

Date and Time







UTC, Time Zone Sun, 15 October 2023 at 12:00-14:00
 Social talk starts 11.45.




Ottawa, Canada Sun, 15 October 2023 at 08:00 EDT
 Brisbane, Australia Sun, 15 October 2023 at 22:00 AEST
 New York, USA Sun, 15 October 2023 at 08:00 EST
 Stockholm, Sweden Sun, 15 October 2023 at 14:00 CET
 Lisbon, Portugal Sun, 15 October 2023 at 13:00 WET
 Paris, France Sun, 15 October 2023 at 14:00 CET
 Mexico City, Mexico Sun, 15 October 2023 at 06:00 CST
 Taipei, Taiwan Sun, 15 October 2023 at 20:00 IST
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Meeting link

meet.google.com/ckb-avze-wwb

Participants & Attendance

Participant	Photo	Position	Present (Y/N)
Radha Radhakrishna (RBR)		SI President (SI P)	Y
Carla Kristensen (CK)		SI Vice President (SI VP)	Y
Jonny Sågänger (JS)		SI General Secretary (SI GS)	Y
Jim Leask (JL)		Co-SI Membership & Technology Secretary (SI Co-MTS)	Y
Paul Nielsen (PN)		SI Membership & Technology Secretary (SI MTS)	Y
Francisco Salomón Luna Aburto (FSLA)		SI Peace Secretary (SI PS)	Y

Hsueh-mei Wang (HW)		Co- SI Peace Secretary (SI Co-PS)	Y
Jon Corrado (JC)		Co- SI Treasurer (SI Co-T)	Y
Richard Cabassut (RC)		SI Treasurer (SI T)	Y

By invitation: Mehmet Ates, Servas Peace School

Agenda and Minutes

Minutes recording: *JS supported by others*

Time keeper: *JS, FSLA*

Time slot for:

Mehmet Ates, Servas Peace School

Item	Reference, background material & discussion	Motions and Decisions (what, who, when)
1.0 Meeting Initiation		
1.1	Attendance and call to order	Start of meeting: 12.00 UTC (social talk started 11.50)
1.2	Agenda additions and modifications.	
2.0 Mehmet Ates, Servas Peace School		

1.2.1	Mehmet Ates will make a presentation.	MA made a presentation of the Servas Peace school and the plans to expand the activities to two, or possibly, three new countries. MA has offered to guide and lead the persons who have the intention to establish the Servas Peace School in various countries. SI Exco and MA had a Q&A session.
3.0 SI Exco Monthly Reports		

<p>3.1</p>	<p>SI President Report (SI P) Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Participated in the Servas Peace Meeting in Spain with Jonny, Carla, Francisco and Mei. Wonderfully organized meeting around the theme of working together for peace. Collaborated with Carla and Jonny on a presentation about current activities and future plans for Servas International. ● Participated in the Servas USA Annual Conference. The meeting was organized on the theme of peace and healing. The meeting had two keynote speakers – (a) the leader of a native American tribe and (b) the rabbi of a synagogue that was attacked by gunmen last year, who spoke about overcoming adversity and seeking peace. Made a presentation on Servas International and presented ideas on how to volunteer and participate. The presentation may be found here. ● Had the first meeting of the SI Travel Committee. The committee discussed its remit and formulated ground rules for its operations. Minutes of the meeting may be found here. ● Continued working with the LATAM team and the Brasil Youth Camp team to offer support needed for the planned events. ● Created a draft guide, in collaboration with Carla, on how to conduct a Servas meeting. A copy of the draft document may be found here. 	
<p>3.2</p>	<p>SI Vice President (SI VP) Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Participation at Servas Spain Peace meeting in Moraira, Spain ● Created a guide on how to plan and execute Servas international, regional or Youth & Families meetings. ● Upload of news on Fb page ● Upload of news and events on servas.org ● Meetings with EI and SI GS, to learn how to manage content and media upload on v.2 of servas.org ● Wrote texts for the v.2 servas.org and translations of 2 texts. 	

