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**Minutes of the
Servas International
General Assembly**

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A Servas International General Assembly (SI GA) was held at Seoul Korea from October 14 to 20, 2018. These are the minutes for that meeting.

Appendices:

Appendix 1: Appendix 1 of motion EXC-021 Part b: Updated structure for SI committees, teams and groups (separate document)

Appendix 2: Appendix 2 of motion EXC-021 Part a: Updated structure for SI committees, teams and groups (separate document)

Appendix 3: Appendix 3 of motion EXC-021 Part b: Updated structure for SI committees, teams and groups (separate document)

Appendix 4: The approved revised 2018 – 2019 budget (separate document)

Appendix 5: The approved 2019 – 2021 budget (separate document)

Appendix 6: Details of EXC-003 SI Statute changes (separate document)

Appendix 7: The list of Member Groups with delegates present at the 2018 GA

Most of the agenda items were first discussed by different groups of participants in 'Subject Working Group' workshop sessions and the recommendations or proposals, which emerged from these workshops, were then put to vote in the GA sessions. In some cases, agenda items were merged together by the workshops and were sent to the GA in the form of a single motion.

Each Subject Working Group defined the order in which the motions in their group would be presented. If a motion is not mentioned in the minutes, then it is because it was not presented, or possibly it was presented but no delegate moved it.

Each event or motion recorded in these minutes has been assigned a unique serial number with which it can be referred to, e.g. "Serial number 12 of GA 2018 Minutes" would identify:

Each decision made by the General Assembly is recorded with a unique number, e.g. Decision 2.

12	<u>Motion:</u>
Decision 2	To approve the GA 2018 agenda Mover: New Zealand; Seconder: Hungary Votes: For: 45 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 The motion passed.

The number of voting delegates varied during the week and also during sessions, since some delegates were absent for periods of time. Whenever a vote occurred, care was taken to receive a vote from each delegate present.

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Serial Number	October 14, 2018 (Day 1) Event/Motion
1	SI Exco President and Chairman of the General Assembly, Jonny Sågänger, called the 2018 General Assembly Session GA01 to order at 8:50 AM with 45 delegates in attendance.
2	Jonny handed over to Pramod K. as moderator.
3	The draft agenda was presented, comprised of the Timetable and Summary of Motions.
4 Decision 1	<u>Motion:</u> Penny Pattison, Prossy N. and their team will be the minute takers. Moved by Malawi, seconded by India Votes: For: 45 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 The motion passed.
5	Session GA01 Ended at 9:17am
6	Moderator Marijke B. took over to guide reports: 1. A report about the pre-conference youth meeting, from SI Vice-President Ann Greenhough 2. Introduction to the ServasOnline sessions by SI Host List Coordinator Pablo Colangelo and others on the ServasOnline team 3. Overview of the remainder of Day 1 devoted to workshops and moderator training, by SI Peace Secretary Danielle Serres

	October 15, 2018 (Day 2) Event/Motion
7	There were no GA sessions on Day 2. In the morning there was a full discussion “A future vision for Servas”, followed by workshops. In the afternoon there were Subject Working Group sessions in preparation for the GA decision-making.

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	October 16, 2018 (Day 3) Event/Motion
8	Session GA02 was called to order at 8:43.
9	Session GA02 was two training sessions for delegates: 1. GA Training: Basic Accounting, presented by SI Treasurer. 2. GA Training: Rules of Order presented by SI Distant Vote Administrator
10	Session GA02 Ended at 10:15
11	Moderator Marijke B. called Session GA03 to order at 10:47 with 49 delegates present.
12 Decision 2	<u>Motion:</u> To approve the GA 2018 agenda Mover: New Zealand; Second: Hungary Votes: For: 45 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 The motion passed.
13 Decision 3	<u>Motion:</u> To approve the 2018 GA Rules of Order Mover: Malawi; Second: Denmark Votes: For: 46 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 The motion passed.
14	EXC-002 Member Group Updates: The SI Membership Committee convenor was given speaking rights. She explained that all SI groups (countries) are National Groups. Member Group status means that a National Group can vote on Servas International decisions. If member status is withdrawn, the group is still an SI National Group with the ability to get stamps.
15 Decision 4	<u>Motion:</u> To grant SI member group status to Belarus Moved by Belgium and Luxemburg. Seconded by Malaysia. Votes: For: 47. Against: 0. Abstain: 0 The motion passed.

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16 Decision 5	<u>Motion:</u> To grant SI member group status to Kenya Moved by Belgium and Luxemburg. Seconded by Colombia Votes: For: 48. Against: 0. Abstain: 0 The motion passed.
17 Decision 6	<u>Motion:</u> To grant SI member group status to Gambia Moved by Belgium and Luxemburg. Seconded by Rwanda. Votes: For: 49. Against: 0. Abstain: 0 The motion passed.
18 Decision 7	<u>Motion:</u> To grant SI member group status to Bolivia Moved by Belgium and Luxemburg. Seconded by Chile. Votes: For: 49. Against: 0. Abstain: 0 The motion passed.
19 Decision 8	<u>Motion:</u> Servas Lithuania will be withdrawn as a member group of SI Moved by Belgium and Luxemburg. Seconded by Malawi. Votes: For: 47. Against: 1 (Colombia). Abstain: 1 The motion passed.
20 Decision 9	<u>Motion:</u> Servas Pakistan will be withdrawn as a member group of SI Moved by Belgium and Luxemburg. Seconded by Malawi. Votes: For: 44. Against: 2 (Bangladesh). Abstain: 3 (Italy, Colombia and India) The motion passed.
21 Decision 10	<u>Motion:</u> Servas Congo-Brazzaville will be withdrawn as a member group of SI Moved by Belgium and Luxemburg. Seconded by Croatia. Votes: For: 46. Against: 1 (Colombia). Abstain: 2 (Bangladesh) The motion passed.
22 Decision 11	<u>Motion:</u> Servas Ecuador will be withdrawn as a member group of SI Moved by Belgium and Luxemburg. Seconded by Australia. Votes: For: 45. Against: 3 (Colombia). Abstain: 1 The motion passed.

