

CHAPTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW SECTION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION (ISA-IL)

Adopted 1974, Revised 1989,1991

Article I: Name. This organization shall be known as the International Law Section of the International Studies Association (ISA-IL).

Article II. Affiliation. ISA-IL is one of the sections of the International Studies Association and as such subscribes to its purposes and supports its activities.

Article III. Purposes. The purpose of the ISA-IL is to serve the needs and enhance the capacities of political science, legal and other scholars, practitioners, and others with teaching, research and policy interests in the field of international law.

Article IV: Relationships. ISA-IL shall cooperate fully with any existing organization having related interests, both within and outside ISA. Liaison shall be maintained with groups such as the American Society of International Law, the International Law Association, the Institute of International Law and similar bodies anywhere. The ISA-IL shall also work closely with the ISA regional sections in developing programs and other activities.

Article V: Membership. Anyone who shares the purposes of the organization may become a member, and any member who is also a member of the ISA shall be entitled to vote for elective officers.

Article VI: Officers. The elected officers shall be a Chair, a Vice-Chair and a Secretary. Their term of office shall be one year. The outgoing Chair will assist the elected officials for the year subsequent to term of office. The Chair shall function as treasurer. Should the Chair resign or be unable to serve, the Vice-Chair will assume the duties of the Chair. Should the Vice-Chair resign or be unable to serve, the Secretary will assume the duties of the Vice Chair. The chair shall appoint Acting officers for those positions that cannot be filled.

Article VII: Structure. The Chair shall act as liaison with the ISA and other organizations and shall prepare at least one newsletter annually. A Newsletter announcing panels ISA-IL will be sponsoring at the Annual Convention shall be circulated well in advance of the Conventions. The Chair shall also assist the Vice-Chair and Secretary and will coordinate the Section's officers and activities. The Vice-Chair shall be responsible for organizing ISA-IL panels for the Annual Convention, in consultation with the Chair, and shall act as Section liaison with the Annual Convention program chair. The Secretary will take the minutes of the annual business meeting and will assist the Chair and Vice-Chair, as necessary.

Article VIII: Nominations and Elections. By virtue of incumbency, the elected Vice-Chair and Secretary are automatically nominated for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively. Other Candidates for the elected positions may be nominated by a petition signed by five or more Section members and directed to the Chair prior to the annual business meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the meeting. Election to office shall be conducted by mail ballot and candidates with the largest number of votes received within one month of the mailing of the ballot shall be considered elected.

Article IX: Amendments. Amendments to this Charter may be proposed by the Chair or upon petition of five members of the ISA-IL. Membership shall be informed of proposed amendments either through the newsletter or by special mailing.

Amendments shall be ratified by a vote of two-thirds of all members of the ISA-IL who respond to a mail ballot within one month of the date of mailing of the ballots.
