FULL REPORT

THE COMMITTEE

The Diplomatic Studies Section (DSS) Committee consists of Marcus Holmes (Chairman and Section Program Co-Chair), Jeremie Cornut (Treasurer and Section Program Co-Chair) and Robert Frederic Trager (Section Program Co-Chair).

The Prize Committee consists of Antoaneta Vanc (Section Awards Chair), Robert Frederic Trager, and Seanon Wong. At-large committee members include Kristin M. Haugevik, Stacy Closson, Hugo Renderos, and Costel Calin.

Marcus Holmes’ term of office as Chairman expires in March 2019

SECTION MEMBERSHIP

Section membership increased by a substantial 61 members in 2017, a 19% increase (see Figure).

PROGRAM

Marcus Holmes, Jeremie Cornut, Robert Trager, and David Traven all helped to put together the program for the 2018 San Francisco convention. The Diplomatic Studies section was allocated 30 panel slots for the 2018 program, an increase of ten from the previous year. For context, a total of 1852 panels
were allocated to 34 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 16 panel proposals, 10 listing diplomatic studies as their first choice and 6 as their second; 77 individual paper proposals, listing us as their first choice and 83 as their second; and two roundtables listing us as their first choice and 4 as their second. Six roundtables, 12 panels and were selected for the program alongside 12 panels crafted from individual paper submissions.

FINANCES
The finances of DSS remain robust. As of October 2017, our budget stood at $12347 up from $11151 in October 2016. Our expenses include our share of hosting the joint conference reception with IDSS & English School, and the printing and mailing of section awards.

AWARDS
We awarded two prizes at the ISA 2017 conference:

BEST ARTICLE ON DIPLOMACY, CO-WINNERS


The Best Book on Diplomacy award will next be given in 2019.