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23 Decision 12	<p>EXC-009 2015 GA Minutes Approval</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>To review and adopt the minutes of the 2015 SI General Assembly as published or corrected</p> <p>Moved by Croatia. Seconded by Georgia.</p> <p>Votes: For: 48. Against: 0. Abstain: 1</p> <p>The motion passed.</p>
24 Decision 13	<p>EXC-004 SI Officer Reports</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>To receive the 2016 and 2017 reports of Servas International's office holders</p> <p>Moved by India. Seconded by Brazil.</p> <p>Votes: For: 49. Against: 0. Abstain: 0</p> <p>The motion passed.</p>
25	Pramod K. took over the role of moderator from Marijke B.
26 Decision 14	<p>EXC-006 SI External Auditor</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>To empower the Executive Committee to select and pay for independent professional auditing</p> <p>Budget 1200 CHF, included in draft budget</p> <p>Moved by Ireland. Seconded by France.</p> <p>Votes: For: 49. Against: 0. Abstain: 0</p> <p>The motion passed.</p>
27	The draft budget was introduced.
28 Decision 15	<p>GA Budget and Statutes working groups to meet during the GA</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>That the following two working groups be set up to meet during the GA:</p> <p>1/ The GA Budget working group of Radha Radhakrishna, Gulsen E. and Gabor M.</p> <p>2/ The Statutes working group of Chris P., William F. and Marite A.</p> <p>Moved by New Zealand. Seconded by Georgia.</p> <p>Votes: For: 49. Against: 0. Abstain: 0</p> <p>The motion passed.</p>

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<p>29</p> <p>Decision 16</p>	<p>EXC-012: None of the Above (Part A)</p> <p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p><i>This motion has been drafted in two parts to facilitate its consideration by the General Assembly.</i></p> <p><i>A vote on Part A/ tests support for the concept of Servas adopting a “None of the Above” option for elections and that this will apply for the 2018 General Assembly.</i></p> <p><i>If there is majority support for the concept, then Part B/ can be voted on to amend the SI Statutes to adopt a “None of the Above” option for Servas elections.</i></p> <p><i>(At least two thirds of the voters must support the motion to amend the SI Statutes.)</i></p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>A/ That Servas International adopt a “None of the Above/Re-open Nominations” option for elections to take effect immediately and apply to elections at the 2018 SI General Assembly.</p> <p>Moved by Hungary. Seconded by Germany.</p> <p>Votes: For: 49. Against: 0. Abstain: 0</p> <p>The motion passed.</p>
<p>30</p> <p>Decision 17</p>	<p>EXC-012: None of the Above (Part B)</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>B/ That this be formalised by amending Section VI Voting at Meetings of the Servas International Statutes by replacing Clause 5) under Elections by:</p> <p>“5) The voting procedure in the election of one or more officers shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The voting paper shall include a “None of the Above/Re-open Nominations” in addition to the name/s of the candidate/s. b) Voters may vote for “None of the Above/Re-open Nominations” as if it is a candidate for the position. c) Votes for “None of the Above/Re-open Nominations” are counted along with those for the candidate/s. d) Candidates receiving more votes than “None of the Above/Re-open Nominations” shall be declared elected. e) Candidates not receiving more votes than “None of the Above/Re-open Nominations” are not elected.

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	<p>f) This voting procedure shall also apply to elections by Distant Voting.”</p> <p>AND that the process to be followed when an election at a GA results in a vacancy be clarified with a new clause following Clause 5) under Elections, by adding:</p> <p>“6) The process for filling a vacancy that remains following an election at a GA either because there are no nominations for the position or as a result of Sub-clause 5) e) above, shall be as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a) The vacancy may be filled by appointment by the SI Executive Committee or by calling for new nominations to be elected in another election or in the next Distant Vote.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b) The Executive Committee shall be responsible for selecting and initiating the process for filling a vacancy unless this has been decided by the GA following the election.”</p> <p>Moved by Ireland. Seconded by Australia. Votes: For: 49. Against: 0. Abstain: 0 The motion passed.</p>
31	Session GA03 Ended at 12:20
32	Moderator Pramod K. called Session GA04 to order at 13:39 with 49 delegates present.
33	BRI-002 Commission re: organizational change in Servas
Decision 18	<p><u>Motion:</u> The SI GA approves the setting up of a Commission by SI Exco to investigate options for a new global structure that incorporates both Servas International and national member groups. It will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify where there are barriers to change. 2. Explore the viability of a range of organisational models to meet the changing needs of Servas whilst retaining its core values as a peace organisation. <p>The Commission will work to a clearly defined remit and prepare a report with recommendations for consultation with national member groups and the wider membership.</p> <p>One of the models to be considered would be that of an extended</p>

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	<p>SI board of 12 elected members from which 6 Exco members would be selected.</p> <p>Where options involve changes to the SI statutes these would be decided upon at the next General Assembly in 2021.</p> <p>In order for the Commission to carry out its work 3000 CHF for a face-to-face meeting, to be utilized over three years until SICOGA 2021, will be allocated from the SI budget.</p> <p><u>Amendment:</u> Remove the words “One of the models to be considered would be that of an extended SI board of 12 elected members from which 6 Exco members would be selected.” from the motion. Moved by Australia. Seconded by Denmark. Votes: For: 44. Against: 2. Abstain: 2 The amendment passed.</p> <p><u>Amended Motion:</u> The SI GA approves the setting up of a Commission by SI Exco to investigate options for a new global structure that incorporates both Servas International and national member groups. It will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify where there are barriers to change. 2. Explore the viability of a range of organisational models to meet the changing needs of Servas whilst retaining its core values as a peace organisation. <p>The Commission will work to a clearly defined remit and prepare a report with recommendations for consultation with national member groups and the wider membership.</p> <p>Where options involve changes to the SI statutes these would be decided upon at the next General Assembly in 2021.</p> <p>In order for the Commission to carry out its work 3000 CHF for a face-to-face meeting, to be utilized over three years until SICOGA 2021, will be allocated from the SI budget.</p> <p>Moved by Britain. Seconded by Rwanda. Votes: For: 37. Against: 2. Abstain: 8 The amended motion passed.</p>
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<p>34</p> <p>Decision 19</p>	<p>SPA-ITA-003 Youth and Families Opportunities</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>The GA encourages the Youth & Families committee to develop new and existing programs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SYLE and JUNIOR SYLE 2. UP & DOWN (young travellers hosted by elder members) 3. LET'S GO (group of youngsters from one country inviting other groups of different countries) 4. SFWE (Servas Families Work Experience) ex.au-pair, helping in voluntary works etc 5. Families Summer Camp 6. Volunteering working team (new opportunities for youngsters to be volunteer in Servas to organize camps and events, to promote Servas, for translations, media and communication...) <p>Youth & Families committee allocates CHF 2000 for 3 years to support the new projects in addition to the existing Youth budget.</p> <p><u>Amendment:</u></p> <p>Add the words “The GA encourages the Youth & Families committee to develop new and existing programs all over the world.” to the motion.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Moved by France and Brazil. Seconded by Spain.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Votes: For: 49. Against: 0. Abstain: 0</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The amendment passed.</p> <p><u>Amended Motion:</u></p> <p>The GA encourages the Youth & Families committee to develop new and existing programs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SYLE and JUNIOR SYLE 2. UP & DOWN (young travellers hosted by elder members) 3. LET'S GO (group of youngsters from one country inviting other groups of different countries) 4. SFWE (Servas Families Work Experience) ex.au-pair, helping in voluntary works etc 5. Families Summer Camp 6. Volunteering working team (new opportunities for youngsters to be volunteer in Servas to organize camps and events, to promote Servas, for translations, media and communication...) <p>The GA encourages the Youth & Families committee to develop new and existing programs all over the world.</p>
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	<p>Youth & Families committee allocates CHF 2000 for 3 years to support the new projects in addition to the existing Youth budget. Moved by Spain. Seconded by Brazil. Votes: For: 49. Against: 0. Abstain: 0 The amended motion passed.</p>
<p>35 Decision 20</p>	<p>EXC-017 Improve Servas International Conference and General Assembly (SICOGA) <u>Motion:</u> SI General Assembly 2018 decides that there is a need to improve the planning and execution process for arranging the Servas International Conference and General Assembly (SICOGA) which is normally held every three years. This motion focus on two main areas to improve the SICOGAs: a) Introduction of measures to increase active and passive participation from the Servas community by members of Servas who are not able to be physically present at the venue in the country where the SICOGA takes place. b) Introduction of measures to minimize the environmental impact of the SICOGAs. A team named SICOGA Development Team, SDT, will be appointed by the SI Exco for 2019-2021 to lead the project to develop the SICOGA concept. Budget: 200 CHF per year during 2019-2021 for communication software for the members of the SICOGA Development Team, SDT. Planning for extended remote participation needs to be balanced against the requirements for a suitable venue. Moved by Iran. Seconded by Canada and Portugal. Votes: For: 44. Against: 0. Abstain: 4 The motion passed.</p>
<p>36 Decision 21</p>	<p>POL-RWA-001 SI contribution to Development fund <u>Motion:</u> Based on the amount SI has contributed in previous years, the GA approves a one-off contribution of 18000 CHF from Servas International to the SI Development Fund to support the work of the Development Committee between 2018 and 2021. <u>Amendment:</u> Add the word “reserve” after the words “SI Development Fund” in the motion. Moved by Australia. Seconded by Portugal and Nepal.</p>

