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**Decisions of the  
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Each event or motion was recorded in the minutes and assigned a unique serial number with which it can be referred to, e.g. "Serial number 12 of GA 2018 Minutes".

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

Example:

12  <b>Decision 2</b>	<u>Motion:</u> <b>To approve the GA 2018 agenda</b> Mover: New Zealand; Seconder: Hungary Votes: For: 45 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 The motion passed.
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Serial Number	Event/Motion
4  <b>Decision 1</b>	<u>Motion:</u> <b>Penny Pattison, Prossy N. and their team will be the minute takers.</b>
12  <b>Decision 2</b>	<u>Motion:</u> <b>To approve the GA 2018 agenda</b>
13  <b>Decision 3</b>	<u>Motion:</u> <b>To approve the 2018 GA Rules of Order</b>
15  <b>Decision 4</b>	<u>Motion:</u> <b>To grant member group status to Belarus</b>
16  <b>Decision 5</b>	<u>Motion:</u> <b>To grant member group status to Kenya</b>
17  <b>Decision 6</b>	<u>Motion:</u> <b>To grant member group status to Gambia</b>



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18 Decision 7	<u>Motion:</u> <b>To grant member group status to Bolivia</b>
19 Decision 8	<u>Motion:</u> <b>Servas Lithuania will be withdrawn as a member group of Servas International</b>
20 Decision 9	<u>Motion:</u> <b>Servas Pakistan will be withdrawn as a member group of Servas International</b>
21 Decision 10	<u>Motion:</u> <b>Servas Congo-Brazzaville will be withdrawn as a member group of Servas International</b>
22 Decision 11	<u>Motion:</u> <b>Servas Ecuador will be withdrawn as a member group of Servas International</b>
23 Decision 12	EXC-009 2015 GA Minutes Approval <u>Motion:</u> <b>To review and adopt the minutes of the 2015 General Assembly as published or corrected</b>
24 Decision 13	EXC-004 SI Officer Reports <u>Motion:</u> <b>To receive the 2016 and 2017 reports of Servas International's office holders</b>
26 Decision 14	EXC-006 SI External Auditor <u>Motion:</u> <b>To empower the Executive Committee to select and pay for independent professional auditing Budget 1200 CHF, included in draft budget</b>
28 Decision 15	GA Budget and Statutes working groups to meet during the GA <u>Motion:</u> <b>That the following two working groups be set up to meet during the GA:</b> 1/ <b>The GA Budget working group of Radha Radhakrishna, Gulsen E. and Gabor M.</b> 2/ <b>The Statutes working group of Chris P., William F. and Marite A.</b>



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<p>29</p> <p><b>Decision 16</b></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><b>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.</b></p>
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<p>30</p> <p>Decision 17</p>	<p>EXC-012: None of the Above (Part B)</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p><b>B/ That this be formalised by amending Section VI Voting at Meetings of the Servas International Statutes by replacing Clause 5) under Elections by:</b></p> <p><b>“5) The voting procedure in the election of one or more officers shall be:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>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></li> <li><b>b) Voters may vote for “None of the Above/Re-open Nominations” as if it is a candidate for the position.</b></li> <li><b>c) Votes for “None of the Above/Re-open Nominations” are counted along with those for the candidate/s.</b></li> <li><b>d) Candidates receiving more votes than “None of the Above/Re-open Nominations” shall be declared elected.</b></li> <li><b>e) Candidates not receiving more votes than “None of the Above/Re-open Nominations” are not elected.</b></li> <li><b>f) This voting procedure shall also apply to elections by Distant Voting.”</b></li> </ul> <p><b>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:</b></p> <p><b>“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:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a) The vacancy may be filled by appointment by the Executive Committee or by calling for new nominations to be elected in another election or in the next Distant Vote.</b></li> <li><b>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.”</b></li> </ul>
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<p>33</p> <p><b>Decision 18</b></p>	<p>BRI-002 Commission re: organizational change in Servas</p> <p><u>Amended Motion:</u></p> <p><b>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:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Identify where there are barriers to change.</b></li> <li><b>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.</b></li> </ol> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Where options involve changes to the SI statutes these would be decided upon at the next General Assembly in 2021.</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p>
<p>34</p> <p><b>Decision 19</b></p>	<p>SPA-ITA-003 Youth and Families Opportunities</p> <p><u>Amended Motion:</u></p> <p><b>The GA encourages the Youth &amp; Families committee to develop new and existing programs:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. SYLE and JUNIOR SYLE</b></li> <li><b>2. UP &amp; DOWN (young travellers hosted by elder members)</b></li> <li><b>3. LET'S GO (group of youngsters from one country inviting other groups of different countries)</b></li> <li><b>4. SFWE (Servas Families Work Experience) ex.au-pair, helping in voluntary works etc</b></li> <li><b>5. Families Summer Camp</b></li> <li><b>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...)</b></li> </ol> <p><b>The GA encourages the Youth &amp; Families committee to develop new and existing programs all over the world.</b></p> <p><b>Youth &amp; Families committee allocates CHF 2000 for 3 years to support the new projects in addition to the existing Youth budget.</b></p>



