

ARG 001 MOTION FOR SI GA 2015

Subject Working Group: Modernization of procedures

Title of motion
SI Candidates present themselves six weeks before the SI Elections

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Summary of the motion
<p>Candidates applying to positions in SI must present their history of cooperation in Servas (antecedents) as members or in previous positions. This information plus the supporting document should be available to voting members at least 8 weeks in advance to the election for the position in GA.</p> <p>SI Candidates present themselves with their antecedents of collaboration in Servas as members or in previous positions, and a document signed by twelve members of the NG, current officers in the candidate's country and officers of the time the candidate had a National position, supporting the candidature and explaining reasons for such support.</p> <p>The antecedents should presented openly to:</p> <p>the NG, current officers in the candidate's country and officers of the time <i>this candidate had a National position.</i></p> <p>A document should be presented by the current officers including at least 10 members and previous officers in order to support the candidate, in the case the candidate had previously a National position.</p> <p>The document should present also disagreements with this candidature, which should be signed and supported by real knowledge of the inconveniences of this candidature.</p> <p>b) presented openly to NSs and other officers in the Region <i>in case the candidate was a AC – approved and signed, and disagreements should be also presented, signed and supported.</i></p> <p>c) colleagues of the Committee, EXCO, or any other working group <i>if the candidate was integrating one of this International working groups. – idem – approved, signed, disagreements presented and signed and supported.</i></p> <p>2) All the information sent must reach the NC 2 moths in advance the CICOGA so that in can be published eight weeks before the SI Elections by the Nominations Committee among the AG voting members.</p> <p>3) There will be no last- minute candidatures.</p>

Background information and reasons for proposing the motion.

The period of eight weeks has been considered so that voting members will have enough time to consulting about the candidate's antecedents can consult persons in the candidate's country of origin and in other countries in order to acquire additional information.

Considering that voting is an action that implies responsibility towards the Organization, and that there is no way to remove persons from positions, previous information has the objective to prevent what has happened more than once: that positions which imply important responsibilities - all positions do - have been voted without knowledge of the Candidate, and this has brought destructive consequences for Servas.

Likely benefits for Servas International and national groups if the motion is passed.

Preventing damages by inefficiency and dishonesty of candidates – which has happened more than once – by previously giving the chance to GA voting members to be well informed about the candidates' antecedents.

Resource implications if the motion is passed in terms of time, human resources and specialist expertise.

Minimal

What are the budget implications, if any, of the motion for Servas International and for national groups in the short and longer term?

None

Who should be responsible for the actions arising from the motion in terms of planning, development and management, for example which officer within SI Exco or SI Committee.

SI Nominations Committee

Would there be implications for the Servas International statutes if the motion is passed?

No

What is the likely impact if the motion is not passed?

Inability to consult persons in the candidate's country of origin and in other countries in order to acquire additional information