FULL REPORT

THE COMMITTEE
The Diplomatic Studies Section (DSS) Committee consists of Brian Rathbun (Chairman), Marcus Holmes (Programme Chair), Antoaneta Vanc (Treasurer), and Susan Harris Rimmer (Secretary), and the following at-large members: J. Simon Rofe (SOAS University of London), Gerey Shtrak (University of Washington), Hugo Renderos (Keiser University) and Costel Calin (Southern Connecticut State University). The programme chair’s term of office expires in February 2017.

SECTION MEMBERSHIP
Membership in DSS is rising. Membership (which varies month-on-month as members’ memberships expire and they renew or not) as of October 2016 had increased from 299 to 323 over the course of the year, an increase of 8% even as the ISA membership as a whole dropped slightly by about 1%

PROGRAMME
Marcus Holmes, Robert Trager and Jeremie Cornut served as tri-program chairs for the 2017 Baltimore convention. The Diplomatic Studies section was allocated 20 panel slots for the 2017 program, an increase of two from the previous year. For context, a total of 1009 panels were allocated to 33 sections and caucuses. The ISA instructs program chairs to work towards a rough 50/50 spit of papers drawn from proposed panels and individual submissions.

We received 12 panel proposals, 5 listing diplomatic studies as their first choice and 7 as their second; 79 individual paper proposals, listing us as their first choice and 73 as their second; and seven roundtables listing us as their first choice and 10 as their second.

Six roundtables, 4 panels and 46 papers submitted were selected for the program.

FINANCES
The finances of DSS remain robust. As of September 2016, our budget stood at $6,166, up from $5012 in September 2015. Our expenses were mostly the approximately $2300 for our share of hosting the joint conference reception with the English School, Historical Studies, and CISS.

AWARDS
The following awards were given at the 2016 annual meeting.
**Best Article on Diplomacy, co-winners**


**Best Book on Diplomacy, co-winners**

Todd H. Hall. *Emotional diplomacy: Official emotion on the international stage*.

The members of the committee were Antoneta Vanc, Marcus Holmes and Brian Rathbun. We thank former members Roberto Duran (Chairman), Julie Gallagher, Marios Efthymiopoulos and Rhonda Zaharna for their service.