



Model Illinois Government Constitution

ARTICLE I Name and Purpose

The name of this organization shall be Model Illinois Government (MIG). The purpose of Model Illinois Government shall be to foster greater understanding of government and politics through simulation of the Government of Illinois and related institutions. Model Illinois Government shall organize and execute other programs designed to educate students in the areas of national, state and local governments.

ARTICLE II Membership

Membership in Model Illinois Government shall be open to all accredited colleges and universities of Illinois. Voting membership shall be restricted to the accredited colleges and universities of Illinois that have been represented by a delegation in good standing at the previous simulation. The term of membership shall be from the first day of the simulation up to the first day of the next simulation.

Each member school shall decide for itself the membership and internal organization of its delegation. Each member school shall decide for itself how its vote shall be cast in organizational matters. Each member school shall designate one student as head delegate. The head delegate shall be a non-voting representative to the Executive Committee.

MIG, as an organization, shall charge a non-refundable fee from each delegate to the MIG simulation. This fee shall be determined annually by a majority vote of the presiding Executive Committee members present at the time such action takes place.

ARTICLE III Schedule

The Model Illinois Government simulation shall commence on the first Wednesday in the month of March and continue through a period of three full days. These dates and the length of the simulation may be changed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the presiding Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV

Organizational Structure

The organizational structure of Model Illinois Government shall be as follows:

A. The authorities presiding over MIG, in descending order, are as follows:
The United States Constitution; Federal Laws; the Constitution of the State of Illinois; State Laws; Local Ordinances; this Constitution; its Bylaws and Rules; Roberts Rules of Order (most recent edition); the MIG Organizational Assembly.

B. The MIG Organizational Assembly, as subject to Section A of this Article, is further subject to the following:

Clause 1 - The MIG Organizational Assembly shall be composed of member colleges and universities as defined in Article II of this Constitution.

Clause 2 - The MIG Organizational Assembly shall convene at the Model Illinois Government simulation and at other times as necessary when called into session by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Executive Committee or petition signed by two thirds (2/3) of the member colleges and universities.

Clause 3 - In the MIG Organizational Assembly, each member school shall have one vote.

Clause 4 - The MIG Organizational Assembly shall have final authority in determination of the Bylaws of this Organization.

C. In the interim of MIG Organizational Assembly meetings, authority shall be vested in an Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall be composed of all officers of Model Illinois Government selected by the body of the whole, four (4) faculty members chosen by the faculty at large, a non-voting Secretariat, and a non-voting alumni representative chosen by the Alumni Committee.

D. Officers of Model Illinois Government shall be elected by a plurality of voting delegates and shall serve from the conclusion of the annual simulation in the year elected until the first meeting of the newly elected Executive Committee of the following year.

Clause 1 - These officers shall be Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Comptroller, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House, Chief Justice of Moot Court and four (4) faculty advisers and a non-voting Alumni Representative.

Clause 2 - The officers shall perform such duties as directed by this Constitution, its Bylaws, Rules of Illinois Government and orders of the Executive Committee. Failure to do so shall result in removal from MIG Executive Committee by a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of members of the Board present at the time.

Clause 3 - All officers and the elected faculty advisers shall serve as voting members of the Executive Committee.

E. The Chief Executive Officer of MIG and the MIG simulation will be that person selected as Governor of MIG. The Governor shall serve as the Presiding Officer of the Executive Committee and of sessions of the MIG Organizational Assembly in addition to the duties of the simulation. The Governor shall be responsible for the prudent administration of MIG subject to directives of the MIG Organizational Assembly and the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V

Bill of Rights

Model Illinois Government adopts the Bill of Rights set forth in the United States and Illinois Constitutions insofar as those provisions apply to student performance in Model Illinois Government. Model Illinois Government, its officers, member schools and related institutions shall not practice discrimination on any basis. Any member school that engages in such unlawful discrimination shall be denied further membership.

ARTICLE VI

Amendments to the Constitution

Amendments to the Constitution may be presented by any member school and/or any delegate thereof. Any amendment to this Constitution may be submitted to the Secretary of State in writing accompanied by twenty-five (25) copies. Any subsequent amendments to the original amendment will take place at the manner prescribed herein. Discussion and voting on any amendment will take place at any Organizational Assembly meeting and passage requires a two-thirds ($2/3$) majority of the membership present at any Organizational Assembly meeting.



Model Illinois Government Bylaws

Article I Duties of Officers

A. Governor

Clause 1 - The Governor shall serve as the chief administrative officer of MIG, as directed in the MIG Constitution and for the term of service defined therein.

Clause 2 - The Governor shall address and chair sessions of the Organizational Assembly and preside over meetings of the Executive Committee. This shall include, but not be limited to, the presentation of a State of MIG address on the first night of the simulation.

Clause 3 - The Governor shall coordinate activities of MIG by conducting appropriate planning meetings, corresponding with other officers, acting as a liaison with faculty and administrators of member schools, etc. In addition, the Governor shall be responsible for long-range planning, serving as a stimulator of future planning, new programs, etc.

Clause 4 - The Governor shall be responsible for assigning districts and/or roles to delegates for the simulation. The Governor shall ensure: 1) The House and Senate Republican or Democratic majorities are maintained; 2) Existing party dominance of committees is maintained by appropriate assignment; 3) Schools have, in fact, filled each district and delegation slot they originally requested; 4) A replacement delegate is found when a seat or district becomes vacant. The Governor shall also be in charge of registration procedures including ensuring that schools have paid the appropriate fee.

Clause 5 - The Governor shall be responsible for the programming of the opening night of the simulation including, but not limited to, arrangement of all rooms needed and the securing of a keynote speaker.

Clause 6 - The Governor shall be responsible for all social programming of MIG that encourages inter-delegation interaction. This shall include, but not be limited to, the coordination of the Governor's Ball held on the evening before the last day of the simulation, through the securing of entertainment for the Governor's Ball, the securing of a room or hall to hold the Governor's Ball, and the monitoring of activities at same to ensure that proper decorum as prescribed herein is observed by all delegates in attendance.

Clause 7 - The Governor shall also give a budget address at the beginning of the Veto Session followed by the formal presentation of the budget to the General Assembly.

B. Lieutenant Governor

Clause 1 - The Lieutenant Governor shall serve in the absence of the Governor as Presiding Officer for meetings of the Organizational Assembly or Executive Committee. Upon the removal from office of the Governor or the person so serving, whether due to death, impeachment, or resignation, the Lieutenant Governor shall complete the remaining term with all the powers and duties of that office.

Clause 2 - The Lieutenant Governor is responsible for the retention of membership of the member schools, thus ensuring the continuing participation of both. The Lieutenant Governor is further responsible for the recruitment of new schools. The Lieutenant Governor will also maintain a list of all member schools, their addresses, and the names of the MIG Faculty Advisor and Head Delegate. The Lieutenant Governor shall make this list available to all participants.

Clause 3 - The Lieutenant Governor's duties shall include training delegates participating in the simulation. This shall include the assurance of a Simulation Prep Kit, First Year Delegate Orientation, and any other programs deemed necessary for delegates to be prepared for participation in the simulation.

Clause 4 - The Lieutenant Governor's duties shall include coordination and training of the lobbyists and the overseeing of their activities at the simulation.

C. Attorney General

Clause 1 - The Attorney General shall serve as the chief adviser to MIG on the propriety of actions taken by any officer or institution of MIG under the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules. The Attorney General shall report any violations of procedures to the Executive Committee for appropriate action. The Attorney General will monitor any relationships between MIG, its member schools and any other entities with which MIG shall interact.

Clause 2 - The Attorney General will be responsible for maintaining the MIG Constitution, Bylaws and Rules by securing a current and correct copy of such and proposing changes as needed.

