

EXCO Teleconference
March 20, 2010 at 15:00 GMT
Minutes
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NEXT MEETING: APRIL 10, 2010 AT 15:00 GMT

Actions are identified in Italics and Underline

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

1. Greetings, quick updates, comments
 - UN DPI tightening of security has caused them to review the SI status. This is important. SI ECOSOC status is not an issue at this time. Gary will continue his efforts to establish our status and understand any issues related to it.
2. Review and agree on the agenda
3. Review of notes from meeting of Mar 6, 2010 – no changes
4. Email EXCO decisions made since last meeting – none
5. SI Registration
 - a. Approval of SI Statutes and DV Regulations updates
 - EXCO agreed to the wording changes presented by the Job Description and Statutes Committee.
 - Action: **Penny** will finalize the document and send it to EXCO, and arrange for it to be put on the siexco website.
 - Action: **Penny** will prepare a paper copy for EXCO signatures, and circulate it, with the final signatory being Mirek so that he has the document for the SI Registration process, if required.
 - b. Letter to lawyer – no change in status
 - c. Geneva Welcome Centre update – no change in status
6. Financial Decisions
 - a. Mexico Youth meeting funding – paymaster, attendee selection process
 - Pablo Chufeni has submitted expenses papers for the Youth meeting in Rosario in 2009, and they have been prima facie accepted by the previous SI Treasurer. It was agreed that the \$600USD donation to the Youth meeting in Rosario, which was included in the expense submission, is not part of the discussion.
 - Considering that Pablo Chufeni's accounts are now prima facie in good order, MOTION: When Pablo Chufeni sends an acceptable outline of expenses for the Mexico Youth Meeting to the SI Treasurer, the SI Treasurer will transfer the \$4500 USD to Pablo Chufeni as an advance for the Mexico Youth Meeting expenses. Carried.
 - Action: **Mirek** will contact Pablo Chufeni regarding this decision.
 - Action: **Penny** will request the policy documents produced at the Youth meeting in Rosario, and put discussion of them on the agenda for the EXCO face-to-face meeting.
 - b. Peace Course \$1020US travel funding for Martin Krajcik (Mexico City and Bogota) -Kim

- MOTION submitted: to approve expense of USD 1020 for Martin Krajcik for 1. Travel expenses to Mexico City in March 2010 to present the Peace Course to the Youth Meeting - cost \$580; 2. 50% of travel expenses to Bogota in June 2010 to present the Peace Course - cost \$440; Total request: \$580 + \$440 = \$1,020.
- DECISION: It was agreed to split this motion into 2 motions.
- MOTION 1: To approve travel expenses for Martin Krajcik to present the Peace Course to the Youth Meeting in Mexico City in March 2010 - cost \$580. Carried with 2 abstentions.
- It was noted that the objective of presenting the Peace Course at the Youth Meeting is to tailor it for youth participants and also to provide a peace orientation to the event
- Action: Mirek will contact Martin Krajcik regarding this decision.
- MOTION 2: Defer the decision on funding for 50% of travel expenses for Martin Krajcik to Bogota to present the Peace Course - cost \$440, and seek further information. Carried.
- It was noted that the date for this event has not been finalized. It is designed for Servas hosts and travellers, who will pay to attend, and has the Peace Course as its centerpiece. It is intended to further develop the Peace Course, and is of particular interest to US Servas.
- Action: Mirek will contact Martin Krajcik regarding this decision. Kim will arrange to get further information.

7. SOL and ICT – update and next steps

- a. ICT Status Report
 - The report was circulated to EXCO on Mar 16, 2010
 - Action: EXCO will comment by email on the report.
- b. SOL face-to-face meeting preparation and c. Rough Draft of Plan for SOL (Gary)
 - Gary outlined the planned key activities in the next few months (see attached Rough Draft of Plan for SOL):
 - The Rough Draft Plan has been discussed with key SOL people
 - A new version of the SOL plan will be presented
 - Two teleconferences in March or early April 2010
 - A face-to-face meeting is planned for May 2010
 - A wider group of key people will be involved
 - Prospective travellers and hosts will be consulted
 - A “beta” version of an SOL system will be prepared by June 2010
 - A face-to-face workshop will be planned for September, including EXCO

8. Other Decisions

- a. Confirmation of South America AC process – email question from Chris Patterson below
 - MOTION: EXCO accepts the Distant Vote Administrator’s procedure for the South America Area Coordinator election. Carried.
 - Action: Penny will notify the DVA of the decision
- b. Area reviews for Europe, Africa and Central America
 - An area study is required before an AC election. Area studies are conducted every 6 years.
 - MOTION: Keep the Central America Area membership as status quo, since it was last studied in **November 2006**. Carried.
 - Action: Pramod will contact the Central America NSs regarding proceeding with the AC election.

- For Europe and Africa, it was agreed that Pramod should consult broadly about both the countries that would make up the different area(s), and the need for an AC. Based on that, options will be presented to be voted on by the affected NSs.
 - Action: **Pramod** will proceed with consultation for Europe and Africa ACs.
- c. SI News status
- The SI Newsletter Editor has informed EXCO that the Annual SI News will be prepared in May or June 2010.
 - Action: **Penny** will notify all NSs.
 - EXCO Communications: It was agreed that:
 - there is a need for EXCO to communicate to NSs
 - an EXCO Newsletter should be used for this purpose
 - the best way to distribute it is with a short email giving people a web link to click on to reach it
 - the EXCO newsletter is best stored on the sixco website
 - there should also be a link on the www.servas.org website that goes to the EXCO newsletters
 - Action: **Penny** will draft an EXCO newsletter and arrange for its publication.
- d. Web site – next steps, who does what NOT DISCUSSED
- e. EXCO Face-to-face meeting
- DECISION: There was general agreement to hold the EXCO face-to-face meeting in Europe in September, 2010.
 - Action: **EXCO** will send Penny their vacation schedules and preferences for the dates of the face-to-face meeting, and **Penny** will summarize and distribute them.
- f. Emails re: India 60th anniversary event – any action from EXCO? NOT DISCUSSED
9. Key Dates - Version 5 of action chart
- Action: **EXCO** will send Penny updates to the chart by Wed. Mar 24, 2010. **Penny** will then send out Version 6.
10. Discussion / Updates:
- a. Peace Activities (Kim)
- Servas Story Book update – Kim will contact individuals to request stories, and will update EXCO on the status of these efforts.
- b. Stamp Fee Committee (Pramod) NOT DISCUSSED
- c. Host List Reliability (Pablo) NOT DISCUSSED
- d. 2010 Host List Request Process and Dolphin (Pablo) NOT DISCUSSED
- e. 2009 Year End Financial Reports (Mirek) NOT DISCUSSED
11. Worries, successes...
12. Other business
13. Next meeting date: APRIL 10, 2010 at 15:00 GMT