

FOR ASIL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
Meeting of April 4, 2018

Annual Interest Group Report
from

Nonproliferation, Arms Control and Disarmament

Current Elected Officers:

Name	Title	Originally Elected to Current Position in (Year):	Last Elected to Current Position in (Year):	Elected Officer of Any Type in This IG Since (Year):
Kathleen A. Doty (Kate)	Chair	2015	2015	2015
Michael George (Mike)	Vice-Chair	2015	2015	2015

Please fill in or correct above any missing information.

Please fill in or correct below any non-elected IG leaders (e.g. advisory body members or newsletter editor):

Name	Title	Since (Year):

Name of Person Completing this Report: Kathleen A. Doty

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Number of IG members as of Feb. 23, 2018 = 187

Year group established: 2008

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Governance

1) Please describe how your IG is governed, the allocation of responsibilities, etc.

We currently have a Chair, Vice-Chair, and an Executive Committee. Currently, the Chair takes the lead on IG activities, with the Vice-Chair assisting. Responsibilities are shared and divided on a project-by-project basis. The Executive Committee serves in an advisory capacity.

2) By what means and how often do IG officers communicate with IG members?

Communication has been via email the IG community portion of the ASIL website (blog & documents). We have tried to communicate with members on a periodic basis, announcing relevant job postings, sharing news items, and ASIL publications or programs of interest.

Interest Group Mission

1) What are the purpose and direction of the IG? Please reply with particular attention to the following objectives: fulfilling the educational and public awareness mission of ASIL; providing additional opportunities for active participation by ASIL members; making a contribution to the development and use of international law.

The Nonproliferation, Arms Control, and Disarmament (NACD) Interest Group is designed to serve as a focal point for the study and development of law relating to nonproliferation, arms control, and disarmament. It aims to facilitate exchange between governmental and non-governmental experts on NACD law, between NACD law experts and policymakers, and between NACD law experts and experts in other areas of the law (such as international trade law, international organization law, and foreign legal systems) that can contribute to the study and development of NACD law. NACD Interest Group activities will include hosting speakers and roundtables, sponsoring panels at ASIL annual meetings, and the informal sharing and critiquing of ideas, research, and papers.

2) Please indicate if and where this marks a change from the Interest Group's previous statements of purpose and direction. *No change.*

3) Please indicate what process of consultation was undertaken within the IG to determine IG agreement with the above stated purpose and objective.

On May 4, 2015, after being elected to the Chair & Vice-Chair positions, Kate & Mike sent out a member survey requesting input for IG activities & mission. We received some, but not a high volume of responses. There were no comments that would prompt a re-thinking of the core mission of the IG. Thus, we elected not to make any changes to the existing mission statement.

The Year in Review

1) Please share some of the successes and challenges faced by your IG in the past year.

We were delighted to see ASIL take up NACD-related issues in the online series on International Law in the Trump Administration, such as the panels on "nuclear security and non-proliferation" and "strengthening cybersecurity." We shared an announcement with our members about these panels, but we would have very much liked to be official co-sponsors of these events. We were also very pleased to see the publication of the Proceedings from the 110th Annual Meeting this year, as during that meeting, we convened a panel on "The Emergence of Cyber Deterrence: Implications for International Law." We are currently planning a substantive session during the upcoming annual meeting which will take place during our business meeting.

2) Are there things that ASIL could be doing to enhance the interest group program and your experience with it?

We are disappointed that this year's Annual Meeting program, as circulated for IG co-sponsorship purposes, does not contain sessions related to NACD issues. We are very glad to host a substantive session during our business meeting to remedy this, but we would like to see representation of these issues at each annual meeting.

Anticipated Program of Activity

1) Short-term. Please detail programs and activities planned for 2018, with particular emphasis on how IG members will be involved. Also include what measures, if any, your group plans to take to supplement its \$600 allotment from ASIL for this year.

We are planning to use our business meeting at this year's Annual Meeting to convene a panel related to arms sales and the conflict in Yemen. We are currently securing speakers and will make an announcement to our members in short order. This event will be co-sponsored by the Lieber Society on the Law of Armed Conflict, the Dean Rusk International Law Center, the Stimson Center, and the Center for Civilians in Conflict. We anticipate using the majority of our \$600 allocation towards the execution of this event.

2) Long-term. Please describe any objectives beyond 2018.

The terms of both the Chair and Vice-Chair are ending this year and we look forward to assisting the newly elected officials in their leadership roles.

Additional Comments