

## Interest Group Membership

Any ACL member may participate in any Interest Group. An expression of interest in participation to the ACL Home Office ([info@acl.org](mailto:info@acl.org)) is the only requirement for membership and access to the Interest Group discussion list. **Note:** the same guidelines and expectations apply to Interest Group discussion lists as apply to the main ACL discussion list.

## Creating a new Interest Group

- ACL members interested in creating a new Interest Group may petition the Board.
- Petitions should include a rationale, a list of members willing to participate, and a list of members willing to provide leadership for the Group.

## Interest Group Governance

- Leadership of an Interest Group is in the hands of a designated Convener, who is responsible for planning and carrying out the Interest Group goals and objectives.
- Conveners may be selected by the Interest Group itself but are approved by the Board.
- The Convener will submit an annual report to the Board in May including a summary of group activities and a recommendation regarding the future of the group.

## Interest Group Expectations

- Manage and maintain a discussion list which facilitates conversation on issues related to Interest Group topics. Conveners may need to encourage discussion from time to time.
- Maintain an Interest Group page on the ACL website.
- Host a workshop, presentation, or meeting at the annual conference each year submitting a request on the appropriate form to the conference planning coordinator the Fall before the conference.
- Create its own goals and objectives. These goals and objectives should benefit ACL members and promote the mission of ACL.

## Change in Interest Group Status

An Interest Group may be closed at the discretion of the Board when:

- There is no convener
- There is no discussion on the listserv for six months
- The Group no longer adheres to their stated goals and objectives
- The Board determines that continuing the group is not in the best interest of the Association

An Interest Group may change its name and even its focus with the approval of the Board.