Here follows the annual report of the ILAW section for 2017.

1. Membership for the 2017-2018 academic year stands at 398, up from 373 last year. Last year’s membership report was in error; the correct membership for 2016-2017 was 373, down from 411 in the previous academic year.

2. The section’s balance was $8504.83 in October 2017. Expenditures from the 2017 Annual Meeting in Baltimore are estimated at $300 for the annual reception and $400 for awards. The expense for the annual reception was borne jointly by ILAW, HR, and ENMISA. The Baker Center for Public Policy at the University of Tennessee provided $1,000, and the Department of Political Science at UT provided $200 for co-sponsorship of the reception.

3. The ILAW section’s panel allotment for the 2017 Annual Meeting was 24, which is unchanged from 2016. There were 170 submissions. The section sponsored or co-sponsored a total of 42 events.

4. No new officers were installed in 2017. All current officers’ terms expire in 2018, at which time it is expected that the Program Chair will advance to Section Chair, the Secretary will advance to Program Chair, and a new Secretary will be elected.

5. The 2016-2017 Award Committees awarded prizes as follows:

   Distinguished Scholar: Kenneth Abbott


6. At the 2017 meeting, the following persons were appointed to award committees:

   Book Award Committee:
   Barbara Koremenos (Chair)
   Henry “Chip” Carey
   Emilia Justyna Powell

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   Barbara Koremenos (Chair)
   Henry "Chip" Carey
   Emilia Justyna Powell
Paper Award Committee:
Tanisha Fazal (Chair)
Wayne Sandholtz

Because the Distinguished Scholar award is biannual, no Senior Scholar Award Committee was formed in 2017. It will be reconstituted at the 2018 Annual Meeting and the next prize will awarded in 2019.

7. The Section Charter was amended as follows: (1) Notices to be sent to the membership via email listserv instead of by regular mail). [To make announcements to the section, members must send them to the Chair, who forwards them to ISA]. (2) Officer selection procedure updated to reflect the section’s current practice as follows: Every two years the Secretary advances to Program Chair and Program Chair to Section Chair, and the Executive Council nominates a new Secretary. (3) Officer elections to take place at the annual ILAW business meeting. (4) Update the Charter amendment procedure.