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	<p>Votes: For: 46. Against: 0. Abstain: 0 The amendment passed.</p> <p><u>Amended Motion:</u> Based on the amount SI has contributed in previous years, the GA approves a one-off contribution of 18000 CHF from Servas International to the SI Development Fund reserve to support the work of the Development Committee between 2018 and 2021. Moved by Poland. Seconded by Rwanda and Portugal. Votes: For: 44. Against: 1. Abstain: 1 The amended motion passed.</p>
37	<p>The session was briefly interrupted as 17 10th grade students and their teacher Ms Shin, Jeonghae from Hanseo High School entered the General Assembly to observe the proceedings. They then moved to the Indian Ocean Hall where Jonny S., David A. and others answered questions about Servas and how to join. Each student received a certificate of the visit as well as other gifts from Servas Korea and other countries. The students went back to the Grand Hall again during the break to take a photo on the stage with other participants. All of them were very inspired and left the venue full of excitement and encouragement.</p>
38	Session GA04 Ended at 15:40
39	Moderator Marijke B. called Session GA05 to order at 16:05 with 49 delegates present.
40 Decision 22	<p>EXC-021 Part a: Job Description changes <u>Motion:</u> a. The following changes will be made before GA 2018 elections: i. Nominations Team will be appointed, to ensure appropriate skills ii. Job Descriptions and Statutes Committee will be disbanded; the Job Descriptions function will be handled by the Nominations Team and the Statutes function will be managed by the SI General Secretary iii. Conflict Resolution Team will be appointed, to ensure appropriate skills iv. Change of name and job description for the SI Membership & Technology Secretary role (Appendix 2) v. Change in qualifications for SI General Secretary (Appendix 2) Moved by Portugal. Seconded by Belarus and Nepal. Votes: For: 47. Against: 0. Abstain: 1</p>

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	<p>The motion passed. (The wording of the Job Description changes is in Appendix 2 of these minutes.)</p>
<p>41 Decision 23</p>	<p>SPA-ITA-001 Youth Committee changes <u>Motion:</u> Make the committee more flexible for young people: Proposed structure: 5 elected members + 3 teams of appointed volunteers from many countries to help with the tasks of the committee. Duration of duty: 3 years. It can be shorter for the appointed members. Depending on availability of the members. New members can be appointed by other members of the committee and volunteers. Any young member of any country can be part of the volunteer team. The team of volunteers who shares the work of the youth committee does not have a specific number of people. It will be recommended to involve volunteers from all continents. Moved by Italy and Spain. Seconded by Iran and Colombia. Votes: For: 49. Against: 0. Abstain: 0 The motion passed.</p>
<p>42 Decision 24</p>	<p>EXC-016 Develop procedures for recruitment of new Servas individual members <u>Motion:</u> SI General Assembly 2018 decides that a team should be appointed to explore methods, in coordination with the national groups in charge of interviews, for handling applications from people who would like to become members of Servas as travellers, hosts and day hosts. Budget: 200 CHF per year. Moved by Iran. Seconded by Georgia, Malawi and Nepal. Votes: For: 43. Against: 3. Abstain: 3 The motion passed.</p>
<p>43 Decision 25</p>	<p>EXC-019 Outreach for increased cooperation with like-minded organisations <u>Motion:</u> SI General Assembly decides that Servas International should increase its efforts to support our mission by cooperating with like-minded organizations that share complementary missions. The result of the analysis and the outreach activity should be presented at the next SI GA. Budget 1000 CHF per year. <u>Amendment:</u></p>

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	<p>Add “or before” after “presented at the next SI GA” Moved by Ireland. Seconded by Spain. Votes: For: 42. Against: 0. Abstain: 0 The amendment passed.</p> <p><u>Amendment:</u> Remove “Budget 1000 CHF per year.” Moved by Italy. Seconded by Hungary. Votes: For: 14. Against: 24. Abstain: 8 The amendment did not pass.</p> <p><u>Amendment:</u> Change “Budget 1000 CHF per year.” To “500 CHF per year.” Moved by Belgium and Luxemburg. Seconded by Georgia. Votes: For: 8. Against: 28. Abstain: 12 The amendment did not pass.</p> <p><u>Amended Motion:</u> SI General Assembly decides that Servas International should increase its efforts to support our mission by cooperating with like-minded organizations that share complementary missions. The result of the analysis and the outreach activity should be presented at the next SI GA or before. Budget 1000 CHF per year. Moved by India. Seconded by France, Germany and Uganda. Votes: For: 38. Against: 1. Abstain: 9 The amended motion passed.</p>
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	<h3>October 17, 2018 (Day 4)</h3> <h3>Event/Motion</h3>
45	This was the excursion day. Before leaving, there was an official SICOGA 2018 group photograph taken.

