

EXCO Teleconference
January 8, 2011 at 16:00 GMT
Minutes
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NEXT MEETING: SATURDAY JANUARY 29, 2011 AT 16:00 GMT

Actions are identified in Italics and Underline

Attendees: Gary, Luisa, Penny, Mirek, Pramod, Pablo

1. Greetings, quick updates, comments
 - the challenging economy and lower world travel may be affecting Servas trends as well as the amount of time people have to commit to volunteering
 - briefly discussed the impact of the internet and social media on long term planning for Servas
2. Review and agree on the agenda
3. Review of notes from meeting of December 18, 2010
4. Email EXCO decisions made since last meeting NONE
5. Items needing a decision:
 - a. ICT technical member appointment
 - Gary and Penny have both been working on ways to increase the ICT committee strength
 - There is a prospective new ICT member from Canada. Action: Penny will get and circulate his CV/bio to EXCO, and arrange for him to talk to Gary.
 - Pramod recommended that an EXCO member should hold the server passwords to ensure that they are always available in case of ICT membership changes
 - Some of the larger countries are doing specific searches for ICT members. The aim is to have a pool of technical ICT members, to lessen the load on each of them. Action: Gary will provide an update in a week or two.
 - It was noted that SI Committee members should be Servas members if at all possible
 - Action: Penny, as SI General Secretary, will take over ownership of the Siexco@googlegroups.com email address
 - b. Country web sites on servas.org DEFERRED
6. Updates:
 - a. Host List Requests 2011 (including Nepal and US Servas issues)
 - For 2011, all countries with 100 or more hosts are either sending paper lists or allow their list to be sent electronically to travellers
 - Action: Penny and Pablo will respond to US Servas about their Host List motion

- b. ServasOnLine
 - i. Email to NSs re: ServasOnLine NOT DISCUSSED
 - ii. Steering Committee
 - o Gary will continue work on this item
 - iii. Investigation of levy paid NOT DISCUSSED
 - iv. RFP for Project Manager
 - o Penny will continue work on this item
- c. AC election for SCW Asia
 - Pramod will continue work on this item
- d. EXCO Dec 2010 Status Report
 - It is scheduled to be distributed by Jan 31, 2011
 - Action: EXCO will send updates to Penny
- e. Action Chart V12 NOT DISCUSSED
- f. Committee Status Reports NOT DISCUSSED
- g. Next steps re: Youth representatives NOT DISCUSSED
- h. Next steps re: SI New Editor
 - Gary has spoken to Ally and is working to pull together a team
 - It was agreed that a translation team is also important
 - Action: Gary will provide an update in the next week or two.
- i. 2012 GA
 - No new developments to report
- j. 2009 Annual Reports NOT DISCUSSED
- k. Siexco and www.servas.org NOT DISCUSSED
- 7. Concerns, successes or comments from EXCO members NOT DISCUSSED
- 8. Other business
 - a. Peace Camps in Italy in 2011
 - There are two planned peace camps in Calabria, Italy in the summer of 2011
 - o Peace camp with Organization "LIBERA" that fights Mafia with cultural, educational weapons (e.g. organising agricultural and social activities on the lands and properties confiscated from Mafia)
 - o International Peace camp on refugees and immigrants in the village of Riace, which welcomed immigrants from North Africa instead of rejecting them with the result of also repopulating the village
 - Action: Luisa will prepare an initial announcement to be posted and sent to NSs as soon as possible
 - Action: Mirek will advise on options for possible SI support

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