



OPEN DOORS

AUGUST 2022

STOP THE PRESSES!!

The next Open Doors will appear soon, but these announcements could not wait!

RUN FOR THE BOARD! Apply by August 31, 20

US Servas needs talented, committed volunteers to guide the organization through an exciting time. Both challenges and opportunities abound. The Board of Directors needs leadership that will advance our organization's mission. The US Servas Elections Committee is seeking nominees to fill four positions on the board (one two-year term and three three-year terms). Applicants will be considered by the committee to be placed on a ballot that will be put before the full membership for a vote.



A director must meet the following criteria:

- be at least 18 years of age
- be a US Servas member for one year or more
- reside in the US for the entire term for which the person is elected
- able to devote 3 to 5 hours a week to the position.

The US Servas Board is a working board which manages the following functions:

- memberships
- technology
- Communications•marketing•events,
- finance•accounting•fundraising•fund management.

Directors are expected to volunteer their own time as well as manage other volunteers to fulfill the operation needs of managing US Servas. More information is provided in the application form.

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US Servas Annual Conference 2022

Salt Lake City, UT - Oct. 14 to 16

The [2022 US Servas National Conference](#) will be held October 14 - October 16 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Come for an experience that will enrich you in many ways:

- Enhance your engagement with peace-building and intercultural understanding
- Learn about sustaining a healthy environment
- Share travel stories and tips with fellow Servas members
- Hear amazing speakers and engage with them directly

The conference will take place on the beautiful campus of the University of Utah, located just minutes away from downtown Salt Lake City and about 25 minutes from the airport. It is accessible by public transportation. There are walking trails and many other attractions nearby.

There are two options for attendance:

Three-day attendees will have access to the grounds from Friday through Sunday. Registration for all three days includes all conference sessions and meals (lunch, dinner and refreshments). **Registration:** \$199

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Explore US Servas

The mission of SERVAS is peace and understanding through travel and hosting.

[Membership](#) - Review and update your membership profile, or Renew your Membership

[Learn](#) about other Servas members' host and travel experiences

[Share](#) your story, news and photographs.

[Volunteer](#) "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." — Mahatma Gandhi

[Calendar](#) - View our calendar of upcoming regional, national, and international events

[Newsletters](#) - Read past issues of US Servas News letters

[Events](#) – Learn all about upcoming and past Servas events.

[Find Hosts](#) - Learn how to find Servas hosts or look up travelers

Visit [US Servas](#) website

Run for the Board (from p-1)

Any candidate committed to advancing the future of US Servas will be considered.

Wanted - We are specifically seeking persons with backgrounds or skills in the following areas:

- Finance (Find a director qualified to assume the volunteer position of Treasurer - high priority.)
- Marketing/Communications
- Technology Team Lead/Project Management

All directors must be comfortable with basic technology such as email, virtual meetings and website navigation. To be a candidate for the Board, apply to the Elections Committee by the 30th of August, 2022. Click here to access the application. (Requires login to your US Servas account)

To be a candidate for the Board, apply to the Elections Committee by August 31, 2022. Click here to access the application. (Requires login to your US Servas membership account). We are also planning a public forum by videoconference for Servas members to meet the candidates on Wednesday, September 7, at 5 pm Pacific Daylight Time. The election will be open from September 8-22.

Questions? Write to the [Elections Committee](#).

Elections Committee:

- Ernie Baragar, Chair
- Leena Desai
- Radha B. Radhakrishna
- David Schwartz



US Servas Conference • Salt Lake City • 2022

Conference (from p-1)

through Aug. 31; \$249 Sept. 1-28; lodging is extra—see below.

One-day participants have access to all Saturday activities as well as lunch, dinner and refreshments. Registration: \$100

Post-conference activities are being planned. They will begin on the afternoon of Sunday, October 16. (Pay-as-you-go where charges apply)

Lodging: Attendees are encouraged to arrange lodging at the [University Guest House](#) (tel. 801-587-1000) which is next to the conference venue. Mention the US Servas conference to receive the block room rate of \$150 + fees per night per room including breakfast.

Hosting prior to, during, and after the conference (for those wishing to extend their visit) is being coordinated

by the local Servas group, as available. See registration form.

Refund Policy: Through Sep 28, your reservation can be refunded, less a \$50 cancellation fee. We are unable to refund registration fees after Sep 28.

Early Bird Registration: Early Bird pricing (\$199) will be in effect through Aug 31 so be sure to sign up early!

Registration Deadline: Owing to the need to coordinate meals and use of the facility with our hosts at UU, the deadline for registration is Sept. 28. No registrations will be accepted after that date.

Program: We are planning an exciting schedule of presentations and discussions given from a global perspective. A taste of the kinds of topics to be included: sustainability, especially with respect to Great Salt Lake the conditions and challenges of refugees worldwide



Downtown Salt Lake City

Contrary to urban myth, Salt Lake City is a hoppin' place... parks, restaurants, shops museums, and of course, the Tabernacle. [SEE MORE](#)



Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal

The world-famous SLC Tabernacle Choir rehearses every Thursday evening from 7:30 - 9:30 pm. FREE - visit their website for [DETAILS](#)



Park City

Park City is a major venue for arts and cultural events, including the Sundance Film Festival. It also has hiking, fishing, rafting and [MORE](#)



UTAH OLYMPIC PARK

Olympic Park is near Park City is a Summer adventure location with zip-lines, rope courses, skiing, toboggan runs and [MORE](#)