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	October 18, 2018 (Day 5) Event/Motion
46	Moderator Pramod K.called Session GA06 to order at 8:45 with 49 delegates present.
47 Decision 26	<p>EXC-014 Servas permanent representation in Geneva <u>Motion:</u> To have a permanent representation in Geneva. Part-time position, supported by volunteers. It would back up retaining our global legal base in Switzerland. Budget 14000 CHF per year Moved by Iran. Seconded by Georgia. Votes: For: 7. Against: 21. Abstain: 21 The motion did not pass.</p>
48 Decision 27	<p>EXC-022 SI paid administrator <u>Motion:</u> Following the 2017 GA distant vote which decided that a SI paid administrator should be contracted for a year's trial, the GA agrees the following next steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SI Exco will arrange to produce a feasibility report for consultation with national groups and those in relevant SI roles, setting out a plan for the use of one or more paid staff to assist SI EXCO under the supervision of the General Secretary over a period of three years (to go beyond the date of the next SI GA in 2021) 2. The report will include consideration of the recruitment process for paid staff, terms of contract, levels of payment to be offered for the tasks identified and issues concerning location of any contracted staff. Budget for the feasibility study and recruitment considerations are estimated to be 500CHF. 3. SI Exco and the SI teams involved will evaluate the impact of having paid staff and prepare a progress report in advance of SI GA 2021.

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	<p>Moved by Portugal. Seconded by Hungary. Votes: For: 36. Against: 0. Abstain: 13 The motion passed.</p>
49	Elections for SI EXCO positions were held through secret ballots.
50	<p>There were three proxies held:</p> <p>Servas Hong Kong: Servas Korea delegate is the proxy. Servas Austria: Servas Germany delegate is the proxy. Servas Norway: Servas Denmark delegate is the proxy</p>
51	<p>SI President: <u>Candidates:</u> 1: Jonny Sägänger, Sweden 2: None of the above</p>
52	<p>SI Vice President: <u>Candidates:</u> 1: Carla Kristensen, Portugal 2: None of the above</p>
53	<p>SI Treasurer: <u>Candidates:</u> 1: Radha B. Radhakrishna, USA 2: None of the above</p>
54	<p>SI General Secretary: <u>Candidates:</u> 1: Kiat Tan, Malaysia 2: None of the above</p>
55	<p>SI Peace Secretary: Candidates: 1: Paige LaCombe, USA 2. Abhay Shaha, India 3: None of the above</p>
56	Session GA06 Ended at 10:32
57	Moderator Marijke B. called Session GA07 to order at 10:53 with 49 delegates present.
58 Decision 28	<p>FRA-001 ServasOnline maintenance by professionals <u>Motion:</u> We ask that a software company should be rapidly found to accompany the development of servas.org and guarantee its good running 24/7. The company should have recognized IT</p>

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	<p>expertise by its peers, should be technically reliable. The company should appoint developers dedicated to Servas. It must commit itself to respecting Servas development agenda. As soon as the company is selected and the agreement signed, the company should be able to start working for Servas without delay.</p> <p>A large budget should be voted corresponding to a full time developer (minimum) for the next three years. It is necessary to complement the website, to update its functionalities and to guarantee its future maintenance. Investing now will permit to diminish long term expenses.</p> <p>Estimated cost :</p> <p>We need to upgrade the ServasOnline yearly budget of CHF 35,000 by CHF 37,450 each year, for 3 years, which will amount to CHF 72,450 each year (or 63,000 euros).</p> <p><u>Amendment:</u> Add the words “More than one person from Servas should do the communication to the external company in order to have a backup if a person becomes unavailable. This applies also to the controlling of the contracts and delivered work.” At the end of the motion.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Moved by Germany Seconded by Denmark. Votes: For: 47. Against: 0. Abstain: 0 The amendment passed.</p> <p><u>Amended Motion:</u> We ask that a software company should be rapidly found to accompany the development of servas.org and guarantee its good running 24/7. The company should have recognized IT expertise by its peers, should be technically reliable. The company should appoint developers dedicated to Servas. It must commit itself to respecting Servas development agenda. As soon as the company is selected and the agreement signed, the company should be able to start working for Servas without delay.</p> <p>A large budget should be voted corresponding to a full time developer (minimum) for the next three years. It is necessary to complement the website, to update its functionalities and to guarantee its future maintenance. Investing now will permit to diminish long term expenses.</p> <p>Estimated cost : We need to upgrade the ServasOnline yearly budget of CHF</p>
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	<p>35,000 by CHF 37,450 each year, for 3 years, which will amount to CHF 72,450 each year (or 63,000 euros).</p> <p>More than one person from Servas should do the communication to the external company in order to have a backup if a person becomes unavailable. This applies also to the controlling of the contracts and delivered work.</p> <p>Moved by Germany. Seconded by Belarus.</p> <p>Votes: For: 44. Against: 0. Abstain: 3</p> <p>The amended motion passed.</p>
59	<p>SI Membership And Technology Secretary:</p> <p><u>Candidates:</u></p> <p>1: Arnoud Philippo de Jong, Spain</p> <p>2. Andreas Becker, Switzerland</p> <p>3: None of the above</p>
60	Elections for SI Committees were held through secret ballots.
61	<p>SI Audit Committee (elect 3):</p> <p><u>Candidates:</u></p> <p>1: Graham Roberstson</p> <p>2: Phyllis Chinn</p> <p>3: Emmanuel Kakinda</p> <p>4: Gulsen Elyak</p> <p>5: LV Subramanian</p> <p>6: Roberto Capezzuto</p> <p>7: None of the above</p>
62	Session GA07 Ended at 12:25
63	Moderator Pramod K. called Session GA08 to order at 13:35 with 49 delegates present.
64	<p>SI Development Committee (elect 5):</p> <p><u>Candidates:</u></p> <p>1: Ewa Dzierzawska</p> <p>2: Fidele Rutayisire</p> <p>3: Tarja Porkka Knudsen</p> <p>4: Lilly Kerekes Beltran</p> <p>5: Pamela Yang</p> <p>6: Pablo Colangelo</p> <p>7: None of the above</p>
65	<p>GRE-004 Professional Servas.org web management and maintenance</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>SI to hire a professional part time web master to perform routine maintenance and updates with authority to keep the site as</p>

