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Servas International General Assembly (SIGA) was held today, October 7th, with a total of 46 delegates participating. Of these, 44 attended in person and 2 online. The sessions provided an opportunity for delegates to discuss motions aimed at boosting Servas' future as an organisation. Additionally, candidates presented their proposals and sought votes to retain their positions on the board.

We have a number of new candidates who wish to present themselves to the board as first-time volunteers. They are eager to help the organization succeed in our process of expanding our reach globally.

Everyone is eager to see who will be entrusted with these crucial roles. The process is a vibrant display of our commitment to democracy and collective decision-making. The anticipation surrounding the results is high—who will step up to lead, and what exciting new chapter will they usher in? This feeling of excitement and collective purpose makes the board election a truly thrilling event.

IS THIS THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF DELEGATES EVER RECORDED IN A SIGA ??

Today marked the **first day of the General Assembly**, and for many delegates taking part for the first time, it was an exciting and unforgettable experience of learning and sharing.

The session began with the approval of several key documents outlining the procedures of the SIGA. Following that, delegates reviewed and approved the **annual reports for 2022 to 2024**, setting a solid foundation for the work and discussions to come in the SIGA's days.

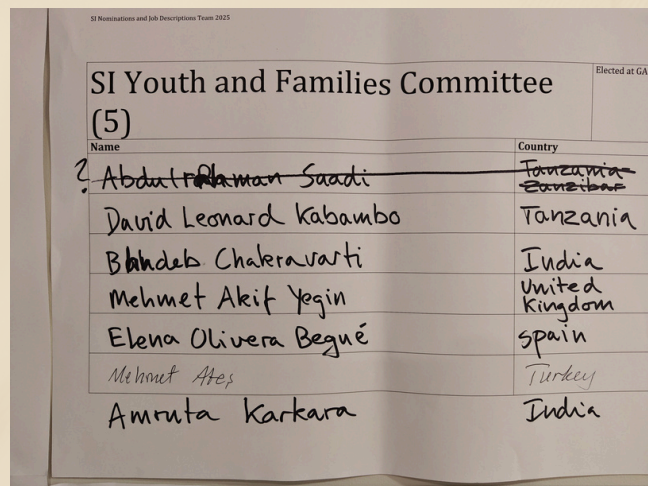
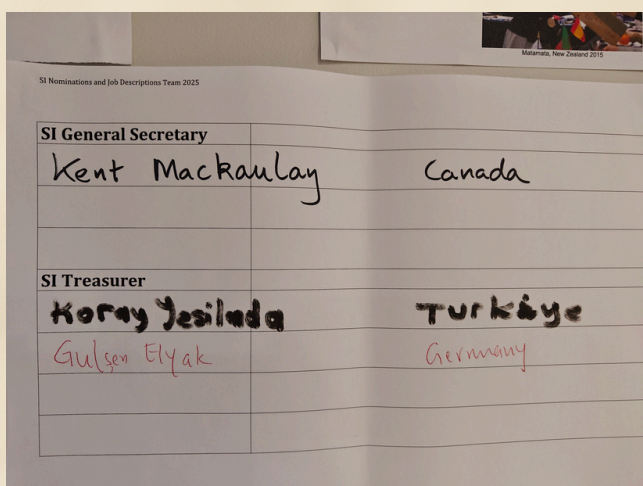
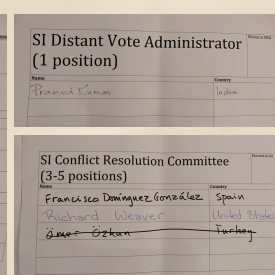
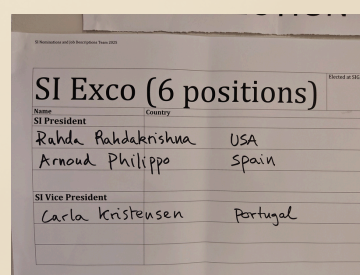
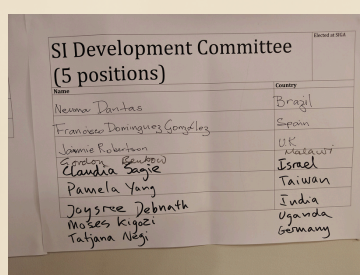
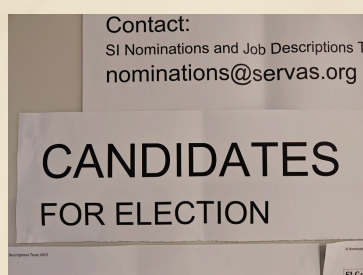
The atmosphere was one of enthusiasm, collaboration, and commitment — a wonderful start to what promises to be a meaningful and productive assembly.



