



**MOTION FORM  
FOR  
SERVAS INTERNATIONAL DISTANT VOTE  
(May 2024)**



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

**IMPROVING DEBATE CONDITIONS FOR MOTIONS.**

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

May 2024

**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.**

Servas France

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

We propose that the May 2024 distant vote approves that:

- Enough time be devoted to clarification, discussion and debate of motions to be voted on.
  - On line, with user-friendly tools accessible to all, and adequate training for using them
  - During in-person conference previous to SIGA

Please note that the SI member groups must be able to vote YES, NO or ABSTAIN on a SIGA proposal.

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

The SI Statutes are accessible on the internet here:

[http://servas.org/sites/default/files/uploads/other\\_files/2023/si\\_statutes\\_2022\\_final\\_2023-01-14.pdf](http://servas.org/sites/default/files/uploads/other_files/2023/si_statutes_2022_final_2023-01-14.pdf)

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

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:

- 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.**

**This motion should be approved because (one or more motivations):**

- Few delegates were present during SICOGA 2022 (30 out of 77). Only 22 absent delegates voted online. Developing virtual participation requires the use of user-friendly tools accessible to all.
- The use of a working tool such as Google groups would be more adequate than Teams which required much training to be accessible to all.
- During SICOGA itself, very little time was devoted to a serious analysis and debate on the

motions.

- Some time must be allocated, during the conference, for presenting and clarifying every important motion and the state of discussion for each of them:
  - Either from EXCO's initiative, with workshops in groups to be more efficient
  - Or from at least one delegate's demand
  
- Some accessible communication tools should be found to enable on-line participants to ask questions and make comments during discussions.
  
- At the same time, it could be a way of sharing tools within the Servas groups, tools dedicated to online meetings, exchanges and debates, throughout the year, outside the time of the motions.
  
- The use of Google cloud speech-to-text could facilitate understanding and participation in discussions

#### **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:

Speech-to-text software:

Funds to be taken on budget from motion : Taking into consideration language barriers

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

Finding appropriate tools accessible to all, and training delegates and officers to use them

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

**The proposed action should ideally:**

- Start on this date: May 2024, after the motion is passed.

- Be accomplished on this date: 2025 May (during the preparation of the next SICOGA)
  - ...
- The person (s) or group(s) will report the results of this motion to SI Exco.

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

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If applicable:

Other communication channels:

**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.**

EXCO and the Membership and Technology team.  
The team organizing the next SICOGA

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

Comment:

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

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

