



MOTION FORM

FOR SERVAS INTERNATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY (SIGA) 2025

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

That the international fiscal year, from 2026 onwards, shall follow the calendar year

2. Date and place for this motion.

2025-03-31 Sweden

3. SI member group(s) or SI EXCO member(s) who is (are) 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 Sweden

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

We propose that SIGA 2025 approves that (one or more goals and/or actions):

1. **That the international fiscal year, from 2026 onwards, shall follow the calendar year (January 1 – December 31).**
2. **That an annual report shall be prepared each year, including an activity report, an income statement, and a balance sheet.**
3. **That the annual report shall be sent out for a distant vote of approval no later than May each year or included in the documents for the GA as per the statutes.**

Please note that SIGA 2025 must be able to vote YES, NO or ABSTAIN on a SIGA proposal.

5. Implications on SI Statutes 2024. The SI Statutes are accessible on the internet here:

<https://servas.org/administration-archive>

Will this proposal affect the SI statutes and therefore create a need for a change in the SI statutes? No

5A)

- ...

5B)

- ...

6. Explanation for the motion. 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. It should also contain information on how it is different from current practice. It should indicate how the proposal is intended be implemented. Finally, the motion should explain the metrics that will be used to measure benefits from this proposal.

SIGA 2025 should approve this motion because (one or more motivations):

One of the most important responsibilities of the General Assembly (GA), along with the distant votes between assemblies, is to grant discharge of liability and approve how the board has conducted its work. For this process to be carried out in a well-informed manner, decision-makers must have access to clear and easily accessible information. The auditors' report and recommendations are essential tools in this process, but the ultimate responsibility for decisions lies with the GA and its members.

Transparent and clear financial reporting is crucial for all members to understand and evaluate the organization's activities and finances. An annual report, consisting of an activity report as well as an income statement and balance sheet, should provide a clear picture of how the organization's assets have been used in relation to the budget and established goals.

Currently, Servas International operates with a broken fiscal year, running from April 1 to March 31. This means that while the annual activity report follows the calendar year, the annual financial report does not. This discrepancy creates unnecessary difficulties in understanding how activities and financial resources are interconnected and utilized.

Since the membership fee to SI is now calculated based on the number of members in the registry, there is no longer any reason to continue with a broken fiscal year.

A financial statement marks the closure of a fiscal year and summarizes all financial transactions in an income statement and balance sheet. Aligning the fiscal year with the calendar year simplifies planning and financial evaluations in relation to the budget and operational planning.

By implementing these measures, we will strengthen transparency, facilitate decision-making, and enhance democracy within Servas. Clearer financial reporting and a fixed fiscal year will contribute to a more efficient and well-functioning organization where members have better insight and influence over the future of Servas

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:

There are no extra budget implications

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

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

The proposed action should ideally:

- Start on this date: 2026-01-01
- Be accomplished on this date: Year–Month–Day.

The person(s) or group(s) will report the results of this motion to SI Exco.

10. Which person(s) writes/write this motion and is/are responsible for the proposal?

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Person 3

Name:

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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.

SI committee

For SI Exco Use Only:

12. SI Exco comment on this motion

Date: 2025-MONTH-DAY

Comment:

For Minute Taker Use Only:

13. Amendments (Passed or defeated)