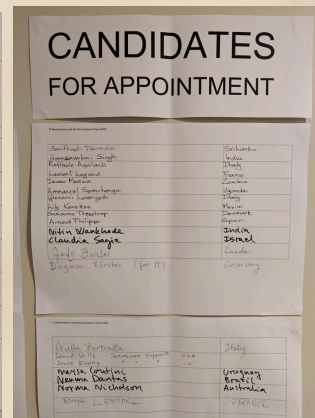
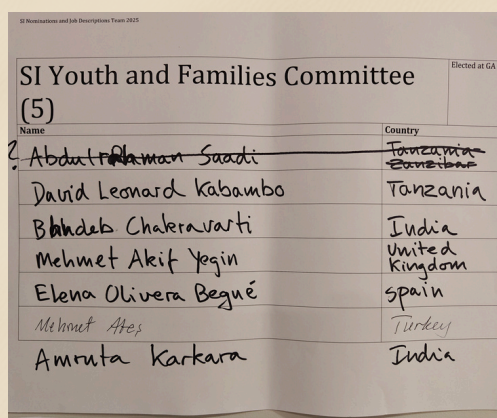
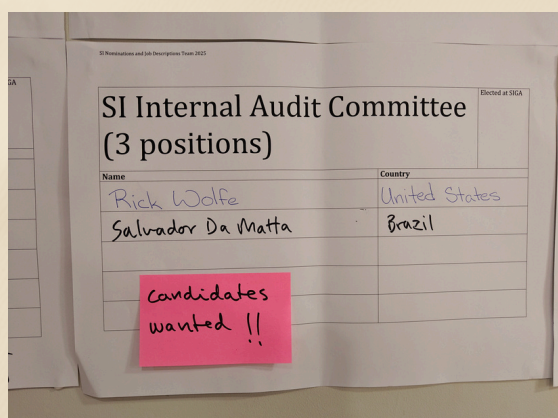
THE NEWEST (AND YOUNGEST) DELEGATE ON THE BLOCK!

For her first SICOGA as a delegate, Valeria Oblitas Novoa or Valé, as she is better known, did not come with too many expectations but entering the hall with all the other delegates felt akin to being at the United Nations. Valeria found the proceedings easy to follow but the amendments to the amendments sometimes were too much!

Outside of Servas, she works as a Communication Assistant for the International Office at La Universidad de Lima and is involved in several other voluntary activities.



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MEMBERSHIP UPDATES FROM SERVAS INTERNATIONAL

Rita Dessauvage, from Servas Belgium and Luxembourg and a valued member of the Membership Team, presented a proposal to withdraw membership status from two groups – Singapore and Romania – as they have not met the required criteria. The proposal was approved.

Rita also put forward a proposal to grant full member-group status, with voting rights, to **Servas Cuba**, recognizing the remarkable progress the group has made in recent years. Servas Cuba has built a strong network of dedicated volunteers and organized inspiring activities that truly reflect Servas values.

We warmly congratulate Yudeisy Labañino, coordinator of Servas Cuba, and wish her and the entire team great success as they continue to grow and strengthen this new member group.



CELEBRATING CONNECTIONS AT SICOGA 2025

At SICOGA 2025, the spirit of Servas continues to shine as we connect people from all corners of the globe! This year, we had the joy of celebrating the birthdays of two wonderful members of our international family – Dalton from Kenya, Africa, a dedicated delegate, and Sayan from India, Asia, an enthusiastic member of the Media and Communication Team. Their special day added extra warmth and happiness to the gathering, reminding us once again that Servas is not just an organization – it's a global community where friendships and shared moments truly bring the world closer together.

Take a tour through the landlocked and beautiful country of Malawi as you solve the questions to a competition launched by their Servas team. But, but, but.. it's not enough to have good General Knowledge! Hidden among the geography and history questions, are nuggets of information about some of the SICOGA participants. So, tuende!

'MALAWI FUN!' © SICOGA 2025 COMPETITION

Win yourself a Malawi kitchen apron in wild animal cloth. Paper book from elephant dung. Animal-skin book marker.

Your name: Country:

- Where and when were the last two African Regional Meetings held?
A) B)
- How many people attended the last meeting, from how many countries? Ans: x64, 13 countries
- What month and day will World Peace Day fall on in 2026 Month: in 2026.
- Which country in Africa is known as the 'Warm heart of Africa'? Ans:
- What is 'rising' on the Malawi flag? Why?
- Who loves snakes, as they are sweet and likes to snake-(not bird)-watch and has all siblings have blue eyes.
- Where did the worlds largest elephant translocation take place and with how many elephants?
Number of elephants moved? x From: to &
Who's from a Paddington-bear country where people are short, but isn't himself at all & has size 45shoes.
Ans: Country:
- Name the National Secretary of Uganda and their full-time job? Ans: Job:

Photo Gallery



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