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<p>35</p> <p><b>Decision 20</b></p>	<p>EXC-017 Improve Servas International Conference and General Assembly (SICOGA)</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>This motion focus on two main areas to improve the SICOGAs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>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></li> <li><b>b) Introduction of measures to minimize the environmental impact of the SICOGAs.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Budget: 200 CHF per year during 2019-2021 for communication software for the members of the SICOGA Development Team, SDT.</b></p> <p><b>Planning for extended remote participation needs to be balanced against the requirements for a suitable venue.</b></p>
<p>36</p> <p><b>Decision 21</b></p>	<p>POL-RWA-001 SI contribution to Development fund</p> <p><u>Amended Motion:</u></p> <p><b>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.</b></p>
<p>40</p> <p><b>Decision 22</b></p>	<p>EXC-021 Part a: Job Description changes</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p><b>a. The following changes will be made before GA 2018 elections:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>i. Nominations Team will be appointed, to ensure appropriate skills</b></li> <li><b>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</b></li> <li><b>iii. Conflict Resolution Team will be appointed, to ensure appropriate skills</b></li> <li><b>iv. Change of name and job description for the SI Membership &amp; Technology Secretary role (Appendix 2)</b></li> <li><b>v. Change in qualifications for SI General Secretary (Appendix 2)</b></li> </ul>



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41  Decision 23	<p>SPA-ITA-001 Youth Committee changes</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p><b>Make the committee more flexible for young people:</b></p> <p><b>Proposed structure:</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">5 elected members + 3 teams of appointed volunteers from many countries to help with the tasks of the committee.</p> <p><b>Duration of duty:</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">3 years. It can be shorter for the appointed members. Depending on availability of the members.</p> <p><b>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.</b></p>
42  Decision 24	<p>EXC-016 Develop procedures for recruitment of new Servas individual members</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Budget: 200 CHF per year.</b></p>
43  Decision 25	<p>EXC-019 Outreach for increased cooperation with like-minded organisations</p> <p><u>Amended Motion:</u></p> <p><b>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.</b></p>
47  Decision 26	<p>EXC-014 Servas permanent representation in Geneva</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p><b>To have a permanent representation in Geneva.</b></p> <p><b>Part-time position, supported by volunteers.</b></p> <p><b>It would back up retaining our global legal base in Switzerland.</b></p> <p><b>Budget 14000 CHF per year</b></p> <p style="color: red;"><b>The motion did not pass.</b></p>



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<p>48</p> <p><b>Decision 27</b></p>	<p>EXC-022 SI paid administrator</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p><b>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:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>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)</b></li> <li><b>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.</b></li> </ol> <p><b>Budget for the feasibility study and recruitment considerations are estimated to be 500CHF.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>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.</b></li> </ol>
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<p>58</p> <p>Decision 28</p>	<p>FRA-001 ServasOnline maintenance by professionals</p> <p><u>Amended Motion:</u></p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Estimated cost :</b></p> <p><b>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).</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p>
<p>67</p> <p>Decision 29</p>	<p>GRE 001 Take SOL database off-line until approved by all member countries</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p style="color: red;"><b>The motion did not pass.</b></p>



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68  Decision 30	EXC-010 2017-2018 financial accounts <u>Amended motion:</u> <b>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.</b>
69  Decision 31	GER 002 ServasOnline Risk Management <u>Motion:</u> <b>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</b>
70  Decision 32	BRI 001 Promoting the SI Development Fund <u>Motion:</u> <b>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.  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.</b>
72  Decision 33	EXC-021Part b: Updated structure for SI committees, teams and groups <u>Amended Motion:</u> <b>b. The following changes will be effective after the GA:</b> i.   Responsibilities of SI Exco, SI Committees and SI Exco Teams (Appendix 1) ii.  Revised FOP to match with responsibilities of SI Exco and SI Committees (Appendix 3)



