

EXC-007

Motion for SI GA 2015

Subject Working Group: Technology - Future

Title of motion (3-5 words): Getting the Servas archives in order

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Brief summary of the motion:

One of the first tasks of the new Archivist would be to design an index to the contents of approximately 80 SI archival boxes at the Hoover Institution in California, USA, and post the index on the SI website for researchers to use. This way researchers can know what is in the holdings. It also would be helpful if the Archivist could get permission to organize the documents and files. The researcher would still have to come to Palo Alto, California, on the campus of Stanford University, to look at the materials. There is no money in the Hoover Institution budget to digitize the materials so that they could be read on-line.

Background information and reasons for proposing the motion.

A related issue is how to accommodate the wishes of the Servas members who have personal archives of Servas documents, including pictures, memoirs, publications, etc., and who wish that they could be preserved after they are gone. There needs to be some "gatekeeper" who can make sure nothing inappropriate is transferred to the Hoover Institution. The Hoover is quite willing to accept more materials related to SI and to the various national Servas organizations.

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

A new step towards getting the historic Servas archives in better order.

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

One archivist and possibly an assistant could accomplish this during the mandate period 2015-2018.

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

Amount: 1000 CHF for the period 2015-2018

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

None. But it is the current SI Archivist's idea that national members of SI would each select some documents to digitize at their own expense and post them to the SI website, where they could be read by all.

The minutes of various meetings are already posted, and a limited amount of historical material could be posted too.

Identify 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.

The SI archivist, and possibly an assistant.

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

None.

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

Servas will lose important parts of its history.