

EXCO Teleconference
December 18, 2010 at 16:00 GMT
Minutes
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NEXT MEETING: SATURDAY JANUARY 8, 2011 AT 16:00 GMT

Actions are identified in Italics and Underline

Attendees: Gary, Luisa, Penny, Mirek, Pramod

1. Greetings, quick updates, comments
2. Review and agree on the agenda
3. Review of notes from meeting of December 11, 2010
4. Email EXCO decisions made since last meeting NONE
5. Items needing a decision:
 - a. Host List Request 2011 Instructions to NSs
 - **Decision:**

If a National Group (NG) has their host list in the HLSA, then the NG does not need to print and send any printed host lists, even if the NG says that their host list cannot be sent electronically to travellers. However, some NGs may still print and mail host lists if they do not allow their host list to be sent electronically to travellers.

PASSED, but not unanimously. Pramod voted against the motion.
 - This decision was required to move forward with 2011 host lists. It is treated as a pilot decision. It will be taken to the November 2011 Distant Vote.
 - There was a lot of discussion of the motion, and concerns raised (other points were raised in the Dec 11, 2010 meeting):
 - It will be more expensive to print large lists in the traveller's country when they are requested, although the mailing costs will be avoided.
 - Host list costs will be borne by the traveller's country
 - There is no incentive for countries to allow electronic distribution
 - It is important to encourage large countries who do not allow host lists to be sent electronically to travellers to continue printing and mailing their host lists
 - This approach is the simplest to implement, and moves in the direction of ServasOnLine
 - It is a concern that many countries have not answered the question of whether they agree to allow sending of their host list electronically to travellers.
 - Action: Pablo and Penny will draft the instructions and send them to EXCO for comments.
 - Action: Pablo will contact the large countries who have not agreed to their host list being sent electronically to travellers, to request that they change that decision or that they print and mail their host list. This includes all countries who have not

answered the question. Pramod will help Pablo to contact English speaking countries which have not responded.

- Action: Penny will add this to the list for DV Nov 2011

b. DV May 2011 motions

- SI Registration in another country
- Motion in principle re: partnerships

- **Decision: EXCO concluded that we do not have the time to prepare the two planned distant vote items. Therefore, the DV May 2011 will be cancelled.**
- Action: Penny will notify all NSs that the DV May 2011 is cancelled since there are no motions to be decided.

c. Gary's email re: ServasOnLine

- There was a lot of discussion about how to proceed with ServasOnLine, given the lack of forward motion since the middle of 2010.
- It was noted that:
 - the work done earlier in 2010 is still useful and a valid basis to move forward
 - The Use Cases need a lot more work to make them precise enough for programming
 - BeWelcome has lots of programmers, but they need to be given a framework and inspiration
- **Decision: A meeting of the 30 countries with 100 or more hosts (the supporting countries) is needed to determine how to proceed. Specific steps:**
 - **Prepare and distribute a document to the supporting groups describing the status of ServasOnLine and the options (probably developed by an expert group) – by the end of March 2011**
 - **Hold several teleconferences with the supporting countries – in April 2011**
 - **Hold a face-to-face meeting with at least some of the countries – in May 2011**
- Action: Gary and Penny will coordinate preparation of the document.

6. Updates:

- ServasOnLine see 5c. above
 - Steering Committee
 - RFP for Project Manager
 - Investigation of levy paid
- ICT technical member appointment(s)
 - An ad hoc group will probably be assembled to address the server contract renewal project.
 - Action: Gary will contact possible volunteers
- Response to Sercan re: Distant Interviewers and UN NOT DISCUSSED
- AC election for SCW Asia NOT DISCUSSED
- Next steps re: Youth representatives NOT DISCUSSED
- Next steps re: SI New Editor
 - Gary reported on a good discussion that he had with Ally

- Action: Gary will be working to recruit an SI News team

- g. Siexco and www.servas.org NOT DISCUSSED
 - h. Action Chart NOT DISCUSSED
 - i. 2009 Annual Reports NOT DISCUSSED
7. Concerns, successes or comments from EXCO members NOT DISCUSSED
8. Other business
9. Next meeting date **SATURDAY JANUARY 8, 2011 AT 16:00 GMT**