Servas International General Assembly 2018

# Nominations for Exco and other Servas International officers from 2018. Elections are to be held in October 2018 at the SI General Assembly in South Korea.

The Nominations Committee is accepting nominations for positions on the next Exco and for other elected SI officers as listed below.

Nominations will remain open until immediately before the elections, which will take place during the General Assembly. However it is important that National Groups consider possible nominations well before the GA so that active Servas members can come forward, even though they may not be able to attend the GA in person.

If you would like to put yourself forward as a candidate for one of the positions or would like nominate someone else please complete the nomination form, which will be available with the appropriate job descriptions via the 2018 conference website

https://servas.org/sicoga2018/general-assembly-elections.php .

Please contact the Nominations Committee at nominations@servas.org if you are interested in standing for a position or would like one of us to discuss a nomination with a possible candidate. The nomination and election process will be based on rules contained in the SI Statutes together with established practice followed at previous GAs.

- Any current Servas member may stand for a position in SI although there is an expectation that candidates will have already been active in Servas in their National Group or at a regional or international level.
- The candidate will need to be supported by a nomination from their own National Group or by 5 individual Servas members who can be from one or more countries.
- The nomination form is in two parts, Part One to be completed by the candidate and Part 2 to be completed by either the National Group or 5 other nominators. The completed form can be returned to the Nominations Committee by either the candidate or one of the nominators.
- Each nominator must send an email to nominations@servas.org with verification of the nomination.
- Please complete separate forms if a candidate is being put forward for more than one position.
- Candidates are invited to provide information about themselves including why they are standing and what particular skills and experience they have to offer.
- The job descriptions for each position are available at http://servas.org/sicoga2018/files/Job Descriptions 2018.pdf
- If candidates are unsure about whether they should put themselves forward for a particular position they are encouraged to ask the current post holder about their experiences in the role and in particular about the time commitment involved. The Nominations Committee can help candidates make contact with current post holders.
- There is an expectation that candidates will have some knowledge of how Servas works and be committed to the philosophy of Servas as a peace organisation.
- As English is the working language within Servas International candidates will need to consider whether they have sufficient written and spoken fluency to communicate within the particular role they are standing for.
- Given the widespread use of electronic communication there is an expectation that candidates will have adequate IT knowledge and regular access to internet facilities.
- It is expected that nominators are known to the candidate. They are welcome to provide information on the nomination form as to why they are supporting the candidate but this is not required. Alternatively they may wish to make a comment later at the GA.
- The Nominations Committee will confirm receipt of all nominations to the candidate and nominators.
- Updates about received nominations will be circulated prior to the GA and posted on SI exco

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website at <a href="http://servas.org/sicoga2018/general-assembly-elections.php">http://servas.org/sicoga2018/general-assembly-elections.php</a>

- The completed nomination forms will be on display during the GA.
- Opportunity will be given to all candidates to make a brief presentation of not more than five
  minutes to the GA. Those not present at the GA will be able to send a brief text, video or audio
  recording of not more than five minutes to introduce themselves or have someone speak on
  their behalf.
- More details about the election process will be found on the website as part of planning for the GA.

# **Appointed positions**

There are a number of other SI positions that will be appointed later by Exco rather than elected by the General Assembly. These include the ICT team, the Dolphin Team and the UN observers. Please ask the Nominations committee if you are interested in these and need further information Appointed posts are described in the Job Descriptions.

http://servas.org/sicoga2018/files/Job Descriptions 2018.pdf.

# Posts open for nominations

- \* The list is based on posts and committees elected at the GA in 2015.
- \* Please note that motions passed at the GA may affect the structure of the posts and committees.

#### A. EXCO members:

- President
- Vice-president
- ❖ General Secretary
- Treasurer
- Peace Secretary
- ❖ Host List Coordinator

## **B. SI Committees:**

- Conflict Resolution Committee 3 positions
- Audit Committee -3 positions
- Development Committee 5 positions
- Nominations Committee 3 positions
- ❖ Job Descriptions and Statutes Committee 3 positions
- ❖ Youth Leadership Committee 3 to 5 positions with members from at least three, (3) different continents.

## C. SI Officers:

- SI Archivist (1)
- ❖ SI Newsletter Editor (1)
- SI Distant Vote Coordinator (1)

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