### **MOTION FORM FOR SI GA 2018**

#### 1. Heading for motion (No more than 10 words)

Authorized key persons to not approve their own LOI.

# 2. Member Group(s) proposing motion (note that only SI Exco and Member Groups may propose motions)

Servas Canada; Julie Cormack, National Secretary

#### 3. Exact wording of the motion to be voted on

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.

° This approval is not possible if there is only one Servas authorized key person in the country.

#### 4. Background information and reasons for proposing the motion

For clarification, there are two distinct processes currently required to travel with Servas. 1. The detailed interview process by a Servas interviewer in order to become a Servas member (traveller) and once approved, the creation of a Letter of Introduction by the traveller. 2. Payment of travel fees and a required approval on the Letter of Introduction. This motion refers to the LOI approval process in 2, not 1.

This motion is important because an authorized key person approving their own LOI could raise questions of the authenticity of that LOI. This motion is not requiring every country to use the same procedure in approving LOIs but instead is recommending the provision that authorized key persons do not approve their own Letter of Introduction as Servas tries to ensure the security of its members.

#### 5. Who is responsible for accomplishing the results of the motion?

Julie Cormack, Servas Canada National Secretary for proposing this motion; participants at the 2018 Servas International General Assembly.

#### 6. Benefits for SI

Approval of this motion will help to ensure the Servas mandate of secure travel for all Servas members, including hosts and travellers.

#### **7. Resource needs - time, human resources and specialist expertise** Approval of this motion will require communication to all Servas authorized key persons.

#### 8. Budget implications

None.

#### 9. Does it affect the SI statutes?

No.

#### 10. What is the impact if the motion is not passed?

Non-approval of this motion, I believe, will limit Servas' ability to ensure secure travel by Servas members.

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