



## MOTION

### FOR

EXTRAORDINARY SERVAS INTERNATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2024

(EO-SIGA 2024)

1. Heading for the proposal in this motion (No more than 10 words)

**IMPROVING DEBATE CONDITIONS FOR MOTIONS.**

2. Date and place for this motion.

May 2024

3. SI member group(s) or SI Exco member(s) who is responsible for this motion. Note that only SI Member Groups or SI Executive Committee (SI Exco, Servas International's global board) may propose motions for a SIGA.

Servas France

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4. Exact wording of the proposal to be voted on.

We propose that the May 2024 distant vote approves that:

- Enough time be devoted to clarification, discussion and debate of motions to be voted on.
  - On line, with user-friendly tools accessible to all, and adequate training for using them
  - During the workshops held at SIGA venue prior to SIGA

Please note that the SI member groups must be able to vote YES, NO or ABSTAIN on a SIGA proposal.

#### **5. Implications on SI Statutes 2022.**

The SI Statutes are accessible on the internet here:

[http://servas.org/sites/default/files/uploads/other\\_files/2023/si\\_statutes\\_2022\\_final\\_2023-01-14.pdf](http://servas.org/sites/default/files/uploads/other_files/2023/si_statutes_2022_final_2023-01-14.pdf)

#### **Will this proposal affect the SI statutes and therefore create a need for a change in the SI statutes?**

If the answer is yes, please:

5A) Copy the part of the SI statutes that you suggest should be amended

5B) Write the exact proposed new wording in the SI Statutes here:

- NO....
- ...
- ...

#### **6. Brief description of the reason for your proposal.**

**The motivation must contain a clear description of the benefit of this proposal for the Servas community; its member groups, individual members and Servas International as an international non-governmental organisation.**

#### **This motion should be approved because (one or more motivations):**

- Few delegates were present during SICOGA 2022 (30 out of 77). Only 22 absent delegates voted online. Developing virtual participation requires the use of user-friendly tools accessible to all.
- The use of a working tool such as Google groups would be more adequate than Teams which required much training to be accessible to all.
- During SICOGA itself, very little time was devoted to a serious analysis and debate on the

motions.

- Some time must be allocated, during the conference, for presenting and clarifying every important motion and the state of discussion for each of them:
  - Either from EXCO's initiative, with workshops in groups to be more efficient
  - Or from at least one delegate's demand
  
- Some accessible communication tools should be found to enable on-line participants to ask questions and make comments during discussions.
  
- At the same time, it could be a way of sharing tools within the Servas groups, tools dedicated to online meetings, exchanges and debates, throughout the year, outside the time of the motions.
  
- The use of Google cloud speech-to-text could facilitate understanding and participation in discussions

### **7. SI budget implications**

Describe what financial resources are needed to accomplish the aims of this motion. Use the money currency Swiss francs, which is the currency used for SI's budget:

Speech-to-text software:

Funds to be taken on budget from motion : Taking into consideration language barriers

### **8. Other resources needed -- time, experts with specialist competences or knowledge or other human resources.**

Finding appropriate tools accessible to all, and training delegates and officers to use them

### **9. Proposed timeline/timetable for accomplishing the aims of the proposal?**

**The proposed action should ideally:**

- Start on this date: May 2024, after the motion is passed.

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- Be accomplished on this date: 2025 May (during the preparation of the next SICOGA) ● ...

The person (s) or group(s) will report the results of this motion to SI Exco.

**10. Which person or persons writes/write this motion and is is/are responsible for the proposal?**

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If applicable:

Other communication channels:

**11. Who or which group will be responsible for accomplishing the aim/aims of the proposal in this motion? (SI committee, SI Team, SI member group or Servas individual member/members.**

EXCO and the Membership and Technology team.  
The team organizing the next SICOGA

**12. SI Exco comment on this motion**

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**13. Amendments (Passed or defeated)**

**14. Final Motion (approved or defeated)**