Clause 3 - The Attorney General shall be responsible for the coordination and activities of the MIG Journal. This shall include, but not be limited to, appointing an Editor-in-Chief, securing journalists from member schools, training and overseeing the activities of journalists, and securing the use of a computer and word processing program for the production of the MIG Journal. Furthermore, the Attorney General shall supervise the production of the MIG Journal to ensure that the content of the MIG Journal will not misrepresent MIG to member schools, delegates, or any institution of the Government of the State Illinois.

Clause 4 - The Attorney General shall be responsible for developing guidelines and requirements for Original Legislation and for setting a deadline for submission of same. The Attorney General shall be further responsible for directing the original legislation to the proper Presiding Officer, coordinating with the Presiding Officers the direction of original legislation to the appropriate

committees at the simulation, and ensuring that each member of that committee, party leadership and chamber heads has copies of same. The Attorney General shall appoint a legislative liaison to oversee Original Legislation.

D. Secretary of State

Clause 1 - The Secretary of State shall serve as the communications officer of MIG. He shall maintain correspondence among the member colleges and institutions of MIG. The Secretary of State shall keep a list of individuals and organizations that might be interested in or concerned about MIG events and shall provide such individuals with appropriate information. The Secretary of State shall maintain an archive of MIG documents with the assistance of the Alumni Representative, and the Secretary of State shall be responsible for the designation of an Historian for the purpose of maintaining records of the organization. The Secretary of State shall be further responsible for finding durable storage locations, ensuring that files are purged each year of non-pertinent materials and that useful material is put into a permanent record.

Clause 2 - The Secretary of State shall be assigned the recording of minutes and distribution of same to all members of the Executive Committee and member schools or may select an official recorder to do such. The Secretary of State shall ensure that all officers each year prepare a report of their activities and file that report with the Historian for incorporation into the archives at the first meeting of the subsequent executive board.

Clause 3 - The Secretary of State shall be the officer in charge of carrying out elections of MIG officers as prescribed in the election procedures set forth herein. The Secretary of State shall supervise the printing and securing of ballots and the printing of voter registration cards. The Secretary of State shall supervise the balloting and ensure security of ballot boxes. The Secretary of State shall, with the assistance of election judges, count the ballots and report the official MIG election returns at the annual MIG Awards Banquet. Election returns shall be filed in permanent archives of MIG and may be viewed upon request.

Clause 4 - The Secretary of State shall be responsible for maintaining a site on the World Wide Web to provide information about MIG. The Secretary of State shall appoint a Webmaster to manage the site, and shall inform member schools of the site's address. The Secretary of State shall ensure that the contents of the MIG web site will not misrepresent MIG to member schools, delegates, or any institution of the government of the State of Illinois. Furthermore, the Executive Committee shall maintain final authority to determine the contents of the MIG web site. Any information may be removed from, or added to the site by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

E. Treasurer

Clause 1 - The Treasurer shall provide safekeeping for all income of MIG and shall maintain a record of such transactions openly available to the officers and member schools at all times.

Clause 2 - The Treasurer's duties shall include the proposing of an appropriate budget for MIG and securing its adoption in the early fall. The Treasurer shall also propose methods for raising the funds for the annual budget. The Treasurer will maintain MIG accounts to show income and expenditure of funds, and prepare and publish periodic reports on the condition of MIG funds. The Treasurer shall notify MIG Executive Committee members as soon as possible of the financial status of the MIG treasury should the MIG treasury be in jeopardy.

Clause 3 - The Treasurer shall be responsible for coordinating all fundraising activities.

Clause 4 - The Treasurer shall be responsible for the Office of Management and Budget as outlined in Article II, Section G.

F. Comptroller

Clause 1 - The Comptroller shall be responsible for ensuring that funds have been properly expended by personally conducting an audit of the expenditures and income at the completion of the MIG fiscal year and submit a report before the adoption of the new budget.

Clause 2 - The Comptroller's duties shall include assisting the Treasurer in the preparation of a set of proposals to secure adequate funds to cover the MIG budget. The Comptroller shall further assist the Treasurer in the securing of such funds.

Clause 3 - The Comptroller shall secure "tax exempt" status for MIG and shall ensure that the requirements for such are met.

Clause 4 - The Comptroller shall be responsible for the selection of certificates of participation, plaques and trophies to be presented at the MIG Awards Banquet. The Comptroller shall further be responsible for the establishment of a process for the selection of award recipients by selecting committee members and acting as chairman of an Award Committee, and overseeing the activities thereof.

Clause 5 - The Comptroller shall be responsible for the arrangement of the MIG Awards Banquet and Closing Ceremonies. This shall include, but not be limited to, securing banquet facilities, caterers, proper seating, and compilation of a closing ceremony program and presentation of the MIG Awards.

G. President of the Senate and Speaker of the House

Clause 1 - As the presiding officers of the chambers of the MIG Simulation, the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House shall serve as members of the Executive Committee of MIG in full standing.

Clause 2 - The President of the Senate and Speaker of the House shall be jointly responsible for choosing and transmitting to other schools the issues to be addressed. The President of the Senate and Speaker of the House shall select issues and legislation for their respective chambers for the simulation. They shall be responsible for ensuring (through personal effort and coordination of the efforts of member schools) that bills be made available to member schools. They

will assist member schools in locating staff reports and other research materials available on the bills chosen.

Clause 3 - The President of the Senate and Speaker of the House shall be jointly responsible for maintaining continuous attention to the flow of bills during the MIG simulation by receiving copies of amendments and new bills proposed. They shall further be responsible for developing a compendium of the bills discussed and the outcome of legislative activity of same to be entered into the MIG permanent archives at the first meeting following the conclusion of the simulation.

Clause 4 - The Speaker of the House shall secure an area for MIG simulation meetings including chambers and committee rooms for both chambers.

Clause 5 - The Speaker of the House shall be responsible for contacting the appropriate firm to ensure that the electrical systems in the chambers are available and that the appropriate personnel are secured to operate same.

Clause 6 - The President of the Senate shall be responsible for securing contracts with the motel or hotel and necessary meeting rooms at that establishment. This lodging selection shall be presented to the Executive Committee for approval no later than four (4) months after the end of the prior simulation.

Clause 7 - The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall be responsible for securing chairmen and vice chairmen for each committee in their respective chamber. Furthermore, it shall be the responsibility of each of the above officers to secure legislative support personnel for their respective chamber. The head of each chamber shall also be responsible for the training of all staff members and party leadership to ensure that they understand and fulfill their duties.

H. Chief Justice of Moot Court

Clause 1 - As the presiding officer of the Judicial Branch of the MIG simulation, the Chief Justice of Moot Court shall serve as a member of the Executive Committee of MIG in full standing.

Clause 2 - The Chief Justice shall be responsible for the coordination of the moot court simulation as provided for in the MIG Constitution, its Bylaws and Rules and the Moot Court Bylaws.

Clause 3 - Prior service as an attorney or a justice within the moot court simulation shall be a requirement to serve as Chief Justice. In the event that no one runs for Chief Justice or Chief Justice resigns and no one with the prior moot court experience can be found, the Executive Committee of the applicable year may appoint a suitable candidate to complete the term.

I. Faculty Advisers

Clause 1 - Four (4) faculty advisers are chosen by the faculty advisers of the member schools to participate as voting members of the Executive Committee for the following year.

Clause 2 - The Executive Committee faculty advisers shall chose one faculty adviser and one student member of the Executive Committee each year to be designated as co-signers on the checking account of Model Illinois Government.

J. Alumni Representative

Clause 1 – The Alumni Representative shall be responsible for informing the Executive Committee of all activities and decisions made by the Alumni Committee.

Clause 2 – The Alumni Representative shall assist the Executive Committee in preparation for the annual simulation by supplying historical information to ensure the continuation of Model Illinois Government’s high standards.

Clause 3 – The Alumni Representative shall assist the Secretary of State in the maintenance of an archive of MIG documents.

Clause 4 – The Alumni Representative shall not have executive privileges, including voting power and inclusion in executive sessions.

K. Secretariat

Clause 1 – The Secretariat shall be a non-student who will serve as an advisor to the Executive Committee and MIG.

