

Subject: **Minutes Servas International EXCO Skype-Teleconference**

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Date: **Saturday 23 February 2013**

Time: **17.00 – 19.45 GMT**

Participants: **Ann Greenhough (AG); Arnoud Philippo (AP); Jonny Sågänger (JS); Jaime Romero (JR); Danielle Serres (DS)**

Absent: **Mirek Wasilevski (MW)-**

**Main Purpose of meeting:** Being on track with fulfilling GA 2012 decisions, current issues etc.

Minutes: **JR and AP (for points 4, 10 and 11)**

### **1. Agenda**

Conclusion: We agree.

### **2. Review and adoption of minutes from meeting of January 19, 2013**

It will lead in the minutes only the decisions and actions, it will be avoided any personal comment.

Conclusion: Approved

Responsible: JR

### **3. SOL project and new/modernized website (Jonny).**

Discussion and decisions:

#### a) Appointment of new members of SOL Working Group, SOLWG

1: to appoint Matthew Pashkovskiy, Russia, as project leader of ServasOnline Working Group, SOLWG

2: to appoint Walter Dieringer, Austria, Derek Carver, New Zealand, Anna Cristina Siragusa, Italy, and Pablo Colangelo, Argentina, as members of ServasOnline Working Group, SOLWG

mw and ag has to vote the motion in facebook

each one of us has to vote for the motion

jr will send the procedure

#### b) website content working group.

This group must be 3 people

The name of the group will be Servas Website Task Force, SWTF.

Purpose of the SWTF: Preparation for new website, Exco should form a group that will create basic conditions for a modernization of the website [www.servas.org](http://www.servas.org)

Functions of the SWTF:

1: make an inventory/list of what is on the current [www.servas.org](http://www.servas.org)

2: make a list of what

\* must be removed

\* must be kept

3: make a list of what

\* new information must be added

\* new features must be added

4. make a list of

\* which information should be kept in a secure zone which can only be entered by members and/or by people who can get access with log in-data as Usernamn and Password.

5. The group should also present an overall idea what the main purposes with the website are.

6. The group should find out who should execute the changes. If necessary find a company and make a request for proposal.

7. The group should also make a time schedule for this work

**4. Discussion: Purpose and plan for of face-to-face meeting 20-22nd of September 2013 in Burley-in-Wharfedale (MW, AG, DS)**

Propose realistic agenda, **action: JS**

Discussion: there is budget for food/drink, we stay together at Ann's home, we need internet-connection (David sister's house is plan B), we need flap-over and beamer.

**5. Presentation: System to document, follow up and evaluate Exco long term goals derived from the GA2012 decisions for the period 2013–2015 + other Exco priorities.**

Source: SI Exco Action chart compiled by Jonny & Jaime, available on Dropbox (and attached to the e-mail with the draft agenda)

Exco members discussed the importance of having this action chart with the strategic, tactic and operative actions classification to achieve EXCO goals for the 2015 GA. EXCO members add the next columns to the chart

In L column we will put priority

In M column we will put human resources

In N column we will put budget implications

Conclusion: each of the members will study the action chart to do comments to the next version

**JR and JS will send a new version asap**

**6. Stretch legs five minutes**

**7. Proposal for improvement of Exco minutes and the publishing (Jaime, Jonny)**

Octavio Morales and David Asher will sign an confidentiality agreement will help

Each person who need a decision and have a proposal will send to JR previously the text.

**8. Guidelines for funding of international and regional events from SI budget managed by Exco and the Development budget managed by the Development Committee?**

Ann and Ewa (Poland) will together with persons from the development create a proposal for guidelines for funding of international and regional events from SI budget managed by Exco and the Development budget managed by the Development Committee. Create a new form and inform Exco about deadline for the proposal for a new form.

**9. SI distant vote. What will be decided by the distant votes in May and November 2013? (Jaime) 18.25-18.35**

Consult to DV officer about the text of the motions

AG and JR rephrase the motion EXC-001 with

JR speaks with ana maghi about her motion, explaining on what has to be considered on voting process according to the handbooks and statutes

About motion URU 001 has to be studied about the police activities and everything about this committee and control if those activities are of any existing committee, we don't want to create more committee and this important think could be attended by exco, JS is on charge to speak with dinorah sanz

**10. Reports, updates & follow-ups 18.35-18.50**

10a) SI Exco to establish a Servas Planning (Future) Group (SPG) (GA decision no 5 2012-08-24). (Ann + Jaime, Jonny, Danielle) **Not discussed**

10b) GB actions against SI. A case of Internet/web hate? The situation under acceptable control? (JS, AP) **Action: none**

Conclusion (priority 3/5): study the content of the messages from mr. Grant Barnes on site Couchsurfing and take advantage of this. GB is no very active so we could leave it.

10c) Servas International peace day project, September 21, 2013 (Danielle)  
Danielle will send a proposal by mail for the next step

10d) Initiative to organize a meeting of SI Internal Audit and SI Treasurer in Bangalore in March 2014 (MW). Request to write a motion. **Action: MW**

10e) GA 2015 (Ann) **Not discussed.**

10f) Update of the Servas International Handbook. What's cooking?

It must be review the current version to add some changes to the draft proposal Penny prepared for discussion.

10g) Register Servas International to gain status as an international non-governmental organization, NGO (Mirek) **not discussed**

10h) Procedures

\* everybody to join Dropbox (or other cyber & Internet space for shared documents)

\* everybody to join Facebook

Remind MW to join Facebook closed group 'SI Exo Konsilio'. **Action: JS**

## 11. Any other business/miscellaneous

\* DS gives information. DS tried to make 'Servasgroup' (members who are interested in UN-matters) last March in Geneva stronger, is still working on that. Meeting in Vienna (2013) might be new chance. Official Servas-businesscards might be useful. Businesscard and information from Servas Sweden will be send. **Action: JS.**

\* AP: Matthew Pashkovskiy made 'Schedule for the ServasOnline Project'. Is this document available, e.g. in Dropbox? JS: I do not know, status is preliminary. AP: it's important for exco, because of high priority of ServasOnline Project. JS: We can ask Matthew if this can be published in exco. **Action: JS**

## 12. Time and date for the next meeting

(16.00 GMT on the 30st of March 2013)

The discussion on the final date of the meeting is to be by email