The FPA section held its annual business meeting in San Francisco on April 5, 2013. Elections produced a new leadership group for 2013-2014, which included Steve Saideman (President), Deborah Larson (VP and Program Chair for Toronto), Officers at Large Klaus Brummer, David Letzian and Mark Paradis as well as Past President Cameron Theis.

The section sponsored or co-sponsored 92 panels and 1 poster session, which was held in conjunction with our reception, thanks to Steve Saideman as VP and Program Chair. James Scott and Klaus Brummer organized an innovative panel on “Why Theories of International Relations Need Theories of Foreign Policy.” Jarrod Hayes organized the workshop group “Bridging the Gap Between Role Theory and ‘Role Practice’ in Foreign Policy.” We recognized Sibel Oktay as the winner of the 2013 Alexander George Graduate Student paper award. Thanks also goes to Jarrod Hayes for chairing the George committee. The section held a special roundtable honoring Professor Janice Gross Stein as the Section’s Distinguished Scholar. Stein was also honored at our annual reception, which was co-sponsored by Scientific Study of International Processes Section (SSIP) and the Political Demography and Geography Section (PDG) and funded by the sections as well as by the donations of many partner groups and publishers. The reception was quite successful, and we hope to work with SSIP and PDG again in the future.

For the 2014 meeting, Deborah Larson has organized (sponsor or co-sponsor) 84 panels and roundtables for the Toronto meeting and one poster session in conjunction with our reception. David Lektzian organized an Innovative Panel on “Advancing FPA: Learning from the Global South.” We will honor Professor Rose McDermott as our Distinguished Scholar with a special roundtable and also honor her at our joint reception. Officer-at-large Klaus Brummer chaired the Alexander George Graduate Student Paper Award competition, which chose as the 2014 winner Jacquelyn Schneider for her paper on “Presidential Decisions for War - Is Intelligence to Blame? Case Studies of Lyndon B. Johnson and George W. Bush.” We will also hold elections at our annual business meeting where Deborah Larson will take over as Section President through the 2015 convention in New Orleans.

The FPA section currently has 859 members, down 17 from the previous year but still the second largest section. Our financial account has a balance just over $10,000, with a fraction of this total to be spent at the Toronto convention and reception.