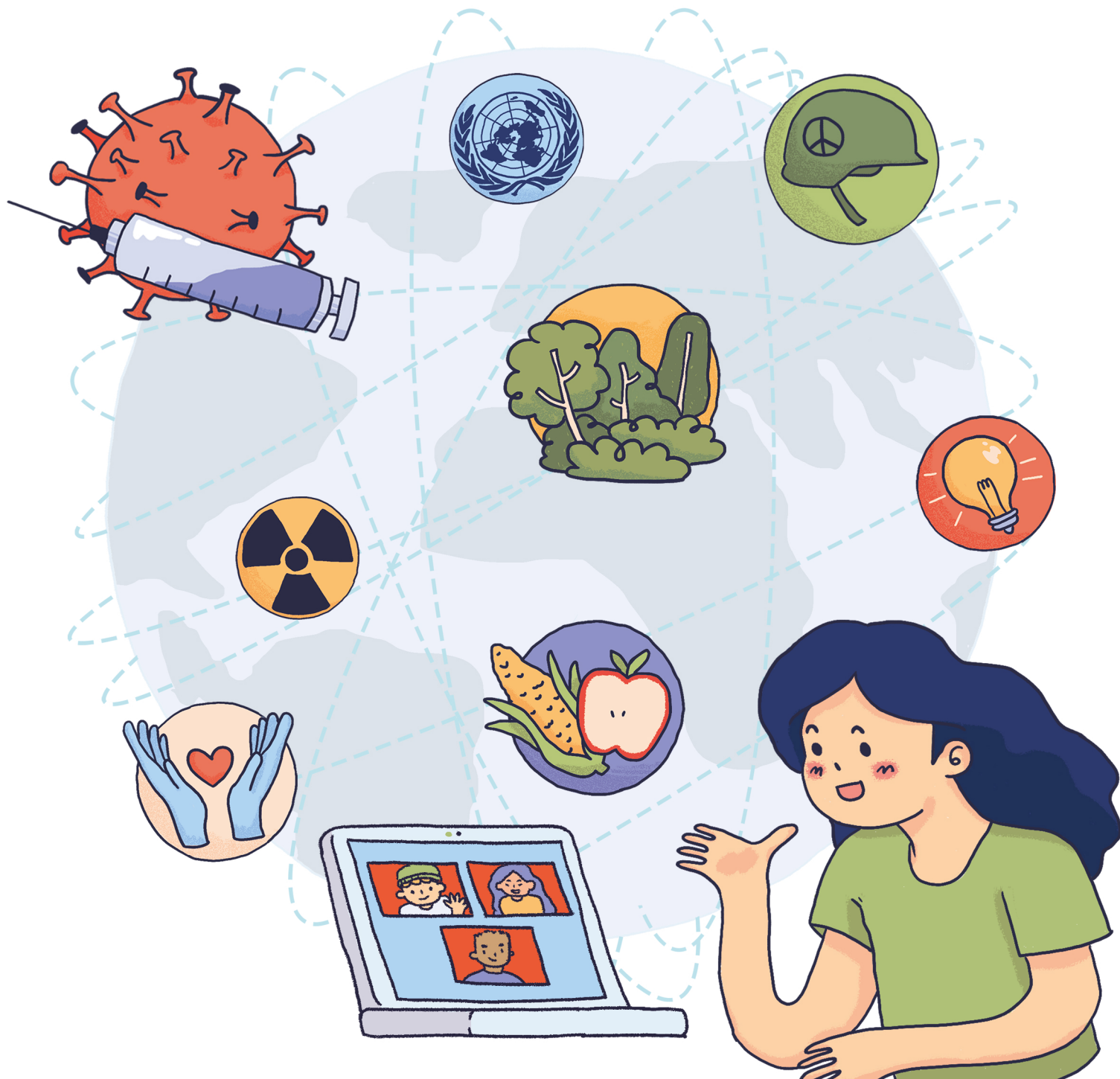


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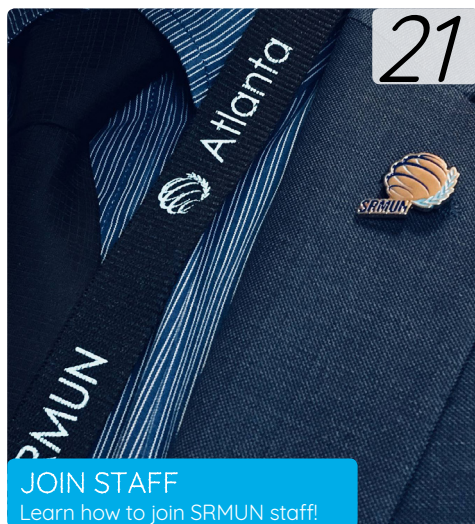
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# VIRTUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

\*Schedule Subject to Change\* All Times are EST

## THURSDAY, MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>

6:00p - 7:00p	SRMUN Charlotte 2021 Virtual Opening Ceremony Broadcast on YouTube and Facebook
7:00p - 7:45p	SRMUN Delegate Q&A on Zoom*

## FRIDAY, MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>

9:00a - 9:30a	SRMUN Registration**
9:00a - 6:00p	Conference Services***
10:00a - 1:00p	Committee Session 1
1:00p - 2:30p	Break
1:15p - 2:15p	SRMUN Panel on Careers in International Relations
2:30p - 5:30p	Committee Session 2
6:00p	Head Delegates' Meeting

## SATURDAY, MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup>

8:30a - 9:00p	Conference Services
9:00a - 12:00p	Committee Session 3
12:00p - 1:30p	Break
1:30p - 4:30p	Committee Session 4
3:30p - 4:30p	Faculty Virtual Roundtable
4:30p - 6:00p	Break
6:00p - 8:30p	Committee Session 5
9:00p	Head Delegates' Meeting

## SUNDAY, MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>

8:30a - 1:30p	Conference Services
9:00a - 10:00p	Faculty Meeting
10:00a - 1:30p	Committee Session 6
2:00p	SRMUN Charlotte 2021 Virtual Closing Ceremony

All Zoom meeting room details will be emailed to registered Faculty Advisors and Head Delegates approximately one week before March 26, 2021. It will be the responsibility of the Faculty Advisor and Head Delegate to relay the appropriate committee room details to their delegates. If you have any questions regarding conference logistics, please email SRMUN Executive Director Michael Oleaga, [Michael.Oleaga@srmun.org](mailto:Michael.Oleaga@srmun.org)

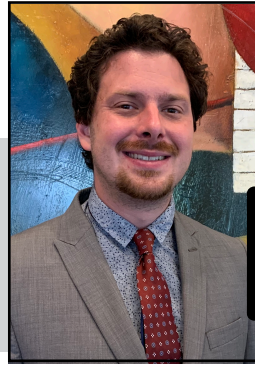
*\*SRMUN Delegate Q&A on Zoom is an open forum for delegates to ask questions to the conference staff regarding the committees, the Rules of Procedure, conference policies, best practices, and more. This is an optional session.*

*\*\*SRMUN Registration will serve as an open virtual venue for Faculty Advisors or Head Delegates to meet with SRMUN Executive Director, Michael Oleaga, and Deputy Executive Director, Desiree Kennedy to ask any questions regarding the virtual conference. This is an optional session as all necessary registration requirements will be completed before March 26, 2021.*

*\*\*\*Conference Services, managed by the conference's Under Secretary-General (USG), will be virtually open for participants to ask any conference or tech-related questions.*

# WELCOME

FROM THE SRMUN CHARLOTTE SECRETARY-GENERAL



**Keith Brannum**  
Secretary-General

**D**ear Esteemed Delegates and Faculty Advisors,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to SRMUN Charlotte 2021, held virtually via Zoom. Despite the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we are excited to welcome delegates from our partner schools across the country to SRMUN Charlotte. We believe in preparing the future leaders of tomorrow, bringing together students from diverse backgrounds and viewpoints to develop a comprehensive understanding of international diplomacy. Through our conference, we test your education and skill against the challenges of our international world.

For 31 years, the SRMUN organization has crafted a vision of excellence in education and service by providing outstanding Model United Nations conferences for our delegates. One of our signature goals is to connect our students and faculty with the wider perspective of international diplomacy, as demonstrated through the work of the United Nations. By utilizing diplomacy to build closer cooperation on common issues and challenges, the international community is able to move closer to achieving and maintaining peace through collective action.

SRMUN Charlotte 2021's theme is Unity: Coming Together to Address a Changing World. In one of the most uncertain periods of global diplomacy, we must take collective action to address national, regional, and international challenges. The issues resulting from global response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the pressures it has placed on management of political conflict, trade and economic systems, and social and community unrest, present opportunities to bring Member States together in common cause for global peace and security.

That is what I am calling upon our esteemed delegates to accomplish this year. The art of diplomacy is the art of possibilities and opportunities to address new challenges in a constructive manner that moves individual and global communities forward. As you take part in SRMUN Charlotte 2021, I encourage you to take this opportunity to reflect on how the Member State you are representing can create unique, diverse, and permanent initiatives that strengthen and unify the global community. Despite the challenges of the nuclear age, the Cold War, decolonization, and COVID-19, the enduring legacy of our global institutions and desire for peace

provides a crucial foundation for negotiation and mutual desire for peace.

