

EXCO Teleconference
April 25, 2010 at 15:00 GMT
Minutes
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NEXT MEETING: SATURDAY MAY 15, 2010 AT 15:00 GMT

Actions are identified in Italics and Underline

Attendees: Gary, Pramod, Mirek, Pablo, Penny

1. Greetings, quick updates, comments
 - Concern about Kim's health was expressed
 - Also concern about Peace Secretary responsibilities (UN accreditation, Peace Course – Chicago meeting, funding opportunities and university credits) and who can do them.
 - Action: Gary will contact Kim to discuss how he is, and if a replacement or support Peace Secretary is required.
 - Gary will be assisting with World Ocean Day on June 8, 2010 in Canada and also with a world summit on the same topic later, working with UNESCO and other organizations and governments
2. Review and agree on the agenda
 - Added 6 h. 'Thought piece' on Areas
3. Review of notes from meeting of April 11, 2010
 - Action: Gary will work with Mirek to pay the UN CONGO subscription
4. Email EXCO decisions made since last meeting
 - a. Letter of Support for Peace Course – no action has been taken
5. Items needing a decision:
 - a. SOL – face-to-face meeting funding request (will be sent separately before meeting)
 - The funding request, the participants and the cost were discussed extensively
 - Gary noted that SOL development will not be done by a paid service; it will be a volunteer development team
 - **DECISION: The SOL May 21 Face-to-Face funding request was approved for the following participants:**
 - Claudio Pacchiega, Italy – founding Designer of Dolphin, Hospitality Club, and parts of Couchsurfing
 - Thomas Thomas, Germany - Servas system designer/developer and proponent of SOL
 - Arne Rempke, Germany – SOL analyst
 - John Gunther, USA - US Servas designer and programmer
 - Uwe Federer, Italy – Servas technical support expert
 - Marco Burlando, Italy – Dolphin programmer
 - Mario Burlando, Italy – host and manager of Dolphin federated data system
 - Jean Yves Hégron, Belgium – founding designer/developer of BeWelcome Open Source programming code

Thomas Goorden, Belgium – strategist and planner of BeWelcome Open Source

Gary Sealey , Canada – project driver and facilitator

Penny Pattison, Canada –SOL ‘use case’ convenor, documenter

- Action: **Gary and Penny** will arrange the process of notifying the participants.
- **DECISION: Each participant will be asked to certify that they are working as volunteers on a Servas project.** Action: **Mirek** will draft the wording and **Penny** will comment on them, before sending them to EXCO for approval.
- Action: **Gary** will contact **Rita** about asking the **BeWelcome** participants to join **Servas**.
- It was noted that the Dolphin program code should be held in a backup location in a different country, and that because the ICT has not been appointed, this will be done after the May 21 SOL meeting. In the meantime, Gary has a copy.

b. ICT Contract invoice

- **DECISION: EXCO agrees to the payment of the Jan-Mar, 2010 invoice.**
- There appears to be some misunderstanding about the current contract. Action: **Penny and Mirek** will discuss it.

c. SOL payments – requests to be excused from payment

- Argentina has requested postponement of their SOL payment until next year. Indications are that there are other countries that may be unable to pay their SOL payment.
- Pramod has raised the issue with the Development Committee, but it has not yet been discussed with them.
- It was also suggested that there might be some “buddy” countries who would pay for these countries.
- Action: **Pramod** will discuss the situation with the Development Committee.

d. Stamp Fee Committee Report – decision required for DV

- The report was received from LV. Pramod sent an email to the committee asking if they concur with the report. He received 2 replies, both in agreement, from Elizabeth Sebestyen (Canada) and Rita Dessauvage (Belgium).
- **DECISION: The Stamp Fee Report submitted by the committee convenor will be accepted by EXCO and taken to the Distant Vote.**
- Action: **Pramod** will prepare the motion for the Distant Vote.

e. East Asia meeting in Taiwan – funding request (\$700USD plus AC travel)

- Action: **Pramod** will ask for more information.
- The decision is deferred to the next EXCO meeting

f. Distant Vote

i. EXCO items (2010 and 2011 budget?)

- It was agreed that these items need to go to the Distant Vote. However, the details are not required until the distribution of the motions to be voted on, 3 months before the closing date of the vote.
- It was also noted that the 2009 accounts and audit report must be included in the Distant Vote.
- Action: **Mirek** will prepare the motions for the 2010 and 2011 budgets, the 2009 annual accounts and acceptance of the 2009 Audit Report

- Action: **Pramod** will locate and distribute to EXCO the proposals that LV, as past Treasurer, has made for Distant Vote motions.
 - ii. Stamp Fee Committee Report See item 5d.
 - iii. Review of membership status for countries with over 10 hosts
 - The membership committee is looking into this issue
 - iv. Possible SOL decisions
 - These may come from the SOL May 21 meeting, or other SOL meetings or discussions
 - v. reminder to all NSs
 - Action: **Penny** will send a reminder to NSs about the Distant Vote deadline, and also the requirements for the inclusion of a motion in the Distant Vote.
- 6. Other important items:
 - a. SI Registration
 - Action: **EXCO** to provide feedback to Mirek by May 9, 2010 about the draft questions for the lawyer that he sent to EXCO.
 - b. Distant interviewers (and Nepal inquiry) – linked to ACs?
 - Action: **Pramod** will contact Mary Jane to determine who is currently a Distant Interviewer, and what processes have been defined for them.
 - c. Youth funding transparency
 - There have been no recent emails from Pablo Chufeni to EXCO
 - Action (from April 11, 2010 minutes): **Gary** will invite Pablo Chufeni and Magiari Diaz Diaz to an EXCO meeting to discuss ways of empowering national Youth programs as linked to the International Youth programs.
 - d. Statement from EXCO about sending host lists electronically
 - There was discussion of what statement EXCO could make about electronic distribution by one country of the host lists of another country, based on decisions from prior GAs.
 - Action: **Pramod** will draft wording that can be sent out to all NSs.
 - e. Siexco EXCO area Not Discussed
 - f. Action Chart – may things to be done by April 30, 2010!
 - Action: **EXCO** will review their actions and give updates to Penny for the next version of the Action Chart.
 - g. Newsletter editor silence
 - It was noted that Ally sent an email to NSs in the last day or so about the SI News.
 - Action: **Gary** will talk to Ally about the SI News process, and also inquire about the status of the SI News Team.
 - h. ‘Thought piece’ on Areas Not Discussed

7. Concerns, successes or comments from EXCO members: Not Discussed
 - a. HL Reliability (Pablo)
 - b. Peace Secretary tasks
 - c. Others...
8. Other business Not Discussed
9. Next meeting date: **Saturday May 15, 2010 at 15:00 GMT**