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77  <b>Decision 34</b>	<p><u>SI Exco</u>  SI President: Jonny Sågänger, Sweden  SI Vice President: Carla Kristensen, Portugal  SI General Secretary: Kiat Tan, Malaysia  SI Treasurer: Radha B. Radhakrishna, USA  SI Peace Secretary: Paige LaCombe  SI Membership And Technology Secretary: Andreas Becker</p> <p><u>SI Internal Audit Committee</u> (3)  L V Subramanian, India  Phyllis Chinn, USA  Gulsen Elyak, Turkey</p> <p><u>SI Development Committee</u> (5)  Lilly Kerekes Beltran, Mexico  Ewa Dzierzawska, Poland  Fidele Rutayisire, Rwanda  Pablo Colangelo, Argentina  Pamela Yang, Taiwan</p> <p><u>SI Youth and Families Committee</u> (5)  Susana Martinez, Spain  Raffaella Rota, Italy  Natasha Noreen, Italy  Aneris Cao, Chile  Mar Ferre, Spain</p> <p><u>SI Distant Vote Administrator</u>  Chris Patterson, New Zealand</p>
78  <b>Decision 35</b>	<p><u>Motion:</u>  <b>To destroy the election ballot papers.</b></p>
80  <b>Decision 36</b>	<p><u>Motion:</u>  <b>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.</b></p>
81  <b>Decision 37</b>	<p>EXC-005 Budget to next GA  <u>Motion:</u>  <b>Motion to approve the budget for 2019-2021 (starting April 1, 2019 and ending March 31, 2022).</b></p>



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<p>85</p> <p>Decision 38</p>	<p>ITA-001 Flat Rate Quotas</p> <p><u>Amended Motion:</u></p> <p><b>We propose that the financial contribution that member countries 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 country. This proposal is to be applied, for the same testing time, only to member countries that are already paying each year a 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.</b></p>
<p>86</p> <p>Decision 39</p>	<p>GER-001 ServasOnline priority</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p><b>We move that the completion of the transition to ServasOnline be made the number 1 priority for SI for the next 3 years.</b></p> <p><b>This includes:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>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</b></li> <li><b>2. Creation of a strong team to facilitate:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>• Continued fixing of bugs and critical functional enhancements needed for the effective use of ServasOnline in the short term.</b></li> <li><b>• Continued migration of country data to ServasOnline.</b></li> <li><b>• Identification of issues and priority setting.</b></li> <li><b>• Developing a governance procedure for decision making about critical issues in the Servas organizational structure that affect the structure of ServasOnline</b></li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p><b>Developing a roadmap for the next version of ServasOnline, based on this decision.</b></p>



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<p>87</p> <p><b>Decision 40</b></p>	<p>AUS-001 Establish Working Group to Manage and Develop ServasOnline</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p><b>Establish a working group of Servas volunteers to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Establish a sustainable volunteer group to develop, administer, maintain and enhance ServasOnline.</b></li> <li>• <b>Manage the ongoing repairs, maintenance and development of the current ServasOnline.</b></li> <li>• <b>Prepare a plan for a new version of ServasOnline that will provide the features and services for the future. Complete the plan/design for ServasOnline version 2 by SICOGA 2021</b></li> <li>• <b>Develop a mission statement and a 10 year roadmap for Servas in relation to its online services.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Note: The group will do as much work as possible with volunteers.</b></p>
<p>88</p> <p><b>Decision 41</b></p>	<p>SPA-ITA-002 App for mobile phones</p> <p><u>Amended Motion:</u></p> <p><b>To improve the new generation of communication tools especially used by young people.</b></p> <p><b>To investigate creating a new mobile APP which enhances the communication between members.</b></p> <p><b>To do a pre-study of the requirements, scope, timing and cost for a Mobile APP.</b></p> <p><b>A distant vote will be held to make a decision to approve the implementation and the cost.</b></p>
<p>89</p> <p><b>Decision 42</b></p>	<p>USA-002 Renewal for SI Members</p> <p><u>Amended Motion:</u></p> <p><b>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 members' personal data at least every two years.</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p style="color: red;"><b>The amended motion did not pass.</b></p>



