



ISA Governing Council

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Mid-Pacific Conference Center, Coral 2
Hilton Hawaiian Village
Honolulu, Hawaii

Present: Jacek Kugler (*President*), William Thompson (*President-Elect*), Steve Smith (*Past-President*), Tom Volgy (*Executive Director*), Deborah Gerner (*Treasurer*), Beth Simmons (*Vice-President*), James Mittleman (*Vice-President-Elect*), Yi Feng (*Program Chair*), Jacqueline Braveboy-Wagner (*UN Representative*); Heather Smith (*Executive Committee Member-At-Large*), Virginia Haufler Smith (*Executive Committee Member-At-Large*), Steven Poe (*Executive Committee Member-At-Large*), G. Paul Sharp Smith (*Executive Committee Member-At-Large*); Stephen Gill (*Vice-President Elect*), Christopher Joyner (*Vice-President Elect*), Timothy Shaw (*Member-At-Large*), Didier Bigo (*Member-At-Large*); Kumiko Haba (*Member-At-Large*), Indra de Soysa (*Member-At-Large*); Friederich Kratochwil (*Member-At-Large*). Indra De Soysa (*Member-At-Large*).

Publishers: Birol Yesilada (*ISP*), David Kinsella (*ISR*), Steven Poe (*ISQ*), Doug VanBelle (*FPA*).

Region Presidents: Roger Coate (*South*), Stephane Roussel (*Canada*), Ralph Carter (*MidWest*), Daniel Green (*NorthEast*).

Section Chairs: Kent Kille (*ALIAS*), G. Paul Sharp (*English School*), Sai Felicia Krishna Hensel (*CISS*), Ronnie Lipschutz (*ESS*), Rodney Bruce Hall (*ENMISA*), Geeta Chowdry (*FTGS*), Patrick James (*FPA*), Ritu Vij (*Global Development*), Nathalie Frensley (*IComm*), Jay Parker (*ISS*), James Wirtz (*Intelligence*), Gloria Grenwald (*Education*), Courtney Smith (*IO*), Mathias Albert (*Political Sociology*), Houman Sadri (*PostComm*), Meredith Reid Sarkees (*Women's Caucus*)

Also Attending: J. Ann Tickner (*President-Elect 2006*), Ronald Tammen (*Long Range Planning*), Karen Rasler (*Nominating*), Alan Lamborn (*Professional Development*), James Ray, Phil Schrodtt (*Workshop Committee*), and Dana B. Larsen (*Director of Administration*).

Meeting opened by President Kugler at 1:00 pm.

Executive Director's Report: Tom Volgy reported the results Presidential Election for 2006-07 were validated with at least 20% of the ISA membership voting. J. Ann Tickner was elected as the new President with her term beginning in March 2006. ISA membership is at an all-time high of more than 3,500 and with more non-North American members at an all-time high as well.

President-Elect report: William Thompson report that he filled his appointments. Nominations Committee report accepted.

ISA Book Award: Bill Thompson proposed two ISA Book Awards; an annual award and a ten-year (decade) award; both funded at \$500.00. Thompson reported the ExComm alternative for the decade award selection committee for appointment by several past presidents for the committee to make the decade book award. Broaden the participation and perspective by having the ISA President and Past-President appoints the members of the Decade Book Award. Some discussion on the names associated with the award. Governing Council voted unanimously on adopting the two book awards with the associated cash awards. A second vote on the name of the *Annual & Decade* Award was tabled.

Treasurer's Report: Deborah Gerner reported on the sound state of ISA finances. Her report included the Approval of the 2005-06 Budget, Direction of the Endowment Fund, Budget Enhancements (in the hand of the *ExComm*), and a recommendation by Finance Committee that all new ISA journals be at least revenue neutral. Sarkees pointed out a typo on the 2004-05 income total.

Budget Enhancements: Volgy opened discussion about history of why ExComm is now the body to make recommendations for budget enhancements; Travel Grants, Workshop Grants, Program Chair support, travel support (seed money) for Istanbul, and staff ERE enhancements to cover increased state retirement costs.

