

Servas International
SI Exco Teleconference
Minutes
Wednesday August 12, 2015 19:00 – 21:30 GMT/UTC
Over Skype

Version: 3

Participants: **Ann Greenhough (AG); Jonny Sågänger (JS); Danielle Serres (DS); Mirek Wasilewski (MW); Arnoud Philippo (AP); Jaime Romero (JR)**

Pre-announced difficulty to attend:

Minutes Recorder: **Penny Pattison (PP)**

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday August 25, 2015 19:00 GMT/UTC

Actions are identified in Italics and Underline. A summary of action items is at the end of the minutes

Decisions and Motions are in bold

Meeting began at 19:10 GMT/UTC.

1. Chit chat
2. Agenda Version 6 adopted
3. Adoption of minutes
 - **MOTION: June 24, 2015 minutes Version 3 was approved. Passed**
4. SI Exco decisions since Jun 24, 2015
 - **June 14, 2015: Stamps printed for 2015 will be reprinted with the new SI logo and design. For this purpose the whole remaining budget for stamp printing can be used.**
5. SI Exco written reports
 - Report received from JS and DS; see Appendix 1 and 2
 - Question to DS re: report to be presented in Kyoto, Japan, on September 27. DS explained that it is for a Japanese regional meeting.
6. SICOGA 2015: SI Conference and SI GA 2015
 - Several SI Exco members shared how they were feeling
 - Overwhelmed by changes and details
 - Wonderful working with the New Zealand team
 - Need to be clear on priorities
 - More relaxed now having the details of the venue
 - Excited/frightened/lots of lists
 - Getting closer to a good conference
 - Wish nothing was distracting SI Exco members from concentrating on the conference
 - Latest attendance number is 193
 - Action: Non-GA workshops and topic groups: JS (convenor), AG, DS will be the team to define and publicize the non-GA workshops and topic groups, and will publicize information when it is available
 - One of the New Zealand volunteers whose registration is being paid will help with translation
 - SI Exco has reviewed the latest conference financial estimates and accepts them
 - SWG Status Reports

- Peace – Have created a Google group on July 16, but due to some SWG members having trouble to use it, uses email for now
- Tech-Future – have begun various discussions, using Google Groups
- Trav/Hosts, Reg Dev – AG has set up Google Group, will start discussion
- Finance – not started yet, JS will send Google Group instructions to MW
- Mod of Procs – need to get update from Pramod
- Agreed that many motions fit into more than one SWG, and what is important is the best possible motions taken to the GA
- AWG Update – motions and SWGs posted, AWG minutes sent to convenors, going smoothly, lots of work
- Action: JS will send out a general announcement about the SWGs, which was drafted by the AWG
- The GA Timetable is on the conference website
- Action: The Non-GA workshops and topic group Team (JS, DS, AG) will write the schedule, and a separate timetable will be produced for the non-delegates

7. International Peace Committee

- DS presented a paper outlining a proposed International Peace Committee
- The proposal was generally supported by SI Exco, with the suggestion to change the word 'Committee' to 'Team'
- Action: DS will begin the process to set up an International Peace Team

8. Stretch legs

9. SI GS situation

- The GS was not responding when this agenda item was first raised; it was discussed after agenda item 10
- There was discussion of the topic
- **MOTION: SI Exco will support funding for travel and registration for Jaime Infante Romero for SICOGA 2015. Defeated**
- Action: JS will write to JR to confirm the defeat of the motion to fund JR
- Action: JS will inform the SICOGA 2015 Organizing Team that JR will not be funded

10. Outreach project

- JS shared a draft Memorandum of Understanding with Friendship Force International (FFI)
- Since the MOU was drafted, the head of FFI has announced that she is leaving FFI in October 2015, and so the cooperation project is now uncertain
- JS informed SI Exco that he is interested working with the World Service Authority, which promote a World Passport; SI Exco saw no concerns with his involvement with the group

11. SOLSYS project + Facebook Not discussed

12. SI Finances Not discussed

13. SI News Sep-Oct 2015 Not discussed

14. Any other business

- **MOTION: Because of the special circumstances, a proxy form will be accepted from the NS of Hungary until Aug 25, 2015. Passed**
- Action: JS will notify the NS of Hungary and cc the Proxy Officer Pablo Colangelo

15. Next SI Exco meeting: **Tuesday August 25, 2015 19:00 GMT/UTC**

16. Meeting ended at 21:39 UTC/GMT

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Action Items from Previous Meetings:

