

Charter of the International Security Studies Section of the International Studies Association

[As Amended in January 2019]

Article I. Name

This section shall be known as the “International Security Studies Section” of the International Studies Association.

Article II. Purpose

Within the context of international studies, the ISSS seeks to promote the study of global, international, regional and national security—broadly conceived. The section is theoretically and methodologically pluralistic, seeking to support and encourage scholarship from a wide range of perspectives.

Article III. Membership

1. Every ISA member who signifies a desire to belong and meets whatever additional requirements may be established by the Section or its Council may be enrolled as a member of ISSS.
2. In addition to privileges as ISA members, ISSS members will be entitled to whatever privileges as are specified in the section Charter.

Article IV. ISSS Governing Council

1. The governing body of the ISSS shall be the section Governing Council.
2. The Council shall be increased to 13 members in 2018 and 14 members in 2020. Membership to the Council shall be for three-year terms, staggered so that five members will be elected in 2018 and every other year to follow; four members will be elected in the remaining years.
3. The Council will meet annually during ISA conventions and at such other times as the chair may designate. Non-members of the Council may be invited to attend and speak at Council meetings at the invitation of the Council.
4. The Council shall have a Chair and a Vice Chair, who will be the officers of the Section and will serve two-year terms in those posts. The Vice Chair will be elected by the Section and will at the end of his/her term, normally serve as section Chair. Where the Vice Chair declines or is unable to serve as section Chair, the section Chair shall be elected by the Council.
5. The Council will appoint standing and ad hoc committees for the Section including a nominating committee, and it will name representative or liaison officers, as appropriate, for the ISA Assembly, and the various standing committees of the Association. Non-members of the Council may serve on any of its committees.
6. At least one member of the Governing Council must be from outside North America and at least one member should be a graduate student who has not formally been awarded the degree for which she/he is a candidate at the time of election.
7. The immediate past Chair of ISSS will serve as an ex-officio member of the Governing Council.

Article V. Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer

1. The Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer will remain members of the Council ex-officio should their terms of office extend beyond their terms as elected members of the Council.
2. The Chair will preside over Council meetings, and may call such special Council meetings as she/he deems appropriate.
3. The Chair will normally have acted as section program chair for at least one of the ISA annual conventions.
4. Where the Chair is unable to fulfill his/her duties, s/he may delegate such duties and responsibilities to the Vice Chair.
5. The Treasurer will be appointed by the Chair and ratified by the Council. He or she will serve for a renewable 5-year term. The role of Treasurer will be to track the income and spending of the section, to work with ISA on the management of ISSS funds, and to provide guidance to the Chair and Vice Chair on budgetary matters. The Treasurer will oversee the expenses charged and credits added by ISA to the ISSS account, and help the Chair and Vice Chair in generating income for section activities.

Article VI. Nominations and Elections

1. A nominating committee, chosen by the Council, will select a list of candidates for election to vacant positions on the Council in time for an email ballot election to occur prior to the Annual ISA Convention, enabling the newly elected members to take part in the subsequent Council meetings.
2. The nominating committee shall be chaired by the Section Vice Chair.
3. The nominating committee will invite nominations, including self-nominations, from members of the section for election to the Council. Nominations must be received by the deadline set by the nomination committee in order to be considered for selection onto the ballot.
4. The nominating committee shall mail ballots at least 60 days prior to the ISA annual meeting.

Article VII. Meetings

1. There will be a business meeting of the ISSS at the annual ISA conference, and such other ISSS programs and meetings as the ISSS Council may determine.
2. The Chair or his/her designated representative will preside over all business meetings and programs of ISSS.

Article VIII. Administration

1. The Chair of the ISSS shall be responsible for the administration of the Section's affairs, subject to the rules and regulations of the ISA and the Section.
2. The Section may solicit funds from external sources, but may use the names of, or commit, the ISA only after consultation and agreement with its officers.
3. The ISSS Council may also establish supplementary dues for members of the Section, subject to limitations set by the ISA.

Article IX. Amendments

1. Amendments to the ISSS Charter may be proposed by the ISSS Council, to be submitted to the total ISSS membership by a mail ballot; such proposed amendments will be adopted if endorsed by a majority of members who return ballots within six weeks of the mailing date.
2. Amendments to the Charter may be submitted by any member, and if approved by a majority of ISSS members present and voting at the annual business meeting of the Section, shall be submitted to the ISSS Council for consideration.

Article X. Effectuation

This Charter took effect upon approval of a majority vote of those present and voting at the International Security Studies Section (then SOMS) business meeting at the ISA 1971 annual conference and approval of ISA Governing Council, as amended at the Annual Meeting September 1988, at the ISSS business meeting at the April 1996 annual conference, by 1996 membership ballot, by 2013 membership ballot, and by 2016 membership ballot.