

COS-002 MOTION FOR SI GA 2015

Subject Working Group: Travel and hosts/ Regional Development

Title of motion

People travelling with Servas should remember the aims of Servas
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National secretary and national member group proposing motion
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Summary of the motion

The reason for Servas is to let people know the culture of countries and to foster peace around the world. Persons visiting us should have in mind the mission of Servas and follow every rule according the guidelines. They should foster the aims of Servas.

Background information and reasons for proposing the motion.

This motion is made by Servas Costa Rica member Jesús Castro Mora. This motion was approved at the Servas Costa Rica annual General Assembly, held on October 4th 2014. The motion was approved unanimously.
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The motion is being proposed after considering the experience in the area over the past several years.
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Likely benefits for Servas International and national groups if the motion is passed.
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The benefits will be felt throughout Servas International, because visits will be more successful and enjoyable.
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Resource implications if the motion is passed in terms of time, human resources and specialist expertise.
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Communication skills are required to ensure that all individual Servas members understand and follow these ideas.

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 motion would fit into the SI Handbook, in a section describing the responsibilities of Servas hosts and travellers. It could be combined with other ideas to make Servas visits as good as they can be, such as replying to emails. Possibly a new Working Group to gather 'best practices' to be put into the SI Handbook, which is handled by the SI General Secretary.

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?

There will continue to be some Servas visits that are not as positive as they could be, and interviews in different countries would not have the benefit of this guidance.