A. ExComm recommended the increase in cash awards for ISA prizes. Kugler suggested that all awards get the same amount. Recommendation for all ISA Awards approved by the Governing Council be funded at \$500.00 this idea from this time forward be recommended Governing Council.

B. Support for increase of financial support for Travel Grants, Workshop Grants, Program Chairs, and Istanbul.

C. Governing Council went into executive session (Volgy and non-voting members left the room) to discuss personnel finance issues. The Executive committee reported out two recommendations. The first recommendation is to increase the Presidential travel budget from \$8,200 to \$10,000. The second recommendation is to increase Tom Volgy's salary supplement from \$41,000 to \$70,000 this year in recognition of his outstanding service to the ISA. The praise for Volgy's "incredibly hard" work as "extraordinary" and that he is almost irreplaceable." This salary supplement is exclusive to Tom Volgy and would not necessarily apply to any subsequent ISA Executive Director.

Budget as presented was passed unanimously, with the understanding that additional items would be considered later in the agenda.

ISA Endowment Investment Policy Guidelines: The ExComm recommended requested that the Finance Committee be allowed the ability for more flexibility in ISA's investment of our endowment funds. This proposal would allow the Finance Committee to consider other options in addition to investment in socially responsible market accounts; including the possibility to consider the purchase of a headquarter building. This measure does not specifically authorize the purchase of any specific property, but it allows the finance committee more flexibility to investigate and recommend choices for socially responsible investments, looking for options to increase the ISA endowment in a low risk manner. The Finance Committee's primary responsibility will continue to be protecting our endowment funds while looking for opportunities to increase the endowment at low risk.

Program Chair's Report: Yi Feng addressed the issue of growing size of program, the high level of attrition and the need for more institutional support for the Program.

Some discussion

Nominating Committee: Rasler thanked her committee for their work which developed the slate of J. Ann Tickner as President, 3 Vice-Presidents: James Mittleman, Olav Knudsen, and Frank Zagare; and Deborah Gerner for Treasurer.

Future Conventions: San Diego (2006), Chicago (2007), Miami (2008), New York (2009), New Orleans (2010), all set although Miami may change because of sale of that property. The Istanbul (WISC) conference will go ahead as planned. To date we have received more than 900 proposals. ISA is one of 20 organizations, although ISA will carry bulk of administrative work. We are also planning on developing joint international conferences in Rio de Janeiro in 2007 and possibly for Caribbean in 2008 in cooperation with the *Caribbean Studies Association*.

Ladd Hollist Service Award: The *ExComm* recommended that the *Ladd Hollist Service Award* to be established as an annual ISA Award in recognition of his outstanding service and commitment to our Association. Ladd's personal ethics and strength of character helped build the reputation of and respect for the ISA in the world community of international scholars, and provided the ISA with a fundamental base of organizational stability and financial integrity. The ISA Executive Director in consultation with the ISA President will select the recipient of this award. In recognition of Ladd Hollist's vision in re-establishing the importance of ISA as an volunteer organization, the award will be given in recognition of a member's significant volunteer contribution to the ISA. Motion passed unanimously.

Revisions to the Annual Conference:

Volgy noted that the issues of attrition have become very serious and compiled data on the drop-out and no-shows, virtually the same for both Montreal and Hawaii. About 78% this population are ISA members.

Volgy's recommendation would have non-members not only pay a higher rate, and require them to pay earlier and if they do not pay by that earlier deadline they would be dropped from the Program entirely. Motion and second to require early registration payment for non-ISA members; motion passed unanimously.

Publications Committee Report:

A. Approved the increase in the number pages for *ISQ*.

B. New *International Studies Political Sociology* and new contract with *Blackwell*.

Broaden the editorial board for language of reviewers. All the recommendations of the Publication Committee have been adopted by IPS board. New contract if approved by ISA Governing Council, our guaranteed annual minimum royalties could increase from \$280K to \$350K.

C. Questions were raised about allowing ISA sections to create their own publications or yearbooks.

D. Questions have been raised about the overlap and distinction of articles by the various ISA journal.

E. Encyclopedia - deferred to later report and discussion.

Governing Council went into executive session to discuss the new journal proposal. After extensive discussion, the Governing Council reported out the following decisions.

