

## **ISA Governing Council Meeting**

21 March 2006

Town & Country Hotel, San Diego, California

Present: William Thompson, President; Thomas Volgy, Executive Director; Ann Tickner, President-Elect; Stephen Gill (Vice-President); Mathias Albert (Member-At-Large); Ido Oren (Member-At-Large); James Mittleman (Vice-President-Elect); Olav Knudsen (Vice-President-Elect); Frank Zagare (Vice-President-Elect); Kumiko Haba (Member-At-Large); Friedrich Kratochwil (Member-At-Large); Indra De Soysa (Member-At-Large); Sabine Carey (Member-At-Large); Gillian Youngs (Member-At-Large); Jacquie Braveboy Wagner (UN Representative).

Region Presidents: Carolyn James (ISA-MidWest); Vendulka Kulbukova (ISA-South); Rosemary Shinko (ISA-North-East); John Tuman – Frances Pilch (ISA-West); Claire Turenne-Sjolander (ISA-Canada).

Section Chairs: Matthew Krain (ALIAS); Sai Felicia Krishna Hensel (CISS); Donna Lee (Diplomatic Studies); Ronnie Lipschutz (Environmental Studies); Patrick James (ENMISA); Gunhild Hoogensen (FTGS); Steve Redd (FPA); Gigi Herbert (Global Development); James Wirtz (Intelligence Studies); Douglas Van Belle (International Communications); J. Barron Boyd (International Education); Molly Cochran (International Ethics); Courtney Smith (International Organization); Teivo Teivainen (International Political Economy); Alex MacLeod (International Political Sociology); Jay Parker (International Security Studies); Sean Byrne (Peace Studies); Doug Lemke (SSIP); Meredith Reid Sarkees (Women's Caucus).

ISA Journal Editors: Steven Poe (ISQ); Margaret Hermann (ISR); David Kinsella and Birol Yesilda (ISP); Douglas Van Belle (FPA); and Didier Bigo (IPS).

Also Present -- Non-Voting Members: Jack Levy – nominated President-Elect; James Lee Ray (Publications Committee); Ron Tammen (Long-Range Planning Committee); Brett Ashley Leeds (Diversity Committee); T. Clifton Morgan (Nominating Committee); Alan Lamborn (Professional Development Committee); Robert Denmark (Workshop Grant Committee); Christopher Joyner (Professional Rights and Responsibilities Committee); Dana B. Larsen, Director of Administration, Andrea Gerlak, and Mark Boyer.

Not Attending: Houman Sadri (Post-Communist States), Didier Bigo, Rafael Reuveny, G. Paul Sharp, Sean Byrne, Wil Burns (International Law); Gigi Herbert, David Kinsella and Frank Zagare. Antje Wiener. Rafael Reuveny (Program Chair).

Meeting called to order by Thompson at 12:00 noon.

President's Report – submitted in writing

Executive Director's Report: Presidential and Officer Election – 28% voted – confirming the selections of the Nominating committee. Ladd Hollist Award given to Terry Hopmann. ISA membership peaked at 3,800 with one-third is non-North American.

President-Elect's Report: Ann Tickner's nomination filled in consultation from Regions and Sections. Her nominations approved unanimously by GC.

Nominating Committee: T. Clifton Morgan reported that committee members were pleased with process. Some concerned complaint for a requirement for non-North American representatives to Governing Council. Gerner moved that the Professional Rights and Responsibilities Committee look into whether or not we should continue that practice of designating specific GC representation from outside of North America.

Matter referred to Long-Range Planning Committee.

Treasurer's Report: see Treasurer's Report.

This is the second year when our gross income in our General Operations budget have exceeded \$1,000,000. Increased convention and publication royalty revenues were largely responsible for this increase in revenue.

Endowment is now also more than \$1,000,000 and we are currently continuing the same Endowment Investment policy in socially responsible market funds.

Correction to increase IPS journal to \$30K

Review of Budget: Add Andrea Gerlak's position and salary – split between Section Development, \$15K + to \$30K for new journal support for Section side of Convention Program development and then possibly work on the Encyclopedia if approved.