This year, SRMUN Charlotte 2021 will also be hosting a "Careers in International Relations Panel," welcoming Dr. Gary Nordlinger of George Washington University's Graduate School of Political Management, and past SRMUN alums Matt Smither, Deputy Chief of Party at DAI, and Yanelle Cruz, a Social and Urban Policy Researcher, to share their experiences translating classroom and conference skills in international relations into the workforce. The panel is a great opportunity for delegates to learn how their Model UN experience is applicable to their future careers. Check the conference schedule for more details.

On behalf of the entire SRMUN Charlotte 2021 staff, we hope that you make the most of your SRMUN Charlotte 2021 experience. The challenges we face in this changing world are large and solutions seem distant. I believe that this weekend, you will face these daunting topics for discussion and work together towards finding consensus and ways forward, because our global community requires it.

Sincerely, Keith Brannum

## Meet the Executive Staff

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## Executive Directorate

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# KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

## HER EXCELLENCY KARIN OLOFSDOTTER

### AMBASSADOR OF SWEDEN TO THE UNITED STATES

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Her Excellency Karin Olofsdotter took up her post as Ambassador of Sweden to the United States on September 1, 2017. Ambassador Olofsdotter has long been a strong advocate for Swedish trade and diplomatic relations with the United States. Trade and economic growth remain top priorities for the Ambassador, along with defense cooperation, public diplomacy, and strong collaboration with the international community.

H.E. Olofsdotter brings extensive experience in trade promotion to her current post. Prior to assuming the role as Ambassador, she served as Director-General for Trade at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. Ambassador Olofsdotter has also held the position of Deputy Director-General and Head of the Department for Promotion of Sweden, Trade and CSR.

Ambassador Olofsdotter is also an accomplished diplomat. Her career in the Foreign Service started in 1994 with her first posting to the Embassy of Sweden in Moscow. In the years following, she worked in security policy and defense issues as well as in numerous leadership posts within the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, including serving as Chief of Staff for several of its Ministers.

H.E. Olofsdotter has served as part of the Swedish delegation to NATO as well as at the Swedish EU Representation in Brussels, working with European security policy and defense issues. Ambassador Olofsdotter was appointed Director of the Ministers' Office in Stockholm before being asked to serve as Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of Sweden in Washington, DC in 2008, a post she held for three years. In 2011, she entered her first ambassadorial position as Ambassador of Sweden to Hungary.

Ambassador Olofsdotter has a BA. in psychology, economics and Russian. She studied at UCLA Anderson School of Management and speaks Russian, French and English. She is married and has a son and a daughter.



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# CAREERS IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PANEL

### HOSTED BY SRMUN CHARLOTTE 2021

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We invite you to join SRMUN Charlotte for our first ever professional development panel! This panel will feature three speakers who have made a career in the fields of international and public affairs, utilizing skills that are not so different from those our delegates learn and improve at SRMUN. You may even recognize some of our panelists as SRMUN alumni!

Our Careers in International Relations Panel will be held on Friday, March 26th, 2021 at 1:15pm and will be moderated by SRMUN Charlotte 2021 Secretary-General Keith Brannum. MUN has inspired people to pursue great careers in international relations and public service, and we hope you will leave the panel having learned something new or wanting to ask more questions about the field of international affairs and how to get involved. Learn more about our outstanding panelists below. We can't wait to see you there!

**JOIN US!**  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 27**  
**1:15pm - 2:15pm**

## PANELISTS:

### Gary Nordlinger, J.D., M.A



Mr. Nordlinger serves on the faculty of The George Washington University's Graduate School of Political Management. Additionally, he provides political strategy, analysis and communications strategies for hundreds of public officials, associations, labor unions and corporations in 28 countries on six continents. In total, he has professional experience in more than 40 countries. Despite some very difficult campaigns, his record in general elections for U.S. Congress is 78-7. Rated one of the nation's top media consultants by Campaigns & Elections Magazine, Mr. Nordlinger's print and broadcast media have won more than 120 major awards.

He is a founder and former Secretary-Treasurer of the Latin American Association of Political Consultants, and Co-Chair of the International Committee of the Public Relations Society of America

National Capital Chapter. He served as Vice President of the American Association of Political Consultants and chaired its Ethics Committee, and was a director of the International Association of Political Consultants and Co-Chair of its Committee on Emerging Democracies.

Mr. Nordlinger averages two dozen speeches each year on public affairs, communications, and politics. He has appeared on ABC, CNN, C-SPAN, Fox, NBC, NPR and the Australian, British, and Canadian Broadcasting Corporations, Deutsche Welle (among others), and has been extensively quoted by the Associated Press and major newspapers in the United States and in five other continents. The BBC also retained him to provide commentary for the 2000 Presidential debates.



# CAREERS IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PANEL

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#### PANELISTS:

#### Matt Smither, M.A.

Matt Smither is an international development professional with expertise in conflict and post-conflict settings with a focus on agriculture. Currently, he is the Deputy Chief of Party and Acting Chief of Party for the USAID-funded Afghanistan Value Chain – Livestock program, a 55 million USD, 5-year program. AVC-Livestock is a market-driven, private sector-focused program that aims to sustainably strengthen the dairy, poultry, honey, red meat and fiber value chains throughout Afghanistan, resulting in increased incomes, employment and productivity.

Mr. Smither has worked in a number of disaster response programs, humanitarian relief activities, and conflict/post-conflict environments, including in Haiti, West Bank/Palestine, Jordan, Mexico, Honduras, and Afghanistan. He holds two BA degrees from UNC Charlotte in History and Political Science and an MA degree from American University in International Peace and Conflict Resolution. Mr. Smither has attended a number of Model UN competitions, including regional, national, and international events. He was also the Secretary-General for SRMUN 25 in Atlanta, Georgia.

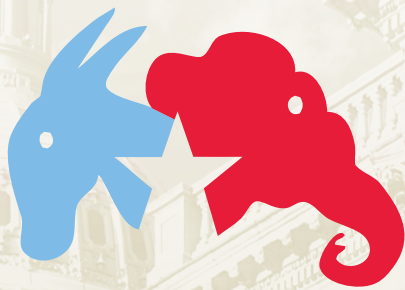


#### Yanelle Cruz, B.A.



Yanelle Cruz is a graduate student at the University of Oxford pursuing a Master of Philosophy in Evidence-Based Social Intervention and Policy Evaluation, with a focus on social and urban policy. Yanelle attended SRMUN as a delegate when she was an undergraduate student and continued to hold various leadership roles in the organization, serving as a Committee Chair, Assistant Director, and Director. Yanelle has also had a wide range of work experiences, having held roles at Atlantic Media, Google, the Urban Institute, Civic Nation, the Latino Victory Project, and the Spanish Commission for Refugee Assistance. She's held various volunteer leadership roles with Supermajority, Young People For, and Amnesty International USA.

Additionally, she has been involved in various research projects at Tufts University and the Autonomous University of Madrid. Yanelle holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Tufts University. She currently resides in Washington, DC.



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## **THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ANTÓNIO GUTERRES**

### **MESSAGE TO MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCES**

Our world faces an unprecedented crisis that is causing widespread human suffering, up-ending lives, devastating the global economy and risking reversals of hard-won progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals.

In these trying times, I welcome the holding of your Model UN activity. Your unwavering commitment to international cooperation is essential for tackling the COVID-19 pandemic – the biggest test our world has faced since the Second World War.

We can only defeat the coronavirus if we do so globally. We must recognize that the poorest countries and most vulnerable will be the hardest hit, and that decades of development gains could be reversed. Countries already suffering armed conflict now face further upheaval. And the pandemic is having a disproportionate impact on the world's women.

The United Nations is undertaking a wide-ranging response – calling for a global ceasefire and working to control the pandemic, save lives, mitigate the socio-economic impacts, fight stigma and recover better.

We are strongly committed to providing full support to all, guided by our shared values. The world needs your energy, and I draw great hope from seeing your generation mobilize to address the challenges of our time and to build a healthier, more equitable and sustainable future for all.

In that spirit of common cause, I wish you a successful Model UN.

# The History of: Southern Regional Model United Nations

Inaugurated in 1990 in Greenville, SC with the intention of being an exemplary learning experience for undergraduate college students pursuing issues of international concern.

The first conference attracted delegations from 10 schools and a total of about 100 student participants. SRMUN's first Secretary-General, Julie Pauling, was instrumental in organizing the conference. As a student member of the Board of Directors of the National Model United Nations (NMUN) organization during 1990 - 1992, she was convinced that establishing a regional "spin-off" would achieve two useful goals: first, schools that sent delegations to the spring NMUN conference would be able to gain some experience at a fall conference that would be smaller and less overwhelming to newer participants and, second, schools in the southeastern part of the country financially unable to send delegations to NMUN would still have an opportunity to benefit from a Model United Nations experience.

The conference site was moved to Atlanta in 1991 in order to have a location that was more central and an area that was more attractive to interested schools. The tactic worked successfully in very little time. Around 20 schools and 250 students participated in the second annual conference. Conference participation over the next several years gradually increased to over 400. As SRMUN entered its second decade of activity in 2000, delegate numbers exceeded 500 participants from approximately three dozen campuses. Most of the schools involved in SRMUN are located in the southeastern United States, but several institutions from outside the region also furnish delegations. It is particularly gratifying to observe the same schools returning year after year. In addition, each conference sees delegations appear from schools sending students for the first time. A significant number of schools are also able to provide more than one delegation.

