



2011-2012
Model Illinois Government
Preparation Kit

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Model Illinois Government Office of the Governor

Friends,

Welcome to the Model Illinois Government 2012 simulation. Congratulations, you made it! This is the 34th year, in which MIG has invited schools from all over the state to partake in an unforgettable experience of state government in action. We have a great simulation planned this year!

This year the legislature will incorporate elements to offers an even more authentic simulation experience. The Appropriations committee will be on its 2nd run and will prove to be more exciting than last year. The Moot Court case issue will deal with illegal search and seizure. These new developments will give the journalist corps a wide array of stories to choose from for the weekend, along with more and exciting new things that will be brought to the table. The major features of the weekend are centered on making MIG the best political experience.

Whether you are a returning delegate, first year delegate, or advisor, prepare for an awesome and exciting simulation. Give it all you have and the possibilities our limitless. The time is now! Therefore, all of us must make the most of it. It has been along time since many of us have come together and I am excited to see all of you again!

I especially would like to thank our faculty advisors, security personal, and our friends within the legislative research unit. Without their support and help, MIG would not be possible.

On behalf of the entire 2011-2012 Model Illinois Government executive board, I would like to thank you again for your involvement in this year's simulation. It is our utmost duty to serve you and answer any questions you may have, so please do not hesitate to contact myself or any other member of the board, or my staff, with your questions, comments, or concerns. I look forward to seeing you all in action.

Yours in service,

Eric M. Marvin
Governor Model Illinois Government



What is Model Illinois Government?

Each spring semester, students from around the state of Illinois participate in the Model Illinois Government simulation. The 2012 simulation will take place at the Capitol Complex in Springfield and will run from Thursday March 1st to Sunday March 4th. Nearly 20 Colleges and Universities and over 200 students attended the 2012 simulation.

The MIG simulation is structured for a legislative simulation as well as a moot court competition. Students choose among various roles including: Legislators, lobbyists, journalists, attorneys, justices, budget analysts, as well as many leadership positions within the parties and committees. Within the legislature, students are assigned political parties and districts and placed in committees of their particular interests. The legislators then simulate the legislative processes in the actual committee rooms and chambers of the Capitol building.

The Moot Court competition is held in the chambers that were once the home of the Illinois Supreme Court. Teams of attorneys argue before a panel of student justices and legal professionals and are scored on the basis of presentation and knowledge of the case facts.

The Office of Management and Budget simulates how the Illinois state budget is compiled. Students fill the role of Analysts and are grouped in committees. Under the direction of the Governor and the Treasurer, Analysts must balance the state budget by cutting the inflated requests of the individual departments, in addition to balancing the priorities of the Governor and the departments.

Awards are presented at the end of the simulation and students may also campaign for Executive Board positions (Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Comptroller, etc.) in order to take a more active role in the organization of the simulation.



Model Illinois Government



2012 Participating Schools

Schools

Augustana College

Aurora University

Benedictine University

Black Hawk College

College of Dupage

Eastern Illinois University

Illinois Wesleyan University

Lincoln Land Community College

John A. Logan College

Millikin University

Northeastern Illinois University

Northern Illinois University

Prairie State College

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Triton College

University of Illinois at Springfield

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The Springfield Hilton is the host site for Model Illinois Government. Most delegations choose this hotel to stay in, and MIG has negotiated a discounted rate per night. The hotel is located on the corner of 7th and Adams.

Directions:

Traveling South on I-55:

1. Exit 98B - Clearlake Ave.
2. Go to 9th Street, then turn left
3. Go to Adams Street, and then turn right.

Traveling North on I-55:

1. Exit 6th Street
2. Go to Monroe Street, and then turn right.
3. Go to 8th Street, and then turn left.
4. Go to Adams Street, and then turn left.

Traveling from Abraham Lincoln Capitol Airport:

1. Turn right onto J. David Jones Parkway
2. Go to Monroe Street, and then turn left.
3. Go to 8th Street, and then turn left.
4. Go to Adams Street, and then turn left.

**** Reservations need to be made as soon as possible. When making a reservation, ask for the Model Illinois Government room rate. Please reserve your rooms before Feb. 5, 2012.****

Head Delegate Time-Line

This time line is provided as an example to the head delegates to help them better organize their time and prepare their delegations.

November

- Hold a recruitment table (the campus student center or common place is a good spot.)
- Using the names from the recruitment table, call your first organizational meeting about a week later.
- Choose a head delegate. This should be a person with some MIG experience and/or organizational skills.

December

- Hold at least one meeting before Christmas Break. At this time, decide what roles your delegates should want to assume. If a legislator, what party, chamber, and committee would they like? A lobbyist should choose the legislation that he/she would like to sponsor or oppose. Likewise, journalists should be thinking of story ideas and questions for officials. Budget analysts should be deciding what committee they wish to be in as well.
- Have delegates think about any original legislation that they will want to introduce at the simulation. (See the Original Legislation Guidelines on this CD). This will allow them time to think out and draft bills over Christmas Break.

