

**PROPOSED BY-LAWS OF:**  
**THE SOUTHWESTERN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION**

1. The official name of this association shall be known as the: **SOUTHWESTERN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION (hereinafter: SISA).**
2. SISA is an affiliate of the Southwestern Social Sciences Association (SSSA). Membership in SISA is self-declared by the individual participant upon registering for the SSSA. Attendance at SISA's annual business meetings is required unless otherwise excused by the President. Voting privileges on matters otherwise from the prevue of the Executive Council requires a minimum of two consecutive year's attendance at the annual business meeting.
3. The governance of the SISA is comprised of an elected: President, Program Chair, Treasurer, and **Journal Editor**. The terms of office of each of the positions above are for a year.
4. The **President** shall preside over the organization when it is in its annual session with the SSSA. The president shall maintain an open flow of communication with the members especially on matters relating to the annual meetings.
5. The **Program Chair** shall manage all facets of the program's annual meeting: panels, roundtables, student papers, annual dinner or reception, etc., and any other duties requested by the president.
6. The **Treasurer** shall manage the funds of the organization, give an account of the funds to the members at the annual meeting.
7. The **SISA Journal editor** shall maintain the journal of the organization according to the mandates of the membership, and is a member of the Executive Council. Other editors may be selected from the membership of the organization upon the recommendation of the editor, and affirmed by a majority of the Executive Committee. The standards of the Journal are established by the editor in keeping with the standard cannons of peer-reviewed scholarship of the profession.
8. On matters that need to be discussed and voted upon when the organization is not in assembly, the **Executive Council** of the SISA shall constitute the "membership." The council will consist of: all elective office holders, plus all past presidents in *good standing* with the organization. *Good standing* shall mean regular and frequent attendance at the annual meetings.
9. The council should meet by email.