Memorandum to Re-charter a Section

TO: International Studies Association Governing Council
FROM: Paul Sharp
DATE: February 28, 2002
RE: Re-charter of the Diplomatic Studies Section

I, the Under-signed, in compliance with Article IV, Section 1(b) of the International Studies Association Constitution with regard to the re-chartering of International Studies Association Sections, do hereby request the Diplomatic Studies Section by the International Studies Association Governing Council for the period of April 2002-April 2007.

I have attached hereto the following items in support of this request (check all that are applicable):

I. Annual Report of Section activities
II. Analysis of Section Membership
III. Analysis of the Section financial base
IV. Copy of Section Charter
V. List of Section leadership with terms of office

DATED this 28 day of February, 2002.
I. Annual Report of Section Activities

At the 2001 business meeting in Chicago, it was decided that the Section should continue to focus primarily on the creation of panels for the annual convention as it has done in the past, leaving officers and members to coordinate other diplomatic studies primarily through the institutions and associations of which they are members. Accordingly, we are pleased to report that a total of 13 panels (six co-sponsored) have been accepted for this year’s convention in New Orleans. This is the largest number of panels put forward since the Section came into existence at the Toronto Convention in 1997, although there has never been a struggle to fulfill the quota of usually eight panels allotted by the Convention organizers. The panels reflect the Section’s determination to develop Diplomatic Studies in a direction which is both multi-disciplinary and eclectic. Thus panels on aspects of diplomatic history, international thought and theory, economic statecraft, and diplomatic practice rub shoulders with panels on newer issues such as environmental diplomacy and communications theory, and it is to be hoped that, as in the past, the panelists from these different and diverse fields rub shoulders also. However, the Section’s primary purpose in bringing such people together is twofold:

first, to develop insights and understanding on the practice of diplomacy from research conducted in other areas of International Studies, the social sciences and the humanities;

and second, to apply the insights and experiences of diplomatic practitioners in a systematic way to the principal issues and intellectual debates in the field of International Studies.

The Section has continued to liaise with other associations, primarily the Group On Diplomacy of the British International Studies Association and the panel organizers for meetings of the European Consortium for Political Research. Diplomatic Studies panels involving members of the Section were offered at the most recent conferences of both (Edinburgh and Canterbury respectively).

Individually, members of the Section have engaged in a wide range of activities related to Diplomatic Studies from organizing a conference on religious faith and diplomacy at the University of Kentucky through publishing articles on citizen diplomacy, economic statecraft, to review articles and book reviews on recently published studies in diplomacy. Currently, members of the Section are formulating a proposal for a conference on citizen diplomacy in Duluth, Minnesota, while other have submitted a proposal to assume editorship of Palgrave’s series Studies in Diplomacy.

Matters for the Section’s business meeting in New Orleans include discussion of these proposals and the establishment of a new newsletter following the
suspension of the newsletter of the Diplomatic Studies Program to which the Section enjoyed considerable access for publishing news and information about its own activities.

I. Analysis of Section Membership

There are currently 110 members of the Diplomatic Studies Section, representing a slow growth following the initial launch at San Diego in 1996. Two of the strongest features of the membership are its international composition and the involvement of practitioners or those who have had practical experience in the world of diplomacy. Two matters for attention at the next business meeting will be how to expand, and keep in contact with, the membership beyond the North American/Western European nexus and how to recruit more graduate students and recently graduated scholars to the Section.
I. Analysis of the Section’s Financial Base

The Section’s finances depend almost entirely on the section levy paid by ISA members. The only exceptions to this have been some funding for publicity and staffing support for the creation of a web site provided by the Patterson Institute at the University of Kentucky and funding for business meetings provided by the Alworth Institute of the University of Minnesota, Duluth. Neither of these exceptions took place in the recent past. Funds have been used primarily for receptions although at the Los Angeles Convention, Section Funds were also used to provide travel support for two panelists. The current account balance stands at $1,950.00.
I. Copy of Section’s Charter and Original Proposal

Charter of the Diplomatic Studies Section of the International Studies Association

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

Article II: Affiliation. The DDS 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 purposes of the DSS are to:
1. promote the exchange of ideas among diplomaticists across both disciplinary and international boundaries;
2. build a feeling of scholarly community and create a lobby in favor of diplomatic studies;
3. facilitate networking among students of diplomacy and hence cooperation on joint projects;
4. strengthen research and teaching in the field and attract talented new scholars to it.

Article IV: Relationships. The DSS will encourage cooperative relations with other organizations within and outside the ISA which share its interests.

Article V: Membership.
1. Any ISA member sharing the purposes of this section may become a member of the DSS upon payment of whatever dues shall be established.
2. Members are entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM), be eligible for nomination to elective office, nominate and vote for officers, participate in DSS activities, and receive DSS-sponsored publications.