January

- Contact the Hilton and reserve your rooms. It should be in by mid January, or you may not get a room!
- Hold meetings once a week during all of January. Choose a different delegate to chair each meeting. Practice your Parliamentary Procedure. This will help everyone through gaining knowledge and experience in running meetings. All meetings should be carried out under Robert's Rules of Order. You might want to contact an Executive Board member to come and help you put on a mock meeting.
- Send in your delegate assignment sheet with your delegate fees!
- Pass out the bills to appropriate delegates (legislators, lobbyists, and journalists alike). Also hand out to the budget analysts their division's budgets. This is important so that everyone has a thorough knowledge of each bill in his/her committee, as well as having a copy with them at the simulation.
- Finalize the roles that your delegates will want. Any last minute switching should have been taken care of by now. Registration information will be due at the Meeting of the Whole.

-Discuss the leadership opportunities available at MIG. Legislators should be considering floor leadership positions or committee chairmanships/vice chairmanships. Floor leadership roles are voted on at the first night of the simulation. If you should know of someone who is interested in a chair or vice chair position, you should have them contact either the Speaker of the House, or the President of the Senate. In addition, delegates should consider if they would be interested in running for an Executive Officer position.

-Attend the Meeting of the Whole this month. This meeting will be at the Capital in Springfield on January 29th at 1:00 pm. This gathering is a combination of the final Executive Board meeting of the year, and the preliminary meeting for all delegates of MIG 2009. We strongly encourage all to attend.

February

-Have meetings once, preferably twice, a week during this month. During these meetings choose a particular bill to debate. Have a delegate be the bill sponsor, form a list of pro and con sides and have a delegate portray a lobbyist. This will serve as your best preparation for the simulation. Once again, you might consider getting in contact with an executive Board member to stop by at one of your meetings and give some pointers.

-Have journalists contact the MIG Editor in Chief just to touch base. The Attorney General appoints the MIG editor in Chief and will have information on how to get in touch with him/her.

SIMULATION!!!

-March 1st through March 4th, 2012 - Model Illinois Government Simulation will take place in Springfield Illinois.

-Upon arrival to the Springfield Hilton, come to the MIG registration desk and have the delegation checked in. At this time you will be given all of your delegate badges and simulation information. The registration desk will be able to inform you on the procedures with which you check into the hotel.

-All freshman delegates are encouraged to attend the First Year Delegate Orientation Program (FYDOP), Hosted by the Executive Board. FYDOP will be held on the first night of the simulation.

-NOTE: That evening there will be the first organizational meeting of the MIG body. In addition, legislators will assemble into their respective partisan and chamber caucuses, journalists will meet with the editor, budget analysts with the Director, and lobbyists will meet with the Lt. Governor and each other to formulate strategies.

ROLE DEFINITIONS

These definitions are provided so that each delegate may read over the duties and responsibilities of each role and decide which position they would like to assume. If any delegate is interested in being a Chief of Staff, that delegate should contact the Executive Board member under which he/she would like to serve. **For every six participants in your delegation portraying legislators, you must have at least one in an alternative role (i.e. Lobbyist, Journalist, Budget Analyst, Moot Court).**

Legislator

The role of the legislator carries with it the option of serving in either the House or the Senate. The delegate also serves on one of the standing committees of that chamber (not necessarily that of the legislator whose seat they occupy). Delegates also have the opportunity to serve as a committee chairman, depending on party affiliation. The legislator also has the option of running for a floor leadership position, which include the majority or minority leader, assistants, and whips. The members of that party in their respective chambers elect floor leaders on the first evening of the simulation.

In addition, legislators can write original legislation, and submit it to either the House or the Senate, where it treated as equally as any other piece of legislation previously chosen by the Speaker and the President. Legislators meet frequently with party members in multi-day caucuses for strategic and political purposes

The role of the legislator carries with it the responsibility of having full knowledge of one's district, the interests within it, as well as knowing their chamber bills. A legislator is expected to work within the party and committee structure, work with lobbyists and media personnel throughout the simulation in order to totally influence and benefit from the simulation.

Lobbyists

A primary alternate role, the lobbyist plays a significant part in the success of the MIG simulation. The lobbyist is viewed as the most valuable source of knowledge in their respective area of expertise by legislators and journalists alike. It is therefore the responsibility of lobbyists to be completely informed on their issues and interests of the bills on which they are lobbying, as well as the effects and consequences of each side of the argument. Lobbyists are expected to testify in legislative committees, and work with the MIG General Assembly on such bills by proposing suggestions and amendments to the committees and floors, which they feel strongly about.

It is recommended that any delegate wishing to become a lobbyist contact a professional lobbyist for helpful suggestions and ideas that would make for a stronger lobbyist.

Journalist

Just as the Capitol has a press corps, so does MIG. Working as reporters for the *MIG Journal*, journalists are assigned daily to report on each chamber's floor action and committee activities, interview Executive Officers and legislative leaders and discuss the issues of the day which are of interest. Working under the guidance of the MIG Editor-in-Chief, the journalists cover all aspects of the simulation, from editorials to interviews. The *MIG Journal* is published daily and serves every delegate at the simulation with crucial information which is of benefit to all those who take part.

