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MIG Meetings

November 15, 2009
Augustana College
Rock Island

January 10, 2010
John Marshall Law School
Chicago
(if deemed necessary)

January 31, 2010
State Capitol Complex
Springfield
(Meeting of the Whole)

Annual Simulation
February 25 - 28, 2010
Capitol Complex
Springfield, IL

Model Illinois Government Executive Board

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D. Craig McFarland

Lieutenant Governor

Lorenzo Webber

Attorney General

Ryan Lootens

Secretary of State

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Treasurer

Jaclyn Curtis

Comptroller

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President of the Senate

Eric Marvin

Speaker of the House

Andrew Erbes

Chief Justice

Artie Berns



WEBBER ANNOUNCES PROGRESSIVE PLAN

Lieutenant Governor Webber (Triton College) revealed his recruitment and retention plan at the June executive board meeting. The progressive plan, discussed initially in April, developed through the Lt. Governor's desire to diversify the membership of MIG.

Diversifying recruitment is important for the simulation, providing representation of various viewpoints. Currently, the Recruitment & Retention Task Force consists of five appointed members from around the state.

"Ideally, there would be representation, of at least one delegate, from every MIG member school," Webber stated in June.

**Head Delegates please
contact Lieutenant
Governor Webber ASAP**

To supervise Task Force functioning, Webber appointed his Chief of Staff, Ryan Kennedy, the chair.

A delegate's tenure on the Task Force will end once the simulation is initiated; allowing delegates the opportunity to participate in the simulation as any other delegate would. In addition, Task Force members are given a chance to take on a different role in MIG than typically obtained.

At the August meeting, Webber [and staff] announced more details in regards to the progressive plan. To assist in the implementation of Task Force suggestions, Webber is seeking northern and southern representatives.

Regional agents will aid the Lieutenant Governor's office execute suggestion concerning

*Interested in joining the
Recruitment & Retention Task
Force, contact Lt. Gov.
Webber at [ltgovernor@
modelillinoisgovernment.org](mailto:ltgovernor@modelillinoisgovernment.org)*

recruiting and maintaining delegates or delegations. As soon as the delegation's Head Delegate is determined, please have them contact Lieutenant Governor Webber or Chief of Staff Kennedy.

The program purpose is a three-fold course of action. The goal is to empower delegations to prepare and train early, recruit and retain effectively, provide fundraising ideas.

In order to streamline initiative suggested by the Task Force, an updated delegate resources page adds research links to website. Training tools are also listed for delegates use.

PRAIRIE STATE TO HOST SIMULATION PREP

Prairie State College [in Chicago Heights] is hosting its first MIG simulation prep session. Discussion of this opportunity transpired at the July meeting, described during the August meeting.

The event will be held from 8:00a to 5:00p on Nov. 13th.

"MIG veterans are needed to help run the simulation," stated Prairie State advisor Professor Andy Schott.

The simulation is intended to provide potential delegates an

opportunity to experience MIG prior to the annual model in Springfield. Several executive officers will attend, including Lt. Governor Lorenzo Webber as committee chair.

The preparation session will take place in the Business & Community Education Center at Prairie State; 202 South Halsted, Chicago Heights, IL.

House committee VI: Firearms, Gambling, Alcohol & Tobacco will be utilized. The bills for this committee can be found in the 2008-2009 Prep Kit.

Are you or your delegation thinking about attending? Please email Professor Andy Schott at aschott@priariestate.edu or call at 708-709-3624.

Schedule of events

8:00-8:30 sign in

8:30-9:00 Caucus

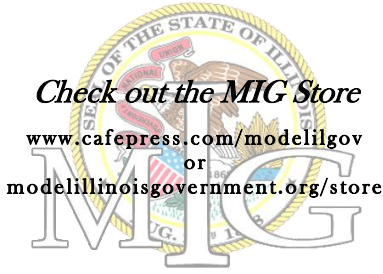
9:00-11:45 Committee

11:45-1:00 Lunch

(PSC does have a cafeteria on campus and fast food within walking distance.)

1:00-5:00 Committee Action

5:00 Closing Ceremonies



FUNDRAISING PLANS ANNOUNCED, MIG STORE OPENS

At the April executive meeting, Treasurer-elect Jaclyn Curtis unveiled plans to further long standing fundraising plans. The 2009 simulation marked the new era of fundraising efforts incorporated into the annual simulation.

develop options for fundraising alternatives was created by Governor McFarland. The Governor appointed five individuals to this committee – John Walcher, Nazim Jamal, Scott Rothenberg, Nick Nolfi and Faculty Advisor Vinzant.

to create a MIG store. Items can be accessed via the MIG website or Café Press.