During its early years (1990 - 1993) the administration of the SRMUN conference was the responsibility of NMUN's Board of Directors. The NMUN Board was generous with its financial support to get SRMUN off the ground. It did not have its own independent Board until 1993. In addition, NMUN advanced the funding to SRMUN that was required to establish the conference in

the amount of a \$10,000 loan. The rapid growth of the newly created conference enabled SRMUN to pay off the loan by 1995. By that time, SRMUN's independent Board of Directors was fully established and became the ultimate authority for the conference's professionalism. SRMUN at this point became a fully sovereign conference independent of and separate from NMUN and equipped with its own governing structure.

The structure of SRMUN over the years has revealed remarkable resiliency in terms of how it dealt with what could only be referred to as growing pains. Atlanta was universally accepted as a natural physical location for the conference. It did become necessary to change hotel conference sites on a few occasions. However, as the conference grew in the number of attendees, first tier hotels developed substantial interest in hosting the event. From its inception, SRMUN has been held during the last half of November, normally the week before the Thanksgiving holiday. This schedule enables delegates the greater part of the fall semester to prepare for the conference and also allow them to enjoy a brief recess before the final examination season commences. The conference itself traditionally runs from late Thursday afternoon to Saturday evening.

SRMUN attendees made it clear that a real need for a Spring conference was evident. After researching possible locations, the Board of Directors voted to host the first annual SRMUN Spring conference in Charlotte, North Carolina which was held in April 2013. Seven years later, SRMUN Charlotte has consistently grown as a successful Spring event. Since October 2020, as SRMUN turned 31 years old, we expanded to host virtual conferences, and welcomed new schools from the far west, Canada, and Costa Rica. SRMUN is a successful conference because of the loyalty and professionalism of its staff, delegates, faculty advisors, and supporters. There is no doubt that the original intention of the founders to make SRMUN a memorable learning experience has been and continues to be fulfilled. The participants are always eager, energetic, and devoted to their task.





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SRMUN Charlotte is sponsored by an educational not-for-profit corporation, the Southern Regional Model United Nations, Inc. This year, the SRMUN Board of Directors made the decision to modernize itself through a restructuring. These changes will take effect on December 1st, 2021.

As of December 1, 2021, the Board of Directors for SRMUN, Inc. will comprise a seven-member panel (with a minimum of one faculty advisor) and the Executive Director who are responsible for the overall state of the organization from year to year. Board members are responsible for meeting two or more times a year to conduct organizational business, including reviewing financial statements, creating strategic priorities of the organization, and approving all substantive content for the conference. The Board also selects and trains the Executive Staff of each conference. These offices are the Secretary-General, the Director-General, the Deputy Director-General, and the Under Secretary-General.

Reporting into the Board of Directors is the Advisory Group. The Advisory Group comprises individuals who have applied and been approved by the Board to serve the organization by making recommendations to the Board on all substantive matters relating to SRMUN conferences, including conference theme, committees, and topics selection, the hiring of staff, and the writing of delegate Background Guides.

Any person who has served as Staff, Executive Staff, or in a Faculty Advisor capacity for a minimum of two SRMUN conferences is eligible to run for a seat on the Board of Directors. Approximately half of the Board is appointed per year, to staggered two-year terms. To be considered, a person must turn in a completed application to the Executive Director. A slating committee determined by the Board of Directors will select the incoming Board Members from the pool of applicants each year, prior to December 1st.

Any person may submit an application to serve on the Advisory Group. To do so, interested applicants must submit a completed application to a member of the Executive Directorate (Executive Director or any of the Deputy Executive Directors) or a member of the Board of Directors by the end of the first night of the fall or spring conference.

The Executive Director manages daily corporate affairs for SRMUN. The Board of Directors is responsible for the hiring of the Executive Director. The Executive Director reports directly to the Board. In early 2019, the Board conducted a search and hired a Deputy Executive Director for SRMUN Atlanta, SRMUN Charlotte, and Technology, respectively. The new Deputy Executive Directors assumed their new roles at the conclusion of SRMUN Atlanta 2019, and are permanent fixtures of the Advisory Group.

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- II. Retraining Peacekeepers to Better Adapt to Their Expanded Mandates

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- I. Strengthening Partnerships to Improve the World Food Programme's Emergency Response in Times of Global Crises
- II. Expanding Food Security for Socially Excluded and Marginalized Groups

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- II. Improving Global Pandemic Response

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- II. Combating the Proliferation of Chemically Enhanced Illicit Drugs

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## SECURITY COUNCIL\*: [SC\\_CHARLOTTE@SRMUN.ORG](mailto:SC_CHARLOTTE@SRMUN.ORG)

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# MEMBER STATE ASSIGNMENTS

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Belgium	Mars Hill University	Lithuania	Georgia Institute of Technology
Brazil	Radford University	Luxembourg	Georgia Institute of Technology
Bulgaria	Gulf Coast State College	Mexico	Texas State University
Burundi	University of North Carolina at Greensboro	Morocco	Broward College
Canada	Mars Hill University	Netherlands	University of North Georgia
Chile	University of North Carolina at Charlotte	Pakistan	Western Carolina University
China	Lenoir-Rhyne University	Palestine	Hood College
Colombia	Nova Southeastern University	Peru	Alvernia University
Cote d'Ivoire	Alcorn State University	Poland	Mississippi State University
Cuba	University of Georgia	Republic of Korea	Gardner-Webb University
Denmark	University of North Carolina at Greensboro	Russian Federation	Texas State University
Dominican Republic	Hillsborough Community College	South Africa	Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Estonia	Guilford Technical Community College	Spain	Auburn University
France	University of North Carolina at Pembroke	Sweden	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Germany	Western Carolina University	Turkey	Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
India	University of North Carolina at Pembroke	United Kingdom	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Indonesia	Kennesaw State University	Ukraine	Western Carolina University
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# FAQS FOR VIRTUAL SRMUN

## What to Know Before Conference Weekend

**Q: Where is SRMUN's virtual conference located?**

**A:** SRMUN will host its virtual conference on Zoom. Faculty Advisors and Delegates will receive their Zoom meeting rooms links, IDs, and passwords shortly before the conference dates. The conference is for SRMUN Charlotte 2021 is between Friday, March 26, and Sunday, March 28.

We recommend participants download and regularly update the Zoom app. From a computer, you may download [Zoom's Client For Meetings](#), and download from either the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#) for the "Zoom Cloud Meetings" mobile app version.

**Q: We have been assigned our Member State(s) and are aware of what committees we are responsible for, but do you assign our delegates to their committees?**

**A:** No, the assignment of individuals to specific committees within your delegation is of your choosing. Please be cognizant of the committees that may be single-delegation only.

**Q: We noticed that SRMUN's Security Council seats do not match the actual UN Security Council. Why is this?**

**A:** When compiling our Member State matrix, we base it on the Security Council at the time the matrix is completed.

**Q: What are the costs associated with attending the virtual SRMUN conference?**

**A:** The fees associated with SRMUN include the \$150 non-refundable College/University fee and the individual delegate fees. Our individual delegate fees are priced at \$40 per delegate. There is no fee for a Faculty Advisor's attendance.

**Q: Does the cost of registration cover any expenses for tech equipment or software?**

**A:** No, the fees associated with SRMUN do not cover any additional tech expenses.

**Q: We had a change in student contact or Faculty Advisor. Who do we contact to update this?**

**A:** Contact the Secretary-General directly and he/she will update our records accordingly.

**Q: Is SRMUN affiliated with any College/University?**

**A:** No, SRMUN is an independent nonprofit organization with no affiliation to any College/University.

**Q: I am interested in attending Virtual SRMUN as a single delegate from my College/University. Am I able to do so?**

**A:** Yes, you are able to attend the conference as a single delegate. Please contact the Secretary-General for more information on how to do so.

**Q: How are the committees, theme, and topics chosen for the conference(s)?**

**A:** The conference theme, committees, and topics are chosen after thorough discussion and deliberation between our conference staff and Board of Directors. We do our very best here at SRMUN to ensure both a challenging and stimulating debate for our delegates. If you are interested in being a part of the process, talk to a SRMUN Staff Member about joining staff!

**Q: What is your policy on plagiarism?**

**A:** All materials, including but not limited to position papers, speeches, and working papers/draft resolutions are subject to a zero-tolerance policy regarding plagiarism or the unaccredited use of another's words. Any delegate found in violation of this stated policy will receive no credit for the entirety of their work, including receiving a score of zero for position papers found to include words that are not properly credited to the original author.

## What to Know During Conference

**Q: What is the dress-code for the virtual conference(s)?**

**A:** The standard delegate attire at SRMUN is considered to be western-business attire, which includes a business jacket, slacks (or skirts or a dress for women), dress shirt (with tie for men), and dress shoes. Shirts that expose excessive bare skin on the chest, stomach, or are otherwise revealing are inappropriate. Clothes that reveal undergarments are also inappropriate.

**Q: I'm really excited to represent my Member State. That being said, am I allowed to wear traditional garb or a pin to reflect and honor my Member State?**

**A:** We admire your commitment to your assigned Member State, but SRMUN does prohibit the use of cultural dress as it may be an attempt to mock traditional cultural attire or abuse it as costume. However, cultural dress is permitted for international delegates, in whose native country's professional business dress includes traditional



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cultural dress. These delegates are the only individuals to whom this applies. Any delegate attempting to use a cultural costume to portray a “character” will be asked to leave their committee and change into clothing that is more appropriate. Lastly, the only acceptable symbol or pin for delegates to wear during the course of the conference are that of the UN symbol or the SRMUN pin.