Revenues for the current fiscal year are stronger than ever. Gerner did suggest at next year's ExComm raise issue of expanded Membership services

ExComm recommendations for Membership service expansion:

Kiddie Corp Child-Care services now fully and overly subscribed at 20 children. Request to expand to 30 at an approximate cost to ISA Gen Ops of about \$3,200.00.

Workshop Grant Committee – highly subscribed. This year 28 proposals (request \$68K) could only fund 10 (at \$5K each) for full budget of \$50K. Proposal made to increase Workshop Grant budget by \$15K to \$65K for next year. Mittleman suggested that we have Workshop Grant committee increase the size of individual grants. Denmark suggest that need better institutional follow up to evaluate the success of the workshops.

Motion made to support these two budget increases for membership services. Child-Care up to 30: Motion passed unanimously.

Sarkees suggested more funding for our Region sections; Volgy raised concern about Regions being only North American that it may be a conflict with our 1/3 of our members from outside North America. Teivo Teivainen suggested more travel grant funding for Non-North American members. Volgy noted all requests (except for 3) were funded this year. Vendulka Kulbukova also asked for more Region money in the amount of \$15,000. Van Belle noted that is a significant amount of money enough for start –up or a journal. It would go to richest members of the Association. Motion failed – only four in favor.

Thompson recommended that Volgy come up with funding proposal for Regions for next year. Regions can also propose and apply for Workshop Grants.

Sarkees moved for a \$15K grant fund to Regions for special projects on a one-time basis. Volgy will work with Professional Development Committee on how the funds would be expended. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

1 -- Child care expands from 20 to 30 children with an impact to ISA Gen Ops of \$3,200.00.

Motion made and seconded -- passed unanimously.

2 -- Workshop Grant Committee budget be expanded from \$50K to \$65K Motion made and seconded, motion passed unanimously.

### Encyclopedia – Compendium Project

Volgy: Noted that there the criteria for proceeding with the Compendium Project; there would be no fiscal harm to the ISA finances, that is because no harm, and that final product be one that the ISA would be proud of in the end.

Volgy negotiated with two bidders – and that we accepted the proposal from Blackwell; which would give ISA 15% of the royalties. There would be no cost to the ISA Gen Ops budget. We do not have to repay any advance. We get payment of royalties after the sales reach a certain level.

Denemark – This will be a fundamental research tool project - multi-volume edition over several years. Peer review boards, developed with the ISA Sections to develop the product. Not a static project – updates every two years, new editions 5 years. This project will Print and Electronic versions – electronic forums and portals. There will be both financial outlay for ISA and we would get up to 15% of royalties. The ISA financial commitment will come through our share of royalties not from the ISA General Operations budget. At this point, the only remaining dispute is the title of project – “encyclopedia” or not. Denemark is working to develop two boards as requested by Blackwell; luminary editorial board and a working board to cover areas where Denemark does not have personal expertise.

Value of product is important to consider. Move forward because publishers will go forward and we can shape it if we do it rather than some one else. The Project will be of great benefit to students and scholars in IR. That ISA be able to explore new issue areas especially with the electronic version of it.

Hermann raised concerns that it may overlap with ISR and would it impact submissions to ISR and that perhaps include some essays from ISR into the Encyclopedia and ISR might be a bridge. Denemark noted that ISR focuses on most recent and EC would be focused on history and that they could work together and an editor from ISR serve on the EC board.

Wirtz concerned about the business model for the project, who would get paid and who would pay it. Volgy noted Blackwell came to ISA to request our help because there is strong demand and they would make money on it. Blackwell makes money on its publications. Also, the financial risk would be on Blackwell, not ISA. Lipshutz question that Blackwell get the benefit of unpaid labor from ISA members doing the work.

Birol concerned about overlap with ISR. Braveboy Wagner about a two year up-date schedule and breadth of the Project. Kulbukova concerned about cost, that is who would be able to afford to buy it. Pat James spoke to need to have a quality work – the labor would be voluntary – if they only do it they chose so no exploitation. Van Belle noted that many of the concerns raised today were raised last year and were answered in Volgy and Denemark’s proposal, and that he has gone from being opposed to it to now being in support of it.

Gill expressed concern about the lack of specifics in the proposals to any and every possible theoretical (intellectual) and operational question that could be raised. Volgy noted there is contract on the table.

