
Article I: Name. This organization shall be known as the International Law Section of the International Studies Association (ISA-IL).

Article II: Affiliation. ISA-IL is one of the sections of the International Studies Association and as such subscribes to its purposes and supports its activities.

Article III: Purposes. The purpose of the ISA-IL is to serve the needs and enhance the capacities of political science, legal and other scholars, practitioners, and others with teaching, research and policy interests in the field of international law.

Article IV: Relationships. ISA-IL shall cooperate fully with any existing organization having related interests, both within and outside ISA. Liaison shall be maintained with groups such as the American Society of International Law, the International Law Association, the Institute of International Law and similar bodies anywhere. The ISA-IL shall also work closely with the ISA regional sections in developing programs and other activities.

Article V: Membership. Anyone who shares the purposes of the organization may become a member, and any member who is also a member of the ISA shall be entitled to vote for elective officers.

Article VI: Officers. The elected officers shall be a Chair, a Vice-Chair and a Secretary. Their term of office shall be two years. The outgoing Chair will assist the elected officials for the year subsequent to term of office. The Chair shall function as treasurer. Should the Chair resign or be unable to serve, the Vice-Chair will assume the duties of the Chair. Should the Vice-Chair resign or be unable to serve, the Secretary will assume the duties of the Vice Chair. The chair shall appoint Acting officers for those positions that cannot be filled.

Article VII: Structure. The Chair shall act as liaison with the ISA and other organizations and shall send out notices to the membership via the ILAW listserv. The Chair shall also assist the Vice-Chair and Secretary and will coordinate the Section’s officers and activities. The Vice-Chair shall be responsible for organizing ISA-IL panels for the Annual Convention, in consultation with the Chair, and shall act as Section liaison with the Annual Convention program chair. The Secretary will take the minutes of the annual business meeting, prepare the annual report, coordinate with the award committees, and will assist the Chair and Vice-Chair, as necessary.

Article VIII: Nominations and Elections. By virtue of incumbency, the elected Vice-Chair and Secretary are automatically installed for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively. Candidates for the elected position of incoming Secretary will be nominated by the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary prior to the annual business meeting. Nominations may also be sent to the elected officers by email prior to the annual business meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the meeting. Election to office shall be conducted at the annual business meeting and candidates with the largest number of votes shall be considered elected.

Article IX: Amendments. Amendments to this Charter may be proposed by the Chair or upon petition of five members of the ISA-IL. Membership shall be informed of proposed amendments through the listserv. Amendments shall be ratified by a vote of two-thirds of all members of the ISA-IL at the annual business meeting.