Clause 2 – The Secretariat shall not have executive privileges, including voting power and inclusion in executive sessions. The Secretariat may be allowed admittance into executive sessions when deemed necessary by a majority of the Executive Committee present.

Clause 3 – The Secretariat will assist the organization with all business matters. This may include, but not be limited to, assisting the Governor with registration and districting, President of the Senate with hotel negotiations, the Speaker of the House with Capitol complex reservations, the Treasurer with fiscal matters, the Comptroller with the annual audit, and the Secretary of State with the MIG archives.

Clause 4 – The Secretariat will be nominated by the Governor, in consultation with the faculty advisors on the Executive Committee. The appointment will require an affirmative vote of a majority of the Executive Committee.

Clause 5 – The Secretariat will serve in his/her capacity until resignation or removal. If the Secretariat continues in his/her capacity for an additional year(s) a reappointment vote will not be necessary.

Clause 6 – The Secretariat may be removed from office by a 2/3 vote of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE II

Institutions and Functions of MIG

As prescribed in the Constitution of Model Illinois Government and these Bylaws, the institutions of MIG shall be the Organizational Assembly, the Executive Committee, the Legislature, the MIG Journal, Lobbyists, Moot Court, Bureau of the Budget and the Alumni Committee.

A. Organizational Assembly

Clause 1 - The Organizational Assembly shall consist of the membership as prescribed in Article IV of the MIG Constitution.

Clause 2 - Each member school shall have one vote in the Organizational Assembly and this vote shall not be cast by proxy but by the authorized representative of the member school as recognized by the presiding Executive Committee. In the interim of Organizational Assembly meetings, authority shall be vested in the MIG Executive Committee as prescribed in Article IV, Section C of the MIG Constitution.

Clause 3 - Meetings of the Organizational Assembly shall be announced two weeks in advance in writing. A quorum at all meetings shall be one-third of the member schools in good standing. Decisions shall be reached by majority vote unless otherwise prescribed in the MIG Constitution, its Bylaws and Rules. Such exceptions shall include amendments to the Constitution, expulsion of a member school, and removal by impeachment of an Officer. Such decisions shall be reached by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of member schools present.

Clause 4 - All Delegates of MIG shall, on the first night of the Simulation, be sworn in to their positions by the Chief Justice of the MIG Supreme Court. The oath of office is as follows:

I, state your name, do solemnly swear, to faithfully execute the office of state your office, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the constitution of the United States, the constitution of the state of Illinois, and the constitution of Model Illinois Government.

Clause 5 – The Chairperson shall not vote during an Organization Assembly.

B. Executive Committee

Clause 1 - The Executive Committee shall be composed of those members defined in the Constitution. It shall meet at least eight (8) times per fiscal year, and such times as required. It may be called into special sessions on the initiative of the Governor, but such notice must be in writing and received at least one week prior to meeting.

Clause 2 - A quorum of the Executive Committee shall be two-fifths (2/5) of that body and decisions shall be reached by a simple majority of members present unless otherwise prescribed in the MIG Constitution, its Bylaws and Rules.

Clause 3 - The Executive Committee shall be sworn into office by the oath outlined in Article II, Section A, Clause 4 of the MIG bylaws. The oath shall be administered by the outgoing Chief Justice of the MIG Supreme Court.

Clause 4 – Attendance is required at all Executive Committee meetings. A majority vote of the Executive Board will determine if an absence is excused or unexcused. Two (2) unexcused may result in removal of an officer pursuant to Article IV, Section B, Clause 1.

C. Legislature

Clause 1 - Delegates may serve as legislators in either the MIG Senate or the MIG House of Representatives.

Clause 2 - Delegates serving as legislators shall follow the rules set forth in the MIG Constitution while administering the duties of their assigned offices.

Clause 3 - Delegates may only participate in the simulation as a legislator for a maximum of four (4) years; however, delegates may participate in MIG for as many years as they are a student at an Illinois college or university. Additional years may be served on the Executive Committee or in an alternative role (i.e. lobbyist, journalist, staff member or as an attorney or justice in Moot Court). Furthermore, every member school will be required to furnish one (1) alternative role for every six (6) legislators from the delegation seated at the simulation.

D. MIG Journal

Clause 1 - Delegates may serve as journalists on the staff of the MIG Journal.

Clause 2 - The MIG Journal shall be the responsibility of the Attorney General to coordinate and oversee.

Clause 3 - The MIG Journal shall be published daily and at other times necessary throughout the duration of the simulation. The decorum and discipline policies outlined in these By-Laws shall be applied to the contents of the MIG Journal as failure to follow these policies may result in misrepresentation of MIG to the State of Illinois and its governmental institutions.

Clause 4 - The Attorney General shall appoint a delegate who will serve as Editor-in-Chief of the MIG Journal. This person shall assist in the coordination of journalists, the training of journalists, and the publication of the MIG Journal.

Clause 5 –The MIG Journal is prohibited from endorsements for any position, Executive Committee or leadership position.

E. MIG Lobbyists

Clause 1 - Delegates may serve in the MIG simulation as lobbyists.

Clause 2 - A lobbyist shall represent one or more specific interest groups and shall choose appropriate legislation available at the MIG simulation to lobby legislators of the simulation with regard to the views of the interest group the lobbyist represents.

Clause 3 - The Lieutenant Governor shall be charged with the responsibility of securing lobbyists and coordinating the activities of same during the simulation.

Clause 4 - The decorum and discipline policies outlined in these Bylaws shall be applied to the actions of lobbyists as failure to follow these policies may result in a misrepresentation of MIG to the State of Illinois and its governmental institutions.

Clause 5 - The Lieutenant Governor shall appoint a delegate who will serve as Head Lobbyist. This person shall assist in the coordination of lobbyists, the training of lobbyists and the overseeing of their activities in the simulation.

Clause 6 - A lobbyist may choose to write and lobby for a piece of Original Legislation.

F. Moot Court

Clause 1 - The Executive Committee shall be charged with the duty of conducting a complete judicial branch simulation and this branch will be called "The Supreme Court of Model Illinois Government."

Clause 2 - The Moot Court shall be conducted as a simulation of the Supreme Court of Illinois. The simulation shall be researched as a closed memo moot court case and the Chief Justice of the Judicial Branch shall be responsible for compiling or supervising the compilation of the closed memo as provided in the Moot Court Bylaws incorporated herein.

G. Office of Management & Budget

Clause 1 - Delegates may serve as analysts in the Bureau of the Budget.

Clause 2 - The Director shall coordinate the divisions of the Bureau and shall be responsible for securing a chairman for each division.

Clause 3 - The Budget Analysts shall be responsible for compiling a balanced budget, which shall be presented to the Governor for final approval. The Governor shall give the Budget address at the beginning of the Veto Session. The Budget shall then be formally presented to the General Assembly.

Clause 4 - The decorum and discipline policies outlined in these Bylaws shall be applied to the actions of analysts as failure to follow these policies may result in a misrepresentation of MIG to the State of Illinois and its governmental institutions.

H. Alumni Committee

Clause 1 - The Executive Committee shall be charged with the duty of overseeing the creation of and ensuring the existence of an Alumni Committee.

Clause 2 - The Alumni Committee shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and any person who attended the MIG simulation in any role and is not a current delegate.

Clause 3 - The Alumni Committee shall select a representative to serve on the Executive Committee of MIG as a non-voting member every year. The Alumni

Representative shall report all activities and decisions of the Alumni Committee to the presiding Executive Committee.

Clause 4 - The Alumni Committee shall be responsible for funding any activities of the committee.

ARTICLE III Election Procedures

A. Election Commission

Clause 1 - The Secretary of State shall appoint four (4) Commission Members (two (2) of which must be faculty advisors) and the five (5) shall constitute the Election Commission; which will be chaired by the Secretary of State. No two (2) members of the Election Commission may be from the same school.