Article VI: Officers.
1. The officers of the DSS will consist of a chairperson, treasurer, secretary, and publications director.
2. The chairperson shall preside at meetings, coordinate section activities, act as liaison with the ISA, and authorize expenditure of funds in consultation with the treasurer.
3. The treasurer will be responsible for raising funds and approving their expenditure in consultation with the chairperson, keeping accurate financial records, and for drawing up an annual balance sheet to be presented to the AGM.
4. The secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the section and take the minutes of the AGM and other business meetings. Minutes of the AGM shall be published in the Section Newsletter.
5. The publications director will be responsible for preparation and circulation of a Section Newsletter to be published at least once a year. He or she shall also assist and coordinate the publication of writing in the field prepared under section auspices.
Article VI: Elections to Office.
1. Officers will be elected at the AGM of the section held in conjunction with the ISA annual convention. Nominations for office shall come from members present at the AGM and then be put to a general vote of members present. Officers shall serve for a term of two years in their designated positions.
2. If one of the officers resigns or is indisposed before the end of his or her term of office the other officers shall designate a replacement to act until the next AGM, when an election for that office will take place.

Article VII: Executive Committee. An executive committee will be comprised of the section officers. It shall meet at the ISA annual convention and at such other reasonable times and places as the chairperson shall designate. Its duties are to review the annual budget, set membership dues, and consider the overall policy of the section, including ideas for panels and other relevant activities.

Article VIII: Amendments. Amendments to this charter may be proposed by the Executive Committee or upon petition of ten members of the DSS. Membership shall be informed of proposed amendments either through the Section Newsletter or by special mailing. Amendments shall be considered at the AGM and adopted if approved by two-thirds of the members present and voting.
Proposal for a Diplomatic Studies Section (DSS) with the ISA

General
Diplomacy is the management of international relations by peaceful means, especially negotiation. It is particularly, though not exclusively, associated with the work of diplomatic services. Diplomatic Studies consists of the general study of diplomacy, past and present, from a variety of perspectives, whether historical, theoretical, regional, or legal. All academically accepted methodologies are welcome; indeed, the strength of the field lies in its interdisciplinary nature.

Diplomatic studies is now solidly established in Europe. It is taught as a self-standing subject at a number of universities. The Diplomatic Studies Programme was recently set up as a section within the European Consortium for Political Research to promote joint work in the field.

The field is served by several journals including Diplomacy and Statecraft and Diplomatic History. Macmillan the publishers now has a new series, Studies in Diplomacy.

Need for a new Section
At the present moment diplomaticists lack an appropriate niche within the ISA. They have a different agenda and set of interests from either the Peace Studies or International Law sections. This is reflected in their absence, on the whole, from panels and activities organized by those sections.

A separate section would bring together, under one roof, diplomaticists scattered throughout the social sciences and humanities. It would promote interdisciplinary dialogue and cross-fertilization. It would attract to the ISA new members who have at present no associational home.

Goals and Objectives
The aims of a DSS are to:
* Promote the exchange of ideas among diplomaticists across both disciplinary and international boundaries;
* Build a feeling of scholarly community and create a lobby in favor of diplomatic studies;
* Facilitate networking among diplomaticists and hence cooperation on joint projects;
* As a result of the following, strengthen the field and attract talented new scholars to it.

Proposed activities of the Section
In conformity with the aims set out above a DSS would:
* Organize research workshops, conferences, and panels at ISA conventions;
* Publish a newsletter;
* Provide information on ongoing activities in the field in the United States, Europe, Japan, and elsewhere, and thereby promote international dialogue and cooperation;
* Draw American scholars into a number of research projects which are beginning to get under way in Europe.
Organizational Characteristics

There would be an Annual General Meeting of members held at the ISA convention. The AGM would appoint by majority vote of those present a committee of four officers to serve for a two-year period consisting of chief officer, treasurer, secretary, and publications director. The chief officer would be empowered to authorize expenditure of funds in consultation with the treasurer, who would be responsible for raising funds for and drawing up an annual balance sheet to be presented to the AGM.

Temporary officers for organizational purposes would be appointed by a vote of those present at a constitutive meeting to be held on Thursday April 18 at 6:30 p.m. (Following a reception in the Esquire Room of the Town and Country Hotel at the ISA San Diego convention).

I. The DSS recognizes that it has the responsibility for preparing an annual substantive report to the Governing Council and a review document during the fifth year of the Section’s existence (for the purpose of rechartering).
I. Section Leadership
Chair: Paul Sharp, University of Minnesota, Duluth, 2000-2002
Co-Chair and Program Chair: Donna Lee, University of Nottingham, 2000-2002
Secretary: John Stempel, University of Kentucky, 2000-2002
Treasurer: Marsha Frey, Kansas State University, 2000-2002