**FULL REPORT**

As your chair of ISA’s Political Demography & Geography Section I am pleased to submit this annual report. For 2018 we have membership of 127 (Figure 1), down 6 members from last year. We continue to set a goal of 150 members and encourage all current members to reach out to colleagues who research topics of interest to the section.

![PDG Membership Graph](image)

**Membership & Finances**

At the end of FY18 we had a balance of $3,822.89 (Table 1). Many of our past sponsors continued to chip in to help with our annual co-sponsored reception, which is being coordinated this year by SSIP.

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ISA 2018 Panels:

Our Program Chair, J. Patrick Rhamey (VMI), put together a fine slate of panels for the 2019 Annual Meeting in Toronto. We will be sponsoring and co-sponsoring 17 panels and roundtables in Toronto. Our co-sponsors include: ENMS, IPS, SSIP, Peace Studies, FPA, Environmental Studies, Theory, Global Development, and Conference Theme.

2019 Submissions: 98 (.9% of total)

2018 Submissions: 69 (.6% of total)

Our Myron Weiner Distinguished Scholar award this year goes to Jacek Kugler of Claremont Graduate University. Thanks to Valerie Hudson and Elisabeth Rosvold for chairing the selection committee.

Graduate Student Paper Award

This year, we continued to award The Jacek Kugler Political Demography and Geography Student Paper Award to the best paper with a political demography and geography themes presented at the ISA Annual Convention in Atlanta. The award committee (Ali Fisunoglu & Alex Braithwaite) selected the one winner and two runners-up for the Jacek Kugler Political Demography and Geography Student Paper Award:

Winner: Tiffany S. Chu, from University of Arizona, Paper Title: “The Effect of Leader Turnover on Refugee Repatriation”

Runner-Up: Katarina Mustasilta, from University of Essex, Paper Title: “Game of Thrones? The Implications of Traditional Authority (TA) Contest for Local-Level Stability – Evidence from South Africa”

Runner-Up: Anna Starkmann, Albert-Ludwigs-University Freiburg, Paper Title: Emerging Environmental Regionalism: “The Development of Environmental Policy Competencies of Regional Organizations”

PDG Board Members 2018-2019

Jennifer Sciubba, Section Chair (February 2017 - March 2019) Rhodes College

J. Patrick Rhamey, Jr., Program Chair (February 2017 - March 2019) Virginia Military Institute

Patrick James, Past Section Chair (February 2017 - March 2019) University of Southern California

Ali Fisunoglu, Member, Best Graduate Student Paper Committee (April 2018 - March 2019) Carlos III - Juan March Institute of Social Sciences

Ismene Gizelis, Chair-Elect (April 2018 - March 2019) University of Essex
MEMBERS AT LARGE

Valerie Hudson (April 2018 - March 2019) Texas A&M University, The Bush School of Government and Public Service

Ali Fisunoglu (February 2017 - March 2019) Carlos III - Juan March Institute of Social Sciences

Monica Duffy Toft (February 2017 - March 2019) Tufts University