Clause 2 - The Secretary of State shall also appoint up to three (3) alternate Commission members, who shall not have a vote. Should charges of impropriety be raised against a Commission member, an alternate member shall take the place of the member in question until the matter is resolved. The one member per school stipulation still applies for alternates.

Clause 3 - No member of the Commission shall play any role in the campaign of any candidate, nor shall they endorse, publicly support or advocate in public for or against any candidate. Any member who fails to comply with these rules will be removed from the Commission.

Clause 4 - The Election Commission shall oversee all election procedures including candidacy, decorum of candidates, and tabulation of the ballots.

Clause 5 - If the Secretary of State is a candidate for elected office, the Secretary of State may not serve on the Election Commission. In this case, the Secretary of State will appoint an Executive Committee member who is not a candidate for office and that person shall serve as Election Commission chair in place of the Secretary of State.

B. Filing for Candidacy

Clause 1 - Delegates wishing to file for candidacy must either file with the Secretary of State a Petition for Candidacy with a minimum of twenty-five (25) signatures (including a faculty adviser and twenty-four (24) or more delegate signatures) or a written letter of intent stating that the candidate wishes to run as a write-in candidate. A letter of intent must include the name of the candidate, the name of the candidate's member school, the office for which the candidate intends to run, and a signature of a faculty advisor.

Clause 2 - The petition for candidacy must include a candidate signed statement outlining the election and campaign procedures found in this article. Write-in candidates must also sign said statement. Failure to sign the statement will cause a forfeit of candidacy.

Clause 3 - All petitions for candidacy must be received by the Secretary of State no later than 5:00 p.m. on the evening prior to the elections. Any letter of intent to

run as a write-in candidate must be received by the Secretary of State no later than 10:00 p.m. on the evening prior to the elections and signed by a Faculty Advisor.

Clause 4 - The Secretary of State shall be the only official of MIG who is able to receive petitions for candidacy or letters of intent. At the time of receipt, the Secretary of State will note the official time and date on the petition or letter of intent. If the Secretary of State is a candidate for elected office, a witness must also sign and time stamp every petition.

C. Campaign Procedures

Clause 1 – Candidates for elected office must follow all campaign procedures as well as the delegate code of conduct. In the event of a candidate's failure to follow said procedures the Election Commission, via a three-fifths (3/5) vote, may have the candidate removed from the election process and the ballot.

Clause 2 – Campaign materials may be distributed by hand, but may not be posted on walls or other structures in or on any building.

Clause 3 – The distribution or sale of alcohol may not be used for campaign reasons.

Clause 4 – Candidates and their supporters may not openly campaign for office during formally arranged educational activities of the organization. Buttons and other campaign material may be worn at all times, so long as it is not a hindrance to the simulation or prohibited by set rules. Open campaigning will be allowed during all social events.

D. Election Ballot

Clause 1 - A delegate is able to place his name on the ballot for one office only.

Clause 2 - The ballot will have the offices listed in the following order: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Comptroller, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House and Chief Justice of Moot Court.

Clause 3 - The candidates for each office shall be listed on the ballot according to the time the petition for each is received by the Secretary of State. The candidate filing his petition first shall be the first to be listed on the ballot under the appropriate office.

E. Voting

Clause 1 - Each delegate must present his voter identification card to receive a ballot. Any delegate presenting his voter identification card will receive one (1) ballot and shall vote for only one (1) candidate under each office.

Clause 2 – In the designated voting area, there shall be no electioneering by the candidates or their supporters.

F. Tabulation of Ballots

Clause 1 - Only members of the Election Commission and alternates may participate in the tabulation of ballots.

Clause 2 - The box next to the candidates name must be clearly marked with an appropriate mark in order for the vote to count.

Clause 3 - For a write-in candidate to receive a vote, the name of the candidate must be legibly written in the space provided in order for the vote to count. The last name is required unless two or more candidates with the same last name run for the same office. In this case, the last name and first name are required. Proper spelling is encouraged. Any misspelled names will be held over for a decision by the Election Commission which will determine the count of the vote. The Election Commission, however, will be instructed to accept any spelling that is close and is deemed acceptable and within reasonable bounds. The decision of the commission is final.

Clause 4 - The candidate who receives the most votes for the office for which he filed his candidacy shall be declared the winner.

Clause 5 - In case of a tie, the numerical results will be given to the candidates for that office first. If any candidate wishes for a recount, the Election Commission must do so at that time. If the candidates accept the results, the candidates will sign a form provided by the Secretary of State stating the candidates were satisfied with the election results. After the candidates sign the form, the winner will be selected by lot of the candidates who were tied before the announcement of the election results.

ARTICLE IV

Decorum, Discipline and Removal of Officers

A. Decorum & Discipline

Clause 1 - All MIG participants are guests of the officers of the Illinois House and Senate, as well as of the Springfield community. It is incumbent upon participants to demonstrate behavior appropriate to a well-run legislative body seriously considering matters of public policy. At MIG, participants are also representatives of their home campuses and student bodies. Therefore, each member school's delegation, under the direction of its head delegate, shall be responsible for the decorum, sobriety and conduct of its members in State Capitol MIG sessions, in MIG committees, in MIG elections, and at the MIG headquarters hotel or motel. In addition, all MIG participants are required to comply with all State Capitol Security procedures. It is incumbent upon all MIG participants to ensure the longevity of the MIG simulation by displaying the appropriate level of decorum at all times.

Clause 2 - MIG will, as an organization, permits no liquor to be served in connection with any formally arranged educational activities of the organization. During the MIG simulation, all consumption of alcoholic beverages shall be

permitted only at social events in house licensed drinking establishments and other licensed businesses. Any person causing damage during the simulation will be brought before the Executive Committee for immediate suspension consideration.

Clause 3 - The Executive Committee of MIG will, in the course of the simulation, monitor behavior of delegates and will notify the MIG Governor, the faculty adviser and head delegate of the appropriate member school of any behavior problems. The MIG Executive Committee shall be responsible for determining the circumstances and seriousness of such complaints and breaches of conduct. The Executive Committee shall conduct informal hearings with the affected parties, ensuring due process for the accused, and by two-thirds (2/3) vote, deciding whether to reprimand, suspend, discharge, or otherwise discipline the MIG member, members, or delegation(s) in question. These problems will include, but not be limited to inappropriate behavior connected with consumption of alcoholic beverages and any behavior that threatens to harm MIG. This Bylaw shall in no way impair the authority of the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate in maintaining order and in enforcing the rules of procedure in their respective chambers.

B. Removal of Officers

Clause 1 - Any officer of MIG may be removed from office for failure to perform his duties, persistent non-attendance at organizational meetings or misrepresentation of MIG before the public. Officers are considered automatically removed in the event they withdraw from enrollment at an accredited college or university in the State of Illinois. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for determining the accuracy of charges raised against any officer as herein directed and may vote to remove such officer by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present at the time such action takes place.

Clause 2 - In the event an officer of this organization withdraws or is removed from office, the office vacated shall be filled by appointment of the Governor with the consent of a majority of the members of the Executive Committee present at the time such action takes place. Such action shall be reported to the MIG Organizational Assembly no later than the next Organizational Assembly meeting. Officers in question are allowed due process.

ARTICLE V Amendments to the Bylaws

Amendments to these Bylaws may be presented by any member school and/or any delegate thereof. Any amendment to these Bylaws may be submitted to the Secretary of State in writing accompanied by twenty-five (25) copies. Any subsequent amendments to the original amendment must be submitted in the manner prescribed herein. Discussion and voting on any amendment will take place at any Organizational Assembly meeting and passage requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the membership present at any Organizational Assembly meeting.



RULES

1. ORGANIZATION

A. Executive Committee

- 1) The Executive Committee for Model Illinois Government shall be composed of all officers elected by the body of the whole as set forth in the MIG Constitution.
- 2) All Executive Committee meetings shall be open to the public with voting rights limited to Executive Committee members. All schools shall be notified in advance of any meeting of the Executive Committee. Any votes conducted by the Executive Committee shall be conducted in open session.

