

Memorandum to Re-charter a Section

TO: International Studies Association Governing Council

FROM: Daniel Green

DATE: December 30, 2007

RE: Re-charter of the English School 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 that the English School Section be re-chartered by the International Studies Association Governing Council for the period of January 2008-January 2013.

I have attached hereto the following items in support of this request:

1. Annual Report of Section activities
 2. Analysis of Section Membership
 3. Analysis of the Section financial base
 4. Copy of Section Charter
 5. List of Section leadership with terms of office
1. DATED this 30 day of December, 2007 Annual Report of Section Activities

At the 2006 and 2007 business meetings, it was decided that the Section would continue for the time being to focus primarily on the creation of panels for the annual convention, as it has done in the past. As such, we are pleased to report that the section continues to prosper in these terms. We put together 14 panels for the Chicago meeting in 2007 (a section record), bolstered by six linked panels marking the 30th anniversary of the publication of Hedley Bull's *The Anarchical Society*. Then, without the help of six linked panels, were able to put together 12 panels for 2008 and San Francisco. Particularly encouraging are: the number of young scholars appearing on English School panels; the continuing trend of the English School being the site for most panels on historical themes in international relations; the broadening range of subject matter covered in our panels, including the English School and liberal IR theory, the ES and the war on terror/the Middle East, the ES and methods, etc. We also note increasing synergies with other sections, in the high number of co-sponsored panels in the last two years, our new co-sponsoring of a reception with Comparative and Inter-Disciplinary Studies, and our future presence at the ISA-Northeast regional meeting, where we will be putting forward at least two panels at their 2008 annual meeting.

Several other developments in the ES section are worthy of note: 1) the six linked panels celebrating Bull were also given at the ECPR-SGIR

conference in Turin, and will be turning into an edited volume; 2) two linked panels for San Francisco on international relations and society before European hegemony, put together by Yongjin Zhang, Joel Quirk and Shogo Suzuki, were the subject of an ISA Workshop Grant proposal and will also likely become an edited volume; 3) the section is likely to become the home of the Adam Watson Prize, now being discussed to commemorate the work of the late ES scholar – a topic of the SanFran business meeting; 4) the ES has also been fully involved in the Compendium Project and has put forth fourteen essay topics and authors to cover them.

2. Analysis of Section Membership

There are currently 47 members of the English School Section. We note that two salient and commendable features of our membership continue to be its truly international composition and the healthy involvement of new, young scholars, as the English School itself enjoys its new renaissance.

3. Analysis of the Section's Financial Base

The Section's finances depend almost entirely on the section levy paid by ISA members. The current account balance stands at \$1308.01, making us not the richest but certainly not the poorest of sections. We consider this an increasingly healthy sum and have been discussing things to spend it on, including a contribution to the Adam Watson Prize fund (topics for the '08 San Francisco business meeting).

4. Copy of Section Charter

See below.

5. List of Section leadership with terms of office

Current 2006-2008 Terms:

Chair – Daniel Green, University of Delaware

Secretary – Yannis Stivachtis, Virginia Tech

Treasurer – Paul Sharp, University of Minnesota-Duluth

We will be holding elections for all positions in San Francisco.

Charter of the English School Section of the International Studies Association

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

Article II: Affiliation. The ESS 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 ESS are to:

1. promote the exchange of ideas among ES-interested scholars across both disciplinary and international boundaries;
2. build a feeling of scholarly community and create a lobby in favor of ES-related studies;
3. facilitate networking among students of the English School and cooperation on joint projects;
4. strengthen research and teaching in the field and attract talented new scholars to it.

Article IV: Relationships. The ESS 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 ESS 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 ESS activities, and receive ESS-sponsored publications.

Article VI: Officers.

1. The officers of the ESS are chair (or co-chairs), treasurer, and secretary elected for two year terms.