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	<p>exciting and relevant as possible. Budget implication: 25,000 \$ or eu</p> <p>Withdrawn by Colombia in the name of Greece</p>
66	<p>GER 002 ServasOnline Risk Management</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> We ask to consider the risks of a failure of the Servas Online project. We believe that a failure of ServasOnline can have an enormous impact on Servas and could even lead to a shut-down of Servas. Therefore we ask, that the risks are named, evaluated and rated in the form of a risk management. Only then actions to mitigate the risks can be taken in time. Budget implication: Low, if volunteers are found. Moved by Germany. Seconded by Czech Republic.</p> <p>The motion was deferred.</p>
67 Decision 29	<p>GRE 001 Take SOL database off-line until approved by all member countries</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Take the Servas Online Member Database offline and only put it back when 100% of member countries have been consulted and approve of it. Volunteers will have 12 additional months to make all corrections and get all approvals. If that is not accomplished. Servas Exco will hire professionals to complete these tasks.</p> <p>The member database part of ServasOnLine, shall be taken off line by Dec 30, 2018 and remain offline until the software is approved for accuracy and usability by all of the National Secretaries. (Programming need not be perfect, but it must at least meet the needs of all member countries.) If the database can not be sufficiently upgraded/corrected and approved by Dec 30, 2019 by current volunteers, then a budget is to be determined to hire a professional team for as long as it takes to fix and get approval from 100% National Secretaries. No member country shall be left out of the approval process. The site must work for all members. Moved by Colombia for Greece. Seconded by Malawi Votes: For: 0. Against: 49. Abstain: 0 The motion did not pass.</p>

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<p>68</p> <p>Decision 30</p>	<p>EXC-010 2017-2018 financial accounts</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> To approve the 2017-2018 audited accounts and the auditor's reports Moved by USA. Seconded by Chile</p> <p><u>Amendment:</u> To add "by distant vote, since all of the necessary reports are not available at this time." to the end of the motion. Moved by Australia. Seconded by Turkey</p> <p><u>Amended motion:</u> To approve the 2017-2018 audited accounts and the auditor's reports by distant vote, since all of the necessary reports are not available at this time.</p> <p>The amendment and original motion were voted on at the same time. Votes: For: 45. Against: 1. Abstain: 2 The amended motion passed.</p>
<p>69</p> <p>Decision 31</p>	<p>GER 002 ServasOnline Risk Management</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> We ask to consider the risks of a failure of the Servas Online project. We believe that a failure of ServasOnline can have an enormous impact on Servas and could even lead to a shut-down of Servas. Therefore we ask, that the risks are named, evaluated and rated in the form of a risk management. Only then actions to mitigate the risks can be taken in time. Budget implication: 100CHF Moved by Germany. Seconded by Switzerland Votes: For: 45. Against: 2. Abstain: 2 The motion passed.</p>
<p>70</p> <p>Decision 32</p>	<p>BRI 001 Promoting the SI Development Fund</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> SI Exco will promote a return to the original purpose of the SI Development Fund as a place where national groups can make donations when they have surplus financial resources.</p> <p>The SI Development Committee as the manager of the fund will encourage sponsorship of Servas development activities across all regions and invite donations to the Development Fund on an annual basis.</p>

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	<p>Moved by Britain. Seconded by France Votes: For: 45. Against: 0. Abstain: 0 The motion passed.</p>
71	<p>SI Youth and Families Committee (elect 5): <u>Candidates:</u> 1: Aneris Cao 2: Raffaella Rota 3: Susana Martinez 4: Mar Ferre 5: Natasha Noreen 6: Julissa D. Alfaro 7: None of the above</p>
72 Decision 33	<p>EXC-021Part b: Updated structure for SI committees, teams and groups <u>Motion:</u> b. The following changes will be effective after the GA: i. Responsibilities of SI Exco, SI Committees and SI Exco Teams (Appendix 1) Revised FOP to match with responsibilities of SI Exco and SI Committees (Appendix 3)</p> <p><u>Amendment:</u> In Appendix 1, under 4) The Treasurer: last paragraph, remove the last sentence "The General Assembly also empowers the SI Exco to appoint a professional external auditor to audit the accounts of Servas International." Moved by New Zealand Seconded by Australia. Votes: For: 46. Against: 0. Abstain: 0 The amendment passed.</p> <p><u>Amended Motion:</u> Original motion and Appendices including the amendment above. Moved by USA. Seconded by Iran Votes: For: 49. Against: 0. Abstain: 0 The amended motion passed. (The wording of the Appendices 1 and 3 are in Appendices 1 and 3 of these minutes.)</p>
73	<p>SI Distant Vote Administrator: <u>Candidates:</u> 1: Chris Patterson 2: None of the above</p>
74	<p>Session GA08 Ended at 15:40</p>

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75	Moderator Marijke B. called Session GA09 to order at 16:08 with 49 delegates present.				
76	An expression of thanks was made to the Koreans for organizing the trip to the demilitarized zone between North and South Korea yesterday.				
77	The results of the elections were announced, and photos were taken of the former and new SI Exco teams.				
Decision 34	SI Exco (successful candidate in bold)				
	Role	Name	Member Group	Number of votes	None of the above
	SI President	Jonny Sågänger	Sweden	46	6
	SI Vice President	Carla Kristensen	Portugal	51	0
	SI General Secretary	Kiat Tan	Malaysia	50	2
	SI Treasurer	Radha B. Radhakrishna	USA	51	1
	SI Peace Secretary	Paige LaCombe	USA	31	1
		Abhay Shaha	India	17	
	SI Membership And Technology Secretary	Andreas Becker	Switzerland	44	1
		Arnoud Philippo de Jong	Spain	6	
	SI Internal Audit Committee (3) (successful candidate in bold)				
	Name		Member Group	Number of votes	
	Emmanuel Kakinda		Uganda	7	
	Graham Robertson		Australia	18	
	Gulsen Elyak		Turkey	31	
	L V Subramanian		India	34	
	Phyllis Chinn		USA	32	
	Roberto Capezzuto		Italy	22	
None of the above			1		

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	SI Development Committee (5) (successful candidate in bold)		
	Name	Member Group	Number of votes
	Ewa Dzierzawska	Poland	46
	Fidele Rutayisire	Rwanda	44
	Tarja Porkka Knudsen	Denmark	15
	Lilly Kerekes Beltran	Mexico	47
	Pamela Yang	Taiwan	41
	Pablo Colangelo	Argentina	42
	None of the above		4
	SI Youth and Families Committee (5) (successful candidate in bold)		
	Name	Member Group	Number of votes
	Aneris Cao	Chile	36
	Raffaella Rota	Italy	48
	Susana Martinez	Spain	50
	Mar Ferre	Spain	35
	Natasha Noreen	Italy	45
	Julissa D. Alfaro	Panama	34
	None of the above		3
	SI Distant Vote Administrator (successful candidate in bold)		
	Name	Member Group	Number of votes
	Chris Patterson	New Zealand	50
	None of the above		0
78	<u>Motion:</u>		
Decision 35	To destroy the election ballot papers.		
	Moved by Kenya. Seconded by Australia.		
	Votes: For: 49. Against: 0. Abstain: 0		
	The motion passed.		
79	The budget was presented by the SI Treasurer. Request to put online was not possible, so printed copies were made and distributed.		