B. Determination of Rules

- 1) These rules shall be suspended or amended when approved by a majority of the membership of the Organizational Assembly present at the time such action is taken. In lieu of an Organizational Assembly the Executive Committee may suspend or amend these rules with a two thirds (2/3) majority vote.
- 2) The most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall apply to any item not discussed herein.

C. Seating of Delegates

- 1) Delegates to the MIG simulation shall be certified by the Executive Committee by name and district (or by alternative role) and only those so certified shall be seated with the privileges of a delegate. The members of a specific delegation shall be assigned political party affiliations that coincide with the current members of the Illinois General Assembly. Only certified delegates shall be permitted to participate in the simulation.
- 2) Should delegates from a single member school outnumber the legislative districts in their area; any district not utilized by another school may be assigned as long as requirements for alternative roles have been met. Furthermore, should the total number of delegates participating in the simulation as legislators, outnumber the legislative districts in the State of Illinois, the Executive Committee shall be empowered to create "ghost" districts to accommodate the overflow of legislators.

D. Selection of Officers – Legislature

- 1) The chairmen of standing committees shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. Chairmen shall be seated at the first legislative session of the simulation.
- 2) Minority spokesmen for each committee shall be chosen by the members of the minority party in each committee.

3) Party Officers - Senate and House Majority and Minority leaders shall be selected by the respective party caucus by simple plurality vote at the first party caucus and shall hold no other office in MIG.

4) The Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate shall appoint officers of MIG such as Parliamentarian, Sergeant-at-Arms, Chiefs of Staff and Clerk/Secretary.

2. BILL INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL

A. All bills must be introduced by the last Organizational Assembly meeting just prior to the simulation (herein referred to as “The Meeting of the Whole”) or date chosen by the executive committee.

B. All bills must be in accepted legislative form.

C. A bill shall be identified by its number and title.

D. All bills must be read by title on three different readings.

E. After a bill is introduced, it will be read a first time and then referred to the appropriate standing committee. First reading of all bills shall take place at the Meeting of the Whole.

F. A bill may be advanced to second reading on the third day of the simulation without reference to committee upon a motion adopted by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the legislators in that chamber.

G. Authors of all Original Legislation must provide one hundred (100) to the Attorney General to be distributed to the chambers. Any piece of original legislation shall be assigned to the house in which the member who proposed the legislation is seated.

H. After the simulation has convened, late legislation may be submitted by members of either house by moving for “suspension of the rules” and consideration of a proposed bill. If this motion passes [two-thirds (2/3) majority], the presiding officer then refers the bill to the appropriate committee, and the bill is treated like any other proposal from that point on.

3. ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Calendar

The daily order of business of the chambers is as follows:

1. Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call
2. Messages
3. Reports of standing committees
4. First reading of chamber bills
5. Chamber bills on second reading
6. Chamber bills on third reading
7. Other chamber’s bills on third reading
8. Other chamber’s bills on second reading
9. Other chamber’s bills on first reading
10. Conference committee reports
11. Motions
12. Constitutional amendment resolutions: second and third readings

13. Motions with respect to veto
14. Announcements

B. Daily Calendar

The Clerk/Secretary shall publish a daily calendar and place it on the member's desk before each session.

C. Changing Order of Business

Any order of business may be changed at any time with the approval of the presiding officer for expediency of business in the chamber only. Any member may move to suspend the rules. Suspension of the rules requires a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members of that chamber present at the time such action is taken.

4. COMMITTEE OPERATION

A. Structure and Operation

- 1) The Speaker and President shall determine the size and membership of each standing committee.
- 2) Legislators shall not serve on more than one (1) standing committee.

B. Committee Procedures

- 1) The chairman calls the committee to order, designates the order of bills and order of roll call to be taken on each bill called for vote. In appeals from a ruling of the chair, the ruling prevails unless a majority of those appointed to the committee vote to overrule the chair.
- 2) A bill that has not received final committee action by the beginning of the final legislative session of the simulation is automatically tabled.
- 3) No bill proposal or resolution may be called in a committee unless a copy is distributed to every committee member.
- 4) Committees will make one of the following recommendations to the appropriate house on all bills:
 - a. "Do Pass"
 - b. "Do Not Pass"
 - c. "Do Pass As Amended"
 - d. "Do Not Pass As Amended"
- 5) If any committee vote results in a tie, the chairman may cast an additional vote for the purpose of breaking the tie.
- 6) No Executive Committee member shall cast a vote on any legislative committee.

C. Bills Reported Out

- 1) When a committee reports a bill or resolution favorably, the chairman and minority spokesman shall jointly designate members of the committee to be floor managers for each party's platform on that bill. The chairman must report these names to the Clerk/Secretary.

- 2) If a bill has been reported out “do pass” or “do pass as amended,” the bill will be on the calendar for second reading in the order received by the Clerk from committee chairmen.
- 3) If a bill has been reported out “do not pass” or “do not pass as amended” it will be at the Clerk’s desk. If no written motion to take the bill from the table is filed with the Clerk, the bill will be finally tabled and stricken.
- 4) If a motion to non-concur with a “do not pass” or “do not pass as amended” recommendation is made and supported by a majority of the member delegates on the floor, the bill will be placed upon the calendar for second reading and the chairman and minority spokesman will designate floor managers. The chairman must report these names to the Clerk/Secretary.

D. Subcommittees

Where necessary, subcommittees may be created by agreement of the standing committee chairman and minority spokesman. Jointly, they shall appoint the members and report their names to the Clerk/Secretary of the appropriate chamber. All subcommittee action must be completed by the final legislative session.

E. Committee Reports

The committee will record attendance, the vote on each bill or resolution and names of witnesses testifying before the committee (including lobbyists). Every committee roll call must be recorded in the chamber journal along with the committee’s report.

5. AMENDMENTS

Amendments may be adopted only when a bill is on second reading. A committee desiring to offer an amendment on second reading must submit 25 copies in writing to the Clerk/Secretary. A member desiring to offer an amendment on second reading during floor debate must submit 25 copies to the Clerk.

6. CALLING OF BILLS

- A.** The presiding officer shall set the docket with the cooperation of majority and minority leadership in that chamber.
- B.** After the second reading of a bill, the Speaker or President shall order the bill and amendments advanced to the order of third reading.
- C.** At the conclusion of the second legislative session, a bill or resolution not removed from the calendar by action of the originating house, is automatically tabled.

7. FINAL PASSAGE

A. The vote on the final passage of all bills standing on the order of third reading shall be by “ayes”, “nays” and “present” entered upon the journal. When a bill receives the required constitutional majority upon passage, the Speaker and President shall send it to the other chamber committee. When a bill fails to receive the required constitutional majority, the Speaker or President shall declare the bill has failed to

pass. A bill which has failed to pass and has not been reconsidered may not thereafter be revived.

B. On third reading, after the question has been called and the roll call is started, a bill may not be taken from the record. This rule can only be suspended upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members.

8. VOTING

A. The Speaker, President and all committee chairmen shall put all questions distinctly, as follows: "All those in favor, please signify by saying 'Aye'." After the affirmative vote is expressed, "All those opposed, please signify by saying 'Nay'."

B. If the vote is taken as a voice vote and the Speaker, President, chairman or any member of the appropriate legislative body doubts the result, the speaker, president or chairman shall divide the house. Those voting in the affirmative shall first rise in their seats and afterwards those opposed shall rise.

C. After a roll call is completely recorded, any member who is recorded as present on the roll call for attendance, but who has not voted on the question, may, by unanimous leave of the house, and before adjournment of the legislative session, have his name shown in the journal as voting "aye" or "nay" as long as his voice vote does not change the result previously announced.

D. No member may change his vote, as recorded, after his roll call has been verified and the result declared.

10. VOTING FOR ANOTHER

No proxy votes shall be accepted in the organizational assembly nor in legislative sessions of the simulation.

