

## INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION

I. Preamble

The aim of the International Organization Section of ISA is to encourage scholarship on international organization. The International Organization Section seeks to stimulate research and discussion, develop, encourage and sponsor publication, encourage young scholars to seek innovative knowledge, foster interdisciplinary contributions to knowledge and bring into closer association those scholars interested in international organization. The activities of the International Organization Section will be based on the importance of the subject matter of evolving international system; attractive opportunities for significant research; the need for examining new methodological approaches; and the relevance of knowledge of international organization to important issues of public policy.

The subject matter of main concern to the International Organization Section will include the following: Those developments which lead to a situation of integration across existing national boundaries; those processes which change level of integration across national boundaries; the functioning, operations and behavior of transnational and intergovernmental institutions within a broadly conceived international system and also as independent systems or subsystems; public policies and associated problems bearing on the foregoing subject matter.

II. Purposes

1. A major purpose of the International Organization Section (IOS) of ISA is to link scholars of all persuasions or methodologies who share an interest in international organization. It will serve to keep members abreast of current developments concerning international organization and related fields.

2. The IOS welcomes members who study international organization via a great variety of methods. The IOS believes it has a particular obligation to foster scientifically rigorous procedures for the investigation of international organization phenomena.

3. The IOS will attempt to promote new research whose specific purpose is to close lacunae in our knowledge of international organization. Thus the IOS will be especially concerned with studies of organizations and processes not yet examined, as well as studies in greater depth of organizations and processes that have already been subject to investigation.

4. In work it sponsors, IOS will see to it that attention is paid to problems of scientific and normative theory which affect the study of transnational processes and institutions.

5. Developments in transnational organizations and processes raise questions of national public policy. Such questions are also a subject of concern to the IOS, as are all questions of the interaction of international organizations with the larger international system.

II. Relationship

IV. Membership

1. Any member of ISA sharing the purposes of this section may become a member upon payment of annual IOS dues. Any non-member of ISA who wishes to associate himself with the IOS must, within a reasonable period of time, become a member of ISA.

2. Members shall be entitled to:

- a. receive copies of such communications or publications as the IOS Council may determine;
- b. attend, participate in, and vote at the annual meeting of IOS members;
- c. receive and return all ballots submitted to the membership by IOS;
- d. sponsor nominations for elective IOS officers;
- e. be eligible for nomination to elective office;
- f. sponsor amendments to the charter and resolutions consistent with the purposes of the IOS.

V. The Government

1. The Government of IOS shall consist of a Chairman, a Council, an Annual Meeting of Members, and the entire IOS membership voting by mail ballot.

2. The officers of IOS shall be a chairman and members of the Council.

VI. The Council

1. The Council shall consist of six members chosen for two year terms, with half to be elected by mail ballot each year.

2. The Council shall meet at least once a year at the call of the Chairman. A petition signed by three members of the Council shall be sufficient to bring the Council into extraordinary session.

3. The Council may appoint special and standing committees from its own membership and shall establish its own rules of procedure.

4. The Council shall:

- a. elect and set the term of office for the editors of any publication or newsletter issued under the auspices of IOS;
- b. appoint a Nominating Committee to propose candidates as specified in Article IX, Section 1; the Chairman shall chair this committee and at least a majority of the membership shall come from outside the Council;
- c. enact an annual budget and set annual dues;
- d. prescribe rules for the conduct of the Annual Meeting of IOS, for the holding of elections, and for the submission of proposed amendments to the members;
- e. appoint an acting Chairman if the Chairman should die or resign;
- f. publish its minutes and proceedings in an official journal or newsletter of ISA and, if requested by 3 members of the Council, include a record of members voting for and against a motion and of those abstaining and absent;
- g. authorize committees necessary to serve the purpose of IOS;
- h. set the agenda of the Annual Meeting of Members;
- i. pass resolutions necessary and proper to achieve the purpose of the IOS.