**Q: What is your policy on pre-written resolutions?**

**A:** SRMUN does not allow for pre-written resolutions, as a pre-written resolution does not allow for collaboration, negotiation, consensus, and all of that is done during the committee sessions. If a pre-written resolution is submitted, or if any portion of a working paper is pre-written, it will not be accepted by your committee’s Dais. The Dais will not accept any working papers during the first committee session of conference.

**Q: What is the official language of the conference?**

**A:** English is the only official and working language of the conference and its committees, at all times.

**Q: I’m finally participating in the virtual conference. Any advice on where I can find information on a specific issue? I just heard something called “sovereignty” and I am lost.**

**A:** You have two options available. The first is Conference Services, managed by the conference’s Under Secretary-General (USG) and Assistant Under Secretary-General (AUSG), where you can go if you’re having a tech issues or questions. If available, there is also Home Government, where Faculty Advisors of attending colleges/universities are great resources that will answer questions from any and all delegates.

**Q: Does SRMUN entertain Moderated Caucuses?**

**A:** Yes we do! The SRMUN Rules of Procedure allow Suspension of the Meeting for both a Moderated Caucus and Unmoderated Caucus. Compared to our usual SRMUN conferences, the virtual SRMUN conference does have new limits to the maximum amount of time for each type of the Suspension of the Meeting. You’re allowed to move for up to a 30-minute unmoderated caucus, and up to a 15-minute Moderated Caucus. It is up to the Chairperson’s discretion to increase or decrease the suspension time.

**Q: What if I’m in a double-delegation?**

**A:** If you’re representing the same Member State with a partner in the same committee,

communication prior and during the conference is important. Prior to the conference, you and your partner should decide who will be recognized as the “Voter” of the team. The “Voter” should have the sole control of using the Raise Hand (placard) feature and voting on procedural and substantive matters. The “Voter” should rename their Zoom name to “[Member State Name]: Voter,” while the other delegate should have only the name of the Member State. For example, if there are two delegates for representing Argentina in the General Assembly Plenary, one partner should be labeled as “Argentina: Voter,” while the other partner is simply “Argentina.” This, and communication with your partner, should curb partners from voting twice for the same motion and both using the Raise Hand simultaneously. Partners are free to alternate their “Voter” status, preferably changing at the start of a session.

**Q: What if I’m in a single-delegation?**

**A:** To maintain consistency among those with “voter” status, single-delegations should also add the “Voter” label to their Member State name.

**Q: I am a double-delegation, do we both have to be present during formal debate?**

**A:** No, but at least one delegate from your delegation should be present during formal debate.

**Q: How will I enter my virtual committee room?**

**A:** Approximately a week before conference, all registered Faculty Advisors and Head Delegates will receive the Zoom Meeting ID and password for each committee. Your Faculty Advisor and Head Delegate should relay the meeting room information to their delegates. All Faculty Advisors and Head Delegates will also receive details for other meetings rooms such as the Head Delegates’ Meetings, the Faculty Meeting, and Conference Services.

**Q: What should I do once I enter my committee?**

**A:** Delegates: Remember to rename your Zoom name to reflect the Member State you are representing. Please remain on mute at all times until you’re recognized by the Dais or to issue a Point of Order. If you’re having login or tech issues, please email your committee’s Dais.

Faculty Advisors & Observers: Please remain on mute at all times when visiting committee rooms, and add your title to your Zoom name (for example: “FacultyAdvisor: John Smith” or “Observer: Jane Smith”).

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**Q: How should I proceed with a Point of Order?**

**A:** Usually at a normal conference, you would raise your placard and say “Point of Order” if you noticed a mistake was made regarding the Rules of Procedure. For SRMUN’s virtual conference, if you noticed an error was made with the Rules of Procedure, you may unmute yourself, press “Raise Hand,” and say “Point of Order.” Please wait until the Chairperson officially recognizes you, and then proceed with the reason for the Point of Order.

**Q: Is there Point of Inquiry or Point of Personal Privilege at SRMUN virtual conference?**

**A:** No, but if you do have a question that is not clearly understood in committee, please send a private Zoom message or an email to your Dais.

**Q: Since the virtual conference won’t have placards, what’s the virtual equivalent?**

**A:** On Zoom, you may press the “Raise Hand” feature. Remember to press “Raise Hand” once again to put down/turn off your raised hand.

**Q: I’m next on the Speaker’s List and ready to say my formal speech. When should I start speaking?**

**A:** Once the Chairperson recognizes you are next on the Speaker’s List, please unmute yourself and have your camera turned on. The Chairperson’s timer won’t start until you say the first word of your speech. When you’re done with your speech, please mute yourself, and then the Chairperson will proceed with the next order of business. There is no “Yielding” to another delegate at SRMUN.

**Q: I suddenly encountered tech issues (i.e., a problem with my microphone or loss of Internet connection) during my speech. What should I do?**

**A:** Tech issues might happen, and it’s ok, we understand. If you’re interrupted during your speech, you will have the right to resume your speech once the issue(s) is resolved and you’ll have the remainder of the Speaker’s Time. For example, if the Speaker’s Time is 60 seconds, but a tech malfunction occurs 15 seconds into your speech, you will have the right to use the remaining 45 seconds upon your return. Please contact your Dais, via email or a private Zoom chat, if you do encounter a tech issue.

**Q: We usually vote with our placards, but how will voting work in SRMUN’s virtual conference?**

**A:** When you’re voting on procedural matters, delegates will be instructed to use Zoom’s [“Nonverbal Feedback”](#) feature, which allows

delegates to simultaneously and electronically vote either “yes” or “no.” This feature is found in the “Reactions” section of Zoom. We will use this feature instead of the traditional raising of the placard vote.

When voting on substantive matters, such as the Draft Resolutions, delegates will have three voting methods, which includes the traditional motions to Vote by Acclamation and the Roll Call Vote. The third voting option, if there’s dissent to the Acclamation Vote and no Roll Call Vote motion was made, will be Zoom’s “Nonverbal Feedback” feature, which will also allow you the option to click the blue “Speed Up” symbol to Abstain your vote.

We have provided video tutorials, both on the SRMUN website and our YouTube, on how to use these and other Zoom features. Please stay tuned and subscribe to [SRMUN’s YouTube page](#).

**Q: How will Unmoderated Caucuses work?**

**A:** We will use Zoom’s “Breakout Rooms” for any Suspension of the Meeting for an Unmoderated Caucus. We strongly recommend participants download and regularly update the Zoom app. From a computer, you may download [Zoom’s Client For Meetings](#), and download from either the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#) for the “Zoom Cloud Meetings” mobile app version.

Once the committee chairperson calls for any points or motions, delegates may move for a Suspension of the Meeting for an Unmoderated Caucus with a time limit that does not exceed 30 minutes. If delegates vote in favor, the committee dais will then activate the “Breakout Rooms” feature. Once the feature opens, and if using either Zoom computer or mobile apps, delegates are able to automatically enter any of the multiple open Breakout Rooms.

Although Zoom has made software updates for Google Chromebooks and several web browsers (Chrome, Firefox, Safari, etc.) that should allow delegates to automatically enter any open Breakout Room, if a delegate is still unable to enter a Breakout Room, they must message a member of the committee dais with the Breakout Room name they want to enter. The committee Dais, serving as the Zoom hosts, will then move the delegate into the requested Breakout Room.

For more about SRMUN’s Unmoderated Caucus, [watch here](#).

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**Q: Are there changes to your Moderated Caucuses?**

**A:** There are no significant changes. You'll motion for a Suspension of the Meeting for a Moderated Caucus as you would at our normal conference. If the motion passes, the Chairperson will call upon Member States wishing to speak to press the "Raise Hand" feature and keep the "Raise Hand" on until you're called. Once you're called to speak, please lower your "Raise Hand" and start your speech. Once the Moderated Caucus' time has elapsed or no further Member States wishes to speak, the Chairperson will end the Suspension of the Meeting and proceed with other points or motions on the virtual floor or resume the committee's Speaker's List. The Moderated Caucus will take place within the main committee meeting room.

**Q: Could you elaborate the virtual Working Papers/Reports process?**

**A:** Absolutely! The Working Paper and Report Writing templates will be available on the [SRMUN Virtual Conference website](#). Delegates may save a copy into their Google Drive or download the file.

We recommend delegates share and collaborate on Google Docs. Zoom also allows delegates to Share Screen, which will be available during informal sessions. Once you're ready to submit a Working Paper(s) or Report, you must email it to the committee email address listed on the SRMUN website, and also located in your committee Background Guide. Please CC: your fellow Working Paper/Report Sponsors when emailing the document to Dais. The Dais will electronically provide edits onto your Working Paper and will return it to the group with feedback. This process will continue until the Dais accepts your Working Paper or Report as a Draft Resolution or Report. The accepted Draft Resolutions or Report will be distributed by the Dais to all committee delegates.

**Q: Will SRMUN's virtual conference still offer awards?**

**A:** Yes! On the final day of the virtual conference, during SRMUN's Closing Ceremony, we will announce the delegations that have won

Outstanding Position Papers, Honorable Delegation Awards, Distinguished Delegation Awards, Outstanding Delegation Awards, and other awards. We will also contact the winning schools to provide us with their preferred mailing address in order for us to mail the awards. SRMUN will only mail awards within the United States. An electronic version of the award will be sent to any winning international school. SRMUN will not penalize delegates or delegations that encounter any tech difficulties or sudden personal events that may suddenly prevent them from participating in conference sessions — should such issue(s) occur, please contact the conference Secretary-General or Executive Director. For more information about awards at SRMUN, [click here](#).