See previous Action Items documents

Appendix 1

Servas International Peace Secretary short report June 24 to August 12, 2015

Agenda Working Group

Several Skype meetings with Penny Pattison and Pramod Kumar: June 30, July 17, July 21, and August 10, next will be September 7

Finalizing and publishing Motions Templates, Subject Working Groups and convenors, available now on servas.org website

Working on SICOGA Timetable with Penny Pattison

UN

Helping Lore Purroy finalizing reports on her internship at UNOG, and working with her on a Power point for SICOGA UN presentation, including on Skype July 4

Working with Jeanne Devine on finalizing a manual for SI UN Observers, and preparing for SICOGA UN presentation, including on Skype July 28

Working with Jeanne Devine and Anna Cristina on SDGs presentation at SICOGA, including on Skype August 3

SIPS Candidate

Working to identify potential candidates for SI Peace Secretary role, and supporting Normand Beaudet, Servas Canada National Peace Secretary, to understand the role and considering application

Peace Calendar, helping Alvany to collect material

Writing to Nat Peace Secs network to get their input ahead of SICOGA

Preparing a report to be presented in Kyoto, Japan, on September 27. Contacts with Servas Japan National Peace Secretary to visit Fukushima area. Planned visit to Hiroshima. Will write article.

Article(s) for next issue of SI News, UN section (one already sent, with a photo, about UN NYC)

Appendix 2

Jonny's short report to Exco
2015-08-11

1. SICOGA2015

Meeting 2015-07-11 with SICOGA Steering Group (Servas NZ & SI Exco members)

Work on:

- * Set up and start of Subject Working Group about Technology and Future. Strategic dialogue with co-convenor Penny Pattison and Bernard Andrieu, SOLSYS PM.
- * Invitation with SI Agenda, timetable and programme
- * SI GA motions
- * SICOGA timetable adjustments (with Penny P)
- * SICOGA programme (with Ann G, Danielle S, Penny P)
- * Email dialogue with Sergey Kibitkin, Ukraine, about presentations of SOLSYS SICOGA.
- * communication strategy (co-op with Holly Xiao, Terry Stone)
- * co-op with other organisations during SICOGA (CISV, FFI)

2. Planning for SI News (Sept 2015 issue)

3. New website and SOLSYS project

- * Testing SOLSYS prototype
- * 2015-07-14: meeting with Sudhilal. KK (NetiApps), Manoj Pillai (NetiApps), Bernard Andrieu (Project manager SOLSYS SCMT), Frederic Morizot (member SOLSYS SCMT). Subject: plan for SICOGA 2015 presentation, status report on milestones et cetera.
- * Strategic planning:
 - July skype meeting with Bernard Andrieu about:
 - 3a) renewed budget for SOLSYS after SI GA 2015
 - 3b) SI GA motions connected with Planning mee

4. SI Exco Status Report 2014

Cooperation with Aneris Cao, Argentina and SI Development Committee

5. Outreach activity

Contacts about possible cooperation with Friendship Force International

6. SI domicile for registration as NGO

JS in dialogue with possible resource persons who could assist in writing a prestudy and on Sweden as possible domicile for registration of SI as NGO. Contact with Swedish lawyer. Continued contact with Daryl and Phyllis Chinn, Servas USA, and with SI IAC, about possible solutions to the current non-satisfactory SI registration and domicile situation.

7. Out reach

Skype conversation with David Gallup, Esq., President and General Counsel, World Service Authority (WSA) Washington DC USA, which issues the World Passport, among other documents.
Discussion about possible common ground between Servas and WSA. Jonny offered possibility to become WSA representative in Sweden.

www.worldservice.org

World Service Authority (WSA) is a global public service human rights organization and administrative branch of the World Government of World Citizens, has been providing human rights education and documentation to individuals throughout the world since 1954. The organization strives to expand recognition of universal human rights and of the WSA documents, such as the World Passport, based on the human rights treaties, declarations, covenants and conventions that all United Nations Member-States are bound to uphold. More than 165 countries have recognized WSA documents.

8. Miscellaneous

* Contacts with Microsoft to understand more about Microsoft's pro bono offer for NGO:s to use the Office 365 application for free or at a significant discount.

Microsoft Office 365 could be the one and only IT platform for SI Exco, officers for sharing and storing documents, meeting planning and project development.

Read more here: <https://www.microsoft.com/about/corporatecitizenship/en-us/office365-for-nonprofits/>

* SI GS issue: Spent time on reminders about SI country reports, trying to get a grip on SI Action chart for Aug 2012-Oct 2015 plus numerous other SI GS matters.

* Day-to-day business