FULL REPORT

The Long Range Planning Committee began the last term without an established agenda.

In fall 2014, Michael Ward stepped down as chair of the ISA Long Range Planning (LRP) Committee and Harvey Starr appointed Paul Diehl to fill in till the changeover at the convention in March, when TV Paul will become committee chair.

After consulting with President Starr, Chair-Designate Paul, and incoming ISA President Amitav Acharya, it was decided that the committee would begin looking at the structure of the annual ISA convention in light of:

- tremendous increase in ISA membership and convention attendance
- increase in panels, now exceeding that at APSA by a few hundred
- stacking of panels with more than five papers
- rising costs of attendance especially for non-North American members

The committee will lay out a plan at its March meeting for its review, with the goal of submitting recommendations to the broader association by the 2015 meetings.

There was preliminary data collection completed on free-standing region and section meetings in terms of how many attendees at those meetings also attended the last ISA international convention. The purpose was to assess whether the smaller meetings served different constituencies that the larger one. Results indicate wide variation from under 20% of ISA-Midwest participants to approximately 50% of ISA-Northeast and ISSS participants respectively also attended the international convention. Of those attending the international convention, 3.6% also attended a regional meeting.