# **Ohio Model United Nations**

## **Election Procedures & Guidelines For State Officers**

### **OHIO MODEL UNITED NATIONS STATE OFFICERS**

The following state officers are elected during Ohio Model United Nations:

* Secretary-General
* Assistant Secretary General
* President of the General Assembly
* Vice-President of the General Assembly
* President of Human Rights Council
* Vice-President of Human Rights Council
* Council Presidents (16)
* Council Vice-Presidents (16

#### **NOTE: Depending of number of participants attending OMUN we may elect (2) Human Rights Council Presidents & Vice-Presidents.**

#### **OHIO MODEL UNITED NATIONS SECRETARIAT**

The OMUN Secretariat is the governing board of the Ohio Model United Nations. It is composed of all elected state officers, selected school advisors, staff and director of Ohio Leadership Institute. The OMUN Secretariat meets throughout the school year and during the summer in order to prepare for the OMUN program.

### **ELECTION GUIDELINES**

* Nominations are to be submitted on the proper forms in accordance with established guidelines.
* In order to run for office a delegate must be an 8th grader for JR OMUN and an 11th grader for SR OMUN.
* Candidates for office must have at least an overall **B** grade point average and must be in “good standing” with their school.
* Each nation can nominate candidates for office.
* Campaigning must be done verbally **WITHOUT** the use of any type of visual aids. Campaigning is done verbally among the various delegates and through actions by candidates in the Council Sessions and on the floor of the General Assembly and in the Human Rights Council.
* Candidates for office deliver speeches and answer questions before the OMUN Nominating Caucus at OMUN. The OMUN Nominating Caucus selects candidates for each office from those delegates nominated by their nations who have the highest number of votes during the preliminary round of voting on Sunday evening during the Caucus Sessions.
* The candidates selected by the OMUN Nominating Caucus deliver campaign speeches to the delegates at the Candidate’s Forum or the International Summit.
* Campaign speeches MUST not exceed ONE (1) minute in length. Campaign speeches can be shorter than ONE minute but must be more than stating name and office seeking. Those candidates who only state their name and office seeking may be disqualified.
* Candidates must deliver the same speech at the International Summit that was delivered to the OMUN Nominating Caucus.
* Each nation has ONE (1) vote for each office. Voting is by secret ballot following the International Summit.
* Newly elected state officers MUST attend Ohio Leadership Training Camp for high school students during the summer of the election year in order to better prepare themselves for serving as an officer. Failure to attend the camp will result in forfeiture of the elected office.
* OMUN is a school-based program and all schools attend with the guidance of a school advisor. If the high school of an elected state officer does not attend OMUN, the elected officer must forfeit his/her elected office since individual students cannot attend OMUN.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF OMUN STATE OFFICERS**

##### President of General Assembly

* Presides over sessions of the General Assembly.
* Coordinates activities during the General Assembly.
* Presides over the International Summit.
* Delivers the “President’s Challenge” at the International Summit.
* Practices fair treatment to all delegates from all nations.
* Must attend Ohio Leadership Training Camp during the summer.

##### Vice-President of General Assembly

* Presides over sessions of the General Assembly.
* Helps the president coordinate activities during the General Assembly.
* Practices fair treatment to all delegates from all nations.
* Creates and maintains a seating chart and speaking chart of all delegates and nations.
* Must attend Ohio Leadership Training Camp during the summer following election to office.

##### Secretary-General

* Presides over all meetings of the OMUN Secretariat.
* Helps organize OMUN activities.
* Oversees all voting in the General Assembly.
* Keeps all records of action taken on resolutions in Council Sessions and in the General Assembly.
* Delivers the “State of the World Address” at the International Summit.
* Resolves any conflicts among delegates regarding resolutions or resolution debate.
* Must attend Ohio Leadership Training Camp during the summer following election to office.

##### Assistant Secretary-General

* Assists the Secretary-General in all responsibilities as stated above.
* Maintains all records of OMUN actions taken during the weekend.
* Must attend Ohio Leadership Training Camp during the summer following election to office.

**President of Human Rights Council**

* Presides over the Human Rights Council
* Delivers the “HRC Challenge” at the International Summit.
* Practices fair treatment to all delegates from all nations.
* Must attend Ohio Leadership Training Camp during the summer.

##### Vice-President of Human Rights Council

* Presides over sessions of the HRC.
* Helps the president coordinate activities during the HRC.
* Practices fair treatment to all delegates from all nations.
* Must attend Ohio Leadership Training Camp during the summer following election to office.

##### Council President

* Presides over all Council Sessions.
* Rates all resolutions in the council sessions.
* Presides over all contests.
* Presides or serves on the OMUN Nominating Caucus.
* Must attend Ohio Leadership Training Camp during the summer following election to office.

##### Council Vice-President

##### Reads all resolutions in the council session.

* Oversees all voting and recording of votes in the council sessions.
* Rates all resolutions in the council sessions.
* Helps preside over all contests.
* Must attend Ohio Leadership Training Camp during the summer following election to office.