

GA Korea Report from the Membership Team October 2018

- The “**Membership Team**’ (MT) was appointed by Exco after the GA 2015
Task: The MC has to look into the membership status of the Servas groups before the GA, as required by the statutes.(Revised statutes see at the end of the document)
Who: The actual committee consists of
Rita Dessauvage/convener (Belgium)
Harald Seiffert (Germany)
Alexey (Lesha) Tereshchenko (Latvia)
- The Statutes of Servas International provide the basis for evaluating membership (
- We looked into the available information provided by the Key List, Host List Storage Area in Dolphin, ServasOnline, the Annual Reports, contact with other Servas Committees/Teams but **above all by direct contact with the national group.**
- The Membership Team only gives **recommendations** for Membership status.
It will be up to the General Assembly (GA) to take the final decisions by vote, keeping in mind the criteria for full membership according to the Statutes of SI (approved by the GA)
- **Countries that lose the Member status can continue as National Group (NG)**
These countries can regain Member status when they meet the criteria (by DV or at the next GA)
- After the GA 2015 there were **77 Servas Member Groups** with voting rights.
When we started our investigations many Member Groups didn’t meet the required criteria (annual report/host list/ key persons etc) Most of the Member Groups we contacted have worked on what was missing. Unfortunately some of them didn’t provide the requested information.
We regret that not all countries assume their responsibility as **Member Group** of SI
- **Recommendations** in the Membership Team’s Report (see table below) **can be discussed at the GA** and the status has finally to be voted by the GA.

Servas regards from the Membership Team
Rita Dessauvage, Convenor
Harald Seiffert and Alexey (Lesha) Tereshchenko , members

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I. **Servas National Group currently *not* Member, but meeting membership requirements:**

Servas National Group	Host List number of hosts / Member list	Key Persons (3)	Background information	Recommendation by Membership Team
Belarus	In ServasOnline 17 members , all with complete profile Member list 2018 uploaded in Dolphin	3 contact persons Nat Secretary Angelika Korob Nat Deputy Victoria Mrochko Peace Sec Tatiana Chirkova	An Eastern European meeting in 2014 in Belarus was the start of a more active Servas Belarus that was established some years before. More meetings have taken place in 2017 and 2018 as well as a Video conference with Russia and Belarus had a Skype meeting to know more about Servas with an international Servas member. Servas Belarus is growing and is active. All members are in ServasOnline with a complete profile They have created a Facebook Page and a website.	Positive recommendation. MT recommends the GA to grant Member Status to Servas Belarus

II. **Servas National Groups whose Member status has been withdrawn want to be reinstated as Member. Are meeting membership requirements.**

Servas National Group	Host List number of hosts/ Member List	Contact persons	Background information	Recommendation by Membership Team
KENYA	HL 2017 In Dolphin, 20 hosts Member list in ServasOnline with 21 members	3 contact persons Nat Secretary Philip Olero Nat Deputy Michelle Oluoch Youth Contact and HLC Dalton Otena	The Regional African Servas meeting in Rwanda in August 2017 has been the start to reactivate Servas Kenya. 3 members were present and learned a lot about Servas. In agreement with the previous national secretary they became the new board of Servas Kenya. They are now a legal organisation as they registered Servas Kenya with their own money. They have a host list uploaded in Dolphin and 21 members in ServasOnline.	Positive recommendation. MT recommends the GA to grant Member Status to Servas Kenya

			Dalton Otena, the Youth Coordinator, made the transition not only for Kenya but for many African Servas Groups. In 2019 Servas Kenya will organise the Regional African meeting. They welcome you.	
GAMBIA	HI 2016 in Dolphin, 10 hosts Member list in ServasOnline with 17 members	3 contact persons Nat Secretary Momodou Krubally Nat Deputy Melang Jammeh Peace Sec Musa Jarra	The revival of Servas Gambia started in 2016. The previous national secretary passed away and for some time there was no Servas activity. On instigation of Fidèle, NS of Rwanda, Momodou Krubally, NS Gambia, and Deputy held a first meeting for members and friends with an action plan as result. In 2017 there were various meetings and Servas Gambia cooperated with different sister organisations. Goals for the coming years, among others, are to register the group as national organisation and focus on strengthen the membership.	Positive recommendation. MT recommends the GA to grant Member Status to Servas Gambia

BOLIVIA	Host List 2018 in Dolphin, 18 hosts Member list in ServasOnline: not yet realized	3 contact persons Nal Secretary Daniela Balderrama Coordinators Peter Breckelmans Denisse Estremadoyro	Due to lack of activity the Member status of Servas Bolivia has been withdrawn at the GA of 2015 Some members really wanted Servas Bolivia to be reinstated at the GA of 2018. The first meeting ever has been held in January 2016 in presence of the previous NS. A new NS has been elected and two coordinators have been appointed. Since then Servas Bolivia has been working on statutes and various meetings have been organized. A national GA is planned at the end of the year. Some autonomy has been given to the regions for organizing their meetings and activities, e.g. for building out social and ecological projects in the region of Santa Cruz.	Positive recommendation. MT recommends the GA to grant Member Status to Servas Bolivia
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III. Servas National Groups currently Members (M), not fulfilling membership requirements

