

**EXCO Teleconference
December 11, 2011 at 16:00 GMT
Minutes**

NEXT MEETING: Sunday January 8, 2012 at 16:00 GMT

Actions are identified in Italics and Underline

Attendees: Gary, Mirek, Danielle, Pablo, Penny

1. Greetings, quick updates, comments
 - Meeting objective is to welcome Danielle and bring her into the EXCO team
 - EXCO focus for next while is:
 - 2012 GA preparations, including schedule, budget and funding
 - ServasOnLine
 - 2012 Host List process
 - SI Registration
 - related to these topics, the EXCO face-to-face meeting in early 2012
2. Agreed on the agenda
 - Several items were deferred
3. Accepted revised notes from meeting of November 20, 2011
4. Email EXCO decisions made since last meeting
 - a. Appoint Danielle Serres as SI Peace Secretary. Passed Nov 29, 2011
 - b. To fund Pramod Kumar to attend the SCW Asia Area Meeting in Colombo, Sri Lanka, representing EXCO, for an amount of up to 400CHF. Passed Dec 2, 2011
5. Items needing a decision or immediate action:
 - a. Africa meeting deficit
 - EXCO received a request to fund the deficit from the Africa Area Meeting
 - It was noted that Sheldon had continued to keep EXCO aware of the travel cost concerns, and worked very hard under difficult circumstances to manage the budget
 - The overrun is attributed to delays in purchasing tickets, and therefore the higher prices
 - The success of the meeting was noted, and also that the planning timelines that EXCO had requested were not met
 - **DECISION: To pay the deficit of US\$529.14 from the Africa Area Meeting, on a single non-precedent basis, due to the fact that the contingency line in the budget was not adequately planned, and the complexity of arranging an Africa-wide meeting.**
 - b. RFP for ServasOnLine web designer DEFER to Dec 13 meeting
 - c. EXCO Face to face meeting
 - The tentative timeframe for the meeting is February 7-18, 2012
 - EXCO has been invited to meet in Israel
 - *Action: Penny will distribute a flight cost comparison for Tel Aviv, Delhi and Toulouse*

- d. 2012 Host List Requests
 - There is a need for Dolphin technical support to re-set the Host List Request Form, and also correct problems with access to host lists in the Host List Storage Area
 - There are technical difficulties in modifying Dolphin that are related to the move to the new server
 - Action: Penny will arrange for the ICT Technical Team (Michael and Mark) to work with Marco and Mario Burlando to solve the outstanding issues by December 16, 2011
 - An EXCO decision is required about what to tell large countries who do not allow electronic host lists to be sent to travellers
 - Action: Pablo and Penny will draft the letter to all NSs send it to EXCO

- e. 2012 GA - schedule, set up, nomination form, funding form DEFER DISCUSSION
 - Action: Gary will distribute the schedule used for planning the 2009 GA
 - Action: Penny will update the 2009 GA schedule as a starting point for the 2012 GA schedule
 - Action: EXCO will review Version 3 of the Funding Criteria

- f. Peace Secretary networking and discussion of roles
 - Danielle's first priority is to get a list of peace secretaries and supporters, to put together an international peace team
 - She will start small and build
 - It was noted that the peace aspect of Servas is what is unique about us
 - Gary did a survey a few years ago, and found that most opinions about Peace and Servas fell into 5 different groups
 - Peace is within – Servas has a role with that
 - Peace is against war –Servas should actively work against war
 - Peace is at the community level – Servas should promote a world made up of many villages
 - Peace is multi-lateral – Servas should participate in large forms, with different cultures and the United Nations
 - There is no place for Peace in Servas
 - Peace Secretaries want clarity about their role and guidance on how to proceed
 - In the redesign of servas.org, there needs to be a clear and prominent place for Peace
 - Servas is not a peace-making organization; we are peace-builders
 - Action: Danielle will work to build a team, and EXCO will support her

- g. 2010 Audit Report DEFER DISCUSSION
 - Action: EXCO will review the Audit Report and send comments to Mirek

- h. SI Registration following DV approval of motion DEFER DISCUSSION

- 6. Updates:
 - a. Servas Online DEFER DISCUSSION

 - b. Nomination of 2012 UN Observers
 - It is urgent to appoint UN observers, primarily in New York, Geneva and Vienna, since appointments are done in January
 - UN conferences can occur in various places
 - There have been suggestions that Servas also get involved with UNESCO, headquartered in Paris
 - It is best if local people can be recruited

- Action: Danielle and Mirek will discuss the budget
 - Action: Danielle will move ahead in the recruitment process
- c. Chile election DEFER DISCUSSION
7. Other Items: NOT DISCUSSED
- a. Facebook ‘official’, Wikipedia updates
 - b. Discussion of Servas oaths
 - c. Contents of EXCO meeting minutes
8. Concerns, successes or comments from EXCO members
9. Other business
- a. Email Motion related to “Servas members in business relations with Servas. In progress”
 - Pablo and Mirek will prepare a paper, with the intention of taking a motion from EXCO to the 2012 GA
 - b. Spanish Translation recruitment
 - Action: Pablo will give Dinorah access to the Skype account for Host List Reliability calling, so that she can call National Secretaries of Spanish speaking to recruit translators. Pablo will monitor and report on the costs.
10. Next meeting date **Sunday January 8, 2012 at 16:00 GMT**