

FOR ASIL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
Meeting of April 12, 2017

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):
Dan Joyner	Executive Committee	

Name of Person Completing this Report: **Kathleen A. Doty**
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Number of IG members as of Feb. 16, 2017 = 161
 Year group established: 2008

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Governance

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

Kate takes the lead on IG activities, with Mike assisting. Responsibilities are shared and divided on a project-by-project basis.

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

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

The Year in Review

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

We were pleased to host an event at Tillar House on May 2, 2016, featuring Mallory Stewart, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Emerging Security Challenges and Defense Policy, Bureau of Arms Control, Verification, and Compliance, U.S. Department of State. Diane Marie Amann, the Emily and Ernest Woodruff Chair in International Law at the University of Georgia School of Law, moderated. It was a fantastic event. We would have liked to live-stream or video record it but unfortunately ASIL did not have the technology available.

We also hosted a panel at the Annual Meeting, “The Emergency of Cyber Deterrence: Implications for International Law.” It featured Jonathan E. Davis of the Office of the Legal Adviser, United States Department of State; Gary Brown of United States Marine Corps University; and Tara McGraw Swaminatha of DLA Piper LLP. Kathleen A. Doty (NACDIG Chair) moderated. This panel had excellent attendance. All but Tara McGraw Swaminatha prepared their remarks for the ASIL Proceedings. We are looking forward to its forthcoming publication.

We also periodically post to the IG website, including roundup of news items related to arms control and disarmament, job postings, and other trainings. It would also be interesting to see statistics for the number of people that view an item on the interest group portion of the ASIL website so that we could assess the utility of our efforts.

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

Anticipated Program of Activity

1) **Short-term.** Please detail programs and activities planned for 2017, 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.

Our ideas for upcoming events include panels featuring practitioners and academics on issues like arms control law in the Trump administration; the use of chemical weapons in Syria; or perhaps something on nuclear weapons given this year is the 55th Anniversary of the Cuban Missile Crisis. As we plan these events, we would like to partner with more organizations/think tanks/academic centers doing work in this area. We expect that we will use our \$600 budget to provide refreshments.

This is also the last year of both of Kate and Mike’s terms as Chair and Vice-Chair. We will need to do some recruiting through the year to ensure that there is interest for the election next year.

2) **Long-term.** Please describe any objectives beyond 2017.

Our goal is to continue raise awareness of NACD issues among the international legal community as they arise.

Additional Comments