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<p>80</p> <p>Decision 36</p>	<p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>To approve a revised budget for the 2018-2019 year, increasing the ServasOnline maintenance budget line from 1,000 CHF to 35,000 CHF and deleting the ServasOnline investment line of 12,466 CHF.</p> <p>Moved by Brazil. Seconded by Spain</p> <p>Votes: For: 47. Against: 0. Abstain: 0</p> <p>The motion passed.</p> <p>(The approved revised budget is in Appendix 4 of these minutes.)</p>
<p>81</p> <p>Decision 37</p>	<p>EXC-005 Budget to next GA</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>Motion to approve the budget for 2019-2021 (starting April 1, 2019 and ending March 31, 2022).</p> <p><u>Amendment:</u></p> <p>That line 70 in the proposed 2019-2021 budget which contains 18,000 CHF for three years for the development committee be reduced to 7,000 CHF for three years, that is 2,333 CHF per year for the next three years. This amount will go into the development fund reserve. This would change the 18,000 CHF one-off proposed addition passed earlier.</p> <p>Moved by New Zealand. Seconded by Portugal</p> <p>Votes: For: 8. Against: 33. Abstain: 7</p> <p>The amendment did not pass.</p> <p>Moved by Hungary. Seconded by Georgia</p> <p>Votes: For: 47. Against: 0. Abstain: 2</p> <p>The motion passed.</p> <p>(The approved budget is in Appendix 5 of these minutes.)</p>
<p>82</p>	<p>ITA-001 Flat Rate Quotas</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>We propose that the financial contribution that national groups pay each year to S.I. Treasurer in order to contribute to the budget, will be fixed, based on the average contribution paid for stamps in the last 3 years (2016-2017-2018) for a trial test. After that we propose that the contribution will be computed based on a formula depending on: a) average contribution of last three years b) number of members c) per capita income of national group. This proposal is to be applied, for the same testing time, only to national groups that are already paying each year a contribution for the stamps and does not involve all the others.</p> <p>Moved by Italy. Seconded by Croatia</p> <p>The motion is deferred to the next session.</p>

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83	Session GA09 Ended at 19:04
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	October 19, 2018 (Day 6) Event/Motion
84	Moderator Pramod K. called Session GA10 to order at 8:34 with 47 delegates present.
85 Decision 38	<p>ITA-001 Flat Rate Quotas</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> We propose that the financial contribution that national groups pay each year to S.I. Treasurer in order to contribute to the budget, will be fixed, based on the average contribution paid for stamps in the last 3 years (2016-2017-2018) for a trial test. After that we propose that the contribution will be computed based on a formula depending on: a) average contribution of last three years b) number of members c) per capita income of national group. This proposal is to be applied, for the same testing time, only to national groups that are already paying each year a contribution for the stamps and does not involve all the others.</p> <p><u>Amendment:</u> To add at the end of the motion “In the next SICOGA, there will be a vote to decide whether we continue with the flat-rate quota system; and if we continue, which formula will be applied”. Moved by Spain. Seconded by New Zealand Votes: For: 44. Against: 0. Abstain: 3 The amendment passed.</p> <p><u>Amended Motion:</u> We propose that the financial contribution that national groups pay each year to S.I. Treasurer in order to contribute to the budget, will be fixed, based on the average contribution paid for stamps in the last 3 years (2016-2017-2018) for a trial test. After that we propose that the contribution will be computed based on a formula depending on: a) average contribution of last three years b) number of members c) per capita income of national group. This proposal is to be applied, for the same testing time, only to national groups that are already paying each year a</p>

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	<p>contribution for the stamps and does not involve all the others. In the next SICOGA, there will be a vote to decide whether we continue with the flat-rate quota system; and if we continue, which formula will be applied.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Moved by Italy. Seconded by Croatia</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Votes: For: 47. Against: 0. Abstain: 1</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The motion passed.</p>
<p>86</p> <p>Decision 39</p>	<p>GER-001 ServasOnline priority</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>We move that the completion of the transition to ServasOnline be made the number 1 priority for SI for the next 3 years.</p> <p>This includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Allocating financial resources for the development of the ServasOnline website (See Servas France motion) and for tools needed for issue discussion, management, tracking, and priority setting 2. Creation of a strong team to facilitate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued fixing of bugs and critical functional enhancements needed for the effective use of ServasOnline in the short term. • Continued migration of national group data to ServasOnline. • Identification of issues and priority setting. • Developing a governance procedure for decision making about critical issues in the Servas organizational structure that affect the structure of ServasOnline <p>Developing a roadmap for the next version of ServasOnline, based on this decision.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Moved by Germany. Seconded by Spain</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Votes: For: 48. Against: 0. Abstain: 0</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The motion passed.</p>
<p>87</p> <p>Decision 40</p>	<p>AUS-001 Establish Working Group to Manage and Develop ServasOnline</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>Establish a working group of Servas volunteers to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a sustainable volunteer group to develop, administer, maintain and enhance ServasOnline. • Manage the ongoing repairs, maintenance and development of the current ServasOnline. • Prepare a plan for a new version of ServasOnline that will

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	<p>provide the features and services for the future. Complete the plan/design for ServasOnline version 2 by SICOGA 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a mission statement and a 10 year roadmap for Servas in relation to its online services. <p>Note: The group will do as much work as possible with volunteers.</p> <p>Moved by Australia. Seconded by Spain</p> <p>Votes: For: 49. Against: 0. Abstain: 0</p> <p>The motion passed.</p>
88 Decision 41	<p>SPA-ITA-002 App for mobile phones</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>To improve the new generation of communication tools especially used by young people.</p> <p>To investigate creating a new mobile APP which enhances the communication between members.</p> <p>To do a pre-study of the requirements, scope, timing and cost for a Mobile APP.</p> <p>SI Exco will make a decision to approve the implementation and the cost.</p> <p><u>Amendment:</u></p> <p>To replace “SI Exco will” with “A distant vote will be held to”.</p> <p>Moved by USA. Seconded by Croatia</p> <p>Votes: For: 45. Against: 1. Abstain: 2</p> <p>The amendment passed</p> <p><u>Amended Motion:</u></p> <p>To improve the new generation of communication tools especially used by young people.</p> <p>To investigate creating a new mobile APP which enhances the communication between members.</p> <p>To do a pre-study of the requirements, scope, timing and cost for a Mobile APP.</p> <p>A distant vote will be held to make a decision to approve the implementation and the cost.</p> <p>Moved by Spain. Seconded by Ireland</p> <p>Votes: For: 47. Against: 0. Abstain: 0</p> <p>The amended motion passed.</p>
89 Decision 42	<p>USA-002 Renewal for SI Members</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>It is the responsibility of National Secretaries or the designated person responsible for the administration of member data to ensure that members of their countries update and renew their</p>

