

**EXCO Teleconference
October 2, 2011 at 15:00 GMT
Minutes**

NEXT MEETING: Sunday October 16, 2011 at 15:00 GMT

Actions are identified in Italics and Underline

Attendees: Gary, Pramod, Mirek, , Penny Pablo (left early)

1. Greetings, quick updates, comments
 - Everyone sent their warm wishes to Luisa
2. Review and agree on the agenda
3. Review of notes from meetings of September 11, 2011
4. Email EXCO decisions made since last meeting
 - a. Wildcard SSL certificate for servas.org and transfer of the 3 domains servas.org, siexco.org and servasyouth.org to webnames.ca. Passed Sept 26, 2011
 - b. Servas members in business relations with Servas. In progress; discussion deferred
 - c. Funding of SCW Asia 2011 area meeting. In progress; see 5.c. below
 - d. Domain renewal. Passed Sept 30, 2011
5. Items needing a decision or immediate action:
 - a. Servas Server contract
 - An update of the availability of Servas online services was sent out on September 29, 2011
 - **Decision: Proceed with the settlement that Gary negotiated.**
 - Gary was thanked for his efforts
 - Action: Penny to draft the wording of the agreement for EXCO's review and finalizing
 - Action: Gary to confirm with Marco
 - Action: Pablo to arrange a meeting to sign the agreement
 - Action: Mirek and Gary to arrange payment
 - b. 2012 GA – date, location
 - Mirek presented a verbal proposal from the Servas Poland Board:
 - the Board will be a GA committee who would actively support Romania's proposal to host the 2012 GA
 - if the GA cannot be held in Romania, the same GA committee would host the 2012 GA in Poland if two conditions are met:
 - that it is held at the same time as the 2012 Youth Meeting
 - that it be held in the summer, probably July
 - Action: Penny will send an edited version of the Argentinean proposal for the 2009 GA to Servas Poland as a sample
 - Action: Gary will arrange a phone conference with the Servas Poland Board to discuss the GA and proposal process
 - Action: Mirek will coordinate with the Servas Poland Board to send a proposal to EXCO in time for discussion at the next EXCO meeting on October 16, 2011

- c. SCW Asia Nov Area meeting
 - Naseem replied to all of EXCO's questions
 - Action: Pramod will revise the email motion based on Naseem's replies, and that decision-making process will continue
 - **Decision: If funding is approved and the conference is held, EXCO is supportive of Pramod's attendance at the meeting to help the process.** Pramod will decide if his attendance is appropriate and useful
 - Action: Pramod will contact the Development Committee to notify them of the funding request
 - d. EXCO Face to face meeting
 - Five major topics were identified for the face to face meeting
 - GA 2012
 - SI Registration
 - ServasOnLine
 - Peace activities
 - Servas structure
 - In addition, it was agreed that it is important to meet face to face to renew personal contact and facilitate the thousands of volunteer hours that EXCO members give to Servas International
 - The current financial situation and historical trends are important information
 - **Decision: The location of the meeting is best to be linked to the 2012 GA location**
6. Updates:
- a. www.servas.org designer, Facebook 'official', Wikipedia updates
 - Defer to next meeting, since Pablo is not present
 - b. ServasOnLine Use Case meeting
 - Work continues to identify options that can be implemented quickly
 - Defer discussion until the next meeting
7. Other Items:
- a. Africa area
 - It is important for EXCO to understand the constraints on the huge Africa area
 - Action: Gary will contact Sheldon and Moses to arrange a meeting with EXCO at EXCO's normal meeting time, so that EXCO can listen to the challenges and discuss how to help
 - b. EXCO attendance at US Nov 2011 Meeting
 - Defer discussion until the next meeting
 - c. Key Person's distribution list
 - **Decision: General announcements will be sent to all '@servas.org' addresses – countries, SI Committees and other SI Key People**

- d. Team to redesign www.servas.org
 - It was noted that Anna Cristina from Italy and Terry Stone from Greece have sent enthusiastic emails advocating better Servas communications and public relations
 - The temporary www.servas.org site, designed by Pramod, is another option to work from in redesigning the web site
 - Action: Gary will reply to Anna Cristina and Terry, asking them if they will work with Pramod to redesign the www.servas.org web site

- 8. Concerns, successes or comments from EXCO members NONE

- 9. Other business NONE

- 10. Next meeting date **Sunday October 16, 2011 at 15:00 GMT**