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FULL REPORT

ORGANIZATION

Michelle Benson (University at Buffalo, SUNY) was section chair and will end her term this year. Carla Martinez Machain (Kansas State University) was appointed as section program chair for the 2017 meeting.

The SSIP leadership for the 2016-2017 period was:

- Michelle Benson (University at Buffalo, SUNY), chair
- Carla Martinez Machain (Kansas State University), section program chair
- Hanne Fjelde (Uppsala University), councilor
- Ursula Daxecker (University of Amsterdam), councilor
- Jacob Kathman, councilor (University at Buffalo)
- Håvard Hegre, ex-officio

At the 2016 business meeting, SSIP decided to return to the convention of having a treasurer and secretary. Both of these positions were elected in 2016 and begin service in 2017.

In 2017-2018, a partial list of SSIP leadership will therefore be:

- Hanne Fjelde (Uppsala University), councilor
- Jacob Kathman, councilor (University at Buffalo)
- Carla Martinez Machain (Kansas State University), councilor
- Govinda Clayton (University of Kent), secretary
- Daina Chiba (University of Essex), treasurer
- Michelle Benson (University at Buffalo), ex-officio

In addition, to the officers above, SSIP councilors and chair have nominated a section chair and section program chair be voted on at the 2017 business meeting. These members are:

- Shannon Lindsey Blanton (University of Alabama at Birmingham), chair
- Olga Chyzh (Iowa State University), section program chair
ACTIVITIES

Sponsoring and organizing panels at the annual meeting of the Association: In 2016, SSIP sponsored or co-sponsored 44 panels, roundtables and poster sessions. This year the numbers are identical. The 2017 SSIP program was organized by Carla Martinez Machain. SSIP is sponsoring or co-sponsoring 43 panels. In addition, SSIP will be co-sponsoring one poster session with the Foreign Policy Analysis and Political Demography Sections. Attendance at SSIP panels in Atlanta was generally good. We anticipate a strong attendance in Baltimore as well.

Dina Zinnes award: The section received seven nominations for the Dina Zinnes award for the best graduate student paper presented at a panel or poster session sponsored by the SSIP Section or the Convention Theme in 2016. The advisory council selected the paper “Dirty Skills: Guerrilla Wars and Military Training at the School of the Americas” by Adam Scharpf, from the University of Mannheim as the winner of the award.

Maintaining and enhancing the SSIP website and listserv: The section chair maintains a listserv which is hosted at Rice University. The listserv is utilized to send information to section members about section business. The ISA website does have the updated officer, chair, and program chair information.

Reception: SSIP will continue to jointly host a reception at the annual meeting in Baltimore with the Foreign Policy and Political Demography sections. This year, the Foreign Policy section was responsible for obtaining sponsorships and organizing the joint reception.

MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCES

ISA continues to grow its membership. Membership as of January 2017 was 340. Membership in October of 2016 was 322. Membership in 2015 was 283.

The most recent section balance communicated to the SSIP section from ISA headquarters was $2,402.37 at the end of October 2016. However, this balance did not include SSIP membership dues for ISA 2017. Thus, at this time, the balance should be substantially higher. In addition to the SSIP reception, which is jointly sponsored by the FPA and PDG sections, the only deduction from our balance sheet was a $400 sponsorship of the ISA West meeting.