

MOTION FORM FOR SI GA 2018**EXC-012****1. Heading for motion (No more than 10 words)**

SI Elections shall include "None of the Above/Reopen Nominations"

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

SI Exco

3. Exact wording of the motion to be voted on**Comment:***This motion has been drafted in two parts to facilitate its consideration by the General Assembly.**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.**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.
(At least two thirds of the voters must support the motion to amend the SI Statutes.)*

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/ That this be formalised by amending Section **VI Voting at Meetings** of the Servas International Statutes by replacing Clause 5) under **Elections** by:

"5) The voting procedure in the election of one or more officers shall be:

- 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.
- f) This voting procedure shall also apply to elections by Distant Voting."

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:

"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:

- 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) 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."

4. Background information and reasons for proposing the motion

For many years, there has been a concern that there needs to be a way for the Member Groups to decide if candidates are suitable to fill a position. This motion is being made in response to these concerns.

The proposed rules for committees of more than 1 person are based on the fact that once "None of the Above" is next highest in votes, more electors find "None of the Above/Re-open Nominations" to be preferable to any of the remaining candidates. Therefore, there is not enough confidence to elect anyone who received fewer votes than "None of the Above".

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

SI President

6. Benefits for SI

Member Groups can be more comfortable that they elect suitable people for all elected positions

7. Resource needs - time, human resources and specialist expertise

Small

8. Budget implications

None

9. Does it affect the SI statutes?

Yes. Requires an SI Statutes change before it can be done.

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

There would continue to be concerns that people who do not have the qualifications or expertise could be fill SI elected roles.

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Amendments (Passed or defeated)

Final Motion (Passed or defeated)