3.3	SI Membership and Technology (SI MTS) Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">● attended Servas USA conference and presented servas.org V2<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ well received with lots of interest in new system○ 15 new reviewers from US to test the system● servas.org update - see below● Bianca has taken on the SINB distribution and sent her first bulletin	
3.4	SI General Secretary Report (SI GS) <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Participated at Servas Spain's Peace Meeting in Moraira, Spain, together with SI P Radha BR, SI VP Carla K, SI PS Francisco SLA and Co-SI PS Mei W. Participated in various workshops and during a presentation about SI that Radha BR headed.● Work on Content for Servas.org V2. New development: SI VP Carla K and I started to take webmeeting lessons with programmer EI from France.● Further preparations for November 2023 SI Distant Vote● Worked with the SI President on motions for the Nov 2023 Distant Vote.● Finalized SI Annual Report 2022.	

3.5	<p>SI Peace Secretary Report (SI PS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Participation in the Servas Peace Meeting in Spain with Radha, Carla, and Jonny. Presentation and collaborative ideas for the 75 anniversary of Servas. ● Working together with SI Reprs at the UN: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Team meeting in person of all delegates in Vienna and Geneva. (SI UN representatives Hamsa, Daniela, Angelika, Helga and Kent as well as Servas Germany member Magnus Adams). ○ Participation in a side-event "Women, Poverty, and Human Rights". SI UN representatives Helga, Daniela, and Servas Germany member Magnus A were the speakers, with Kent as moderator. ○ Elaboration of the SI statement for the UN Women with consultative status with ECOSOC. ○ Planning the next CSW event with SI UN representatives Kent, Paige and Hamsa. ○ Support Servas meeting "Women in the Shadow of Poverty" on 17th Oct. Create an e-poster and registration form for this meeting. ● Collaboration with Neuma (NS of Servas Brazil) in the promotion of the youth event in Brazil. ● Collaboration with Javier Heusser. (NS of Servas Chile) and Ana (NS of Servas Argentina) for the Latin America regional meeting in Mendoza. ● Set a date for the next Servas Peace Forum on Dec. 2. The meeting theme is "Life-long learning and Partnership at Servas". The speaker is Servas Taiwan. 	
3.6	<p>SI Treasurer Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - work going on banking and accounting - travel committee meeting (Paul, Radha, Richard) 	-
<p>4.0 New and Continuing Business</p>		

4.1	<p>Reddit channel (RBR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4.1 Request from Tys Sniffen, Servas USA to create a SI Reddit channel. 	<p>Decision: RBR will ask TS to write a one page presentation of his proposal for a SI Reddit channel. Deadline: 2023-10-21</p>
4.2	<p>SI Travel Policy Proposals (RBR/PN/RC)</p>	
	<p>4.2.1: Budget adjustments for current year, and proposal for future years</p>	<p>4.2.1: PN gave a verbal report from the meeting where the travel policy and budget for SI officers travels were discussed.</p>
	<p>4.2.2: Extending travel policy to all SI Officers. Draft SI Officers policy.</p>	<p>4.2.2: Decision: The policy was adopted unanimously.</p>
4.3	<p>Update on November 2023 SI Distant Vote (SI DV)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Current status.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The discussion group for Nov 2023 SI DV is open from October 11 until October 30. The voting period is between November 15 to November 30. <p>The four motions can be found here: https://servas.org/en/distant-vote</p>	<p>JS made a verbal report and added items to the timeline in the 4.3 box to the left.</p>