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<p>92</p> <p><b>Decision 43</b></p>	<p>CAN-003 Adding “Interest in Making Connections?” field for ServasOnline</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p><b>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)?”</b></p> <p style="color: red;">There was no vote. The majority supported redirecting this request to ServasOnline committee.</p>
<p>93</p> <p><b>Decision 44</b></p>	<p>CAN-001 Climate change consciousness: priority for Servas</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p><b>Servas International will raise the climate consciousness of its global community, by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Acknowledging this global issue on the Servas International website, and encouraging member countries to also acknowledge this issue through member-based communications.</b></li> <li>• <b>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 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.</b></li> <li>• <b>Finding ways to lessen Servas business travel, including SICOGA and member country meetings</b></li> <li>• <b>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</b></li> </ul>
<p>94</p> <p><b>Decision 45</b></p>	<p>EXC-015 SI Statutes change: Principles, organization, minimize ecological footprint</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p><b>A. SI Statutes Paragraph I</b></p> <p><b>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:</b></p> <p><b>IA) Principles, Ethos and Values, Vision and Mission</b></p> <p><b>Principles: The first fundamental principle of Servas International is the belief in the dignity and worth of the human person, and in</b></p>



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	<p>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><b>Ethos and Values:</b> We, the members of Servas, believe that our lives are enriched when we meet, interact, share and learn from each other.</p> <p><b>Members of Servas promote peaceful coexistence by embracing values of</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Friendship based on openness, trust and respect.</b></li> <li>* <b>Hospitality and generosity, through travel, hosting and other opportunities for meetings.</b></li> <li>* <b>Diversity and inclusivity, extending widely across cultures, traditions and religions</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Vision and Mission:</b> 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 progress towards this goal.</p> <p><b>IB) Organisation &amp; structure</b></p> <p><b>Organisation &amp; structure:</b> 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><b>(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.)</b></p> <p><b>B. SI Statutes Section IV General Assembly</b> The following bold text should be added in the SI Statutes, under the following paragraph: IV General Assembly 3) The General Assembly shall:</p> <p><b>“(I) Leave as little ecological footprint as possible on the environment of the planet earth.”</b></p>
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95 Decision 46	<p>EXC-018 Servas commitment to gender balance in decision making bodies</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p><b>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,</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>b) SI Exco should, when appointing SI officers and SI teams, strive to ensure gender balance.</b></p>
96 Decision 47	<p>GRE-003 Enable access to online Dolphin member pdf database to all members</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>The motion did not pass.</b></p>
97 Decision 48	<p>CAN-002 Authorized key persons to not approve their own LOI</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>° This approval is not possible if there is only one Servas authorized key person in the country.</b></p> <p><b>The motion did not pass.</b></p>
98 Decision 49	<p>EXC-007 SI Signatories</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p><b>To empower the Executive Committee to determine which members of the Executive Committee shall be empowered to sign on behalf of Servas International.</b></p>
99 Decision 50	<p>EXC-008 Approve elections results</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p><b>To approve results of elections and decisions made at 2018 GA.</b></p>



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103  Decision 51	<p>EXC-007 SI Signatories (update 1)</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p><b>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 EXCO cannot have been empowered to determine the signatories.</b></p> <p><b>To clarify this we propose two motions:</b></p> <p><b>1/ To amend section IV General Assembly, 3) k) to read:</b></p> <p><b>“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.”</b></p>
104  Decision 52	<p>EXC-007 SI Signatories (update 2)</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p><b>Then if 1/ is passed:</b></p> <p><b>2/ To confirm the earlier motion (EXC-007) to empower the Executive Committee to determine which members of the Executive Committee shall be empowered to sign on behalf of Servas International.</b></p>
105  Decision 53	<p>EXC-003 Update SI Statutes</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p><b>General motion to amend statutes.</b></p> <p><b>To revise the Servas International Statutes based on the motions passed at the 2018 General Assembly.</b></p> <p><b>This applies to three motions,</b></p> <p><b>EXC-012 SI Elections shall include “None of the Above/Reopen Nominations,</b></p> <p><b>EXC-021 Part b, Updated structure for SI committees, teams and groups</b></p> <p><b>EXC-015, SI Statutes change: Principles, organization, minimize ecological footprint</b></p> <p><b>as amended and passed earlier by more than a two thirds of the eligible voter present.</b></p>
106  Decision 54	<p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p><b>To hold the next Servas International General Assembly in about 3 years’ time.</b></p>
107  Decision 55	<p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p><b>To approve the minutes of the 2018 General Assembly.</b></p>