



SLSEAA Annual Reunion and General Meeting Papers

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Motion 6: "Co-establishing the LSE Alumnae and Alumni Foundation of Switzerland"

(last amended on 26 June 2014)

"Members are motioned to co-establish¹ the *LSE Alumnae and Alumni Foundation of Switzerland*² under a deed,

- acknowledging the gift from the Secretary General of CHF 5'000 respectively CHF 10'000³ towards its establishment,
- acknowledging any other gifts from members of CHF 5'000 or more towards its establishment, and
- contributing CHF 35'000 of its own assets as set aside under the 'Second Decade Campaign' scholarship endowment.

For the Swiss Confederation and the several cantons to grant the Foundation tax-exemption, members accept that the final text of the deed may slightly vary from the draft version without substantially changing the general aim of the Foundation."

- 1 **Co-establishment:** The foundation is co-established by the SLSEAA, Marcel Bigger and any other members, who make a leadership contribution of CHF 5'000 or more to its initial assets.
- 2 **Alternative name:** *LSE Foundation of Switzerland* could be chosen as the legal name instead if and only if the School agrees to give a perpetual, irredeemable license to that effect.
- 3 **Challenge to members:** Marcel Bigger, the Secretary General, will increase his contribution to the initial assets of the Foundation from CHF 5'000 to CHF 10'000 if at least one other member matches or exceeds his contribution of CHF 10'000.

Pro Arguments:	Contra Arguments:
<p>Background:</p> <p>Members established on 28 June 2008 "a permanent endowment for one or more scholarships tenable at the London School of Economics and Political Science for Swiss citizens and permanent residents partially or whole financing a full-time course of study in any offered academic subject for up to one academic session"</p> <p>and decided that "the endowment is to be built by the allocation of operational fund surpluses and the raising of additional funds from members and corporate entities associated with members over the next few years".</p> <p>Members also directed the Officers "to fully explore any possibilities of tax-efficient giving available to members and to draw up rules and regulations governing the endowment and the scholarships".</p> <p>Direct benefits to members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support Swiss citizens and permanent residents of high academic ability but limited financial means to benefit from the same LSE education as you have 2. Deduct donations from your taxable income in Switzerland 3. Serve on the foundation board respectively scholarship committee and help choose deserving scholarship recipients 4. Increase the visibility of your Association and the 	<p>So far, none expressed.</p>

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5. Increase the number of students from Switzerland able to study and do research at the School
6. Learn about the scientific research of the returning scholarship recipients (All scholarship recipients will be required to give a lecture at an alumni event.)
7. Inspire other people to support education to drive social and economic progress

For these reasons, the Officers of the Association recommend your approval of this Motion.