EXCO will wait to see if there is a formal request

6. Updates: NONE

7. Other Items:

- a. www.servas.org, Facebook, Wikipedia
 - Facebook: Action: Pablo will contact the owner of the Servas Facebook page to discuss making it more official and matching the Servas principles. Gary will support him.
 - Wikipedia: Action: Pablo will download and circulate the current English Wikipedia entry for Servas to EXCO and Terry Stone, for comments and updates.
 - www.servas.org: Action: Pramod will contact Mary Jane to see if there is a US volunteer who would volunteer to revamp www.servas.org

- b. Africa Meeting outcomes and AC election
 - EXCO looks forward to the official report from the Africa Area meeting, and is happy that early reports indicate that it was a big success
 - Action: Penny will ask Moses the exact boundaries of “Africa” area
 - **DECISION (Prمود abstained): EXCO will accept the Area Coordinator election results from the Africa area meeting as direction, and appoint Moses Kigozi as Area Coordinator, pointing out that the AC Election Guidelines were not followed.**

- c. 2012 Budget and 2010 Audit NOT DISCUSSED

- d. EXCO status report
 - Action: Penny will send the final draft of the July 2011 status report to EXCO for comments by Tuesday August 23, 2011

- e. GA funding criteria
 - NS funding to GAs is normally based on information from:
 - Treasurer – financial accounts up to date
 - General Secretary – annual report submitted
 - Host List Coordinator – Host List updated within past 2 years
 - Action: Pramod will circulate to EXCO the criteria used for the 2009 GA, and the chart layout for analyzing the applications, for comment.

- f. National meetings and elections NOT DISCUSSED

- 8. Concerns, successes or comments from EXCO members

- 9. Other business

- 10. Next meeting date **Sunday September 11, 2011 at 15:00 GMT**