11. OPPOSITE CHAMBER'S BILLS

A. When a bill from the other chamber is delivered to the Clerk/Secretary, he shall report the bill and the message accompanying it to the chamber at the earliest opportunity. It shall then be placed upon the order of the other chamber bills – first reading.

B. Any bill coming over from the opposite chamber shall be placed on the floor should there be no scheduled committee meetings remaining in the simulation.

12. CONCURRING WITH OR RECEDING FROM (NON-CONCURRENCE AMENDMENTS)

A. If a bill or resolution is received back in the originating chamber with amendments added by the other chamber, it shall be in order to present a motion "to concur" or "not to concur and ask the other chamber to recede" with respect to those amendments. Any two (2) members [four (4) in the House] may demand a separate roll call on any such amendment.

B. When one chamber has refused to concur with amendments added to a bill or resolution by the other chamber and has returned the bill to the other chamber with a message requesting the other chamber to recede from its amendments, it shall be in order to present a motion “to recede” from the amendment or “not to recede and to request a conference.” Any two (2) members [four (4) in the House] may demand a separate roll call on any such amendment.

13. CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

A. All members of the conference committees shall be selected by the majority and minority leaders and named by the presiding officers.

B. When a disagreement between the House and Senate exists and either chamber refuses to concur, non-concur or recede, either chamber may request a conference.

C. Composition of Conference Committee

1) The conference committee shall consist of five (5) members from each chamber. There shall be three (3) members from the majority party in each chamber and two (2) members of the minority party from each chamber.

2) The Presiding Officer of the chamber in which the bill or resolution originated shall designate the chairman of the conference committee.

14. CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. A majority of the members of the conference committee shall be required to agree to a report. The report shall contain agreements reached by the committee which must be filed with each chamber’s Clerk/Secretary. At this time, it is in order for a motion to accept the report to be made in each chamber.

B. If the committee cannot agree, they must report this to each chamber’s Clerk/Secretary.

15. ACTION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Each chamber shall inform the other by message of any action taken with respect to the report. If either chamber rejects the report, a second conference committee may be called, if not, the bill or resolution is lost. When such a request is made, each chamber shall again appoint a committee. In the event either chamber refuses to adopt the report of the second conference committee, the bill or resolution is lost.

16. ACCESS TO THE CHAMBER AREA

A. The following persons are entitled to access to the floor of the chambers while it is in session: executive officers, members and officers of MIG’s respective chambers, and one administrative assistant to the MIG Governor.

B. The presiding officer may grant other persons the privilege of access to the chamber floor. The presiding officer may also recognize any person(s) in their respective galleries (visitor, honored guests, alumni, etc.)

- C. Lobbyists registered with the Clerk/Secretary on a particular bill shall have access to the floor with the invitation of the majority or minority leader or presiding officer.
- D. While the MIG General Assembly is in session, the representatives of the press have access to the place previously designated to them by the presiding officer.
- E. Proper dress code will be enforced by the Sergeant-at-Arms for those wishing to gain entry to the chamber floor.

17. DECORUM IN DEBATE

- A. While a member is preparing to speak on any matter, that member shall rise and respectfully address the chair as “Mister/Madam Speaker” or “Mister/Madam President”.
- B. While a member is speaking to the body or addressing the chair, no person shall pass between the member speaking and the chair or otherwise disturb the members of the chamber.
- C. When recognized by the chair, the member may then speak to the question under debate, avoiding personalities, names and discourteous language.
- D. No motion is in order unless the member so moving makes it from his assigned seat.
- E. When two or more members rise at once, the presiding officer shall name the person who is to speak first.
- F. No member shall speak longer than three (3) minutes at one time nor more than once on the same question except by the leave of the house. Floor managers of a measure shall have the right to close the debate with an additional five (5) minutes.
- G. If a question remains pending when the house adjourns for the day, and is revived on the succeeding day; no member who has spoken on the proceeding day shall again speak on the question without leave.
- H. A member may yield to another the remaining time allotted for the member’s debate. However, the member to whom the time is yielded may not yield any remaining time to another member other than the member from whom the time was originally yielded.

18. DECORUM IN VOTING

- A. No person shall visit or remain at the Clerk/Secretary’s desk while any vote is being taken or otherwise distract the Clerk from his duties.
- B. No person shall disturb the presiding officer or members of the house while the presiding officer is putting a question or addressing the house.
- C. Failure to observe rules of decorum may result in ejection from the floor.

19. CALLING MEMBERS TO ORDER

The presiding officer shall call a member to order for transgressing the rules. The presiding officer may remove a member from the floor for flagrant transgression of the rules.

20. QUORUM

- A.** 60 House members constitute a quorum.
- B.** 30 Senate members constitute a quorum.
- C.** When a call of the house or roll call upon any bill, resolution or motion discloses the absence of a quorum, then the following is the order of business.
 - 1) A motion to produce a quorum by compelling the attendance of absent members.
 - 2) A motion to fix the time at which to adjourn or recess.
 - 3) A motion to adjourn or recess.
 - 4) A motion to call the house.

21. MOTIONS

- A.** Any motion shall be reduced to writing if the presiding officer so requests.
- B.** Before the chamber debates motion, the presiding officer shall state an oral motion and the Clerk shall read aloud a written motion.
- C.** Once a motion has been stated by the Presiding Officer to read aloud by the Clerk, it may be withdrawn only by leave of the house.
- D.** If a motion is divisible, any member may call for a division of the motion.
- E.** Subject to the provisions of Rule 24, any question taken under consideration may be withdrawn, postponed or tabled by unanimous consent, or, if unanimous consent is denied, by a motion adopted by a majority of the members voting on the motion.
- F.** Subject to the provisions of Rule 22, all motions shall be disposed of in the order in which they are moved.

22. PRECEDENCE OF MOTIONS

- A.** While a question is under debate, no motion may be entertained except as provided for in the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order.
- B.** The following motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are named:
 - 1) A motion to postpone to a day certain, to commit or postpone indefinitely, once it is decided, shall not be in order again on the same day or at the same stage of the bill or proposition.
 - 2) A motion to strike the enacting clause of a bill has precedence of a motion to amend and, if carried, is equivalent to rejection of a bill.

23. MOTION TO RECONSIDER

- A.** A member who voted on the prevailing side of a recorded vote on a matter still within the control of the house, may, on the same day move to reconsider the vote. The motion to reconsider may be laid on the table without affecting the vote to which it is referred. A question that requires a simple majority or greater, requires a simple majority to reconsider.

B. If a motion to reconsider is made pursuant to the above subsection (23 A) and the motion is later tabled, the question shall not be further reconsidered. This subsection can be suspended only upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members.

24. MOTION TO LAY ON TABLE; MOTION TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE

A. A motion to lay on the table applies only to that particular proposition. A motion to

lay on the table requires a simple majority.

B. A motion to take from the table shall not be taken up until it appears on the daily calendar. Motions to take from the table may be filed with the Clerk at any time and shall appear on the daily calendar in the order received by the Clerk.

C. A motion to take from the table requires passage by a two-thirds (2/3) majority except for a motion made pursuant to Rule 4 (C,4).

D. A bill taken from the table shall be placed on the daily calendar in the order in which it appeared before it was tabled. A bill taken from the table which previously had not appeared on the daily calendar on the order of second reading shall be placed in the daily calendar on the order of second reading.

E. The provisions of subsections (B) and (C) of this section may be suspended by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of that house.

25. MOTION FOR THE PREVIOUS QUESTION

A. When the previous question has been moved, the question is, "Shall the main question now be called?" and until it is decided, no amendments or debates are in order. If it is decided that the main question shall not be called, the main question remains under debate.

B. Subject to the provision of sub-section (C), the following situations apply when the previous question is ordered; no further debate is in order and the house shall vote immediately, first upon all amendments reported or pending in the inverse order in which they were offered, and then upon the main question itself as amended. It is not in order to call the house (quorum) unless the record vote on the main question indicates that there is an absence of quorum. It is not in order to move to adjourn or recess prior to a decision on the main question.

