

**EXCO Teleconference
January 29, 2011 at 16:00 GMT
Minutes
Skype Conference Call**

NEXT MEETING: SATURDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2011 AT 16:00 GMT

Actions are identified in Italics and Underline

Attendees: Luisa, Penny, Mirek, Pramod

Absent: Gary, Pablo

1. Greetings, quick updates, comments
 - We all connected to Skype for the call
2. Review and agree on the agenda
3. Review of notes from meeting of January 8, 2011
 - Difficulty contacting prospective ICT member
 - The Libera Peace Camp is not a Servas event, although Servas members are invited to participate
 - The Riace Peace Camp will be publicized in March 2011
4. Email EXCO decisions made since last meeting
 - a. EUR 800 advance to cover Luisa's 2010 expenses. Passed January 22, 2011
5. Items needing a decision or immediate action:
 - a. 2012 GA planning
 - Action: Pramod to finalize the letter to NSs inviting expressions of interest in hosting the 2012 GA, based on EXCO comments.
 - b. Siexco@googlegroups.com transition
 - It was agreed that a new group, called 'siconsult' should be set up. This group would be open to Servas key people who wish to be consulted by EXCO on various SI issues.
 - **Decision: remove non-EXCO members of the Siexco@googlegroups.com address, and offer them the option of joining the 'siconsult' group.**
 - Action: Penny will act on this decision.
 - c. ServasOnLine
 - i. RFP for Project Manager
 - **Decision: Proceed with sending out the RFP for a ServasOnLine Project Manager**
 - Action: Gary will define the people and organizations to whom the RFP will be sent
 - Action: Penny will post the RFP on the Siexco web site and notify all NSs of where it is
 - Action: Gary will define the RFP evaluation team

- ii. Meetings
 - There was agreement that a focussed consultative ServasOnLine meeting is needed.
 - It was agreed that the Project Manager is needed to help to prepare for that meeting

- d. Response to Servas Israel offer to host EXCO meeting
 - It was agreed that an annual face-to-face meeting is valuable, and that for 2011 it should be planned for the second half of the year
 - It was agreed that we are not ready to decide where to meet – we will decide by June 30, 21011 when to meet, and then where
 - Action: Penny to draft a reply thanking Israel, and explaining that we would not be making a decision about a 2011 face-to-face meeting until the end of June, and would not be deciding where to meet until after that.

- e. EXCO Dec 2010 Status Report
 - Action: EXCO will reply to Penny as soon as possible with their contribution to the status report

- f. Country web sites on servas.org
 - Agreed that all countries should have equal opportunity to have their web sites hosted on the Servas server. Also agreed that space on the server might become an issue. This impacts the server renewal project.
 - It was noted that each country would be responsible for maintenance of their web site, and that passwords must be restricted to reliable people.
 - **Decision: Ask ICT to recommend to EXCO how to proceed, and then inform all NSs.**

- g. Overlapping meetings around the world
 - It was agreed that it is not possible to manage events so that they do not overlap. What is important is that the information is made available to all.
 - Having the knowledge of other events well in advance may encourage organizers not to hold a planned event at the same time.
 - If two events are held at the same time, they can consider linking together, as Servas Italy did with the 2010 Bahia meeting in South America.
 - Action: Penny to work with Gary to communicate with NSs to explain why publishing event information is valuable

- 6. Updates:
 - a. ServasOnLine
 - i. Email to NSs re: ServasOnLine
 - Action: Penny and Gary to created December 2010 ServasOnLine status report to be included with the EXCO status report
 - ii. Steering Committee

 - b. AC election for SCW Asia
 - Hold the election by Distant Vote
 - **Decision: Appoint Pramod as Election Officer, and Sylvia and Anna as Nominations Committee.**

- Action: Pramod will proceed with the election
- c. Action Chart V12 NO DISCUSSION
- d. Committee Status Reports
- Some committees have not been very active
 - Development Committee report is required, since they have been approving expenses
 - Action: Luisa will follow up on the Development committee status report.
- e. 2009 Annual Reports NO DISCUSSION
- f. Siexco and www.servas.org NO DISCUSSION
7. Concerns, successes or comments from EXCO members NONE
8. Other business
- a. SI Registration
- Noted that at the face-to-face meeting, the next step decision was to take a motion to the May 2011 DV, but that DV was cancelled.
 - The facts as we understand them are :
 - Servas International is not registered
 - It is not necessary to be registered to be a legal entity in Switzerland
 - Servas International is a legal entity in Switzerland
 - Some countries need an official document for SI, to allow them to register in their country
 - The UN also requires an official document for SI
 - **Decision: What is needed is an official statement that SI is a legal entity in Switzerland, so that it can be used by countries wishing to register in their country.**
 - Pramod investigated the registration before the 2006 GA and received legal advice from an Italian lawyer related to the SI statutes
 - Action: Pramod to research whether any opinion was expressed related to SI's legal status.
 - Action: If an official statement is obtained, Penny will publish it on the siexco web site and send it to all NSs
 - Action: If nothing suitable is available, EXCO will consider sending an EXCO member with herald to Zurich to obtain a suitable document.
- b. The quality of Skype meeting was excellent
- Action: Try using a Skype conference call at the next EXCO meeting, hoping that with 6 people it will still be good quality
9. Next meeting date **SATURDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2011 AT 16:00 GMT**