MEMORANDUM TO RE-CHARTER A SECTION

TO: International Studies Association Governing Council

FROM: Stephanie Carvin

DATE: 11 January 2011

RE: Re-charter of the International Law Section

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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 International Law Section by the International Studies Association Governing Council for the period of January 2011-January 2006.

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

_x_ Annual Report of Section Activities

_x_ Analysis of Section Membership

_x_ Analysis of the Section Financial Base

_x_ Copy of Section Charter

_x_ List of Section Leadership with Terms of Office

DATED this 11 day of January, 2011.

Stephanie Carvin

(Signature of Section Chair) <electronic signatures are accepted>

International Law Section Chair

Annual report of activities

This year ILAW attempted to “branch out” and work with other sections/organizations in order to improve networking opportunities for members. The results of this experience were somewhat mixed. Attempts to reach out to international law related organizations in order to coordinate panels or events were not particularly successful. However, efforts to work with the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association seem to be productive and are ongoing. In 2010 the section was approached to consider the co-sponsorship of a journal on transnational law. A survey was sent out to the membership and the idea was overwhelmingly supported. We are currently waiting to hear back from the APSA Law and Courts section on further developments.

In the past, ILAW has had relations with ACUNS. It will be a goal of the section in 2011 to improve and strengthen these ties.
A major focus of this year’s ISA meeting will be on the ILAW award – which is currently suspended. Currently I am working with other sections to determine how they give out their award and hopefully a proposal can be discussed and adopted at the meeting in Montreal.

Finally, we have changed our section so that officers serve two-year terms. Although this was voted on at ISA in 2008, it apparently was not put in the charter. Additionally, it is uncertain that we did this in the correct manner according to the rules of the charter. A re-vote will therefore have to take place and the Chair will work with ISA to make sure that this is done correctly.

In 2011, ILAW will sponsor or co-sponsor 27 panels and one poster presentation. ILAW will also have its annual co-sponsored reception at Montreal with the other sections such as Human Rights.

**Membership**

The growth of the section has been very impressive since 2008. Membership has nearly doubled during this time, possibly due to the efforts of current members to have others to join, or through our cooperation with other sections.


**Financial Base**

ILAW presently has $2692 in its account after paying for activities at ISA in 2011. If an award is re-established this year, a financial amount is to be determined.

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Past Chairs, 1995-2007

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2007-2008 Henry F (Chip) Carey, Georgia State University
2006-2007 Mary H. Durfee, Michigan Technological University
2005-2006 Wil Burns, Santa Clara Law Faculty
2004-2005 Henry (Chip) Carey, Georgia State University
2003-2004 Charlotte Ku, American Society of International Law
2002-2003 B. Welling Hall, Earlham College
2001-2002 John King Gamble, The Behrend College, Penn State Erie
2000-2001 Lorna Lloyd, Keele University
1999-2000 Daniel Turack, Capital University
1997-1998 Christopher Joyner, Georgetown University
1996-1997 Katherine Rahman, College of William & Mary
1995-1996 Lawrence LeBlanc, Marquette University
Article 1: Name

This organization shall be known as the International Law Section of the International Studies Association (ISA-IL).

Article II: Affiliation

ISA-IL 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 purpose of the ISA-IL is to serve the needs and enhance the capacities of political science, legal and other scholar, practitioners, and others with teaching, research and policy interests in the field of international law.

Article IV: Relationships

ISA-IL shall cooperate fully with any existing organization having related interests, both within and outside ISA. Liaison shall be maintained with groups such as the American Society of International Law, the International Law Association, the Institute of International Law and similar bodies anywhere. The ISA-IL shall also work closely with the ISA regional sections in developing programs and other activities.

Article V: Membership

Anyone who shares the purposes of the organization may become a member, and any member who is also a member of the ISA shall be entitled to vote for elective officers.

Article VI: Officers

The elected officers shall be a Chair, a Vice-Chair and a Secretary. Their term of office shall be one year. The outgoing Chair will assist the elected officials for the year subsequent to term of office. The Chair shall function as treasurer. Should the Chair resign or be unable to serve, the Vice-Chair will assume the duties of the Chair. Should the Vice-Chair resign or be unable to serve, the Secretary will assume the duties of the Vice-Chair. The chair shall appoint Acting officers for those positions that cannot be filled.

Article VII: Structure

The Chair shall act as liaison with the ISA and other organizations and shall prepare at least one newsletter annually. A Newsletter announcing panels ISA-IL will be sponsoring at the Annual Convention shall be circulated well in advance of the Conventions. The Chair shall also assist the Vice-Chair and Secretary and coordinate the Section’s officers and activities. The Vice-Chair shall be responsible for organizing ISA-IL panels for the Annual Convention, in consultation with the Chair, and shall act as Section liaison with the Annual Convention program chair. The Secretary will take the minutes of the annual business meeting and will assist the Chair and Vice-Chair, as necessary.
Article VIII: Nominations and Election

By virtue of incumbency, the elected Vice-Chair and Secretary are automatically nominated for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively. Other Candidates for the elected positions may be nominated by a petition signed by five or more Section members and directed to the Chair prior to the annual business meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the meeting. Election to office shall be conducted by mail ballot and candidates with the largest number of votes received within one month of the mailing of the ballot shall be considered elected.

Article IX: Amendments

Amendments to this Charter may be proposed by the Chair or upon petition of five members of the ISA-IL. Membership shall be informed of proposed amendments either through the newsletter or by special mailing.

Amendments shall be ratified by a vote of two-thirds of all members of the ISA-IL who respond to a mail ballot within one month of the date of mailing of the ballots.