

2020-09-20 SI Exco Meeting agenda & minutes

Date and time

UTC, Time Zone Sunday **September 20 2020 14:00-16.00**

Los Angeles, USA September 20 2020 at 07:00 PDT

Ottawa, Canada September 20 2020 at 10:00 EDT

New York, USA September 20 2020 at 10:00 EDT

Stockholm, Sweden September 20 2020 at 16:00 CEST

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Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia September 20 2020 at 22:00 MYT

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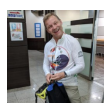
Participants



Carla Kristensen



Jim Leask



Jonny Sägänger



Kiat Y Tan



Paige LaCombe



Paul Nielsen



Radha Radhakrishna

Participant	Position	Present (Y/N)
Jonny Sägänger (JS)	SI President	Y
Carla Kristensen (CK)	SI Vice President	Y
Kiat Y Tan (KT)	SI General Secretary	Y
Paige LaCombe (PLC)	SI Peace Secretary	Y
Radha Radhakrishna (RBR)	SI Treasurer	Y
Jim Leask (JL)	Co - SI Membership & Technology Secretary (MTS)	Y
Paul Nielsen (PN)	Co - SI Membership & Technology Secretary (MTS)	optional

By invitation: None this time.

Pre-announced difficulty to participate: None

Goals

Being on track with fulfilling SI GA 2018 decisions and SI Exco tasks according to the SI statutes.

Minutes recording: *Kiat Yun Tan (KT)*

Time keeper: Paige LaCombe (PLC)

Criteria for agenda items

Items are in priority order.

Decision Item (DEI) = needs immediate decisions. Only short discussion.

Discussion and Decision Item (DDI) = Item that requires discussion & possibly involves decision

Discussion Item (DII) = Item that involves discussion and brainstorming

Update item (UI) = On earlier SI Exco decisions. Normally documented in SI Exco members monthly status report; only short discussion

Information item (II) = normally documented in SI Exco members monthly in status report; only short discussion

Agenda

Item	Time (UTC)	Item subject	Who	Reference & background material	Minutes (Notes, decisions, tasks, who & deadlines):
1.0	13.45-14.00	Chit-chat: "Social round"	optional		RBR shared his "Servas, my journey" video with the Exco.
2.0	14.00-14.10	Today's agenda: Any important last minute items for the agenda?	Jonny Sāgāng er Kiat Y Tan	1. Servas Greece Facebook page (JS)	Minutes: CK will ask Arnoud Philippo about whether there is any Greek member who is active in Servas Facebook group to take over the administration of Servas Greece Facebook page. JS will ask the Development Committee if they could take over Servas Greece Facebook page.
3.0	14.10-14.30	Follow-up on SI Exco members action items (labeled "tasks" and "Jira tickets" in SI's web based co-working tool Servas Confluence)	Kiat Y Tan Paige LaCombe Jim Leask Carla Kristensen Jonny Sāgāng er Radha Radhakrishna		Minutes: <input type="checkbox"/> Jim Leask will set up mail management for the 6 Exco members on the SI mail servers. The addresses are: president@servas.org , treasurer@servas.org , vicepresident@servas.org , peacesecretary@servas.org , generalsecretary@servas.org and mts@servas.org .
4.0	14.30-14.40	JS & RBR motion on future SI DV & SI Financial Reports	Jonny Sāgāng er Radha Radhakrishna	JS & RBR puts forward a motion to SI Exco to vote on. It's a proposal that the audited and signed SI Financial Reports should be on the agenda for a vote on a yearly basis at the November SI Distant Vote (SI DV). Please find JS & RBRs draft motion here in Servas Confluence. Read and prepare for casting your vote Yes, No or Abstain at the September 20 SI Exco meeting.	Minutes: Radha Radhakrishna reported that the audit for the 2019-20 accounts is complete. SI Exco approved the motion that the audited and signed SI Financial Reports should be on the agenda for a vote on a yearly basis at the November SI Distant Vote (SI DV).
5.0		SI Distant Vote November 2020			
5.1	14.40-14.45	Status report on SI Distant Vote November 2020	Jonny Sāgāng er Kiat Y Tan	Verbal status report on SI Distant Vote November 2020. The motion is on SI Confluence here: SI EXCO MOTION FOR SI DV NOVEMBER 2020	Minutes: SI DV Nov 2020 General Announcement , SI Exco motion for SI DV Nov 20, voting procedure & Mailout #1 are scheduled to be uploaded to SI website servas.org .

