

Servas International
SI Exco Teleconference
Saturday April 26, 2014 16:00 – 18:30 UTC/GMT
Over Skype

Version: 2
Participants: **Ann Greenhough (AG); Jonny Sångänger (JS); Danielle Serres (DS); Mirek Wasilewski (MW)**
Arnoud Philippo (AP)
Regrets: **Jaime Romero (JR)**
Minutes Recorder: **Penny Pattison (PP)**

NEXT MEETING: May 17, 2014 beginning at 13:00 GMT

Actions are identified in Italics and Underline. A summary of action items is at the end of the minutes
Decisions and Motions are in bold

1. Chit-chat before the meeting began. Jaime joined the call briefly to greet the group.

Meeting began at 16:00 UTC/GMT.

2. Today's agenda (review and agreement)

- The Agenda was approved as amended

3. Adoption of minutes from previous meeting

a. March 27th-30th 2014

- Version 4 was circulated; Arnoud made changes to it recently
- They cannot be finalized without Jaime's input
- Action: JS will remind JR to send any comments on the March 27-30 2014 minutes by May 3, 2014
- Action: JS will arrange finalizing of the March 27-30 2014 minutes by email by May 6, 2014
- Action: David will send a summary of the meeting to JS after the minutes have been approved. Jonny will review the summary and circulate it to SI Exco before publishing it

b. Past action items

- This item was planned for the face-to-face meeting, but was not completed then
- Action: All SI Exco will review the action items, which are at the end of the minutes of the face-to-face meeting, and will send their updates to Penny by May 10, 2014. Penny will distribute the updates to SI Exco by May 15, 2014.

c. Adoption of minutes from March 15th 2014

- This item is deferred to the next meeting

4. Re-cap Exco f-t-f meeting March 2014

a. What did we achieve?

- ServasOnline update felt like a big step forward
- Discussion of slogan and logo
- Team building and constructive atmosphere

- UN and National Peace Secretary discussion was useful
 - The web page being unavailable was discussed, but could not be considered an achievement
- b. Future f-t-f meetings, dates et cetera
- The next face-to-face meeting is planned for Nov 12-16, 2014
 - Another face-to-face meeting is planned in 2015
 - In response to the initial countries contacted to host the Nov 2014 SI Exco meeting, positive responses were received from Spain, Portugal and Colombia
 - Subsequently, concrete proposals were received from Spain and Portugal.
 - Action: AG will contact all those initially contacted to tell them that the deadline for proposals for hosting the Nov 2014 face-to-face meeting is May 31, 2014.
 - Action: SI Exco will decide the location of the Nov 2014 face-to-face meeting in June 2014
5. Criticism from Servas towards Exco & SI General Secretary SA
- An email discussion related to the election of a new AC for South America raised concerns about JR
 - Action: Penny will find relevant 2009-2012 EXCO minutes (since siexco.org is not available)
 - Action: JS will remind JR to provide his version of events
 - Those present agreed that the allegations against JR affect SI Exco as a group, and therefore those present do not agree that JR should handle the allegations himself
 - Action: JS will send an email to those involved in the allegations, telling them that SI Exco is working on the issue; he will first send a draft of the email to SI Exco for comments
6. Exco members updates 5 minutes each
- a. Jonny
- ServasOnline dialogue regarding which companies to contract with
 - Customer Service group, for those who wish to join Servas as individuals
 - SI logo and slogan discussions
 - Compiling of yearly report
- b. Danielle
- Review of emails related to South America, and translation as required
 - Working on UN Observer and National Peace Secretary guidelines
 - There will be a possible peace event in India in early 2015
- c. Ann
- Lots of work on June Future meeting, especially visas; the program is drafted, 60-70 people expected to attend
 - Youth Fund has its first donation from Servas Australia; Servas Britain will take individual donations in the name of _____; others have indicated interest
 - The Kyrgyzstan Youth event is taking shape
- d. Arnoud
- Host list reliability project
 - Servas start up contacts project
- e. Mirek
- Working on the banking relationship process
 - Normal stamp and financial tasks
 - 2013 financials are with the bookkeeper
7. Funding SI Youth meeting in Kyrgyzstan
- **DECISION: SI will fund up to 2250 Euros for the Kyrgyzstan youth meeting, with maximum funding of 150 Euros per participant.**

8. Stretch legs
9. Draft SI logo on SI News?
 - Action: SI Exco will have email discussion of the comments about the SI logo and slogan from Stefan and Alan
10. Servas current website servas.org: what should be added
 - Not discussed
11. **SI financial & economy:**
 - Not discussed
12. Any other business/miscellaneous
 - a. Frequency of checking email
 - Not discussed
13. **Next Exco meeting:** May 17, 2014 beginning at 13:00 GMT (3 hours earlier than normal)
June 7, 2014 beginning at 15:00 GMT
14. Meeting ended at 18:56 UTC/GMT

April 26, 2014 Action Items:

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Action Items from Previous Meetings:

See action item 3.b.