

# Newsletter

ISA - South General Business Meeting  
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ISA South President Tom Badey called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Tom reported on the meeting of the ISA Governing Council. Future ISA conferences are to be held in Montreal in 2004, Honolulu in 2005, and San Diego in 2006. There is a Budapest conference in June 2003.

Membership in ISA stands at approximately 3015. Seven hundred of the members are students. ISA would like to expand student membership, even though it can be costly. Tom Volgy has been renewed as Executive Director of ISA. ISA is pursuing socially-responsible investments with its funds.

At the ISA meeting in Portland there were 466 panels and 2,100 confirmed participants. International Studies Quarterly is moving to a new editorial team at the University of North Texas. There has been some discussion of doing away with hard copies of papers at the conference.

The Governing Council is also considering ways to accommodate expansion of child care at ISA conferences.

Mary Ann Tetreault suggested that e-mail addresses be included in the ISA conference program.

Tom relayed the budget report from ISA-South Treasurer Mike Cairo. We have \$10,240 in our account. ISA-South is in the best financial shape of any of the regional associations. We will put some of that money to good use by supporting student participation at the Gainesville meeting.

Ido Oren reported on preparations for the Gainesville meeting, to be held October 17-18 at the University of Florida. The call for papers and panels is ready to be distributed. Meeting rooms have been booked. The charge for the Holiday Inn will be \$69 plus tax. The Luncheon speaker will be Terry McCoy of the Latin American Studies Center at the University of Florida. There will also be a graduate student paper competition.

\$1,500 has been allotted for student participation in the meeting. There was a consensus that funds could go to graduate as well as undergraduate students. The most important criterion is the quality of the paper or proposal submitted.

Roger Coate of the Walker Institute for International Studies at the University of South Carolina has generously agreed to host the 2004 regional conference. The meeting could be held either in Charleston or at USC in Columbia. Roger will compare costs for the two venues. There was discussion of co-sponsoring the conference with another section of ISA, or possibly with Sigma Iota Rho, the international relations honors society. Bob Keohane or John Ruggie would be good possible keynote speakers.

Mark Amen suggested that the South Carolina conference have an inclusive theme that would draw inter-disciplinary participants. Roger will prepare a proposal to be considered at the Gainesville meeting.

Mary Meyers stressed the utility of a survey on member services to better direct how ISA funds are spent. Some people might prefer to continue receiving the newsletter in paper form, for example.

Harry Chernotsky noted some of the limitations of the ISA website. Mary Ann Tetreault suggested that the inclusion of a directory with bios would be helpful.

There was discussion of ISA journals. Roger Coate wondered if journals could go on-line. Tom Badey noted that their journal arrangement with Blackwell turns a profit. Mary Ann suggested greater diversity in publications or enhanced quality of existing journals. Mark Amen made the point that ISA should be on the leading edge with an on-line journal on par with the best paper journals.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 a.m.