<p>4.4</p>	<p>Servas.org V2 content update (JS/CK) Report from the Servas.org V2 Design & Content Team (SV2 DCT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Current status.</i> Report from Servas.org V2 Design & Content Team (SV2 DCT) to SI Exco’s board meeting 2023-10-15.</p> <p>Our website designer Nigel Newbery of Servas Britain is doing a new version of the landing page on the homepage servas.org V2. The sliding images that have up until now been one of the main feature will be replaced with a different component which creates a new layout of the homepage. The main message will be to show what Servas offer, in accordance with what SI Exco decided at a board meeting in May:</p> <p>Servas – connecting people for a more peaceful and sustainable world.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Global network of hosts and travellers offering unique opportunities for interpersonal meetings and intercultural experiences. ● International peace activities ● Social events & group gatherings <p>We’re connecting people both in real life and virtually in a borderless world.</p> <p>The landing page on the home page will also contain news items.</p> <p>CK and JS are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * having regular meetings with the website designer Nigel Newbery * searching for photos and other illustrations that can replace existing ones. * developing a network of persons who can share photos and videos that can be published on Servas.org V2, * making a manual on how to upload new content <p>CK and JS are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * having regular meetings and email consultations with the SI consultant programmet Eliza Iacoby. <p>She is teaching us how to:</p> <p>upload new content (texts and photos) on servas.org to make new pages for the website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * editing and updating existing texts. 	<p>JS & CK presented the SV2 DCT status report in the box to the left for item 4.4.</p>
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	<p>SV2 DCT will comply with the timetable presented by SI Tech Team. The ambition is the have meeting for SV2 DCT and SI Tech Team the coming weekend.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	
4.5	<p>Servas.org V2 development update (JL/PN)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notifications (emails to admins) are done and ready for review. Servas Group specific templates should be created as needed by the group. • Doing sweep of all business processes to address feedback and simplify the processes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Applications process - simplifying the interview and membership setting process ○ Membership process - simplifying process of making payments and approving a membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Membership query is slow and needs to be fixed. • Timetable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ November 2023 - a “production beta” for all countries to work on. ○ November 2023 - content team will provide home page, content menu, and content for other pages (such as the Application form) ○ Nov-Dec 2023 - review by all countries their administration roles ○ Nov-Dec 2023 - review by all countries their data to be ready for final conversion ○ Jan 2024 - Final review & pre-production work ○ Feb 2024 - switch from V1 to V2 	<p>JL made a verbal Servas.org V2 development report based on the box to the left for item 4.5.</p> <p>The timetable has been accepted by SI Exco, and we should work to meet the release date of Feb 2024.</p>
4.6	<p>SI Annual Report (SI AR) 2022 (JS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JS will share the document with SI Exco members today (October 15) for information. • SI AR will be uploaded on servas.org the coming week. 	
4.7	<p>SI Bank Accounts (update) (JS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Current status.</i> 	
4.8	<p>Home swaps</p>	<p>Decision: RBR will write to the person who raised the query providing information about current alternatives. Deadline: 10/23/2023</p>

4.9	<p>Omnibus update (RBR/CK/FSLA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SI DC zoom license update [Getting two not-for-profit zoom licenses through Tech Soup Switzerland for CHF 18.00 each. The two licenses will be for (a) SI Exco (will replace the full price license we have), and (b) Development Committee (The DC has approved the purchase of a license for their own use at their last meeting).] ● LATAM Meeting (Argentina) Update ● Brazil Youth Camp Update ● Servas International Volunteer Opportunities Google Form “ Servas International Volunteer Opportunities” ● SI Handbook Update (CK) Update SI Handbook 2023 - Google Docs 	<p>RBR gave an update on SI DC Zoom licences, LATAM Meeting and Youth EcoCamp in Brazil. CK gave an update on SI Volunteer Opportunities and of SI Handbook.</p>
5.0 Closing Procedures		
5.1	<p>Future proposed meetings – time and dates</p> <p>2023 2023-11-19 2023-12-17</p> <p>2024 2024-01-21 2024-02-18 2024-03-17 2024-04-21 2024-05-19 2024-06-16 2024-07-21 2024-08-18 2024-09-15 2024-10-20 2024-11-17 2024-12-15</p>	<p>Next meeting: 2023-11-19 UTC 12.00-14.00</p>
5.2	<p>Minutes Review and Approval Review the minutes from today's meeting so they can be finalized.</p>	
5.3	<p>End of meeting:</p>	<p>End of meeting: UTC 14:24</p>