



## ISA Executive Committee

*Le Sheraton Hotel, Montreal*

17 March 2004

**Attending:** Steve Smith, *President*; Jacek Kugler, *President-Elect*; John Vasquez, *Past-President*; Deborah Gerner, *Treasurer*; Tom Volgy, *Executive Director*; *Vice-Presidents*: Karen Rassler, Mike Ward, Gerald Schneider; *Members-At-Large*: Louis Belanger, Marianne Marchand, Meredith Reid Sarkees; Steve Lamy, Program Chair; Rob English, Program Co-Chairs.

**Also Attending:** William Thompson, *Incoming President-Elect*; Robert Parker, Dana B. Larsen, *ISA Director of Administration*.

President Steve Smith opened the meeting at 8:30 am

**Marriott Hotel Situation:** Tom Volgy gave summary of labor dispute with the Marriott hotel. Smith discussed the ISA response to our members and participants. The discussion focused on how ISA did everything possible to remedy the situation and that there were no other alternatives than to keeping the scheduled panels at the Marriott Hotel.

**Annual Convention Report:** Steve Lamy and Rob English reported on development of this year's Convention including 579 panels involving 2,700 participants. They reported on some of the problems with no-shows and the lack of understanding and communication between the Section Program Chairs. John Vasquez suggested that ISA hold a workshop for training Section leaders especially Section Program Chairs.

**Finance:** Volgy reported that with the growth of ISA budget, our General Operations gross income is \$1,000,000. This increase in income will involve new audit requirements. Volgy requested an additional \$20K to change a part-time position to a full time position. Gerner reported that Finance Committee would be working with LRP Committee on the plan for using revenues for use of surplus revenues in a strategic ways.

**Publications:** ISP and FPA journals

The *ISP* team added a new female member for their editorial team in response to the request from the ExComm and Publications Committee. Negotiations have proceeded for the development of a new journal on *Foreign Policy Analysis* with Blackwell. If this journal (along with the revision of the Blackwell contract) is approved by the Governing Council, it will provide strong financial benefit to the ISA. Discussion followed to reinforce the policy that this FPA journal is not a section journal, it is an ISA journal that will have to conform to the policies and oversight of the Publication committee and Governing Council.

**International Conferences:** Volgy reported that in May, the *Russian International Studies Association* (RISA) is holding its annual meeting in celebration of 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of MGIMO. RISA asked that ISA be listed as a co-sponsor of this conference in Moscow and that ISA involvement would be minimal. It will involve 5 members of ISA making presentations at the conference. *WISC Conference* in Istanbul is proceeding. It will be jointly sponsored by 12 ISAs of the world and will take place in Istanbul for August 2005. ISA is one of many organizers and is lending the effort \$5,000 and organizational support.

**New Business:** Gerner raised issues on report of Nominating Committee. Recommend CVs of nominees acceptable. Question whether is appropriate to ask the person who may be nominated if they are willing to serve and how this policy may affect the desire of bringing more new people into the process.