

AUS-001 MOTION FOR SI GA 2015

Subject Working Group: Modernization of procedures

Title of motion

No time limit for elected Servas International officials
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National secretary and national member group proposing motion
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Summary of the motion

We want to abandon the following motion, passed at the GA 2012: "Starting at the 2012 GA, a person cannot be nominated for an elected Servas International position if he/she has been in an elected or appointed Servas International position for a total of 6 or more years within the last 10 years. The clock starts at the 2012 GA."
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Background information and reasons for proposing the motion.

We think it is counterproductive to limit the time people can serve in EXCO, and to exclude young people from any further SI position after they have had some official youth function. Continuity is essential!

On 2015-01-26, Jonny Saganger also described this problem in his email to all member countries: "... There is great enthusiasm and commitment at the GA, and unfortunately most people do not stay involved in working on the identified priorities after the GA ends ... Because of the disappearing volunteers between GAs, historically a lot of the work has fallen to SI Exco. SI Exco has a lot of work running the organization. To manage the SI Exco workload, ..."
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The above motion was passed very late on the last day of the GA (Saturday August 25, 2012), when most people already wanted to go home and were too tired to continue the discussion with the necessary attention. This motion needs to be discussed again in more detail!

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

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

None

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.

This concerns all SI Exco and SI Committee members

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?

discontinuity, loss of know-how, increased work load on new officials