

CHARTER: ISA PEACE STUDIES SECTION

I. Name

This organization shall be known as the Peace Studies Section of the International Studies Association (PSS/ISA).

II. Purposes

The aim of PSS/ISA is to seek a better understanding of the causes of war and violence and of the conditions of peace in the international system. To this end, the Section shall link scholars of various disciplines and methodologies, shall develop, encourage, and disseminate research, and shall facilitate research-based teaching in peace and conflict studies.

III. Relationships

PSS/ISA will encourage cooperative relationships with other Sections and regions of ISA and other professional and scholarly organizations which share its interests.

IV. Membership

1. Any ISA member sharing the purposes of the Section may become a member upon payment of annual dues.
2. Members are entitled to receive copies of Section publications, participate in annual meetings, nominate and be nominated for office, vote, and sponsor amendments to this charter.

V. Officers

1. The officers of PSS/ISA shall be the Chairperson and members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of the chairperson plus six other members, each elected for a two-year term, one-half to be elected each year. The chairperson may be re-elected once.
2. The Executive Committee shall meet at the ISA annual meeting and at such other reasonable times and places as the chairperson, or at least three (3) of the officers shall designate.
3. The Chairperson of the Executive Committee shall be the official spokesperson and chief administrative officer of PSS/ISA; shall call and conduct meetings of the Executive Committee and of the Section; shall participate in the ISA Governing Council, shall be responsible for the expenditure of funds, for the preparation of an annual report to the Governing Council, of panels for the ISA annual meeting, of an annual budget and agenda and minutes of meetings, and of a Section newsletter; and shall appoint committees as necessary. The Chairperson may delegate responsibilities with the consent of the Executive Committee.
4. The Executive Committee shall attend meetings of the Section; establish rules of procedure for its own meetings; approve the annual budget and dues and any use of the Section name; assist the chairperson in the conduct of other Section responsibilities; and appoint an Acting Chairperson if the Chairperson should die or resign. Generally, one member of the Executive Committee will assist the Chair with the newsletter and another with panels for the annual meeting.

VI. Nominations and Elections

1. A Nominating Committee of at least three (3) members, including at least one member of the Executive Committee and at least one member from outside the Executive Committee, shall be elected at the annual meeting.