



MOTION FORM

FOR SERVAS INTERNATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY (SIGA) 2025

UPDATED: AUGUST 2025

1. Heading for the proposal in this motion (No more than 10 words)

Strengthening governance procedure through the creation and election of a **Servas Statutes and Rules Committee (SSR)**

2. Date and place for this motion.

October 2025 at SIGA 2025 - Dijon France

3. SI member group(s) or SI EXCO member(s) who is (are) responsible for this motion.

Note that only SI Member Groups or SI Executive Committee (SI EXCO, Servas International's global board) may propose motions for a SIGA.

SI Exco

Please find the names of the individuals responsible in box 10 below.

4. Exact wording of the proposal to be voted on.

We propose for the creation of a:

Servas Statutes and Rules Committee (SSR) to fulfill the following functions:

1. Ensuring that Servas Statutes and other procedural rules (Such as the Servas Handbook, Servas Election Procedures etc.) are kept up to date in an accessible manner.
2. Ensuring that the Statutes of Servas member groups are in line with Servas values and not in conflict with the Servas International Statutes.
3. Observing and certifying elections of Servas member groups to ensure that the office holders have been elected in a democratic manner.
4. Onboarding new national secretaries and training them on their duties, responsibilities and rights as per Servas statutes, rules and procedures.
5. Training Servas member groups on the proper way of writing motions for presentation at distant votes and general assemblies.
6. Providing advice on statutes, rules and regulations to Servas member groups and SI Exco, as necessary.
7. Reviewing of motions submitted for distant votes and the GA - to advise the motion writers and SI Exco if they meet the criteria for a proper debatable motion.

8. Support the Distant Vote Administrator and the Nominations Team, when requested.

This committee shall have 3 members.

All Servas members should recommend qualified members for this position. The committee should be elected during a general assembly from the list of recommended qualified members.

This team may be expanded to a maximum of 5 members, if necessary. We propose that SI Exco should hold open forums to collect feedback on whether additional members are necessary. This should be done before 31 December 2027, so that the data from these forums can be presented at the next general assembly to decide whether to increase the number of members in this committee.

The qualifications required to be a member of this team shall include:

1. Sound knowledge of Servas statutes, rules of procedures
2. A good knowledge of Servas history and the philosophy that guides Servas activities.
3. Prior experience in Servas administration at the national or international level is preferred.
4. Servas membership of at least one year at the time of appointment.
5. To maintain transparency and to avoid undue influence, the candidate should, if elected, not hold any other office in Servas either locally or internationally.
6. These requirements may be relaxed by the General Assembly when an otherwise qualified candidate is found.

Members of this committee should pledge to undergo constant training to ensure that they meet the standard of knowledge required to perform this role.

Please note that SIGA 2025 must be able to vote YES, NO or ABSTAIN on a SIGA proposal.

5. Implications on SI Statutes 2024. The SI Statutes are accessible on the internet here:

<https://servas.org/administration-archive>

Will this proposal affect the SI statutes and therefore create a need for a change in the SI statutes?

No.

If the answer is yes, please:

5A) Copy the part of the SI statutes that you suggest should be amended

5B) Write the exact proposed new wording in the SI Statutes here:

5A)

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5B)

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6. Explanation for the motion. The motivation must contain a clear description of the benefit of this proposal for the Servas community; its member groups, individual members and Servas International as an international non-governmental organisation. It should also contain information on how it is different from current practice. It should indicate how the proposal is intended to be implemented. Finally, the motion should explain the metrics that will be used to measure benefits from this proposal.

SIGA 2025 should approve this motion because (one or more motivations):

Servas is a unique organization with 71 voting entities (member groups) and several potential entities. What binds all these entities together is a common philosophy and a common set of rules. These rules are embodied in our statutes, handbook, financial operating procedures, election procedures and other procedures. These documents provide a common platform that each entity is required to follow to call itself a Servas entity. These rules define the responsibilities and authority of the member groups (entities). These rules also provide the basis for Servas International (SI) to be the coordinating entity. They define the responsibilities of SI. Also, they empower SI and its committees and give them the authority to provide a platform for communication and the ability to direct various coordinating activities. This committee shall ensure that all the rules and regulations are maintained in an up-to-date manner.

A new national secretary of a member group currently receives little or no training on their role when taking up the position for the first time. Creating such a committee will successfully onboard every new national secretary and making them more aware of how Servas operates. This would be very beneficial to them in performing their role

Currently, members receive little training on how to write motions. Supporting them when they write motions for the betterment of Servas is highly desirable.

Every General Assembly there are a number of new delegates attending for the first time, who have no knowledge of what to expect. This committee could provide useful information to delegates to help them prepare for the general assemblies and distant votes.

Having a team that specializes in maintaining knowledge of all of our rules and regulations and advising members will help to reduce disputes and allow Servas to function more efficiently.

7. SI budget implications

Describe what financial resources are needed to accomplish the aims of this motion.

Use the money currency Swiss francs, which is the currency used for SI's budget:

- No budget implications.

8. Other resources needed – time, experts with specialist competences or knowledge or other human resources.

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9. Proposed timeline/timetable for accomplishing the aims of the proposal?

The proposed action should ideally:

- Start on this date: 2025–10–07.
- Be accomplished on this date: 2025–10–08.

The person(s) or group(s) will report the results of this motion to SI Exco.

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- xx xx

10. Which person(s) writes/write this motion and is/are responsible for the proposal?

Person 1

Name:

- Jonny Sågänger

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Functions/titles in Servas:

- SI General Secretary (2022–2025)

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Person 2

Name:

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ServasOnline registration ID (see your ServasOnline profile on servas.org):

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Functions/titles in Servas:

- SI President (2022–2025)

Email address(es):

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Mobile number(s) (Signal, WhatsApp etc) and other communication channels (if applicable):

- ...

11. Who or which group will be responsible for accomplishing the aim/aims of the proposal in this motion? (SI committee, SI Team, SI member group or Servas individual member/members.

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For SI Exco Use Only:

12. SI Exco comment on this motion

Date: 2025-MONTH-DAY

Comment:

For Minute Taker Use Only:

13. Amendments (Passed or defeated)