

By-laws for the International Studies Association – Southern Region

ISA/SOUTH is a regional division of the International Studies Association, and membership in ISA may include membership in ISA/SOUTH. There is a single membership in both organizations and they possess common objectives, purposes, and conditions of membership.

Article I: Objective and purposes of the ISA/SOUTH

1. To foster closer cooperative and complementary contacts among those having an interest in the scholarly study of international relations, in part by means of encouraging, sponsoring, promoting, organizing and conducting professional activities which cut across disciplinary lines.
2. To facilitate professional exchanges and the diffusion of knowledge and information about developments in the study of international relations.
3. To organize meetings and otherwise to provide opportunities for professional contacts and communications among the members of ISA/SOUTH.
4. To encourage and promote research in international studies within and between interested disciplines.
5. To establish and maintain contacts with all disciplinary societies and other professional and specialized organizations (including governmental agencies and such international organizations as the United Nations) which have a scholarly interest in the study of international relations, and to foster such studies within and among these groups.
6. While the ISA/SOUTH includes within the scope of its scholarly concerns the policies of national governments, international organizations and non-governmental groups which have a bearing on international relations, the ISA/SOUTH as such will not advocate, promote or take a stand in favor of any such policy, nor will any member appear in the name of ISA/SOUTH to so advocate, promote or take a stand.

Article II: Membership

Section 1. Membership shall be open to individuals in the following categories:

- a. The faculty member of institutions of higher learning from any of the academic disciplines.
- b. Persons having a special professional interests and qualifications in the general area of international relations.
- c. Students engaging in the study of international relations in institutions of higher learning.

Section 2. An individual becomes and remains a member in good standing upon the initial and periodic payment of dues according to the schedule of dues established by the Governing Council of ISA/NATIONAL.

Article III: Governance

1. Governance of ISA/SOUTH shall be vested in the officers, an Executive Council, and annual meeting of members, and members voting by mail ballot.
2. The officers of ISA/SOUTH shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary-Historian, and Treasurer.

Article IV: Executive Council

1. The Executive Council shall consist of the following:
 - a. The officers of ISA/SOUTH and the immediate Past President
 - b. A Newsletter Editor appointed by the President
 - c. At least three members elected at large for three-year terms.
 - d. A student representative appointed by the President with the consent of the Executive Council for a one-year term commencing at the Annual Meeting of ISA/SOUTH.
2. The President shall serve as Chair of the Executive Council. The President shall convene at least one meeting of the Executive Council in conjunction with each Annual Meeting of ISA/SOUTH.
3. The Executive Council may appoint or authorize the President to appoint special and standing committees.
4. The Executive Council shall:
 - a. adopt resolutions and undertake or approve activities designed to promote the purposes of ISA/SOUTH.
 - b. select the site of the Annual Meeting or specifically delegate authority to do so.
 - c. approve rules for the conduct of the Annual Meeting of members, for the holding of elections, and for the submission of proposed amendments and resolutions to members.
 - d. decide when an officer is unable to perform his/her duties and recommend appropriate action.
 - e. give advice and approval to the president in appointing replacements for officers and members of the Executive Council who die, or are otherwise unable to perform their duties.

Article V: The President

1. The President shall serve for a term of one-year and shall be unable to succeed himself/herself.
2. The President shall:
 - a. convene and preside over meetings of the Executive Council and the Annual Meeting of members.
 - b. arrange for the preparation of an agenda for members of the Executive Council and Annual Meeting of members.
 - c. oversee the implementation of assignments growing out of resolutions duly adopted by the governing agencies of ISA/SOUTH.

- d. with the consent of the Executive Council appoint *ad hoc*, special, and standing committees he/she deems appropriate.
- e. with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, appoint replacements for officers and members of the Executive Council who die, resign, or otherwise are unable to perform their duties except as otherwise specified in part VI, paragraph 3.

Article VI: The Vice President

1. The Vice President shall serve for a one-year term and shall be unable to succeed himself/herself.
2. The Vice President shall:
 - a. in conjunction with the President oversee the preparation of the program of the Annual Meeting of members.
 - b. assist and advise the President in the recruitment of members.
 - c. perform such other duties as the President or Executive Council may request.
3. In the event the President should die, resign, or otherwise be unable to perform his/her duties, the Vice President shall become President for the remainder of the term of office, or until the president is able to resume his/her duties. The conditions and terms of succession shall be designated by the Executive Council.

Article VII: Other Officers

1. The Secretary-Historian shall serve for a term of three years. The Secretary-Historian shall be responsible for communications to the membership, minutes of meetings, and conduct all elections. The Secretary-Historian shall also be responsible for maintaining the records and files (archives) of the ISA/SOUTH, including the programs of each Annual Meeting and the minutes of the Annual Meetings.
2. The Treasurer shall serve for a term of three years. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of ISA/SOUTH (in conjunction with the President), pay expenses authorized and incurred by ISA/SOUTH.

Article VIII: Nominations and Elections

1. The Nominating Committee for ISA/SOUTH shall consist of the immediate Past President, President and Vice President. The immediate past President will serve as chair.
2. The Nominating Committee shall propose at least one candidate for each office to be filled by election.
3. The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall make a report to the Annual Meeting of members. Additional nominations may be made in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order at the Annual Meeting.
4. Election shall be by mail ballot of the membership. Elections shall be by a simple majority of those submitting ballots.
5. All terms of office shall begin on January 1 and end of December 31.

Article IX: Annual Meeting

1. There will be an annual convention, including a business meeting.
2. All members in good standing are voting members.
3. The president shall preside over and conduct the business meeting.
4. Amendments supported by a majority of those voting in a mail ballot shall be declared adopted.

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