Denemark noted that Sections are not being asked to make commitments to write articles for free but will be offered the opportunity to. Update schedule would be for the electronic version based on the level of electronic response to specific articles. Five year schedule for revisions is flexible with Blackwell. The EC articles would be longer than traditional encyclopedia articles. Cost to subscribers will be competitive and not being asked to pay for individual volumes and again for bundled volume.

Jay Parker noted that this is not final end-all document but a description of the nature of the debate.

Denemark – create a coherent set of discussions on the nature of the discipline – a living breathing project. This will be under the oversight of his Encyclopedia editorial boards and of the ISA Publication Committee and the ISA Editorial team of our journal editors and then back to the ISA ExComm and Governing Council.

Motion in support of contract passed by Governing Council (only 3 no votes- Gerner, Wirtz, and de Soysa).

Convention report: Volgy report for Reuveny that this year we have 720 panels our largest in history for 3 years in a row.

Change of venue in 2008 from Miami to SF. Miami Fontainebleau sold to condominium developer we opted out for SF for 2008. 2009 in NYC Marriott with a competitive rate.

International conferences: CISS conference at The Hague, small delegation to JAIR and to RISA. 2008 still open – WISC -- looking at Rio for 2009 and beyond. 2007 maybe with Caribbean Studies Association

WISC conference in Istanbul very successful – 800 attended very good panels. 2011 another WISC either in Ljibiana or Singapore.

Closer links with ECPR and perhaps some future joint meetings.

#### ISA Annual Convention Program Report

In response to serious problem on no shows we have experienced in previous years has mostly come from non-ISA members on the Program. This year, for first time non-ISA members were required to register in advance or else they would be removed from the Program was great success. Cut back dramatically on the number of no shows.

Volgy noted that the Convention Program Chairs are no longer able to fully handle the workload; so we decided to create an academic position from ISA HQ that has been hired part-time to help Program Chair to work with Sections on the 80% of the panel quota from Sections.

Institutionalize the Theme Panels at 20% of Annual Convention Program, to provide thematic skeletal backbone of the Program.

Motion made for support of the on 80 –20 Split on Panel Quota and the hire for Andrea. Motion passed unanimously.

Publications Committee: Jim Ray – see written report. No serious problems with any ISA journals. 1) Handling issues of Plagiarism is okay if all members of the Publication Committee agree on the case. 2) Process for replacement of people on ISA journal editorial boards is in place. 3) All proposals for editorial team for new journal came in as result of direct solicitation. 4) The Publications Committee recommends that the proposal from UConn from Boyer & Sterling-Folker is the one they support for ISP. The proposal from Geller was not chosen and may ask to speak to the Governing Council for reconsideration. Motion to accept the Publications Committee recommendation for UConn from Boyer & Sterling-Folker- motion passed unanimously.

Plagiarism Issues: Question raised that the definition may be too narrow (see p. 28) and there should be a more expansive and broad definition of plagiarism and perhaps deal with matter of academic integrity. Volgy suggested that the issue may need to be narrow in scope in consideration of legal ramifications, and will be dealt with when we discuss the current legal case.

*[Plagiarism Legal Case: Previously ISA had passed on the issue of plagiarism because of the legal problems especially on international basis. Dealing with it could bankrupt ISA. Also, ISA is not an academic (home) institution, which is the appropriate venue for dealing with punishing academic plagiarism and define it broadly condemn it. Then we were confronted with a clear case of plagiarism printed in an ISA journal (ISQ). We are now forced to deal with this issue directly. Counter charges leveled against the accusers. ISQ will be publish an article that this is clear plagiarism. The accused will enter into litigation against ISA, our journal editors, and Lynn Rienner. Our entire editor team of editors saw this as clear-cut case of plagiarism. It may cost ISA at least \$100 to \$150 K in legal fees. We do have an insurance policy for indemnification on legal cases for slander and libel. Coverage is no full or absolute guarantee that all our costs will be covered or if we lose the case. ]*

Workshop Grants committee – see Denmark report

Long-Range Planning Committee Report – see Ron Tammen’s written report.

Report addressed the proposed role of ISA in the world or emerging national and regional international studies associations.

Knudsen noted the history of this issue going back to the 1980s and raised concerns raised about the role of ISA in the global community of associations; of trying to globalize the ISA in a hegemonic way in a formal way. Knudsen suggested that ISA work among the community of IR associations and not take on the role of dominating and setting standards of legitimacy for such associations.