**Q: Could I use a virtual background on Zoom?**

**A:** Delegates have the option of using a virtual background, but it must be the SRMUN Virtual Background, which can be downloaded from the [SRMUN Virtual Conference website](#).

**Q: I'm a graduating senior and this is my last SRMUN. I am heartbroken but I hear being a staff member seems just about the best opportunity EVER! How do I get involved?**

**A:** Great question, delegate! Announcements will be made throughout the conference about staff applications. [The application can be filled out online](#). We encourage you to ask staff members about their experience. You may email your committee or a member of the Executive Staff (such as the Secretary-General, Under Secretary-General, or Director-General). We guarantee it will change your life!

**Q: I'm thinking about applying for staff, what are some added benefits besides being a great resume builder?**

**A:** We're glad you asked, as staffing at SRMUN is a unique experience unlike any other! We say this as not only are we focused on professional development of our staff, but we truly become a SRMUN Family. SRMUN's volunteer positions will enhance your professional attributes and network with fellow staffers with similar or diverse fields.

# SRMUN POLICIES

## DELEGATE CODE OF CONDUCT

Delegates are expected to:

- Remain in character by consistently advocating the interests and representing the policies of their assigned Member State.
- To be “in character” also entails displaying respect for the opinions and ideals of fellow delegates, even if these opinions and ideals conflict with a given delegate’s own Member State’s priorities.
- Collaborate with fellow delegates where possible. Delegates who disrupt committee sessions or create problems in the Zoom committee meeting room may be barred from further participation in the conference.
- Conduct themselves in a courteous and professional manner at all times.
- Refrain from consumption of alcohol and other drugs in committee sessions. Note: Any issues related to illicit drugs or alcohol will be immediately directed to the attention of the SRMUN Board of Directors and Executive Staff.
- Respect fellow delegates at all times and in all methods of communications. Using information and communication technologies such as email, cell phones, text messages, instant messaging, defamatory personal web sites, and social media to support deliberate, hostile behavior intended to harm other delegates is strictly forbidden.
- Know and follow these rules and regulations.
- Delegates who disrupt committee sessions or the conference or who are found to have violated any clause of the [delegate code of conduct](#) may be barred from further participation in the conference, forfeiting any delegate fees and/or award eligibility.

## DRESS CODE:

- Standard delegate attire for the conference is business jacket, slacks (or skirts for women), dress shirt (with tie for men) and dress shoes.
- Shirts that expose excessive bare skin on the chest, stomach or are otherwise revealing are inappropriate. Clothes that reveal undergarments are inappropriate.
- Dress sweaters for men are generally considered too casual, unless a tie is worn underneath.
- Shorts, ball caps, jeans, sneakers, sandals, and sunglasses are forbidden.
- It is inappropriate for delegates to display any national symbols such as flags, pins, crests, etc. on their person or as virtual backgrounds during committee sessions. UN symbols are acceptable.

- Western business dress is preferred. Cultural dress is only permitted for international delegates whose native country’s accepted professional business dress includes traditional cultural dress. These delegates are the only individuals to whom this applies. Any delegate attempting to use cultural costume to portray a “character” will be asked to leave the committee chamber and change into clothing that is more appropriate. The SRMUN conference will not tolerate any delegate’s attempt to mock traditional cultural attire or abuse it as costume.
- All clothing must adhere to guidelines that portray professionalism and modesty. If a delegate’s attire is deemed inappropriate by the SRMUN staff, the delegate will be asked to leave the session and return with appropriate attire.

## SEXUAL HARASSMENT & DISCRIMINATION POLICY

It is the intention of SRMUN that the environment of our conferences best achieves our educational goals. The SRMUN Executive Staff and Board of Directors will not tolerate any instances of discrimination based on race, color, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, age, or medical condition.

If any participant at SRMUN, whether a delegate, staffer, Executive Staffer, Executive Directorate member, Member of the Board of Directors, Faculty Advisor, or observer, believes they have witnessed or encountered discrimination and/or harassment, which results in a hostile working environment or disparate treatment, they should bring it to the attention of any one or more of the following people: any member of the Board of Directors, any member of the Executive Directorate (Executive Director and 3 Deputy Executive Directors), or any member of the Executive Staff (Secretary-General, Under Secretary-General, Director-General and Deputy Director-General). Any person receiving such a report is obligated to pass along such reports that they have received to a member of the Board of Directors of their choosing (should they themselves not already be a member) as quickly as possible, and no later than within 24 hours. Alternatively, a report can be submitted through [this Google Form](#) or by scanning the QR code below. Please be sure to include accurate contact information so that a SRMUN Board Member can contact you regarding your report. Anyone reporting instances of harassment or discrimination will be protected by the organization from retaliation.



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The SRMUN Board must investigate the merits of the allegations, interviewing all parties involved, and submitting a written report to the rest of the Board. Based on the investigation's findings, the Board of Directors may:

- Take no action;
- Issue a verbal reprimand;
- Remove an involved individual from the conference; and/or,
- Implement any other action that the Board deems appropriate.

To review the complete SRMUN Sexual Harassment Policy, please [click here](#).

## PLAIGARISM

SRMUN, Inc., encourages unique and exceptional dialogue amongst our participants through the free flow of ideas and conversations, with the expectation that all written and spoken words be original thought. All materials, including but not limited to: Position Papers, speeches, and working papers/draft resolutions, and reports are subject to a zero-tolerance policy regarding plagiarism or the unaccredited use of another's words. Any delegate found in violation of this stated policy will receive no credit for the entirety of their work, including receiving a score of zero for position papers found to include words that are not cited and/or properly credited to the original author.

## SRMUN AWARDS POLICY

Each year, the SRMUN Board of Directors recognizes exceptional delegations with both Position Paper and Conference Awards using set criterion. For the Virtual SRMUN conference, awards will be announced during the Closing Ceremony. Schools within the United States will receive their awards via mail.

## POSITION PAPER AWARDS

Before the start of the conference, delegates utilize the SRMUN website to submit Position Papers for each committee in which their assigned Member State is represented. These two-page Position Papers are graded by our volunteer committee staff using a standard rubric. Once all on-time papers are graded, delegation scores are calculated. The highest scoring delegations among these receive an Outstanding Position Papers Award and top scoring Position Papers from each committee will receive a committee award during the SRMUN Closing Ceremony. During the conference, all delegations receive a feedback sheet explaining how they scored in several metrics. Late papers will be graded, if possible, but any late or missing Position Papers will make that entire delegation ineligible for Position Paper awards. An

example feedback sheet is available at: [http://www.srmun.org/docs/sample\\_pp\\_scoring.pdf](http://www.srmun.org/docs/sample_pp_scoring.pdf) Position Paper evaluations and awards are typically distributed at the Faculty Meeting with the Board, but for Virtual SRMUN, the evaluations will be distributed via email. Awards will be sent by mail.

## COMMITTEE DELEGATION AWARDS

Delegations are nominated by SRMUN conference staff and awarded the Committee Delegation Award, which will be announced during the SRMUN Closing Ceremony. Delegations that show superior skills in their preparation and presentation of their Member State, as specifically noted in their committee, are recognized for their specific contributions through this award. The breakdown of Committee Delegations Awards is as follows: Each large-size committee will receive up to six awards, each medium-size committee will receive up to four awards, and each small committee will receive up to two awards. Delegates will also be eligible for "Most Diplomatic" and "Most Improved" awards, which if given will be recognized in the committee session.

## CONFERENCE DELEGATION AWARDS

During the conference, our volunteer committee staff nominates exceptional delegate performance in each committee at the end of each session. The following criteria are used to determine the merit of each delegation:

- ❖ **Caucusing** - Does the delegation make a concerted effort to work with other delegations during informal debate? Do they attempt to incorporate nations outside of their respective regional bloc while maintaining character?
- ❖ **Diplomacy** - Does the delegation work to find cohesion and compromise among their fellow Member States? Does the delegation take a respectful, educated, and professional approach to working with other committee delegates?
- ❖ **Participation** - Does the delegation articulate their policies and beliefs succinctly and efficiently? Do they use their persuasive skills to engage other delegates while maintaining a diplomatic approach?
- ❖ **Preparation** - Does the delegation adequately represent the policies of their Member State in the context of the topic? Do they have a solid understanding of the topics and scope of the committee as it pertains to the Member State they are representing? Have they provided research and documentation to support their convictions? Do they organize their thoughts to effectively articulate the changes they are advocating through the delivery of the committee?

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- ❖ Resolution Writing - Does the delegation contribute substantive material to be used in the production of working papers? Do they work effectively with other committee delegates to generate working papers that are relevant to the topic and within the scope of the committee?

These nominations are then tallied by the SRMUN Board. Final scores are calculated as follows:

The number of committees in which each delegation (Member State) is represented is multiplied by the number of committee sessions (usually 6). This is the maximum theoretical score each delegation may achieve. For example, if the delegation for China is represented in 7 committees, their maximum theoretical score is  $7 * 6 = 42$ . The actual number of times throughout all six committee sessions that a delegation is nominated is then divided by this number to arrive at a fractional score.

In our example, assume China was nominated 38 times throughout the conference. The delegation for China will receive a fractional score of  $38 / 42 = 0.90476$ .

At the end of the conference, all delegations are ranked in descending order by their fractional score. Fractional scores are not reported and will not be released publicly. The highest-scoring delegations receive an Outstanding Award, followed by Distinguished and Honorable Mention. The total number of awards given at closing ceremonies will vary from year to year, depending on the number of delegations in attendance. Not all delegations will receive an award.

