BYLAWS OF THE
ACTIVE LEARNING IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SECTION (ALIAS)
of the International Studies Association (ISA)

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I. NAME

This organization shall be known as the Active Learning in International Affairs Section (ALIAS) of the International Studies Association.

II. HISTORY

ALIAS grew out of the Pew Faculty Fellowship in International Affairs at Harvard University. The Pew Fellowship program involved five years of Fellows, a total of 118 faculty, teaching international affairs in a broad range of departments in colleges and universities in the United States and Canada. During this period, the Pew Fellowship sponsored panels on case teaching at each ISA annual convention. Although the program ended in 1995, the interest in active learning within the ISA general membership was sufficiently strong that ALIAS was created to provide a forum to continue these discussions and panels.

III. PURPOSES

1. The purpose of ALIAS is to create a forum for exploring active learning approaches to teaching international affairs in the classroom. These approaches include, but are not limited to: case teaching, structured debates, small group discussions, role-playing exercises, simulations, film, and technological applications. ALIAS supports the writing and use of active learning materials for use in teaching in international affairs, provides a forum for discussion of the practical aspects of teaching with active learning methods, and encourages research and critical review of active teaching and learning techniques in the spirit of cumulation in the discipline.

2. ALIAS sponsors panels and round tables, reporting on and disseminating current research and practice in the field, at each national ISA convention and at other scholarly meetings.
IV. RELATIONSHIPS

1. ALIAS encourages cooperative relationships with other Sections and Regions of ISA and other professional and scholarly organizations that share its interests.

2. ALIAS communicates with its members through the section webpage, available at <http://www.isanet.org/groups/isa-sections.html>. ALIAS also communicates with its members and provides members with active teaching and learning resources through the ALIAS Web Archive, which can be accessed via the section webpage.

3. ALIAS also communicates with its members through the ALIAS Newsletter, sent electronically to members, but also available on the section webpage.

V. MEMBERSHIP

1. Any member of ISA sharing the purposes and interests of this section may become a member upon payment of annual dues to ALIAS.

2. Membership dues shall be set at the annual meeting of the section.

3. Members shall be entitled to:
   a. attend, participate in, and vote at the annual ALIAS business meeting;
   b. sponsor nominations for ALIAS officers;
   c. be eligible for nomination to elective office;
   d. receive general communications regarding the activities of the section.

VI. OFFICERS

1. The officers of ALIAS will consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, immediate Past President, and Members-at-Large.

2. The position of President is filled by the ascension of the section Vice President to that position at the end of the section’s annual business meeting. He or she will serve for one year. The President will conduct the annual business meeting, convene the Executive Committee as needed, coordinate section activities, and with the consent of the Committee make
appointments to section committees. To fill vacancies on the Committee, the President may appoint a temporary replacement. The President also acts as Treasurer/Financial Officer of the Section.

3. The Vice President will be elected at the annual business meeting. He or she will serve for a one-year term. The Vice President is responsible for organizing the ALIAS sponsored panels and round tables at the upcoming ISA annual convention. The Vice President, in addition to his or her Program Chair duties, is the incoming President-Elect for the Section.

4. The Secretary will be elected at the annual business meeting. He or she will serve for a three-year term with possibility of re-election for two additional years. The Secretary is also Editor of the ALIAS newsletter. The Secretary is responsible for keeping minutes of meeting, and editing and distributing the ALIAS Newsletter to the Section membership.

5. The immediate Past President will serve as a voting member of the Executive Committee for one year.

6. The Webmaster will be elected at the annual business meeting. He or she will serve for a one-year term (with possibility of re-election but no more than five continuous years), and also serves as a Member-at-Large on the Executive Committee of the section. The Webmaster is responsible for maintaining the electronic interfaces of the section, including webpage and electronic archive. The Webmaster may also assist the Secretary and other officers in contacting and distributing materials and information to the section membership.

7. Additional Members-at-Large will be elected to the Executive Committee. They will serve one-year renewable terms but no more than five continuous years. Elections for open at-large positions will be held at the Business meeting of the Section.

8. The ALIAS Executive Committee consists of the President, Vice President, Past President, Secretary, and the Members-at-Large. The responsibilities of the Executive Committee shall be to:

   a. review the annual budget and set annual dues;
   b. approve expenditures proposed by either the President, individual Council members, or members of the Section;
c. assist the President in the performance of his or her responsibilities;
d. assist the Program Chair in organizing ALIAS activities and panels at
the annual ISA convention;
e. appoint a Nominating Committee to nominate persons to positions on
the Executive Committee; the majority of that committee must be
comprised of persons not presently serving on the Committee;
1. In the absence of enough volunteers to field a Nominating
Committee, the members of the Executive Committee may directly
recruit candidates for officer positions. In doing so, Executive
Committee members will adhere to section VII.1 regarding diversity of
candidates.
f. appoint such committees as are necessary to run the Section.

VII. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

1. The Nominating Committee shall seek to ensure a slate representative
of the diversity within the Section, including various disciplines, intellectual
and methodological stances, ages and genders, institutions, and
geographic locations.

2. Nominees for each vacant position shall be solicited before the annual
section business meeting, and made known to the membership as soon as
possible.

3. Additional nominations made at the annual business meeting and
seconded by at least one other attending section member shall also appear
on the ballot.

4. Elections shall be held at the annual meeting. Elections may be held by
secret ballot at the request of any member in attendance at the annual
section business meeting.

VIII. BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

1. Amendments to the Section Bylaws may be proposed by the Executive
Committee or by a petition of at least ten members.

2. Proposed amendments shall be submitted to the President not later
than two months before the annual meeting, and shall be discussed and
voted on at the annual meeting.
3. Approved amendments shall be submitted to ISA officers.

IX. TRANSITION

These Bylaws shall come into effect upon ratification by a majority of ALIAS members who attend at the annual section business meeting and approval by the ISA.