C. If a motion to postpone is pending when the previous question is called; the only action in order is an immediate vote on the motion to postpone.

D. Upon the motion of a member, supported by four (4) other members, a roll call vote on the motion for the previous question shall be taken.

E. The motion for the previous question requires the affirmative vote of a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members present and voting.

26. APPEALS

Only ten (10) Senate members or twenty (20) House members may move to appeal any ruling of the chair. If the appeal receives the affirmative vote of a simple majority of the members, it is sustained. The question is "Shall the chair be overruled?"

27. SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

- A.** A motion to suspend a MIG rule shall identify the particular rule or rules affected.
- B.** Any rule may be suspended upon a proper motion and an affirmative vote of two thirds (2/3) majority.

28. LENGTH OF FLOOR DEBATE

- A.** In second reading, 15 minutes total shall be allotted for debate on each bill. Should time expire, an immediate vote shall be taken on that bill.
- B.** In third reading, 30 minutes total shall be allotted for debate on each bill.
- C.** In Veto Session, 30 minutes total shall be allotted for debate on each bill.
- D.** Floor managers will be allotted an additional five (5) minutes for a closing statement. Floor managers may yield the floor to another member once during their allotted time.
- E.** Debate can be extended at any time with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the body participating in that debate.

29. VETO SESSION

- A.** Before any business is conducted, the Governor shall give the Budget Address and conduct the formal presentation of the budget to the General Assembly.
- B.** The Presiding Officer of the Veto Session of Model Illinois Government shall be the Speaker of the House.
- C.** At the opening of the Veto Session, the MIG Secretary of State shall flip a coin and the winner of that coin toss (the Speaker of the House or the President of the Senate) shall place the first bill on the docket for Veto Session. Remaining bills shall be placed on the docket by alternating choice of the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate.
- D.** Thirty (30) Senate members and sixty (60) House members shall constitute quorum in Veto Session.

30. VETO POWERS OF THE GOVERNOR

- A.** The Governor shall have the following types of veto powers: Complete, Line-item (appropriate bills only), and Amendatory.
- B.** The Governor shall have one (1) hour following the passage of a piece of legislation to either sign or veto that legislation.

31. RETURN OF VETOES

When the Governor or his representative returns a bill or item of appropriations vetoed by the Governor pursuant to Rule No. 30, the Clerk shall immediately reproduce and distribute copies of the Governor's message together with copies of the vetoed bill number or item.

32. VETO MOTION

In order to override a total or item veto or to accept or override a specific recommendation for change made by the Governor, a member must file a written motion with the Clerk.

33. FORM OF VETO MOTIONS

A. The veto to override a “total veto” shall be by roll call. The officer presiding over veto sessions shall ask “Shall the Governor’s Veto be overruled?”

B. The veto to override an item veto shall be by roll call upon each item separately, the form of the motion with respect to such item shall be: *I move that the item on page ___, line of ___ Bill ___ pass notwithstanding the Governor’s specific recommendations for change.*

C. A bill returned by the Governor together with specific recommendations for change may be acted upon by roll call vote:

1) By a motion to accept the Governor’s specific recommendations for change. The form of the motion in this event shall be: *I move to accept the Governor’s specific recommendations for change with respect to ___ Bill ___ in the manner and form as follows:* (inserting therein the language deemed necessary to accept specific recommendations); or

2) By considering the bill as a vetoed bill and overriding the Governor’s specific recommendations. The form of the motion in this event shall be: *I move that ___ Bill ___ pass notwithstanding the Governor’s specific recommendations for change.*

34. VETO ACTIONS

A. When a bill or item receives the affirmative vote of at least three-fifths (3/5) of the members elected, as to outright vetoes and item vetoes (also bills returned with specific recommendations in the house) the presiding officer shall declare that the bill or item has been passed over the veto of the Governor. The bill shall then be so certified.

35. MOTION TO ADJOURN

A. A motion to adjourn is neither debatable nor amendable.

B. The Clerk shall enter into the journal the hour at which every motion to adjourn is made.

36. DRESS CODE

A. No delegate of MIG shall wear athletic shoes, open toe shoes, hiking or working boots, blue jeans, T-shirts, sweatshirts, shorts or hats while in the Capitol Complex throughout the duration of the simulation.

B. Men must wear business attire including jackets and ties while on the floor of either chamber, in respect for the standing rules of the Illinois General Assembly.

C. Women must wear business attire while on the floor of either chamber. No spandex, halter tops or other such attire shall be permitted. Women are expected to wear a suit, skirts *of* appropriate length with sweaters or blouses or suit pants with a blouse and jacket.

37. AWARDS

The following awards may be given at the MIG Awards Banquet held at the conclusion of MIG. The criteria for each award is maintained by the presiding MIG Comptroller.

- 1) Jean Humphrey Award - Outstanding Member of the House of Representatives.
- 2) Jean Humphrey Award - Outstanding Member of the Senate
- 3) Michaela Grounds Award - Outstanding House Committee Person
- 4) Donna Lennon Award - Outstanding Senate Committee Person
- 5) David Hunt Award - Outstanding Senate Committee Chair
- 6) David Hunt Award - Outstanding House Committee Chair
- 7) Kurtis L. Hermes Award - Outstanding Journalist
- 8) Robert Kent Award - Outstanding Lobbyist
- 9) Robert Spencer Award - Outstanding Freshman Delegate
- 10) John Williams Award - Outstanding Moot Court Team
- 11) Outstanding Moot Court Attorney
- 12) Outstanding Small Delegation
- 13) Outstanding Large Delegation
- 14) Ramsey Award - Original Legislation
- 15) George Perry Award - Outstanding Contribution to MIG
- 16) Lisa Tripp VanDuser Award - Outstanding OMB Chairman
- 17) Lisa Tripp VanDuser Award - Outstanding OMB Analyst
- 18) Joan Eastlund Lifetime Achievement Award
- 19) Brandon Oxley Award - Outstanding Staff Person



Model Illinois Government Moot Court Bylaws

ARTICLE 1

Purpose and History

The purpose of the Model Illinois Government Moot Court Competition is to expose all participants to a realistic oral argument expression based upon the attributes of the case presented, given the circumstance of a competition of this nature. Oral advocacy skills are emphasized, and therefore, legal research is *not* required.

The Model Illinois Government Moot Court Competition is administered by the Model Illinois Government Chief Justice and is charged by the Model Illinois Government Bylaws in Article II, Paragraph F as follows:

Clause 1 – The Model Illinois Government Executive Board shall be charged with the duty of conducting a complete judicial branch simulation and this branch will be called “The Supreme Court of Model Illinois Government”.

Clause 2 – The Moot Court shall be conducted as a simulation of the Supreme Court of Illinois. The simulation shall be researched as a closed memo moot court case and the Chief Justice of the Judicial Branch shall be responsible for compiling or supervising the compilation of the closed memo as provided in the Moot Court Bylaws incorporated herein.

ARTICLE II

Administration

A. Model Illinois Government Moot Court Administration

The Model Illinois Government Moot Court shall be administered by the Model Illinois Government Chief Justice and any persons appointed by the Chief Justice

B. Election of the Chief Justice

The Chief Justice of the Model Illinois Government shall be elected according to the procedures outlined within the Model Illinois Government Constitution; stated in Article III, Section D, Clause 6 and 7.

ARTICLE III

Team Competition

A team must consist of two (2) students attending the same member school. Students in any year of school, other than law students, are eligible. Each team must designate, on their registration form, a mailing address for the contact person to whom all official correspondence will be sent. The contact person may be the faculty advisor, a team member, or a head delegate. Every team is encouraged to have an attorney/coach, though it is not required.

ARTICLE IV

Time Table

Member schools should hold orientation meetings with new students to begin preparation for the upcoming competition no later than December of the academic year.

