

EXCO Teleconference
July 1, 2010 at 15:00 GMT
Minutes
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NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY JULY 24, 2010 AT 15:00 GMT

Actions are identified in Italics and Underline

Attendees: Gary, Pramod, Pablo, Penny

1. Greetings, quick updates, comments
 - Work camp / Peace camp discussion:
 - Pramod is putting together a list of volunteer opportunities
 - There was some discussion of building on the SYLE hosts related to accommodation needs
 - *Actions:*
 - Pramod will consult with Servas Italy re: "Paths for Peace and Nonviolence" (formerly called Intelligent Road Map).*
 - Gary will send Pramod information from his sources.*
 - Pramod will write a call for a team to work on this with him and Penny will send it out and post it on siexco.*
 - Pramod and the team will complete the list and establish a relationship with each.*
 - Penny will send the information it to NSs and post it on siexco.*
2. Review and agree on the agenda
3. Review of notes from meeting of June 9, 2010
 - *Action: Gary will follow up on the US Servas request*
4. Email EXCO decisions made since last meeting
 - a. Nancy Mitchell of Servas USA appointed a distant interviewer for SI.
Action Pramod will follow up with Mary Jane regarding the list of Distant Interviewers and what they do.
 - b. Appointed SI Budget Committee (Jack Huang (China), Elizabeth Sebestyen (Canada), Omer Ozkan (Turkey), Harald Sieffert (Germany), Muhammad Naseem (Pakistan).
Action: Mirek will work with the committee to define the role of the committee and processes
 - c. EXCO status report finalized and sent out
 - d. ServasOnLine developers meeting report finalized and sent out
5. Items needing a decision:
 - a. EXCO direction re: electronic mailing of host lists and use of HLSA host lists
 - It was agreed at the 2006 GA that the host lists and their use are defined by each national group. *Action: Gary will research the details of this decision further.*
 - After much discussion, EXCO concluded that it is possible for each country to define the use of their host lists, but it is not possible to enforce it for host lists stored in the Host List Storage Area (HLSA).

- It was agreed that the best suggestion we can think of is for countries with host lists in the HLSA, who do not agree to electronic mailing of their host list, to put a statement saying that in the footer of each page. Action: Penny will draft an email to NSs explaining this.
- b. EXCO face-to-face meeting
- EXCO discussed the need, urgency and topics for the meeting.
 - It was agreed that for many substantial topics, face-to-face discussion is much more effective. (e.g. strategic planning, tactical planning to complete 2009 GA decisions, financial planning, ambassadors/mentors, peace initiatives).
 - It would be useful to combine an EXCO meeting with another Servas event to which EXCO could contribute.
 - It was concluded that we are not ready to finalize a date and time, and therefore November would be the earliest date to be able to meet, to allow for EXCO members other commitments.
 - It was noted that cost is a big factor, and that Mirek will be investigating options for a meeting location, given where each EXCO member lives.
- c. EXCO representation at regional meetings
- It was agreed that EXCO representation at area meetings is positive
 - Various criteria for funding EXCO member attendance at regional meetings were discussed:
 - Optimize the cost for an EXCO member to attend
 - The EXCO attendee should be on the agenda and contributing significantly to the meeting
 - Equal opportunity for all EXCO members
 - All funded EXCO attendance would be published for transparency
 - Action: Penny, with the help of all EXCO members, will get a list of the planned meetings. Penny will ask all NSs to post meetings on the www.servas.org web site, or notify the General Secretary if they hear of one, so that it can be posted.
- d. Process to handle complaints about national Servas events
- Action: Pramod will research the relevant 2006 GA decisions. Pramod will follow up on the questions received by EXCO regarding the Goa, India January 2010 event.
- e. SI Committee report format NOT DISCUSSED
- f. Area Coordinator elections
- South West Asia announced election
 - An announcement has been sent to certain countries that a meeting is planned to occur in Katmandu, Nepal on Sept. 9-12, 2010, and that one of the agenda items is the election of an Area Coordinator for South West Asia (SWA).
 - Action: Penny to write to the two Nepal groups concerning the 2009 GA decision to cancel Nepal's membership status.
 - Action: EXCO will use the updated AC document to decide how a SWA AC election can be acceptably run.
 - South America report from Chris P (including recommendations)
 - Received the report from Chris Patterson, with thanks

f. Area reviews for Europe and Africa

- Europe:
 - Pramod consulted Rita Dessauvage about the current “Europe and Far East” area. She stated that Europe should be separate from the Far East.
 - Action: **Pramod** will lead a process to identify some options, which will be offered to all countries in Europe for their opinion. An open-ended comment section will also be included, to allow for other suggestions.

- Africa:
 - Pramod consulted Sheldon Weeks about the current Africa areas. He did not wish to pre-judge the situation and suggested that all countries be consulted.
 - Action: **Pramod** will lead a process to identify some options, which will be offered to all countries in Africa for their opinion. An open-ended comment section will also be included, to allow for other suggestions.

g. Siexco EXCO area - reorganization project, limitations

- Penny walked EXCO through the updated Siexco web site, and explained that there are more updates coming

8. Concerns, successes or comments from EXCO members:

NOT DISCUSSED

9. Other business:

10. Next meeting date:

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