The rationale for constructing fundraising efforts came about in light of the understanding our State subsidy is not a guarantee. As an organization, MIG should be able to fiscally maintain itself. The Governor and Board view fundraising vital for long-term stability.

The foundation was designed by Governor McFarland and Treasurer Curtis. A Special Fundraising Committee to

Governor McFarland stated the Committee would work closely with the Treasurer. Curtis has utilized Café Press

POINDEXTER RESIGNS, MORGAN APPOINTED

Over the summer, the Governor and Executive Board received word from Secretary of State James Poindexter (Principia College) of his resignation. Mr. Poindexter, a respected member of MIG, was honored with the 2008 Outstanding Freshman Delegate award.

In 2009, Mr. Poindexter served as Senate majority leader, providing immense guidance and direction for the Senate. The Executive Board recognizes the dedication Mr. Poindexter has shown to the organization. Many heartfelt thanks go out to the Mr. Poindexter and his contributions to success of MIG.

Fellow former Senator and colleague, Josh Morgan of Augustana College, was appointed to fill the vacancy at the June executive meeting. Mr. Morgan began serving as Secretary of State immediately after confirmation.

“James was a tremendous asset to the organization, amazing friend and respected colleague,” Morgan stated during his confirmation hearing. “His absence will be felt throughout the organization.”

Mr. Morgan previously served as a Representative in 2008 and in 2009 as a Senator, working closely with Mr. Poindexter. Secretary Morgan stated he “looks forward to working with his predecessor and the entire Executive Board.” He views Mr. Poindexter as an excellent addition to the alumni association and as a professional consultant.

MOOT COURT UPDATE, CHIEF JUSTICE APPOINTMENT MADE

At the August executive board meeting, Governor McFarland announced his appointment of Artie Berns as Moot Court Chief Justice. At the 2009 simulation, no delegate filed a petition of intent to running for MIG Chief Justice.

Over the past few months, McFarland considered a range of potential MIG veterans for the position. During his search, McFarland discussed matters with former Chief Justices Sims and McCormick.

During this time, MIG devotee Andrew Smith worked on building the court cases for this year. Governor McFarland cited the executive board would seek the counsel of Principia College advisor, Dr.

John Williams, to improve Moot Court. This year, in some ways, Moot Court will be in a rebuilding period.

Chief Justice Berns was sworn in at the September meeting. Berns cited he “would like to see the level of participation of the legal community continue and he would like to provide moot court attorneys with more individualized feedback.”

Chief Justice Artie Berns is a senior in the BGS program at Eastern Illinois University. He has a minor in pre-law and interned at various public interest law firms. The Chief Justice is well aware of how moot courts function having participated in the 2009 MIG Moot Court and currently

preparing for the regional moot court competition.

In September, Chief Justice Berns announced his desire to have the court case together by October 20th. Information regarding the finalized court case will be discussed at the coming executive meetings.

Chief Justice Berns has made public the probable issues to be covered during this year’s simulation. Issue one will cover Second Amendment issues surrounding Chicago’s gun control law. Issue two will examine the constitutionality of the Chicago Home Rule.

*Artie Berns (EIU)
appointed to the position
of Chief Justice*

LEADERS TO LEADERS: MIG REPS DISCUSS ISSUES WITH OFFICIALS

In June, Comptroller Clark and the John Marshall Law School hosted a forum and reception providing MIG delegates opportunities to network with State and City officials.


Attendees included MIG executive officers, alumni, member-school delegates and potential delegates. State Rep.

Julie Hamos (D-18), State Sen. Kwame Raoul (D-13), and Cook County States’ Attorney Jeanne Wreen served as guest panelists.

The event concluded with a reception and opportunity for JMLS students to learn more about MIG. Comptroller Clark said “I think the event went

well and am looking forward to having a John Marshall delegation at MIG.” The Executive Board looks forward to welcoming JMLS delegates at this year’s simulation.

The event was sponsored by the John Marshall Law School and an alumnus’ law firm.



Are you graduating this year? Contact the Secretary of State to learn how you can stay involved in Model Illinois Government.

