

ISA-Asia Pacific Region Annual General Meeting Minutes 2018

Wednesday, April 4, 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

Franciscan B, Hilton San Francisco Union Square

Agenda

- 1. Business**
 - 2. Membership**
 - 3. Financial Report**
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I. Business

1) Outgoing Executive Committee Members

A vote of thanks was given to the outgoing executive committee for their work over their past term namely Giorgio Shani as president, Lorraine Elliott as vice-president, Dingding Chen as vice-president, Alistair D. B. Cook as secretary-treasurer, and Joel Campbell, Kosuke Shimizu and Laura Shepherd as the members-at-large on the Executive Committee.

2) ISA Governing Council 2018

At the ISA Governing Council 2018, they approved the inclusion of South Asia into the Asia-Pacific region. The Asia-Pacific region awaits further feedback from outgoing President Giorgio Shani on other relevant outcomes of the ISA Governing Council meeting 2018.

3) Provisional Incoming Regional Executive Committee (2018 – 2021)

- A. On behalf of the selection committee, confirmation was given that the provisional incoming regional executive (2018-2021) subject to approval by a poll of Asia-Pacific members after the annual convention are:

President (1):

Dr. Alistair Cook (Nanyang Technological University, Singapore)
<https://www.rsis.edu.sg/profile/alistair-d-b-cook/#.Wr3OL9RuY2w>

Vice-Presidents (2):

1. Professor Kumiko Haba (Aoyama Gakuin University, Japan)
<http://www.sipeb.aoyama.ac.jp/en/faculty/k-haba.html>

2. Professor Kosuke Shimizu (Ryukoku University, Japan).
<http://www.ryukoku.ac.jp/english2/prog/graduate/world/professors/shimizu.html>

Secretary/Treasurer (1):

Associate Professor Herman Salton (Asian University for Women, Bangladesh)*
[http://www.hermansalton.net/Regional Conference](http://www.hermansalton.net/Regional%20Conference)

B. The business meeting nominated unanimously without objection to the following for Members-at-large to join the Executive Committee subject to poll approval:

Member-at-large (1)

Associate Professor Wu Fengshi (University of Melbourne, Australia)

Member-at-large (2)

Associate Professor Jian Zhang (University of New South Wales, Australia)

Member-at-large (3)

Yvonne Su (University of Guelph, Canada)

Member-at-large (4)

Associate Professor Chingchang Chen (Ryukoku University, Japan)

Once the ISA Annual Convention 2018 is finished then Alistair D. B. Cook will work with ISA HQ to conduct a poll of Asia-Pacific members on the provisional ISA Asia-Pacific executive committee.

4) Regional Conference

- It was noted that the ISA Asia-Pacific Conference so far have been held in Oceania (at UQ Inaugural conference), and Northeast Asia (CUHK).
- The business meeting decided unanimously without objection that the incoming president would:
 - o Investigate further bringing the regional conference to another sub-region of the Asia-Pacific, namely Southeast Asia as first choice.
 - o Japan and New Zealand were identified as alternatives.

5) Professional Development Workshop

- The success of the professional development workshop held in advance of the last Asia-Pacific conference organised by Vice-President Lorraine Elliott was recognised.
- Alistair D. B. Cook encouraged the membership to approach the executive committee with ideas in this regard.
- A write-shop was proposed as an important component of professional development to be considered as part of a submission for accompanying the next regional conference.
- Professor Kumiko Haba noted the importance of training young scholars in the Asia-Pacific and conveyed her interest in this endeavour.

6) Graduate Student Paper Award

- The business meeting unanimously agreed without objection to:
 - o Establish a Graduate Student Paper Award for the ISA Asia-Pacific region in time for ISA 2019;
 - o Establish a Graduate Student Paper Award Committee to be made up of three (3) Executive Committee members.
 - o The Award Committee to consider papers with the following conditions:
 - (1) The Graduate Student Paper Award is for graduate students registered in the International Studies Association as based in the Asia-Pacific region;
 - (2) The paper is presented at the ISA Annual Convention the same year

(3) The paper is submitted no later than eight (8) weeks in advance of the first day of the International Studies Association Annual Convention for consideration.

- The Award will be announced annually at the ISA Asia-Pacific business meeting;
- The Award will offer a prize sum of money consistent with other ISA Awards;
- The incoming ISA Asia-Pacific region president will approach ISA journal editors on the prospect of publishing the awardee in the first instance in an ISA journal; and a non-ISA journal in the second instance.

7) Newsletter

- The business meeting unanimously agreed that the Executive Committee would produce a regional newsletter once (1) a year; with the potential for a second (2) newsletter in the year of the annual convention.

8) Website

- The business meeting unanimously agreed that the Executive Committee further investigate developing the ISA Asia-Pacific region website as much as possible with agreement of ISA HQ

II. Membership

- 1) Jan 2017: **607** members
- 2) Increase of **73**
- 3) We await the figures of the reformed Asia-Pacific region. It was estimated to be c. 1000 members meaning an increase in membership and funding.

III. Financial Report

- 1) Jan 2017: **\$19,430. 40** (balance)
- 2) Await the new figures of the reformed Asia-Pacific region. Over the past Financial Year, no outgoings.

AGM Chair and rapporteur:

Alistair D. B. Cook,
Outgoing Treasurer, Asia-Pacific Region,
International Studies Association