## I. The Chairman

1. The Chairman shall serve for a term of two years. He shall be eligible to succeed himself in office.

### 2. The Chairman shall:

- a. preside at the meetings of the Council, the Nominating Committee, and the Annual Meeting of Members;
- b. arrange, in consultation with the ISA Program Chairman, IOS panels and workshops at the Annual ISA Convention;
- c. chair any IOS conferences during his tenure;
- d. be the official spokesman of IOS;
- e. call the Council into session;
- f. at his discretion appoint special committees from outside the Council to report on matters he deems to be of serious concern to IOS members;
- g. be responsible for the preparation of an annual budget and program and for their presentation to the Council;
- h. propose programs and policies to the Council that in his judgment advance the best interests of IOS;
- i. be chief administrative officer of IOS.

## II. The Annual Meeting of Members

1. The Annual Meeting of Members shall be held at the Annual ISA Convention and shall provide for the discussion of the policies and the activities of the Section. The Chairman shall preside; the members of the Assembly shall attend. All members of the Section are eligible to participate in the Meeting.

### 2. The Annual Meeting of Members shall have the authority to:

- a. alter the agenda prepared for it by the Council;
- b. receive and consider reports;
- c. propose and adopt resolutions consistent with this constitution;
- d. act upon constitutional amendments initiated in accordance with Article X, Section 3;
- e. approve the election of new Council members such that terms of office shall cease and begin at that time.

3. Resolutions adopted by the Annual Meeting of Members shall be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Council, and shall become effective if the Council approves them.

## X. Nominations and Elections

1. At the first meeting after each general election the new Council shall appoint a Nominating Committee. The Chairman shall chair this committee and at least one half of its membership shall come from outside the Council. The Committee shall propose a candidate or candidates for the office of Chairman and for each Council seat falling vacant.

2. The Nominating Committee shall seek to ensure that the Council represent the diverse geographical, intellectual, and professional currents within the IOS. The names of candidates proposed by the Nominating Committee shall be made known to the membership at least three months in advance of the Annual Meeting of Members.

3. Nominations for the offices specified in Section V that are sponsored by at least 10 members of the Association and that are submitted to the IOS Chairman at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting shall appear on the ballot.

4. Elections for all offices shall be decided by a mail ballot of IOS members. Ballots shall be mailed by the IOS Chairman to all IOS members at least 45 days prior to the Annual Meeting of Members and must be returned to the IOS Chairman at least 7 days prior to the Annual Meeting of Members in order to be counted.

X. Amendments

1. Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by the Council and the membership.

2. Proposed amendments that originate within and are approved by two-thirds of the Council shall be submitted to a mail ballot of the members of the Association.

3. Amendments may be proposed by petitions signed by at least 10 members of IOS. Such proposed amendments shall be submitted to the IOS Chairman not less than 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting for presentation to the Annual Meeting of Members. The Chairman shall promptly announce such proposals to the members. Proposed amendments that are approved by the Annual Meeting of Members shall be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Council. Amendments approved by the Annual Meeting of Members and accepted by a majority of the Council shall be submitted to the members of IOS for ratification.

4. At least once every ten years the Council shall appoint a committee from outside its membership to review this charter and to recommend changes or to propose a new charter. If approved by a majority of the Council, such recommendations or proposed new charter shall be submitted to the members of IOS for ratification.

5. Amendments to this charter, however originated, or a proposed new charter shall become effective when ratified by a majority of those voting. Voting shall be by mail ballot. Other rules for the conduct of the voting shall be prescribed by the Council not less than two months prior to the balloting.

XI. Transition

1. This charter shall come into effect immediately upon approval by ISA and ratification of members of IOS.

2. The Chairman at the time of ratification shall serve as interim Chairman under this constitution.

3. The interim Chairman shall appoint a Nominating Committee which shall function as specified in Article IX, Section 2, of this charter. Nominations also be submitted according to Article IX, Section 3.

4. The Nominating Committee shall determine interim rules for the time of the first election.

5. At its first session, the new Council will determine by lot those of its membership who will serve for one year and two year terms.