

Motion for the 2012 General Assembly of Servas International.

From Servas Sweden

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We propose that the present ruling on **Abstentions** in votes at the Servas International General Assemblies be changed, so that the rules for voting at GA's agree with the rules adopted for Distant Votes, as approved at the SI General Assembly in Mar del Plata, 11 Sept. 2009.

The voting process shall include three voting options for each motion "Support/Yes", "Against/No" and "Abstain", and that "Abstentions" shall not be counted as a vote "for", or "against" the motion.

Background:

According to Wikipedia:

Abstentions do not count in tallying the vote negatively or positively; when members abstain, they are in effect attending only to contribute to a quorum.

An example:

There are 30 voting members at meeting when a motion is presented. The results of a vote on the motion produce the following:

11 members vote "yes"

5 members vote "no"

14 members "abstain"

The motion is passed with a two-thirds majority (11 of 16 votes saying "yes").