It is our hope that this year's *Journal* is the best yet. We would like to find people who would seriously like to try their hand at journalism.

Moot Court

The Moot Court simulation is a simulation of the Illinois Supreme Court. Delegates can go as attorneys and argue a case in front of a panel of justices that are comprised of students, professional judges and lawyers. Teams of two students from the same delegation compete with other teams, arguing both sides, to become Moot Court Champions

Chief of Staff

Each elected executive officer may have a chief of staff who works with that executive and assists in completing the duties of the office. The position is based upon availability. Among other things, the chief of staff works with party leadership, coordinates committee staff, and advises their respective Executive Board member on any issues that may arise. If any delegate is interested in being a chief of staff, contact the appropriate Executive Board member prior to registration.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE CHART

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	<u>Interrupt Speaker?</u>	<u>Second?</u>	<u>Debatable?</u>	<u>Amendable?</u>	<u>Required Vote?</u>
Privileged Motions					
Adjourn	No	Yes	no	no	majority
Recess	No	Yes	sometimes	yes	majority
Question of Privilege	Yes	No	no	no	chair
Personal Privilege	Yes	No	no	no	chair
Parliamentary Inquiry	Yes	No	no	no	chair
Point of Information	Yes	no	no	no	chair
Orders of the Day	No	no	no	no	chair
 <u>Subsidiary Motions</u>					
Lay on the Table	No	yes	no	no	2/3
Previous Question	No	yes	no	no	2/3
Limit / Extend Debate	No	yes	no	yes	2/3
Postpone Definitely	No	yes	yes	yes	majority
Refer to Committee	No	yes	yes	yes	majority
Amend	No	yes	if motion is	yes	majority
Postpone Indefinitely	No	yes	yes	no	majority
 <i>Main Motions</i>					
Main Motion	No	yes	yes	yes	majority
Take from the Table	No	yes	no	no	majority
Reconsider	Yes	yes	if motion is	no	2/3
Rescind	No	yes	yes	yes	2/3
Amends Motion Previously Adopted	No	yes	yes	yes	2/3
 <u>Incidental Motions</u>					
Appeal from decision of Chair	Yes	yes	sometimes	no	majority
Suspend the Rules	No	yes	no	no	2/3
Object to Consideration	Yes	no	no	no	2/3 against
Point of Order	Yes	no	no	no	chair
Withdraw a Motion	Yes	yes	no	no	majority
Division of Question	No	yes	no	yes	majority
Division of Assembly	Yes	no	no	no	

Legislative Terms

Amendment: An action that proposes to change a bill, or a section of a bill, by addition, substitutions or deletions.

Conference Committee: Joint committee composed of appointed members of both chambers. Its function is to resolve differences between House and Senate versions of a bill.

Division: This is an action which forces a record of votes by individual rather than by voice. It is often called when the count of a voice vote by the chair is in doubt.

Docket: A chronological listing of all activity regarding a bill or group of bills.

Floor Amendment: An amendment offered by a legislator or committee at the time the legislative chamber takes action on a bill.

Fiscal Note: A cost estimate attached to a bill's financial impact on the state, county, or municipal government. Law requires this not to accompany all legislation.

Postpone Definitely/ Indefinitely: An action taken by the House or Senate to temporarily postpone an action (i.e. a vote on a bill). To postpone definitely, the action is postponed until a defined and set time, and to postpone indefinitely is to postpone the action until the chamber is able to bring it up again.

Recommit: An action taken by the House or Senate to refer a bill back to a committee because the chamber is not ready to consider it in present form.

Reconsider: An action taken by a legislative chamber to call for another vote on a previous motion. Only a legislator who voted in the majority may propose this action.

Resolution: A formal expression of the will or opinion of a legislative chamber that is adopted by a majority vote. A resolution can provide a statement of thanks or censure or change the rule of the chamber.

Veto: An action taken by the Governor to block a bill from becoming law. A vetoed bill may still become law if two-thirds of both houses approve the bill.

Voice Veto: This is an oral vote conducted by the presiding officer. Those for the motion are first asked to say "Aye" and those who are opposed to the motion are asked to say "Nay". The presiding officer then determines the outcome of the vote by which was the loudest.

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Executive Meetings are as follows

We encourage everyone to attend the Executive board meetings.

2012 Simulation

March 1st - 4th
State Capitol Complex
Springfield, IL

Executive Board Meetings
(Meetings begin
at 1:00 p.m.)

October 23rd
University of Illinois-
Springfield
Springfield, IL
(Organizational Assembly)

November 13th
Lincoln Land Community College
Springfield, IL

January 8th, 2012
University of Illinois - Springfield
Springfield, IL
(Only if necessary)

January 29th
State Capitol Complex
Springfield, IL
(Meeting of the Whole)