

Draft Charter of the International Communication Section of the International Studies Association

Article I: Name

This Section shall be known as the section on International Communication of the International Studies Association.

Article II: Affiliation

The Section is a part of the ISA and, as such, subscribes to the ISA's purposes and supports its general activities.

Article III: Purposes

The International Communication Section will provide a formal structure for researchers working on topics relating to communication and related technologies, culture, media, information and knowledge in the context of International Studies. It also encourages participation from those bringing such approaches to bear in fields related to International Studies.

Article IV: Relationships

The section will cooperate with organizations that have similar goals, both within and outside ISA, in order to promote the study of International Communication.

Article V: Membership

Any member of the ISA who shares the purposes of this section may become a member upon payment of dues. Members are entitled to attend annual meetings, nominate candidates for administrative responsibilities in the Section, take up administrative responsibilities in the section, vote, sponsor amendments to this charter, and receive publications and services produced by the section.

Article VI: Officers

1. The Officers of the Section will be a Chair, Vice Chair, and members of the Executive Committee.
2. The Executive Committee will consist of the Chair, Vice Chair, immediate-past Chair, plus four other members. The Chair and Vice Chair will be elected for one-year terms; other officers, two year terms with two elected each year. Officers may not serve consecutive terms in one position.
3. Where Section members other than elected members of the Executive Committee perform functions on behalf of the Section, the Chair, with the approval of the Executive, may invite them to attend meetings of the Executive Committee.

4. The Chair will preside at the annual business meeting; coordinate Section activities; with the approval of the Executive Committee appoint members to executive positions required by the section including the chair of the nominating committee; convene the Executive Committee as needed; and serve as the Section's spokesperson. The Vice Chair will act as the Program Chair for the annual meeting involving the coordination of an annual reception (if possible) and Distinguished Senior Scholar panel (if possible), The Executive Committee will set the level of dues for Section membership.

3. The Vice Chair will be the incoming Chair-elect for the Section.

Article VII: Nominations and Elections

1. A Nominating Committee of three members will be constituted each year. It will be chaired by a member of the Executive Committee designated by the Chair with the approval of the Executive as a whole who will, in turn, select two other members of the Section to serve on the committee. in consultation with the Section Chair. The Committee will be responsible for nominating a candidate for the position of incoming Vice Chair.

2. The Nominating Committee will also invite the membership of the Section to make nominations for vacant seats on the Executive Committee. Any Section member may nominate themselves provide their nomination is seconded by two members of the Section.

3. Section members may nominate an alternative candidate for the position of Vice Chair/Chair through the submission of a nomination seconded by ten members of the Section.

4. The names of one or more nominees for each vacant position will be made known through electronic mail to the Section membership at least one month before the annual meeting.

5. A ballot will be published prior to the annual business meeting. It will be returned to the Section Chair two weeks prior to this meeting and results will be announced at the meeting.

VIII: Charter Amendments

1. Amendments to the Section Charter may be proposed by the Executive Committee or by a petition of at least ten members.

2. Proposed amendments shall be submitted to the Chair not later than one month before the annual meeting, and shall be discussed and voted on at the annual meeting.

3. Amendments must be approved by a two-thirds majority of non-Executive members at the business meeting and two-thirds of the standing Executive. Proxy votes are permitted for Executive members only

4. Approved amendments shall be submitted to ISA officers.

IX. Entry into Force

1. This Charter will enter into force after approval by a majority of the section members voting on it.

2. Subject to approval of the Charter, the Section Chair will convene the Executive as a nominating Committee and conduct elections in accordance with Article VII. Two members of the executive will be elected for one year and two members for a normal term of two years.