As I did last year, I would like to leave much detail regarding ISA Publications to the individual reports made available to the Governing Council by the editorial teams from the editors of our six journals and the Compendium Project. Here I will concentrate on overarching issues and highlights concerning ISA publications during 2012 as well as looking ahead. Major points include the following:

- Circulation for our journals continues to rise as both memberships and library subscriptions (particularly outside North America) continue to increase at an impressive rate.
- This was the first full year during which all six of our journals were recognized and tracked by ISI. We were pleasantly surprised to learn the Impact Scores and Rankings of our journals, which were generally higher than we would have guessed. This was most timely, given that the results enhanced the value of our full group of journals, just as we entered negotiations with publishers for a new contract in 2015.
- The Committee conducted a successful search for a new editorial home for International Studies Quarterly. The five year term for William Thompson, Karen Rasler and their associates at Indiana University will end in December 2013, and the Committee received two strong proposals to succeed the Indiana team. The Committee approved both proposals, and their ranking recommendation is provided in a separate memorandum.
- In late summer 2012, the publishers Taylor & Francis suddenly reversed their 2011 decision to end their relationship with ISA for the management of International Interactions. Though certainly a pleasant surprise, it forced this Committee to begin a search for a new editorial team much later in the year than we normally would. Great generosity has been shown by the University of Illinois and the editorial team led by Paul Diehl in supporting and running the journal for a longer period than they had originally agreed. At this writing, we have received one strong proposal, though it has just this week been submitted to Committee members for discussion. The Committee’s recommendation regarding this proposal will be presented in a separate GC item.
- Wiley Blackwell, publisher of five ISA journals, has fully implemented “Early View”, an on-line facility that will permit access to accepted articles to ISA journal subscribers as soon as each article is in its completed form for print publication. They have also been active and creative by greatly increasing the web-presence of ISA journals, and re-publishing articles in virtual ‘special issues’ which respond to current events and the blogosphere.
Looking across all six reports from the editorial teams I underscore the following

Submission Rates
ISA’s journals processed over 1250 new submissions last year, a 20% increase (very roughly) from the year before. (Not counting > 303 individual book reviews in ISR.) While most of our journals experienced modest growth in submissions, Foreign Policy Analysis experienced a 50% increase (to 175 new manuscripts). Most importantly, each of our journals now has an annual submission rate sufficient to expect a long-term, quality pool of publishable manuscripts.

Turnaround Time
Our target is 75 calendar days. Three journals are 10 to 20 days faster than this target. One journal is on target. Two remain slower (IPS due to editorial transition; ISR due to problem with/change in Managing Editor). We do not see management problems here; overall performance is quite good and trending better.

Female Participation in ISA Publications
Data gathering on this question continues. Editorial Leadership: we now have 7 men and 4 women serving either as executive editors or co-editors. Associate Editors number 8 women and 8 men.

Non-North American Participation in ISA Publications
There is also increasingly strong evidence that participation by scholars from outside the U.S.A. and Canada is trending upward. Scholars from outside the USA and Canada represent > 35% of all submissions in each of our journals. In two cases (ISR and IPS) they represent > 60% of all submissions. U.S.- Canadian ‘hegemony’ in our journals is waning.

I would draw your attention to some points regarding the individual journals
International Studies Quarterly
processed 657 manuscripts this past year. This is an important leveling-off from the huge growth rates of the previous two years. Impressive efforts by the Indiana team and flexibility from Wiley has greatly increased the number of top-quality articles which appear per issue, and thus has allowed a reduction in the backlog despite an exponential increase in submissions during the previous three years.

International Political Sociology
the youngest journal in the ISA family, published the first ‘virtual issue’ in 2012. These issues are in addition to the regular print issues and are an effective means of bringing together past publications on the web to connect to current issues. Our publisher Wiley has been central to developing this concept and helping our editors produce and advertize ‘virtual issues’. More will be forthcoming. IPS has also translated its ‘Call for papers’ into nine different languages, and Wiley has worked hard to give all our journals a higher global profile – using print and especially web-based media.

In Sum
The state of ISA Publications appears to be very solid, and trending in desirable directions in several ways. Journal management is sound, our readership and the number of scholars seeking to publish with us is rising. We also appear to be increasingly diverse in both gender and geographic terms. Our current publisher, Wiley & Sons, is doing a great deal to innovate and increase our visibility world-wide, while keeping us on the cutting edge of electronic publishing and web accessibility.