## AUDIO VISUAL

Please note that events hosted by Southern Regional Model United Nations, Inc. (SRMUN) are events at which photography and video and audio recordings may be taken. By entering the virtual event premises, participants are consenting to photography, audio and/or video recording, as well as to the release, publication, exhibition, or reproduction of this material by SRMUN for news, webcasts, promotional purposes, telecasts, advertising, or any other purpose deemed fit by SRMUN and its affiliates and representatives. Please feel free to contact any SRMUN Board Member, the Executive Director, or Executive Staff member if you have any questions or concerns regarding this policy.

## Don't Forget Your SRMUN Swag!

"What's S R M U N?"

Don't worry, all your friends will still be asking you that question because you can now buy your favorite SRMUN swag online!

Check out our SRMUN Threadless shop to pick out your swag. With more options than ever, you can skip the line at conference services and still rep SRMUN everywhere you go.

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# SRMUN CHARLOTTE 2022 STAFF APPLICATION INFORMATION

Interested in joining our staff? Looking for a great professional development opportunity? Want to meet incredible people doing awesome things? Apply for SRMUN Charlotte 2022 staff before it's too late!

SRMUN Charlotte applications are available online at [www.srmun.org](http://www.srmun.org)

Committee Staff applications are due by Sunday, April 4th at 11:59pm EST  
Executive Staff applications are due by Thursday, March 25th at 12:00pm EST

## COMMITTEE STAFF APPLICATIONS

The substantive staff of SRMUN remains the backbone of the conference. Staff is generally hired, on a volunteer basis, in mid-December to early January. In conjunction with the Directors-General, both the Directors and Assistant Directors will select committee topics and compose topic outlines, summaries, background guides, and updates. The writing process typically begins in March and continues throughout the summer, growing more increasingly and more intensive. Directors must attend staff-training weekend scheduled in early September. In the Fall, committee staff composes updates and evaluates Position Papers. At the conference, Directors and Assistant Directors serve as the chief substantive officers of their committees, facilitating the learning process obtained at SRMUN. Although previous Chair or Rapporteur experience is preferred, it is not required. This is a full year commitment. Please carefully consider this before applying for SRMUN Staff. Please note: Committee Staff Applications are due Sunday, April 4, 2021.

## EXECUTIVE STAFF APPLICATIONS FOR SRMUN CHARLOTTE 2022

The responsibilities of the SRMUN executive staff are substantial but rewarding. The Director-General and Deputy Director-General are responsible for the substantive workings of the conference, including hiring and motivating the volunteer committee staff, deciding committee and its topics, and editing background guides and updates. The Secretary-General is responsible for the business aspects of the conference, including school recruitment and correspondence. The Under Secretary-General facilitates the pre-conference set-up, Conference Services, working with the Secretary-General on recruitment and staff travel. The Under Secretary-General also organizes and runs Conference Services for SRMUN. Previous SRMUN staff experience is high preferred but is not required. These positions require an extensive, full-year commitment. Consider this carefully before applying. Executive Staff applications for SRMUN Charlotte 2022 are due Thursday, March 25, 2021.



# INTERESTED IN JOINING THE SRMUN ADVISORY GROUP OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS?

This year, the SRMUN Board of Directors made the decision to modernize itself through a restructuring. We are pleased to introduce the SRMUN Advisory Group and the new SRMUN Board of Directors, and invite all who interested to apply!

## Advisory Group

The SRMUN Advisory Group (AG) will serve as an extension of the Board of Directors, and provides recommendations to the Board for each substantive element of both SRMUN conferences, including but not limited to: Staff Hiring and Firings, Theme Approvals, Committee Selection, and Topics. In other words, the AG is responsible for shaping most of the things that our delegates know and love about SRMUN Conferences. All recommendations provided by the AG are ultimately approved or denied by the Board of Directors.

If you are a current or former SRMUN staff member, Executive Staff member, or faculty advisor and have wanted to get more involved with the SRMUN organization and shaping the conference theme, topics, and Background Guides, the AG is for you! Please note that the AG is only open to outgoing members of conference staff or Executive Staff, and faculty advisors. **To apply to join the AG, you must submit a completed application by 11:59pm on Friday, March 25th.**

## Board of Directors

The SRMUN Board of Directors is responsible for managing the property, affairs, and business of SRMUN Inc., the nonprofit organization that funds SRMUN conferences. Additionally, the Board is ultimately responsible for the overall quality and content of SRMUN conferences. The Board will consist of seven appointed voting members (including at minimum one faculty advisor), the Executive Director, and two Founding Member Emeritus (Dr. Martin Slann and Dr. Cynthia Combs).

To be eligible to run for a position on the Board of Directors, candidates must have served as Staff, Executive Staff, or in a Faculty Advisor capacity for a minimum of two SRMUN conferences. The Board of Directors is selected by the Slating Committee no later than December 1st of each year. **Interested individuals must submit an application to the Executive Director, for consideration by the Slating Committee. Applications can be submitted at any time for the seats that will be slated for the next session of the Board, and the new Board will assume its roles at the start of the new session on December 1st.**



# SRMUN RULES OF PROCEDURE

RULES ARE LISTED IN ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

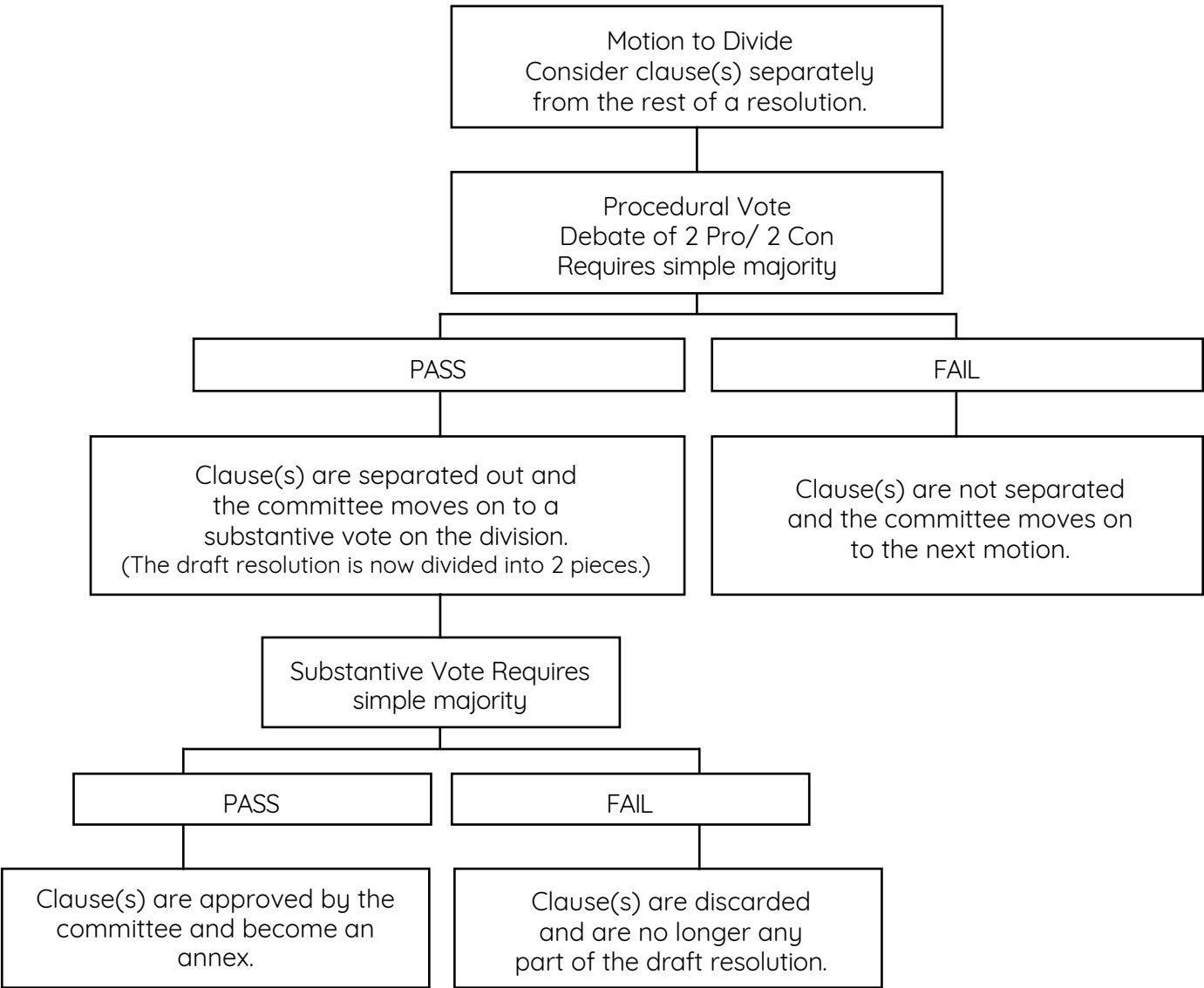
Motion *	Purpose	Debate	Vote
Point of Order	Correct an error in procedure	None	None
Appeal the decision of the chair	Challenge a decision of the Chair	None	2/3
Suspension of the Meeting for an Unmoderated Caucus	Recess Meeting	None	Majority
Suspension of the Meeting for a Moderated Caucus	Recess Meeting	None	Majority
Adjournment of the Meeting	End Meeting	None	Majority
Adjournment of Debate	End debate without a substantive vote	2 pro/2 con	2/3 (Roll call)
Closure of Debate	Move to an immediate vote	2 con	2/3
Division of the Question (1st Vote)	Vote to consider operative clauses separately	2 pro/2 con	Majority
Adopt by Acclamation	Accept a Draft Resolution by consensus	None	No opposition
Roll Call Vote	Vote by roll call	None	None
Reconsideration	Re-open debate on an issue	2 con	2/3
Set Speaker's Time	Set or change speaker's time limit	2 pro/2 con	Majority
Close/Reopen Speaker's List	No additional speakers added/ to again permit additional speakers	None	Majority
Adoption of Agenda	Approval of agenda order	None	Majority

- These motions are listed in order of precedence.
- Instead of raising a placard, delegates must use Zoom's "Raise Hand" feature in order to be recognized for a point or motion.
- For Point of Order, the delegate can unmute themselves and say "Point of Order" while they have their "Raise Hand" on (this will help the chairperson identify the Member State making the point). They shall not immediately state their "Point of Order" reason until the chairperson recognize them.
- The five shaded motions (PADAR) are the only motions that can be used during voting procedure.

