
Meeting II of ISA's Religion and International Relations Section.

About 50 people in attendance.

I. Welcome. Budget and membership announcement.
   a. Membership: At the beginning of ISA, there were 139 members. The goal is to exceed 200 members by ISA 2015.
   b. Budget: $1083.52 after the ISA reception is paid.
   c. Will provide money for Awards in the future when the budget increases.
   d. Looking for sponsors of future receptions.
   e. REL reception (3/28) sponsored by the Religion, Politics and Globalization Program (U.C. Berkeley) and by the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs (Georgetown University)

II. Election of Executive Committee:
   a. Outgoing: Isak Svensson, program chair; Nukhet Sandal, secretary.
   b. Incoming: Ron Hassner (chair), Nukhet Sandal (vice chair/program chair), Larry Rubin (secretary), Turan Kayaoglu (communications chair), Sara Silvestri (treasurer), Jocelyne Cesari (awards), and Patrick James (at large).

III. ISA-REL matters
   a. There were many paper submissions for only eight panel slots (we increased the number from five through co-sponsoring).
   b. Those proposing a paper/panel should make sure to indicate a second preference to increase the chances of being placed on the program.
   c. Members should be encouraged to attend REL panels so REL can receive more slots next year.

IV. Graduate Student Award (Cesari)
   a. Will aim to attract a broad range of papers.
   b. Looking for a sponsor
   c. Looking for judges
   d. Other requirements: Paper has to be presented at ISA; we won’t check if they are REL members.
   e. Revisit the issue next year.

V. Website
   a. Growing and there are plans for more functionality. It will have all the information on it.
   b. Will create a listserv to communicate. ISA will not allow us to obtain the membership list.
   c. May create a Google site or FB page.

VI. Action Item
   a. Passed--Amendment to charter: Merge Vice Chair and Program Chair.
   b. Approval of Executive Officers (see II)
   c. Senior Advisory Board, Approved:
i. Alfred Stepan (Columbia)
ii. Peter Katzenstein (Cornell)
iii. Scott Thomas (Bath)
iv. Jonathan Fox (Bar Ilan)
d. Pending Advisory Board members. To be voted on next ISA.
   i. Jeffrey Haynes (London Metropolitan University)
   ii. Scott Appelby (Notre Dame)
   iii. Others.

VII. Moving forward.
a. How to reach out? ISA doesn't allow us to get the list.
b. Rochelle Terman (U.C. Berkeley) volunteered to help set up google sites.
c. Facebook group in addition to google but some objected because they are not on FB
d. Idea: Jr. Scholars symposium for religion. Member: one just needs to propose it.
e. Distinguished scholar panel. Member: one needs to apply for it.
f. Some members asked to make ISA aware of religious holidays (Jewish and Muslim) in terms of the scheduling of conferences.
g. There will be a web-based survey sent out so people can include their name, affiliation, keywords. This way we can collect the records of the members and have direct contact.

Meeting adjourned.