Servas National Member group	Host List number of hosts / Member List	Key persons (4)	Background information	Recommendation by Membership Team
LITHUANIA	HL 2012 in Dolphin, 14 hosts Member List in ServasOnline not available	Contact persons Natl Secretary Leonardas Rinkevicius Nat Deputy Skaidrius Juska Nat Deputy Giedrė Pakeltyte	No contact with Servas Lithuania No one of the board reacted on messages and reminders of the Membership Team Not a single annual report has been submitted in the period 2012-2018 Host list 2012 In Dolphin with 17 members is outdated and older than 2 years	Negative recommendation MT recommends to cancel Member Status Lithuania Servas Lithuania can continue as a National Group
PAKISTAN	HL 2013 in Dolphin, 80 hosts Member List in ServasOnline not available	Contact persons Nat. President Muhammad Naseem Nat Secretary Muhammad Shoaib Khan Nat Deputy Shahzad Akhtar	No contact with Servas Pakistan. No one of the board reacted on messages and reminders of the Membership Team Not a single annual report has been submitted in the period 2012-2018 Host list 2013 in Dolphin with 80 members is outdated and older than 2 years	Negative recommendation MT recommends to cancel Member Status Pakistan Servas Pakistan can continue as a National Group
CONGO-BRAZZAVILLE	HL 2015 in Dolphin, 31 hosts Member List in Servas Online with 11 members	Contact persons Nat Secretary Titan S. Ondon Peace Sec Rhode Flavi Ondokaye Youth Contact Vinny Ngolele Etoumba	No contact with Servas RC, Congo-Brazzaville No one of the board reacted on messages and reminders of the Membership Committee Not a single annual report has been submitted in the period 2015-2018 HL 2015 in Dolphin with 31 members is outdated and older than 2 years	Negative recommendation MT recommends to cancel Member Status RC Servas Congo-Brazzaville can continue as a National Group
ECUADOR	HL 2015 in	Contact	No contact with Servas Ecuador	Negative

	Dolphin, 27 hosts Member list in ServasOnline with 6 members	persons National Sec Rocio Jijon National Peace Sec Mercy Sarango	No one of the board reacted on messages and reminders of the Membership Committee messages and reminders of the Membership Committee Not a single annual report has been submitted in the period 2015-2018 in HL 2015 in Dolphin with 27 members is outdated and older than 2 years Only 2 Key persons	recommendation MT recommends to cancel Member Status Servas Ecuador can continue as a National Group

IV. Current Servas Member Groups but not yet meeting the requirements for member status

Servas National Member group	Host List number of hosts / Member List	Key persons (3)	Background information	Recommendation by Membership Team
CHINA	HL 2015 In Dolphin with 48 hosts Member List in ServasOnline not yet realized	3 contact pers Nat. President Changxian Yi National Sec Jack Huang HLCoord Amy Deng	MT is in contact with Servas China Actually China is not meeting the requirements for keeping Member status. HL 2015 in Dolphin is outdated and older than 2 years Servas China promised to work on an update of the host list	MT will follow up if there is progress in updating the host list
HONDURAS	HL 2015 with 19 hosts in Dolphin Member List in ServasOnline not yet realized	3 Contact persons National Sec Vicky Manzanares Peace Sec Delfido Garcia Youth Contact Francisco Paredes	MT is in contact with Servas Honduras. Actually Honduras is not meeting the requirements for keeping Member status. HL 2015 in Dolphin is outdated and older than 2 years Servas Honduras is looking how they can update the host list	MT will follow up if there is progress in updating the host list

Extract from the current SI Statutes (as amended at Latina, Italy, in 2006)

Membership:

1. Any National Servas group containing ten or more personally confirmed hosts (including day hosts) and three contact persons may become, or be reinstated as, a member group of SI by a majority vote of the General Assembly.
A group may be proposed for membership by
 - a. direct application by the group; or
 - b. recommendation from a Servas International Area Coordinator; or
 - c. invitation from the General Assembly.
2. The obligations of a member group to Servas International consist of, and are limited to, paying fees, doing annual host list updates, submitting annual reports, and of following the regulations and procedures as decided by the General Assembly according to Section IV, 3f of the statutes.
3. A member group may lose its membership of SI by majority vote of the General Assembly if
 - a. it has been without a functioning national secretary for two consecutive years; or
 - b. it has fewer hosts than in subsection 1) above for two consecutive years; or
 - c. it does not fulfil its obligations for two consecutive years.