Approval of Minutes
Minutes approved: unanimous show of hands.

Section Report
- The Section is in good health. This is the first year in some time that numbers are rising: from 214 to 240. Finances are also in stable condition. Our principal expenditure is the reception; secondary expenditure goes on things such as prizes and support for ISA West.
- Brent intimidates crowd to silence.

Report from Governing Council
- Sapphire Series: Discussion was led by about the purpose and remit of the Series, especially in respect of diversity. Questions were raised about process and transparency in respect of the Series. Uncertainty about the role of the Section in respect of the Series. Kirsten Ainley asked about the “pilot” status of the Series: What does this mean, and is it the case that there is some means of evaluating the success of the Series? Toni Erskine spoke about the “pilot” status of the Series arising as a result of the pressure to record/film sessions—something that the ISA was not entirely confident about.
- International Studies Review editorial change: The chief editor is stepping down, initiating a discussion about the editorial team for this journal. There will be a call issued for a team to see the term through. This will likely be the current editorial associates, but there will be an open bid, which anyone can apply for. There will be a choice of bidding for two and a half years or five years. The deadline is very soon, in April or May.
- Foreign Policy Analysis editorial change: A new team, led by Cameron Thies, was approved.
- ISA Code of Conduct: Passed by overwhelming approval (following a few years of discussion).
- Blogging for Editors: Passed by overwhelming approval.
- New Sections: Threshold for size of groups amended to 3.5% of the entire ISA membership. Anything smaller than this is deemed to not be viable. Two proposals for new sections rejected. Brent speculates that there may be concerns within the ISA at large about the proliferation of sections.
- Panel Size: There was a discussion to size panels down to four rather than five paper-givers. There is some support for the idea that four is an optimal number, but too susceptible to drop-outs and no-shows. The motion was rejected.
Name Change
Amy Eckert leads presentation by the Committee (HG, KA, AFL, and AE) on the proposed name change.

- This issue is pursuant to a proposal by HG in 2014 that the Section considers a name-change to boost its visibility.
- The Committee conducted a (non-binding) survey to gauge opinion.
- 55 Responses: Strong support for a name change was indicated.
- A plurality of support arose for Ethics & International Relations.
- HG recaps the reasons that gave rise to the initial proposal for a change.
- AFL gets nostalgic for “old-style folks”—is not keen on change.
- KA notes that only 18 of 250+ members voted for the particular name.
- Brent notes that there will be a motion to have a vote, which would be on the question of whether to continue with IE or change to E&IR? There is a question about whether we can take e-voting in place of mail voting. He supposes that e-voting will suffice, though it is not certain that the Charter reflects this. While there was a worry that the name-change needs to be approved by the GC, Brent believes this is not the case.
- Daniel Warner and Luke ______ disinclined to support the change.
- Mervyn Frost generally supports the idea of a name-change.
- Michael Struett supports change to Ethics, but is not zealous.
- Toni Erskine shares Tony’s concerns, but sees some merits in the change. Toni is concerned that the broader membership not present at the meeting will not be mindful of the issues discussed tonight—that would be 200 of 250 people, which would be problematic.
- Chris Brown warns that Ethics would be mistaken as professional ethics. He also observes that many members may not identify with Ethics.
- James Pattison suggests that we wait for a year to see if the membership continues to rise, in which case the rationale for the change would no longer be so compelling.
- Chris Brown proposes a delay till 2020!
- Kirsten suggests that more outreach and advertisement may work better for the Section than a name-change.
- Stephen expresses scepticism that people select sections to join on the basis of scrolling through a drop-down list.
- AFL motions that the Committee sends minutes of this passage of tonight’s meeting to all members on the possible change of name; gathers feedback and information on the proposed name-change in advance of next year’s Section meeting; and the Committee proposes a preliminary vote at next year’s meeting to proceed with or abort a formal e-vote on whether to (a) change names; and (b), if so, to what. James Pattison seconds. The motion is passed unanimously.

Book Award Announcement 2015
- The committee is: KH (Chair), JH, and AH. Thanks to KH and her team.
- This year’s winner is: Joseph Caron’s *The Ethics of Immigration*.
- Amend Neta Crawford’s *Accountability for Killing*.
- There will be a panel on the winner at next ISA.
Compendium

- Amanda Beattie and Harry Gould lead this initiative.
- Five slots are still to be filled: communitarianism, distributive justice, ethics of development, international ethics and monotheistic religions, jus post bellum. Pieces are between 10-12K words.
- Essays require reviewers. Amanda makes plea for reviewers.
- Deadline is June 1st, 2015.
- Brent briefs that there is some uncertainty about the future of the compendium, especially in respect of whether the ISA will maintain its relation with Wiley. But the advice is to continue regardless.

Book Award 2016

- KH has served two years and steps down.
- The committee chair: Richard Beardsworth.
- Serving members: James Pattison and Kirsten Ainley.
- Motion of support. Unanimous support.

Francis V. Harbour Award

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2016 ISA

- Next year is in Atlanta, deadline is June 1st. The theme is peace.
- Algorithm for the number of panels we are granted depends on many factors.

2016 ISA West

- The Section will maintain its relation with ISA West, which will be in Pasadena.

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