

EXC-008 MOTION FOR SI GA 2015

Subject Working Group: Modernization of Procedures

Title of motion

Approve record of elections and decisions at GA

National secretary and national member group proposing motion
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Servas International Executive Committee
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Summary of Motion

As part of the General Assembly (GA) process, a record of the results of elections and the decisions made at the GA, be submitted for approval before the end of the GA.
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Background information and reasons for proposing the motion.

Currently, the minutes of a GA, including the election results, are only approved at the next GA, in 3 years. This means that during the 3 years before the minutes are approved, they remain in draft form. This causes problems when official confirmation of elections or decisions is required. In particular, countries working with their governments to register Servas in their country have problems with this situation.
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The elections and decisions made at a GA are treated as final, not draft by the member groups and the newly elected SI Officers

If there were a procedural motion to approve the record of election results and decisions made at the GA, before the end of the GA, then the election results and decisions would be formally finalized.
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The actual minutes could continue to be approved at the subsequent GA, resulting in no required changes to the SI Statutes.

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

The record of Servas elections and decisions will be official at the end of the GA.

Formally signed documents can be prepared at the GA, to support countries that require such documents.

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

Minute takers at the GA will need to ensure that the necessary documents are ready for GA voting.

Outgoing SI Exco officials will need to ensure that appropriate documents are signed before they leave the GA.

Notaries or other officials will need to be arranged.

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.

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?

The current status of non-finalized elections and decisions will continue.