The Chief Justice shall decide on a case scenario by November and forward same to participating schools. Participating schools/teams should review their scoring sheets of the last competition and begin working on weak parts of their presentation.

By January, schools/teams should begin familiarizing themselves with the memo by organizing issues, facts and law into oral arguments. Participants should begin practicing oral advocacy techniques. Advice from attorneys should be sought at this stage to critique performances, give advice, or tips on technique. Questions regarding the memo should be resolved at the Model Illinois Government Meeting of the Whole. The Chief Justice should have both rooms and judges secured and begin formulating actual Competition administration and logistics.

ARTICLE V

Closed Court Memo

The Chief Justice will designate the transcript of the record in the form of a closed court memo case. The case will be similar to or developed from an actual case. Criteria for selection of the case used in the competition include, but are not limited to the nature of the cause of action, the likelihood that either the Petitioner or the Respondent will prevail, and the quantity and quality of issues raised for review. The Supreme Court of Model Illinois Government will provide a closed court memo and copies of all necessary case references. No other outside references, other than dictionaries and law dictionaries, are permitted. Citation to outside references not included in the case memo has, in the past, resulted in disqualification.

ARTICLE VI

Competition Rules

A. Argument Time Limits

Oral arguments shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes per team. This may be extended at the discretion of the court. Such an extension of a speaker's argument shall be without prejudice to the other team member or the reserved rebuttal time. The team representing Petitioner in each oral argument may reserve up to five (5) minutes of the thirty (30) minutes for rebuttal argument. Only one (1) person may argue the rebuttal. Any team member who argues for less than ten (10) minutes may be penalized at the discretion of the judges (up to 10% of oral score) (see Article VII). The thirty (30) minutes need not be divided equally between the team members provided that each team member argues the required ten (10) minutes. Each speaker will be permitted two (2) time cards (or warning lights), one for two (2) minutes remaining and one to indicate that time has expired.

B. Designation of Side that Teams will Argue

The side that a team will argue in the first preliminary rounds of the competition will be determined by the Supreme Court through random drawing as soon as the exact number of teams for the competition has been determined and the teams have been identified. The Supreme Court will assure that in subsequent rounds the teams will change sides of their argument.

C. Preliminary Rounds

In the preliminary rounds of the competition, each team will argue at least twice as Petitioner and twice as Respondent. In subsequent semi-final round of the competition, a team will argue the side it is assigned by random drawing without being assured either one side or the other. For these reasons it is imperative that a team be well versed in the facts, law and precedents of the closed memo and be prepared to argue the case from both positions.

D. Oral Argument Scoring

The scoring of the oral arguments will be based upon a maximum possible score of thirty (30) points per oralist. The judges will be given a list of criteria and each judge will score each team member on each criteria. The criteria to be used by the judges is delineated in Article VIII of the Moot Court Bylaws.

E. Number of Judges Per Argument

There shall be three (3) judges per argument whenever possible in the preliminary and semi-final rounds. A lesser number is allowed but not advised. The final round shall be judged by the totality of judges.. The Supreme Court Judges will

not score teams from their own school because of the conflict of interests. The winner of the final round shall be the winner of the Moot Court competition.

F. No Assistance Permitted

The team coach or faculty adviser may advise the team during the preparation of the team's argument and review the work done by the team. No one may give advice or instructions to or attempt to communicate in any way with any of the participants during the oral arguments. This precludes the passing of notes to a team member while he/she is standing for the purpose of making his argument.

G. Open Court

Visitors are welcome at all sessions of the Moot Court competition.

ARTICLE VII Tournament Advancement

A. Advancement to Semi-Final Round

Clause 1 – The winning side of any preliminary round shall be determined by the total points received by both advocates. The higher score shall win.

Clause 2 – Advancement to the semi-final round shall be by the win/loss record after four (4) preliminary rounds. The four (4) teams with the best win/loss records shall advance to the semi-final round. Should there be more than four (4) teams with sufficient win/loss records, the cumulative point scores will be used to break any tie.

Clause 3 – Using cumulative point scores (after four preliminary rounds), the Court shall assign the team with the highest score to argue against the team with the third highest score, and the team with the second highest score to argue against the team with the fourth highest score.

B. Advancement to Final Round

Clause 1 – The winners of the semi-final round shall be determined by a vote of the judges.

Clause 2 – The winners of the semi-final round shall advance to the final round.

C. Outstanding Team

Clause 1 – The Outstanding Moot Court Team shall be that team that wins the final round.

D. Outstanding Attorney

Clause 1 – The outstanding attorney shall be that advocate who received the highest individual cumulative points in the preliminary (four) rounds. The outstanding attorney need not advance to semi-final and final rounds.

E. Open Court

All rounds are open to visitors, including other competitors. All deliberations are closed to all except the judges.

ARTICLE VIII Bailiffs and Training

A. Bailiffs

Clause 1 - The Chief Justice is responsible for providing bailiffs. Bailiffs are responsible for making sure participants and judges are ready to begin the argument. Their other duties are to assist the judges and the Supreme Court when needed.

Clause 2 - The Chief Justice is responsible for acquainting bailiffs with the rules. It is recommended that a bailiff orientation be held by the Supreme Court to review these rules and procedures prior to the first round.

Clause 3 - Bailiffs are responsible for timing the arguments. The bailiff will show two cards to each speaker, one to indicate two (2) minutes remaining of the speaker's allotted argument time and one to indicate the speaker's time has expired. No other time cards are permitted. Bailiffs are reminded to show the cards to both the speaker and to the bench. When "TIME" is shown, the advocate must stop or ask permission of the court to complete his idea or otherwise continue. The court may permit the advocate to continue at its direction.

B. Timing

Clause 1 - Petitioner rebuttal is limited to five (5) minutes. It must be "reserved" in advance. Only the "TIME" card is permitted for the rebuttal speaker. Rebuttal time is a part of the team's allotted 30 minute argument time. It is not part of the ten minute minimum during main argument.

Clause 2 - No team member may argue less than ten (10) minutes to his main argument. If an advocate shall speak for less than ten (10) minutes in main argument, the bailiff shall so inform the judges after the round and in the presence of all participants. At the discretion of the judges, failure to speak for at least ten (10) minutes may subject that speaker to a penalty on not more than ten percent (10%) of the speaker's oral score.

Clause 3 - Scoring sheets of all the rounds will be held by the Chief Justice until after the competition is completed. Chief Justice will distribute copies of scoring sheets to the respective schools within two months of the end of the simulation.

ARTICLE IX

Judges

The Chief Justice shall recruit competent competition judges who may be law professors, judges or justices, or practicing attorneys. Enough competition judges should be recruited so as not to overload any judge with continuous judging. All judges shall be briefed as to the competition rules and the law regarding the problem prior to judging. At least one month before competition, the judge should be given the judges' packet containing a cover letter, a copy of the problems and the competition rules.

Judges shall be informed of the scoring procedures and given adequate scoring sheets, together with judging criteria. The scoring sheet and judging criteria is added as Appendix 1. Judges should also be informed as to procedure (i.e. time limits, role of bailiffs, asking questions, etc.). *Judges shall be informed that judging shall be according to oral advocacy skills without any consideration as to which team should win on the merits.* Judges should also be advised that post-argument discussions among themselves as to which team should win are not recommended. Any discussions should be solely for the purpose of tabulating scores. Judges shall not announce win or loss. Personal comments to the team concerning their arguments by the judges are encouraged.

There is a difference between winning or losing on merits versus on the oral advocacy skills. Judges may, at their discretion, issue a ruling on the merits of the case, so long as they make clear that such a ruling is not a reflection of the decision on the oral advocacy skills.

ARTICLE X

Disputes and Final Interpretation of the Rules

The authority for interpretation of the rules is vested in the Model Illinois Government Supreme Court. Grievances may be made to the court, with its decision being final. The grievance shall be used to prevent future occurrences of such disputes.