Braveboy-Wagner also rejected the second proposal, especially as it addresses Third World and Latin America in particular and how they view the ISA as too hegemonic and not trying to control those associations. Geeta Chowdhry noted that ISA should work as partner and not as holding company and hegemon. Tickner also voiced similar concerns about the history of this issue and the anger it caused and how those issues were addressed with the development of WISC. Thompson noted that variety is desirable in the multiple international studies associations and that our role is to be a partner and that we have no desire to absorb or dominate and direct the internal processes of other international studies associations. The report was accepted without any action.

Professional Rights and Responsibilities Committee:

Christopher Joyner noted the adoption of proposal requiring the registration of non-ISA members for convention registration and its positive results in this year’s convention.

Professional Development Committee: Ido Oren (for Alan Lamborn) see written report, which advances the proposal for support of graduate students and younger scholars. Noted the inclusion of all Region Presidents in this committee.

There will be panels at the ISA convention on Guidelines for publication panels. They are looking at ways to promote professional development at ISA regional conferences.

Diversity Committee: Brett Ashley Leeds noted that this committee had been dormant for a number of years. How do we judge our progress at promoting diversity among women and other minorities. No data collected on minority status by check off on membership application and renewal form. How to clearly define what our objectives are in terms of diversity. Also deal with epistemological and geographic diversity as well as racial, gender and ethnic diversity. How do we collect data on diversity? Data could be collected by adding an optional check off on the ISA membership and renewal form or by an electronic survey. Optional check-off would likely have poor response. The survey is not likely to be reflective of the membership as a whole. Volgy noted that this would require a change in GC policy on collecting this data.

An alternative was that we could do a survey at the ISA Annual convention although 30 –40% of attendees are non-ISA members.

How do we define the ISA goals on diversity?

Motion by Sarkees and seconded to collect data on race, gender, ethnicity and academic specialty (discipline) and geographic diversity on a voluntary basis the membership form.

What are we looking for, why are we collecting this data? To find out who we are? Have a benchmark on measuring efforts to expand diversity. Motion passed on voice vote.

Adoption of Revised Budget: Increase to IPS journal, increase workshop grants committee and child care and Gerlak salary and Blackwell contract. Motion passes unanimously.

Request to establish a new ISA Section on Human Rights has been made by Kurt Mills. A petition was made to a new Section on Human Rights. All the necessary requirements for establishing a new Section have been successfully met. Motion and second, motion passed unanimously.

Re-chartering ISA Sections: The following Sections are up for rechartering: ALIAS, CISS, Environmental Studies, ENMISA, FTGS, Global Development, Intelligence Studies, International Education, International Law, International Organization, International Political Economy, and International Political Sociology. All the necessary requirements for establishing the rechartering a Section have been successfully met. Motion made and second, motion passed unanimously.

Region and Section Business:

Region People meet for Breakfast tomorrow morning at Terrace Cafe.

Pilch suggest that ISA adopt a training program for Region Presidents and officers each year at the Annual Convention.

Braveboy-Wagner the ISA Representatives at UN request that R&S announce that ISA people can attend some UN meetings. Ask for list of people who would be able to attend UN meetings.

Old Business:

New ISA Book Awards: Annual Book Award and Decade Book Award. Thompson proposed that the awards be given a more specific name, Thucydides and ..... Hertz – rejected. Immanuel Kant rejected. All rejected and remain as generic names.

New Business:

Concern for Iraqi Academics: Steven Gill – petition from Belgium concern for Iraqi Academics, that 200 have been killed since occupation. Concern that academic world threatened and at risk for speaking out. Draw attention to this issue in our newsletter. Not asking for any formal resolution from Governing Council, but draw attention and consciousness -raising. Ann Tickner raised it as part of having the Association begin to consider these issues of academic freedom in broader context of how academics and institutions deal with these issues in our disciplines.

It was suggested that the Professional Rights and Responsibility Committee look into this and that it might to possible for ISP to devote an issue to this matter. Birol said he would raise it with the ISP editorial board. Boyd noted that members of the organization, *Scholars at Risk* will be making a panel presentation convention “*Risky Knowledge*” on this year’s Annual.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:00 pm