

Motion 4 - Revised Stamp Fees

Background Information on Motion on Revised Stamp Fee Structure

(The full Stamp Fee Review Committee Report is available on the DV Nov 2010 web page.)

As per the SI Statutes, Clause IV, 3, f, it is the responsibility of the General Assembly to **'decide upon fees, regulations and procedures of Servas International'**.

Accordingly, the stamp fees are also decided upon by the General Assembly. During the last General Assembly held in September 2009, discussions on revising the existing stamp fee structure were held in a working group. Based on the recommendation of this working group, the GA passed the following resolution:

'A group to be set up to recommend revised stamp fees by December 31, 2009.

Five persons including treasurers and people from small and large Servas countries will serve on the committee and US\$ 100 to be provided for communication expenses for the group'.

As decided by the GA, EXCO set up a Stamp Fee Review Committee with a mandate to recommend a revised stamp fee structure. The Stamp Fee Review Committee has submitted its report to EXCO and recommended a revised stamp fee structure. However, this revised stamp fee structure can be adopted by SI only after it is approved by the General Assembly. The purpose of this motion is to seek the GA's approval for the revised stamp fee structure as recommended by the Stamp Fee Committee.

The following points may please be noted:

- The revised stamp fees will become applicable only if the motion is passed by the GA.
- If the motion is not passed by the GA, then the existing stamp fees will remain applicable.
- The Distant Vote Procedure does not allow any amendments to the motion. Hence, in this Distant Vote, the voters can either vote for the proposed stamp fee structure without any amendments, or they can vote against it. They can also abstain from voting.