6.0	14.45-14.55	SI Conflict Resolution Team (SI CRT)	Carla Kristensen	Status report on SI Conflict Resolution Team	Minutes: SI CRT had a meeting last week, Marijke Batenburg has officially resigned from SI CRT. The SI CRT consists of Dorothy Fine, convenor (Ireland), Alvany Santiago (Brazil), Martin Henner (USA) and Abhay Shaha (India). Belinda Baird left SI CRT in July 2020.
7.0	14:55-15:00	Stretch Legs			
8.0		SI Distant Votes 2021			
8.1	15.00-15.10	SI Distant Vote March or May 2021	Radha Radhakrishna Jim Leask Jonny Sägänger	Update on Google Group discussion based on Servas France SI Distant Vote proposal for a new SI funding model: 1. Main conclusions of the GG discussion? 2. Next steps in the GG discussion? 3. Any other questions related to this item?	Minutes: 1. Main conclusions: SI Exco will work on the motion of a new SI funding formula with all the member groups, to be voted on in SI Distant Vote (SI DV) May 2021. Jim discussed the MTS proposal for a Voluntary Funding Model . SI DV motion on new funding formula to be ready in time for the November SI EXCO meeting. The final proposal should be fine tuned in collaboration with member groups in January 2021, before the motion is circulated for SI DV in May 2021. Budget for fiscal year 2021-22 (April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022) on which the funding formula will be based should also be voted on in the SI DV at the same time.
8.2	15.10-15.15	Discussion within Servas Latin America	Carla Kristensen	Carla Kristensen to present the summary of proposals on a new SI funding model to the Latin American Google discussion group and get their responses.	Minutes: Carla Kristensen reported on the discussion going on in the Servas Latin America google group
8.3	15.15-15.20	Time table for SI Distant Vote May 2021	Kiat Y Tan	Determine the time table and deadlines for motions, voting et cetera for SI Distant Vote May 2021. Where should the SI DV schedule be put on on SI Confluence and on servas.org so that everybody in SI Exco and the Servas community can find it easily?	Minutes: <input type="checkbox"/> Kiat Y Tan Jonny Sägänger will present the distant vote timetable to Exco for information at the October meeting
9.0	15.20-15-25	MTS Issues			
9.1	15.20-15.25	Review usage of Country /Group in ServasOnline	Jim Leask	Review the language around Country/Group and "National" within ServasOnline. Show examples, and discuss how it can be confusing in some situations. A brief discussion and examples around this topic is here: Servas Language - The use of the word Country and Options 20 Sep 2020SI Exco will vote on the proposal. MTS: 1. Propose for a traveller we will refer to Servas Countries/Regions - This is Geographic label. 2. Propose to use Branch for referring to a Servas Group. The term Branch is currently already being used in Dolphin. More is here: Servas Language - The use of the word Country and Options	Minutes: The following terms have been reviewed by SI Exco, and their usage in these contexts are approved. 1. The term " Country/Region " will be used when referring the physical geographic area, such as part of a member's address, or when a traveller is searching for hosts. 2. The term " Servas Group " will be used when referring to the Servas organization that is a member of Servas International, e.g., Servas Canada. A "Servas Member Group" is a "Servas Group" that has voting rights. Note that the current term "Country/Group" will no longer be used.
9.2		End of life for static PDF Lists		We would like to end of life the usage of static PDF host lists. They are currently stored on Dolphin. The design team is planning to have enough information about Servas Branches in ServasOnline V2, and generating a PDF list when needed will be possible. It will no longer be necessary to host static lists, so we would like to officially plan to end support for the static PDF lists.	To be discussed in the next SI Exco meeting.

10.0	15.25-15.30	SI Archives	Jim Leask	<p>Penny Pattison would like to pass the SI Archives to the appropriate person in SI Exco. My understanding is this is currently Paige, but having this under the Peace Secretary doesn't make sense to me. It seems to me to be more of an administrative function and should be with the General Secretary position.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> how are things like this assigned? Are they being owned by a person, or a role? 	<p>Minutes:</p> <p>To be discussed in the next SI Exco meeting.</p>
11.0	15:30-15:35	<p>SI Exco member's verbal and written reports</p> <p>Questions about the reports, anyone?</p>	<p>Kiat Y Tan</p> <p>Paige LaCombe</p> <p>Jim Leask</p> <p>Carla Kristensen</p> <p>Jonny Sägänger</p> <p>Radha Radhakrishna</p>	<p>Please upload your written reports in Nextcloud, 48 hours before the meeting starts. Insert the weblink to your report in Nextcloud (via Dropbox with appropriate sharing permissions)</p>	
12.0	15:35-15:45	<p>Open space for SI Exco member's proposed items</p> <p>Items anyone?</p>	<p>Kiat Y Tan</p> <p>Paige LaCombe</p> <p>Jim Leask</p> <p>Carla Kristensen</p> <p>Jonny Sägänger</p> <p>Radha Radhakrishna</p>		
13.0	15:45-15:50	Next meetings – time and dates		<p>Proposals:</p> <p>(Proposed regular time: third Sunday every month UTC 14.00-16.00 (1 hour later during summer months). The time and/or date gets adjusted if the ServasOnline Team meeting date is adjusted)</p> <p>2020-10-18 UTC 14.00-16.00</p> <p>2020-11-15 UTC 14.00-16.00</p> <p>2020-12-20 UTC 14.00-16.00</p> <p>2021-01-16 UTC 14.00-16.00</p> <p>2021-02-20 UTC 14.00-16.00</p> <p>2021-03-20 UTC 14.00-16.00</p> <p>2021-04-15 UTC 14.00-16.00</p> <p>2021-05-15 UTC 14.00-16.00</p> <p>2021-06-19 UTC 14.00-16.00</p>	<p>Minutes:</p> <p>Next meeting:</p> <p>Decision: 2020-10-18 UTC 14.00-16.00</p>
14.0	15:50-16:00	Instant minutes	All	Review the minutes so they can be finalized.	

	Time:	End of meeting: 16:00 UTC	Paige LaCombe	
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Task Summary

Incomplete Tasks from this meeting

Description	Due date	Assignee	Task appears on
<input type="checkbox"/> Jim Leask will set up mail management for the 6 Exco members on the SI mail servers. The addresses are: president@servas.org, treasurer@servas.org, vicepresident@servas.org, peacesecretary@servas.org, generalsecretary@servas.org and mts@servas.org.		Jim Leask	2020-09-20 SI Exco Meeting agenda & minutes
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Completed Tasks

Task report

Get going, no tasks completed yet.

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