

From: **SI General Secretary**

Date:

Subject: Servas International Schedule of Distant Votes 2016-2018

Dear National Secretaries of Member Groups,

We know many of you are busy on behalf of Servas. Thank you!

Servas International (SI) is a democratic global network fostering friendship and Peace. Distant Voting between General Assemblies helps us to move forward with decision-making to support the Servas International strategies.

Servas Statutes (Article VII “Distant Voting”, item 6) direct the Executive Committee (SI Exco) to publish a Schedule of Servas International Distant Votes two months after the General Assembly.

**Please note, as provided by the Statutes:**

1. A motion for inclusion in a Distant Vote may be submitted at any time to the President if it is requested by at least one tenth of the member groups (represented by their National Secretaries), or by any member of the Executive Committee. One tenth of the current member groups is 8 member groups.
2. To be included in the next Distant Vote, motions submitted by member groups must be sent to the President at least four months before the scheduled closing date of the vote. Motions received after this will be held over for the next Distant Vote.
3. A scheduled Distant Vote shall be cancelled if no motions are received.
4. In the schedule below the DV May 2018 may have to be canceled if the next GA is held before 30th November, 2018 -- since a DV cannot be held “later than six months before the next General Assembly”. The date of the next GA is not yet known.

**The Distant Votes until the next General Assembly (GA) are scheduled for the following times.**

**Distant Vote Schedule**

**DV May 2016: Beginning February, 2016 and closing 31 May, 2016**

*\*\* Motions for DV May2016 must be submitted by 31 January, 2016*

**DV Nov 2016: Beginning August, 2016 and closing 30 November, 2016**

*\*\*Motions for DV Nov2016 must be submitted by 31 July, 2016*

**DV May 2017: Beginning February, 2017 and closing 30 May, 2017**

*\*\*Motions for DV May2017 must be submitted by 31 January 2017*

**DV Nov 2017: Beginning August, 2017 and closing 30 November, 2017**

*\*\*Motions for DV Nov2017 must be submitted by 31 July 2017*

**DV May 2018: Beginning February, 2018 and closing 30 May 2018**

*\*\*Motions for DV May2018 must be submitted by 31 January 2018*

We are grateful for the support and involvement of Chris Patterson, elected by the GA as Distant Vote Administrator ([distantvoteadmin@servas.org](mailto:distantvoteadmin@servas.org)). For further information on Distant Votes please check the Servas Statutes:

[http://servas.org/OtherFiles/SI\\_Statutes\\_2012.pdf](http://servas.org/OtherFiles/SI_Statutes_2012.pdf)

Attached you will see a generic description of the Distant Vote process, and also a chart that gives a picture of the timing of the Distant Votes.

If you have any questions, please write to me ([generalsecretary@servaa.org](mailto:generalsecretary@servaa.org)) or Chris Patterson ([distantvoteadmin@servas.org](mailto:distantvoteadmin@servas.org)).

In peace,  
Penny Pattison  
SI General Secretary