I. Name
This organization shall be known as the Peace Studies Section of the International Studies Association (PSS/ISA).

II. Purposes
The aim of PSS/ISA is to seek a better understanding of the causes of war and violence and of the conditions of peace in the international system. To this end, the Section shall link scholars of various disciplines and methodologies, shall develop, encourage, and disseminate research, and shall facilitate research-based teaching in peace and conflict studies.

III. Relationships
PSS/ISA will encourage cooperative relationships with other Sections and regions of ISA and other professional and scholarly organizations which share its interests.

IV. Membership
1. Any ISA member sharing the purposes of the Section may become a member upon payment of annual dues.

2. Members are entitled to receive copies of Section publications, participate in annual meetings, nominate and be nominated for office, vote, and sponsor amendments to this charter.

V. Officers
1. The officers of PSS/ISA shall be the Chairperson and members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of the chairperson plus six other members, each elected for a two-year term, one-half to be elected each year. The chairperson may be re-elected once.

2. The Executive Committee shall meet at the ISA annual meeting and at such other reasonable times and places as the chairperson, or at least three (3) of the officers shall designate.

3. The Chairperson of the Executive Committee shall be the official spokesperson and chief administrative officer of PSS/ISA; shall call and conduct meetings of the Executive Committee and of the Section; shall participate in the ISA Governing Council, shall be responsible for the expenditure of funds, for the preparation of an annual report to the Governing Council, and of an annual budget and agenda and minutes of meetings. The chairperson shall appoint Program co-chairs as per article V.5; a 3-member Boulding Award Committee, and other committees as necessary.

4. The Executive Committee shall attend meetings of the Section; establish rules of procedure for its own meetings; approve the annual budget and dues and any use of the Section name; assist the chairperson in the conduct of other Section responsibilities; and appoint an Acting Chairperson if the Chairperson should die or resign.

5. Each spring the Chairperson, in consultation with the Executive Committee, shall name a Program Co-Chair for a two-year period culminating in the ISA Convention to be held...
two years later. The Program Co-Chairs shall be responsible for coordinating the PCS program for the Annual Convention and for working with ISA HQ and the Section Chair as necessary. Each Program Co-Chair shall serve a term of two years (two Annual Conventions) with the terms of the two Co-Chairs overlapping. Each year the Program Co-Chairs shall submit a report on papers and panels submitted, accepted and the number of panels sponsored or co-sponsored for the Annual Convention to the Section Chair before the Convention.

VI. Nominations and Elections

1. A Nominating Committee of at least three (3) members, including at least one member of the Executive Committee and at least one member from outside the Executive Committee, shall be elected at the annual meeting.

2. 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 sexes, institutions, and geographic locations.

3. The names of one or more nominees for each vacant position shall be made known to the membership at least six weeks before the annual meeting.

4. Additional nominations sponsored by at least ten members and reviewed by the Chairperson at least six weeks before the annual meeting shall also appear on the ballot.

5. Elections shall be decided by an electronic ballot to all members which will be returned to the Chairperson at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting in order to be counted.

VII. Amendments

1. Amendments may be proposed by the Executive Committee, or by the petition of at least ten members.

2. Proposed amendments shall be submitted to the Chairperson not less than two months before the annual meeting, and shall be discussed and voted on at the annual meeting.

3. If the annual meeting vote is favorable, the amendment shall be submitted to a mail ballot of the members, becoming effective when adopted by a two-fifth's majority of those responding within one month of mailing.

4. Amendments shall be submitted to ISA officers.

VIII. Transition

1. This Charter shall come into effect upon ratification by a majority of PSS/ISA members by mail ballot and approval by ISA.

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