GER-001 MOTION FOR SI GA 2015

Subject Working Group: Financial

Title of motion

Simplifying the SI fee system

National secretary and national member group proposing motion

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Summary of the motion

We suggest that SI/Exco propose a fee system different to the current system which is based on the number of LoIs.

A single fee to simplify the current system which is based on the number of LOI's.

Background information and reasons for proposing the motion.

We want to simplify Servas and attract members by making travelling with Servas and joining the Servas organisation easier. We would like to charge just one fee that covers all charges, for example as in a sports club. That would also include the LoI.

If we remove obstacles and reduce bureaucracy, we could respond to the accusation that Servas is too complicated (in comparison, for example, with Couchsurfing). We hope that this will attract more people. As Servas is based on trust between host and traveller, the interview will still be required.

We thus have to consider how Servas International can still receive fees from the Servas countries because if all members automatically receive an LoI covered by this one fee, a fee can no longer be charged for each LoI. In order to ensure that SI does not have less money than now, Servas Germany, for example, would of course be prepared to transfer a similar sum of money to SI as up to now. We hope that this will lead to more activity among current members and that it will also attract new members.

Likely benefits for Servas International and national groups if the motion is passed.
Attract members by making travelling with Servas and joining the Servas organisation easier.
Resource implications if the motion is passed in terms of time, human resources and specialist
expertise.
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?

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

No