

By-Laws of the International History and Politics Section

I. PURPOSE OF THE INTERNATIONAL HISTORY AND POLITICS SECTION

To promote the study of international history and politics; to disseminate research results; to encourage interdisciplinary conversations between political scientists and historians; and to advance the development, dissemination, integration and application of qualitative and historiographical methodologies.

The section provides an institutional focus for the recent resurgence in the qualitative study of international politics, and serves as a permanent point of access for dialogue between international, diplomatic, economic and military historians, and political scientists who study international relations and foreign affairs. The section welcomes all scholars and scholarship that intersect with its purposes, regardless of their preferred methodology or epistemology.

II. MEMBERSHIP IN THE SECTION

A. All Members of the American Political Science Association are eligible for membership.

B. Membership in the Section is established by current payment of annual Section dues to the APSA. Dues will be \$5, unless changed by a vote at the annual business meeting.

III. ADMINISTRATION OF THE SECTION

A. OFFICERS

The Section will be administered by a President, a Vice-President, a Program Chair, a Secretary-Treasurer, and a six-member Executive Council.

1. President. Chairs the meeting of the Section at the annual meetings of the APSA; appoints the Program Chair; appoints and chairs the nominating committee for Section officers; and performs other duties that are in the interest of the Section.

2. Vice-President. Assists the President in all functions specified in Article III A. 1., and in the absence of the President, may Chair the meeting of the section at the annual meetings of the APSA.

3. Program Chair. Organizes the meetings of the scholarly program of the Section in a manner that reflects the disciplinary diversity as well as the interdisciplinary character of the Section.

4. Secretary-Treasurer. Maintains roster of members; administers mailings to the membership; manages income and disbursements, and keeps financial records, of the Section; prepares an annual report to the APSA; and maintains the minutes of the Business meeting.

5. Newsletter Editor. Directs and produces any publications of the Section, as established by the Council. Appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the Executive Council and Section officers. S/he solicits material for the newsletter and oversees its publication.

6. Council: Represents the disciplinary diversity and interdisciplinary character of International History and Politics; makes general thematic and administrative policy for the Section; approves the budget and plans for the financial needs of the Section

For the single offices (i.e., President, Vice-President, Program Chair, and Secretary-Treasurer), more than one person may jointly fill the position. In such cases, they must be nominated together for election. And in any instance where the officers of the Section make a collective decision, each office will have only one vote.

B. ELECTIONS

1. For the election of all officers and Council members except the Program Chair (see III. B. 4. below) the President of the Section shall organize a nominating committee composed of three members of the Section. All section members, including section officers, are eligible to serve on the nominating committee.

2. A group of ten or more members of the Section may nominate additional candidates for office. Such a petition, including a statement of agreement of the candidate to stand for office, must be received by the President at least two weeks before the Section meeting.

3. For offices for which no petitions have been received, the nominating committee's proposals will be elected upon approval of a majority of those voting at the business meeting. The officers and Council members so elected at the annual meeting will take office at its close. For offices that are contested, an email ballot will be conducted among the membership of the Section as soon as practicable after the annual meeting, with a deadline for the receipt of ballots specified. Elections to single offices will be by plurality. The membership of the Section shall be informed of the election outcomes via email.

4. The Program Chair shall be appointed by the President, Vice-President, Program Chair and Secretary-Treasurer by June 25 of each year, and shall hold office for twelve months from the completion of the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in that year.

5. For the election of the initial Council a nominating committee composed of three members of the Section will propose a slate of candidates to the business meeting that

approves the By-Laws. Additional candidates may be nominated at the meeting, provided the candidate is willing to stand. Election will be by majority of those voting at this meeting.

C. TERMS OF OFFICE

The term of the President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer shall be for two years; the Program Chair for one year; and the members of the Executive Council for two years of equal classes on staggered terms – except that the initial election will be of equal classes of two years and one year.

D. BUSINESS MEETING

The business meeting of the section will be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.

IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

Amendments may be proposed by a majority vote at the annual Section meeting, or by written petition by 25 members of the Section. Ratification of amendments will require either a majority vote of the annual Section meeting after a proposed amendment has been mailed to the membership at least two months before the meeting or by mail ballot after a majority vote, held at an annual meeting, to submit a proposed amendment to the membership at large.

V. AWARDS

Awards, as determined by an individual award chair and award committee each award as appointed by the president, will be granted by the section in the following categories: best article in international history and politics and best book in international history.