1) *International Political Sociology* Journal -- approved with 1 abstention

2) Editorial Board – approved with 4 abstentions and 1 nay (Sarkees)

3) Contract with *Blackwell* – approved unanimously.

ISA Encyclopedia Project:

Volgy reported on the background of the proposal for doing an encyclopedia of International Relations or International Studies. Initially, we were approached through Blackwell. The project would involve doing a multi-set (12-15 volumes) encyclopedia of IR or IS along with internet portals to data-sets and to case studies that could transform the field on teaching and scholarship. It would be a live encyclopedia that would be updated every two years.

Blackwell has made a proposal for doing this; however, their proposal is under-funded in its return to the ISA. Blackwell's proposal is to use a book model instead of journal model, that ISA would do the work, we would absorb the costs and only realize 10% of net revenues. ISA has to decide whether we want to do this, can we do it, and can we afford to do it

Volgy has contacted another publisher would be willing to do this encyclopedia project as a joint venture. Volgy asked permission to go forward with negotiations. Smith said that the best financial deal may not be the only consideration. Other factors such as ensuring the best quality, and technical ability on the portal side need to be weighed just as heavily. Gerner raised the issue of balance, how soon it could be done, and time value (how soon the information would be out of date). Volgy said that although the finances should not drive the issue, ISA should not undertake this without realizing some benefit. If ISA does not do this, Blackwell could cherry-pick some of our people and do it on their own. It would also allow each ISA section to do its own yearbook.

The following questions were raised about the sheer volume of work for editing this size of a project (Van Belle); the impact of the work-load increase on the sections (Haufler); could help bridge the differences in the different communities in ISA at the same time noted the challenges for bridging the differences (Lamborn); the model for compensating the editors (Wirtz); that it not have a North American – European bias (Braveboy-Wagner); the privatization of public information (Schrodt); need for a risk assessment (Albert), no exposure of financial risk to the ISA & question of need for additional staffing (Gerner). Volgy noted that ISA would need to hire full-time database manager to manage data-sets and the case studies, plus a full-time academic and the need to make this permanent project – especially for the academic (Parker).

The ExComm recommended that we adopt the proposal allowing Volgy to pursue this venture with option two – which allows the ISA to be the major editor and share the royalties, to use an alternative publisher as leverage to negotiate counter proposal with Blackwell, and to come back to ExComm this September for further consideration. Furthermore, it is understood the Governing Council will be consulted on step-by-step potential implementation, and the ISA should not put its financial assets at risk.

Motion to allow Volgy to continue to pursue the project and to report back at a later time passed with four abstentions and four nays (Van Belle, Sarkees, Frensley...)

Workshop Grants Committee: see Phil Schrodt's written report

Long Range Planning Committee: Ronald Tammen reported it has worked to identify need for membership services, such as enhanced funding for Workshop Grants.

Part 2 is to develop a strategic plan, which is will begin work on at this convention; particularly the internationalization of the ISA.

Professional Development Committee: Alan Lamborn reported that this committee is continuing to work on developing programs for younger scholars and look to enhance programs beyond just a set of panels at the Annual Convention, and to work with the Regions.

Professional Rights and Responsibilities Committee:

Etel Solingen provided a very detailed report submitted in writing dealing with the issue of plagiarism and on ISA taking positions on partisan political issues. The Professional Rights and Responsibilities committee recommended that the ISA should not become involved in political matters except on issues that directly affect academic freedom. Motion to adopt the recommendation passed with one nay (Lipschutz).

Rechartering of the Sections:

- International Communication Section
- International Ethics Section
- Scientific Study of the International Process Section

Motion to re-charter passed unanimously.

Request to have ISA Officially Join the International Teach-In on Iraq: This request comes at same time as the report from our committee on Professional Rights and Responsibilities, which states that the ISA should not become involved in political matters except on issues that directly affect academic freedom. A motion was made and seconded to affirm that the ISA can make the teach-in project known to our members and that ISA members can participate on an individual basis. The ISA absolutely supports our colleagues right to participate in such actions as a matter of academic freedom. Further, that the ISA would take action on public policy items that directly impact on academic freedom issues regarding the academic community. Motion passed with two nays (Chowdry and Sarkees)

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm