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	<p>members' personal data at least every two years. If they do not renew or update, members should be suspended from membership and denied access to ServasOnline and any host listings until such time as they do confirm update and/or renew their membership.</p> <p>The role of the Servas International (SI) designated person responsible for the monitoring of member data shall be maintained and that person shall monitor the currency of members for purposes of voting status in SI.</p> <p><u>Amendment:</u> To remove the words "or update" and change "should" to "may" in the second sentence.</p> <p><u>Amendment to the Amendment:</u> To change the words "or update" to "and/or update" in the second sentence.</p> <p><u>Amendment to the Amendment to the Amendment:</u> To change the words "or update" to "and/or update their personal profile or personal data" in the second sentence. Moved by Spain. Seconded by USA Votes: For: 3. Against: 6. Abstain: 35 The amendment to the amendment to the amendment did not pass</p> <p><u>Vote on Amendment to the Amendment:</u> To change the words "or update" to "and/or update" in the second sentence. Moved by Germany. Seconded by Belgium Votes: For: 15. Against: 14. Abstain: 16 The amendment to the amendment passed</p> <p><u>Vote on Amended Amendment:</u> To change the words "or update" to "and/or update" in the second sentence and change "should" to "may" in the second sentence. Moved by Australia. Seconded by Iran Votes: For: 21. Against: 1. Abstain: 23 The amended amendment passed</p> <p><u>Amended Motion:</u> It is the responsibility of National Secretaries or the designated person responsible for the administration of member data to</p>
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	<p>ensure that members of their countries update and renew their members' personal data at least every two years. If they do not renew and/or update, members may be suspended from membership and denied access to ServasOnline and any host listings until such time as they do confirm update and/or renew their membership.</p> <p>The role of the Servas International (SI) designated person responsible for the monitoring of member data shall be maintained and that person shall monitor the currency of members for purposes of voting status in SI.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Moved by USA. Seconded by Belarus Votes: For: 7. Against: 34. Abstain: 7 The amended motion did not pass.</p>
90	Session GA10 Ended at 10:25
91	Moderator Marijke B. called Session GA11 to order at 11:05 with 48 delegates present.
92 Decision 43	<p>CAN-003 Adding "Interest in Making Connections?" field for ServasOnline</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> To propose that an "Interest in Making Connections?" field be added to ServasOnline database as a new field that members would complete in their online profile to indicate an interest in participating or hosting in programmes that involve more than a 1 or 2 night stay. Specifically, there would be two fields: "Willing to host Servas travellers engaged in Making Connections (or other programmes)?" and "Interested in participating in Making Connections (or other programmes)?"</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Moved by Spain. Seconded by Nepal There was no vote. The majority supported redirecting this request to ServasOnline committee.</p>
93 Decision 44	<p>CAN-001 Climate change consciousness: priority for Servas</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Servas International will raise the climate consciousness of its global community, by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledging this global issue on the Servas International website, and encouraging member countries to also acknowledge this issue through member-based communications. • Offering Servas hosts and travellers suggestions of how to live and travel in a carbon-light way. For travel, this option could include travelling in a zero-carbon way (such as

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	<p>through walking or bicycling) or by purchasing carbon offsets for more distant travel, which can be purchased through credible websites like less.ca and carbonzero.ca.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finding ways to lessen Servas business travel, including SICOGA and national group meetings • Sharing among members, ways that Servas International may become a more climate-conscious organization such as promoting non-travel Servas services, including distance conversations among Servas members <p>Moved by New Zealand. Seconded by USA Votes: For: 45. Against: 1. Abstain: 2 The motion passed.</p>
<p>94</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>45</p>	<p>EXC-015 SI Statutes change: Principles, organization, minimize ecological footprint</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>A. SI Statutes Paragraph I</p> <p>SI General Assembly decides that paragraph number I in Servas International Statutes should be amended. The first paragraph should be divided in paragraph IA and IB, with the following content:</p> <p>IA) Principles, Ethos and Values, Vision and Mission</p> <p>Principles: The first fundamental principle of Servas International is the belief in the dignity and worth of the human person, and in the equal rights of all human beings as a foundation for a more peaceful world. The second fundamental principle is to respect and care for the Earth and to live within its capacity to support life</p> <p>Ethos and Values: We, the members of Servas, believe that our lives are enriched when we meet, interact, share and learn from each other.</p> <p>Members of Servas promote peaceful coexistence by embracing values of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Friendship based on openness, trust and respect. * Hospitality and generosity, through travel, hosting and other opportunities for meetings. * Diversity and inclusivity, extending widely across cultures, traditions and religions <p>Vision and Mission: The aim of the networking is to create conditions for exchange of ideas, experiences and knowledge that promote tolerance and understanding between the peoples of the world.</p> <p>The overarching and long term vision of Servas International is a more peaceful world and the mission is to contribute to the</p>

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	<p>progress towards this goal.</p> <p>IB) Organisation & structure</p> <p>Organisation & structure: Servas International is an international, non-profit, nongovernmental federative organisation of national Servas member groups, interest groups and individual members, which at its core encompass an international network of hosts and travellers who share these principles. The purpose of the network is to provide and develop opportunities for personal contacts between people of different nationalities, cultures, ethnic and religious backgrounds.</p> <p>(Current text under paragraph 1: I Definition Servas International is an international, non-profit, non-governmental federation of national Servas groups, encompassing an international network of hosts and travellers. The purpose of the network is to help build world peace, goodwill and understanding by providing opportunities for personal contacts among people of different cultures, backgrounds and nationalities.)</p> <p>B. SI Statutes Section IV General Assembly The following bold text should be added in the SI Statutes, under the following paragraph: IV General Assembly 3) The General Assembly shall: “I) Leave as little ecological footprint as possible on the environment of the planet earth.”</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Moved by Portugal. Seconded by Canada</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Votes: For: 48. Against: 0. Abstain: 0</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The motion passed.</p>
<p>95</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>46</p>	<p>EXC-018 Servas commitment to gender balance in decision making bodies</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>SI GA 2018 decides that SI should be committed to the active pursuit of gender balance in all areas of SI’s work and at all levels of governance. Thus,</p> <p>a) the SI Nominations Committee, SI NC, should in its preparatory work for elections at Servas International General Assembly strive to ensure gender balance in all SI committees.</p> <p>b) SI Exco should, when appointing SI officers and SI teams, strive to ensure gender balance.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Moved by Spain. Seconded by Georgia</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Votes: For: 46. Against: 0. Abstain: 2</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The motion passed.</p>

