

## May-June 2023 SI Distant Vote (SI DV) motion

**(AMENDED) MOTION**  
**“SI EXCO–01–May-June2023”**  
**FOR SERVAS INTERNATIONAL DISTANT**  
**VOTE**  
**(SI DV)**  
**MAY-JUNE 2023**  
**2023-06-15**



**1. Heading for the proposal in this SI DV motion SI EXCO–01–May-June2023**

Adoption of the document “Ethical Code for Servas Members June 2023”.

The document is attached to this motion.

**2. Date and place for this motion.**

Distant Vote May-June 2023

**3. SI member group(s) or SI Exco member(s) who is 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 through a motion from SI Conflict Resolution Team (CRT).

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

We propose that Servas Distant Vote 2023 approves that:

- **...the "Ethical Code for Servas Members June 2023" be adopted by the Servas International member groups and Servas countries.**
- **...and be binding on all individual Servas members.**

SI Member Groups to vote SUPPORT/YES, AGAINST/NO or ABSTAIN on a Distant Vote proposal.

#### 5. Implications on SI Statutes 2022.

The SI Statutes are accessible on the internet here:

<https://servas.org/en/community/board-and-management/administration>

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

No.

#### 6. Brief description of the reason for your proposal.

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.

The Servas International General Assembly 2015 (SIGA 2015) decided that SI develops a 'Code of Ethics and Behaviour' that will be binding on all Servas members including officers ([decision number 11 on October 15](#)). SIGA 2022 decided on November 25-26 (decision number [SIGA22-D-018](#)) that such a document should be developed by the SI Conflict Resolution Team (SI CRT) and be discussed and put forward for a SI Distant Vote (SI DV).

**The SI Distant Vote May-June 2023 should approve this motion because:**

- ...it clearly spells out in a document the vision and mission, principles, ethos and values of Servas

- ...it shows that the main objective of Servas is peace.
- ...it stresses the importance of exchanging ideas, experience and knowledge, whilst promoting tolerance and understanding.

### 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:  
None.

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

A volunteer who can answer any queries by each National Group, mentored by SI Conflict Resolution Team (CRT).

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

The proposed action should ideally:

- Start on this date: **2023-08-01** (Year–Month–Day)
- Be accomplished on this date: **2025-08-10** (Year–Month–Day)

**10. Which person or persons writes/write this motion and is  
/are responsible for the proposal?**

**SI Exco members**

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On behalf of SI Exco

Name/names: **SI CRT Members**

**Dorothy Fine**

**Alvany Santiago**

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Functions/titles in Servas:

**Members of SI CRT**

**Dorothy Fine- convener**

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The SI CRT members above will report the results of this motion to SI Exco.

**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.**

All SI member groups, Servas country groups and Servas individual members.

**12. SI Exco comment on this motion**

Date: 2023-MONTH-DAY

Comment:

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**13. Amendments (Passed or defeated)**

**14. Final Motion (approved or defeated)**