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<p>96</p> <p>Decision 47</p>	<p>GRE-003 Enable access to online Dolphin member pdf database to all members</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>In view of the fact that many Servas hosts are not yet listed in Servas Online, and also to enable travellers to obtain host lists with minimum delay, all Servas members shall be given password protected access to Dolphin so that they may download the latest available host lists in pdf format, from the Host List Storage Area. This will also reduce the workload of some key persons as they will not have to download host lists for travelers.</p> <p>Moved by USA. Seconded by Ireland</p> <p>Votes: For: 1. Against: 47. Abstain: 0</p> <p>The motion did not pass.</p>
<p>97</p> <p>Decision 48</p>	<p>CAN-002 Authorized key persons to not approve their own LOI</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>To ensure the Servas mandate of secure and safe travel and to instill confidence among hosts, it is required (where possible°) that authorized key persons do not approve their own Letter of Introduction. Authorized key persons other than herself/himself should undertake this LOI approval process.</p> <p>° This approval is not possible if there is only one Servas authorized key person in the country.</p> <p>Moved by France. Seconded by Italy</p> <p>Votes: For: 14. Against: 27. Abstain: 7</p> <p>The motion did not pass.</p>
<p>98</p> <p>Decision 49</p>	<p>EXC-007 SI Signatories</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>To empower the SI Executive Committee to determine which members of the SI Executive Committee shall be empowered to sign on behalf of Servas International.</p> <p>Moved by Portugal. Seconded by Hungary.</p> <p>Votes: For: 48. Against: 0. Abstain: 0</p> <p>The motion passed.</p>
<p>99</p> <p>Decision 50</p>	<p>EXC-008 Approve elections results</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>To approve results of elections and decisions made at 2018 GA.</p> <p>Moved by Finland. Seconded by Iran.</p> <p>Votes: For: 48. Against: 0. Abstain: 0</p> <p>The motion passed.</p>

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100	Just before noon, 30 kindergarten children and their teachers from the Toddler Sports Club in the International Youth Hostel entered the meeting room, saying hello and giving 'high fives' to the delegates. Their visit gave them an unforgettable short memory of so many foreigners in a positive atmosphere.
101	Session GA11 Ended at 12:27

	October 20, 2018 (Day 7) Event/Motion
102	Moderator Pramod K. called Session GA12 to order at 8:46 with 42 delegates present.
103 Decision 51	<p>EXC-007 SI Signatories (update 1)</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>As passed earlier this motion is in conflict with the SI Statutes, section IV General Assembly, 3) k). It is not clear if this was seen as an amendment to the statutes – either way SI EXCO cannot have been empowered to determine the signatories.</p> <p>To clarify this we propose two motions:</p> <p>1/ To amend section IV General Assembly, 3) k) to read:</p> <p>“k) determine which members of the Executive Committee shall be empowered to sign on behalf of Servas International. The General Assembly may empower the Executive Committee to do this. Two signatures shall be required.”</p> <p>Moved by Ireland. Seconded by Canada.</p> <p>Votes: For: 42. Against: 0. Abstain: 0</p> <p>The motion passed.</p>
104 Decision 52	<p>EXC-007 SI Signatories (update 2)</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>Then if 1/ is passed:</p> <p>2/ To confirm the earlier motion (EXC-007) to empower the SI Executive Committee to determine which members of the SI Executive Committee shall be empowered to sign on behalf of Servas International.</p> <p>Moved by Hungary. Seconded by Croatia</p> <p>Votes: For: 42. Against: 0. Abstain: 1</p> <p>The motion passed.</p>

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105 Decision 53	<p>EXC-003 Update SI Statutes</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>General motion to amend statutes.</p> <p>To revise the Servas International Statutes based on the motions passed at the 2018 General Assembly.</p> <p>This applies to three motions,</p> <p>EXC-012 SI Elections shall include “None of the Above/Reopen Nominations”,</p> <p>EXC-021 Part b, Updated structure for SI committees, teams and groups</p> <p>EXC-015, SI Statutes change: Principles, organization, minimize ecological footprint</p> <p>as amended and passed earlier by more than a two thirds of the eligible voters present.</p> <p> Moved by Georgia. Seconded by Ireland</p> <p> Votes: For: 43. Against: 0. Abstain: 0</p> <p> The motion passed.</p> <p>(The wording of the SI Statutes amendments is in Appendix 6 of these minutes.)</p>
106 Decision 54	<p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>To hold the next Servas International General Assembly in about 3 years time.</p> <p> Moved by Malawi. Seconded by Iran</p> <p> Votes: For: 44. Against: 0. Abstain: 1 (Germany)</p> <p> The motion passed.</p>
107 Decision 55	<p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>To approve the minutes of the 2018 General Assembly.</p> <p> Moved by Hungary. Seconded by Georgia</p> <p> Votes: For: 41. Against: 0. Abstain: 1 (Germany)</p> <p> The motion passed.</p>
108	Subject working group workshops will publish the outcomes of their discussions on the website and continue working together.
109	Hosting next GA: Portugal and India express interest.
110	Moderator Pramod K. officially declared the 2018 General Assembly closed at 9:15 am, October 20, 2018.

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APPENDIX 1:

Appendix 1 of motion EXC-021 Part b: Updated structure for SI committees, teams and groups

See separate document

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APPENDIX 2:

Appendix 2 of motion EXC-021 Part a: Updated structure for SI committees, teams and groups

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APPENDIX 4:

The approved revised 2018-2019 budget

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APPENDIX 5:

The approved 2019 – 2021 budget

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“Appendix 5 Approved SI Budget for 2019 to 2021 (Oct 18 Rev 3).pdf”

APPENDIX 6:

Details of EXC-003 SI Statute changes

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APPENDIX 7:

The list of Member Groups with delegates present at the 2018 GA

(47 were Member Groups before the 2018 GA. Belarus and Kenya were granted SI Member Group status at the 2018 GA, and participated for the remainder of the GA)

Argentina	Korea
Australia	Kyrgyzstan
Bangladesh	Malawi
Belgium	Malaysia
Brazil	Mexico
Britain	Nepal
Canada	New Zealand
Chile	Panama
Colombia	Poland
Croatia	Portugal
Czech Republic	Russia
Denmark	Rwanda
Finland	Spain
France	Sweden
Georgia	Switzerland
Germany	Taiwan
Guatemala	Thailand
Hungary	Turkey
India	Uganda
Indonesia	United States
Iran	Venezuela
Ireland	Vietnam
Israel	
Italy	Belarus
Japan	Kenya