# DIVISION OF THE QUESTION

## WHY DO YOU MOTION TO DIVIDE THE QUESTION?

A delegate motions for division of the question if they want to highlight a particularly important or critical operative clause(s). In highlighting the clause, Member States in support would vote “yes” in the procedural vote and then “yes” for the substantive vote. If the substantive vote passes, the highlighted clauses become a separate annex with the original preambulatory clauses from the original draft resolution.





# UNMODERATED CAUCUSING

Unmoderated caucusing is an essential part of your committee experience. These intermittent breaks from formal debate allow delegates the freedom to move between Zoom’s Breakout Rooms and discuss the topic at hand with their fellow delegates. During unmoderated caucuses, you will collaborate and negotiate with the other committee members to create working papers that will move toward becoming draft resolutions.

## MOTIONING FOR AN UNMODERATED CAUCUS

- During formal debate, any delegate can request an unmoderated caucus by motioning for the “suspension of the meeting for an unmoderated caucus.”
- A delegate must also state the length of time that you want the caucus to last. Example: “Nigeria motions for a suspension of the meeting for the purpose of an unmoderated caucus for a period of 20 minutes.”
- Once the dais accepts the motion, a vote will be taken and a simple majority is required for the motion to pass. The committee chairperson will instruct delegates to use Zoom’s Nonverbal Feedback voting feature to vote either “yes” or “no” on the motion.
- If multiple motions for unmoderated caucus are on the table, the body will vote on them by most disruptive to least disruptive. For example, if motions are entertained for 15 minutes and 30 minutes, the longer one will be voted upon first. Also, if it passes, the 15 minute motion will be removed from the floor for future consideration.
- Motions for suspension of the meeting are not applicable during voting procedures.

At Virtual SRMUN, unmoderated caucuses will take place in Zoom’s Breakout Rooms. Once an unmoderated caucus begins, the committee Dais will open multiple Breakout Rooms, which may be named based on themes delegates have mentioned in their Position Papers, Working Papers, etc. If a delegate is using either Zoom’s “[Client for Meetings](#)” computer app or Zoom’s mobile app on their [Apple iOS](#) or [Android](#) device, delegates will automatically be able to choose which Breakout Room to enter. If a delegate is using Zoom from a web browser, such as Apple Safari, Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, etc., the delegate might not automatically enter any open Breakout Room; if this occurs, the delegate must

must message a member of their committee dais requesting to join a Breakout Room, and the dais member will then manually move the delegate into the Breakout Room. Please remember to continuously update your Zoom software.

Once in the Zoom breakout rooms, delegates will be able to discuss the topic at hand and collaborate virtually to write their Working Papers. Delegates can also move between breakout rooms and share their screen to work with different groups throughout the caucus. Once the time for the unmoderated caucus has expired, the dais will recall all delegates to the main Zoom committee room.

For more about SRMUN’s unmoderated caucus, [click here](#).

## TIPS FOR CAUCUSING EFFECTIVELY: TAKE THE DIPLOMACY CHALLENGE!

Discuss	Past resolutions, sub topics, data, charts, maps, etc. are valuable keys to creating solid resolutions and will be very helpful to you and your fellow delegates. Offer these items during your discussions.
Invite	Ask other members of your regional bloc to join you in discussion.
Plan	Choose which ideas are most important and which ones have room for negotiation.
Listen	Allowing other delegates to speak will add to the discussion and help flush out possible solutions.
One on One	Incorporate individuals that you may not have heard from and get their opinions on the issues.
Mind the Time	Stay focused on the topic and the discussions which will lead to the creation of a thought out and widely supported resolution.
Ask Questions	If you disagree with another delegate, calmly ask questions that will help you better understand their position. Find out if there is any common ground and focus on ideas that you can agree on.
Connect	Establish great relationships by learning your fellow delegate’s names, and more about their ideas.
Yes	The ultimate goal is a resolution that the committee will vote on. Keep that in mind by respecting other delegates to the fullest during your negotiations.



# MODERATED CAUCUSING

In this type of caucus, the committee focuses on a specific facet of the topic at hand for a detailed discussion. The motion for these caucuses will specify the overall time, speaker's time, and subject of the caucus. There is no speaker's list, and delegates will use Zoom's "Raise Hand" feature to be called upon in order to speak. The moderated caucus is useful to focus the committee on a specific sub-topic for consideration.

## HOW TO MOTION FOR A MODERATED CAUCUS

- During formal debate, any delegate can request a moderated caucus by making the following motion: "(Member State) moves for a suspension of the meeting for the purpose of a \_\_\_\_ minute moderated caucus, with a speaker's time of \_\_\_\_, discussing \_\_\_\_."  
Example: Spain moves for a suspension of the meeting for the purpose of a 15-minute moderated caucus, with a speaker's time of 45 seconds, discussing financing for draft resolution 11.
- Remember, you must include (1) total length of time; (2) speakers time; and (3) topic for discussion for every moderated caucus motion.
- Once the dais accepts the motion, a vote will be taken and a simple majority is required for the motion to pass.
- Motions for suspension of the meeting, moderated or unmoderated, are not applicable during voting procedures.

At Virtual SRMUN, once a moderated caucus begins, delegates can indicate they wish to speak by using the "Raise Hand" feature. Delegates should keep their hand raised until they are called upon to speak, at which point they should lower their hand, unmute their microphone, and speak for the allotted speaker's time. After speaking, the delegate must mute themselves and again use the "raise hand" feature to indicate to the dais that they wish to speak again.

## THINGS TO REMEMBER AND CONSIDER

- The maximum time for a moderated caucus at Virtual SRMUN is 15 minutes.
- If the motion for moderated caucus passes, the chairperson will ask the delegation that made the motion if they reserve the right to speak first. Delegations may reserve this right, or refuse.
- The moderated caucus will take place within the main Zoom committee meeting room.
- If the motion for moderated caucus fails, the committee may move back into formal debate, or continue voting on motions that are still on the floor.
- Unmoderated caucuses take precedence over moderated caucuses.
- Moderated caucuses remain on the table for voting once a different moderated caucus or an unmoderated caucus has expired.
- Make sure to clearly define your topic for consideration in the moderated caucus. Get a feel of the committee with regards to the topic of moderated caucus, giving you an idea of how specific to make the topic.
- If delegates are not raising their hands to speak, the chairperson may use their discretion to end the moderated caucus prior to the end of the stated time.

# HOW TO BE AN EFFECTIVE DELEGATE

Effective delegates possess the skills to communicate and compromise. The work of the United Nations is a collaboration of different viewpoints and policies; however, most all resolutions passed by the bodies are by consensus. There are several keys to working successfully in your committee:

**RESEARCH:** Topics at SRMUN are ever-changing issues facing our global society, and as such, research on these topics often update from when Position Papers are submitted. Delegates are welcome to conduct supplemental research during the conference; however, developments on the topics are suspended once the SRMUN Opening Ceremony begins, except for Security Council.

**CAUCUSING** allows the free flow of ideas and conversation. Outside of the unmoderated and moderated caucus time in sessions, delegates can initiate these conversations over breaks. Please review the unmoderated caucusing on the prior page and be sure to practice DIPLOMACY.

**MODERATED CAUCUSES** allow delegates to have a rapid exchange of ideas in a more formal setting. The caucus works like a conversation, with the Chair facilitating the debate, and no speaker's list.



# TIPS TO CREATING DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

## WORKING PAPERS

Before a document is accepted by the Dais, to be voted on, it is referred to as a working paper.

- Delegates need to first download or save a copy of the official SRMUN working paper template from the [SRMUN Virtual Conference website](https://www.srmun.org). Working papers will not be reviewed unless on the SRMUN template.
- A working paper must have the following attributes to be accepted as a draft resolution:
  - At least one Sponsor.
  - A combination of Signatories and Sponsors to equal 25% of the committee present during the first session.
- Sponsors have had substantive additions either through direct clauses or impactful ideas to the working paper. These are the only individuals called to the Dais when edits are returned.
- Signatories are Member States who would like to see the idea debated and do not necessarily have to agree with the idea.

For Virtual SRMUN, we recommend that delegates use collaborative programs like Google Docs to allow multiple delegates to work on and view the paper simultaneously. Delegates can submit their working papers to the committee Dais via their committee email address. When submitting your working paper, please remember to CC your fellow sponsors on the email – that way the Dais can copy all sponsors on the response.

## DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

Once a working paper has been accepted by the Dais, it is then referred to as a draft resolution

- Once a draft resolution has been accepted; preambulatory clauses cannot be altered.
- Draft resolutions will be titled based on the topic being discussed and in the order they are accepted. The topics are numbered based on how the delegates have ordered them on the agenda and not necessarily how they are ordered in the background guide. Examples:
  - During topic 1 a working paper is submitted and accepted by the Dais it is “Draft Resolution 1-1”
  - The next working paper submitted and accepted is then “Draft Resolution 1-2”
  - During the second topic a working paper is submitted and accepted by the Dais, it is now titled “Draft Resolution 2-1”
- When a working paper is accepted by the Dais to become a draft resolution, the Signatories and Sponsors are removed and this becomes a document of the body.

# MODIFICATIONS AND AMENDMENTS

Sometimes a draft resolution needs changes to garner support or to build consensus. SRMUN provides for these changes through two avenues:

**Modifications** are usually small in nature, often rewording a phrase for clarity or a rearrangement of ideas. These are changes that all Sponsors of the draft resolution agree to being made. Signatory support is not required, but they are usually consulted. All modifications need to be written out in the modification form and submitted to the Dais, with the acceptance and acknowledgment of all Sponsors. There is no vote needed for modifications, they are made and introduced to the body once the Dais accepts them.

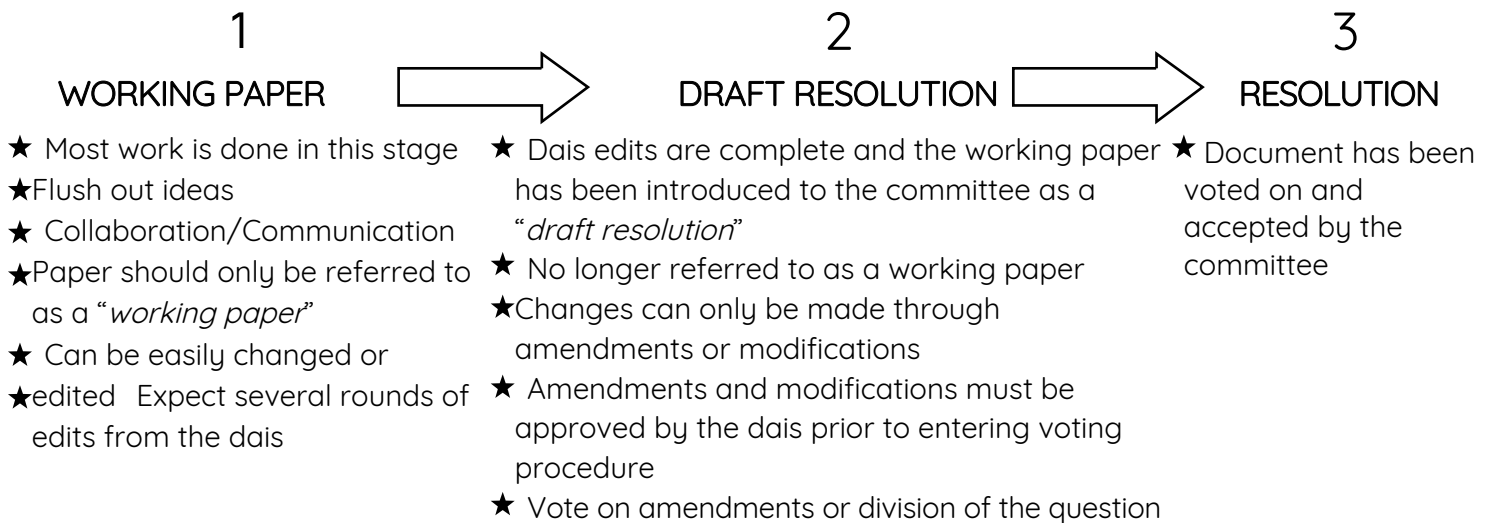
**Amendments** are typically more drastic changes to the document and can include, but are not limited to, removing or rewording operative clauses, or changing the scope or intention of a clause. These are changes that do not have the support of all the Sponsors. Amendments require 1/4 of the delegate support to be accepted by the Dais. They are voted on prior to voting on the draft resolution they affect and require a simple majority to pass. In the case of multiple amendments, they will be voted on in order of most disruptive to least disruptive, as decided by the Dais. Passed amendments must be considered when voting on the draft resolution. Should a draft resolution include an amendment that changes the intention, a Sponsor is able to vote against said draft resolution.

As a reminder, once a draft resolution has been accepted by the Dais, preambulatory clauses cannot be altered by modifications or amendments.

At Virtual SRMUN, delegates will be able to submit Amendments and Modifications to the committee Dais via a provided submission form available on the [SRMUN Virtual Conference website](https://www.srmun.org).



# EVOLUTION OF A RESOLUTION



## MERGING

- Sometimes there are too many working papers with similar ideas and the Dais will ask groups to merge their working paper together.
- Don’t panic! At the beginning of the committee session, work is often done in small groups and many similar ideas are often being addressed simultaneously.
- The Dais will alert each group that the papers are too similar to accept both and will ask that the groups combine and create a collaborative working paper.
- By combining multiple papers, a comprehensive work product is produced that will garner widespread support.

## MERGING TIPS

- Be open-minded, flexible, and promote compromise and cooperation through diplomacy.
- Work with different groups to discuss your similar ideas and how you can create a cohesive document.
- The Dais wants the committee to be successful, so the goal of merging is to create a quality comprehensive document.

## SPONSORS VS SIGNATORIES

Each working paper will require a certain number of Sponsors and Signatories to be considered as a draft resolution. The number required will vary by committee and will be announced by the Dais during the first committee session.

### If you are a SPONSOR to a working paper:

- You actively assist in the authoring of the paper and you agree fully with the substance
- You must vote in favor of the working paper should it become a draft resolution
- You must approve all modifications and immediate changes to the draft resolution

### If you are a SIGNATORY to a working paper:

- You do not have to agree with the substance of the paper, only that you want to see it debated
- You may vote in favor, against, or abstain should it become a draft resolution
- You may introduce amendments without the consent of the Sponsors

# DRAFT RESOLUTION EXAMPLE

After acceptance as a draft resolution, a code will be assigned which the body will refer to it as. The first number refers to the topic being debated and the second is assigned by the Dais.

Draft Resolution 2-6

Alphabetize the list of Member States

The list of Sponsors and Signatories will be removed from the working paper when it becomes a draft resolution and is distributed to the entire body as an official document of said body.

Committee: General Assembly Plenary  
Subject: Ensuring Global Food Security  
Sponsors: China, Comoros, Eritrea, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, and South Africa  
Signatories: Austria, Egypt, Gabon, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Malaysia, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Russia, Switzerland, United States of America, Venezuela, and Viet Nam

The General Assembly,

List committee name, followed by a comma.

*Keeping in mind* the United Nations Millennium Project, an effort to contribute 0.7 percent of Gross National Product To Official Development Assistance (ODA), pledged by international leaders at the International Conference for Development and the World Summit on Sustainable Development Aid in 2002,

*Fully believing* the United Nations Millennium Project to be imperative to meeting the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs),

*Bearing in mind* the positive correlation between the United Nations Millennium Project and self-sustainability of developing Member States in order to promote long-term independence of foreign aid,

*Noting with concern* that debt forgiveness is included as a misleading form of foreign developmental aid,

*Observing* the rudimentary agricultural methods and resources of developing Member States as a hindrance to self-sustainability,

*Recognizing* the correlation between improving global food security and the cooperation among the United Nations subsidiary bodies, including but not limited to the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), World Food Programme (WFP), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF),

1. *Reminds* Member States of the pledge to contribute to the ODA through the United Nations Millennium Project, especially during this economic downturn;
2. *Emphasizes* food, monetary, and technological aid as a preferred means to ensure global food security as a component of the ODA rather than debt forgiveness;
3. *Supports* instead targeting development aid through the transfer of technology, including but not limited to:
  - a. Hybridized seed,
  - b. Fertilizers and pesticides, and,
  - c. Improved equipment and tools;
4. *Encourages* the coordination among subsidiary bodies of the United Nations which work to eradicate world hunger through the establishment of a platform for discussion among representatives of each body in order to operate in a more cooperative and efficient manner; and,
5. *Further encourages* such a forum to convene in Johannesburg, South Africa every first week of June and first week of December commencing in 2012:
  - a. By calling on the represented subsidiary bodies to appoint an expert from each body to create a universal comprehensive agenda to avoid the mismanagement of funds and the historic problem of overspending on certain issues while leaving others without funding, and,
  - b. With delegation expenses included in the allocated budget of each individual subsidiary body.

During motions for division of the question, only entire operative clauses can be addressed. Operative sub-clauses cannot be divided out.

Only certain committees, i.e. GA Plenary & Security Council can add an operative clause to stay seized of the matter.

All operative clauses (except for final one) end with a semi-colon. Following the final operative clause all draft resolutions end with a period.

Always check for spelling and grammar before submitting any working paper! It will save precious time during editing!

All working papers/draft resolutions are to be typed in 10 font, Times New Roman style.

# CAUCUSING BLOCS

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Albania	Lithuania
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Croatia	Poland
Czech Republic	Portugal
Denmark	Romania
Estonia	Slovakia
France	Slovenia
Germany	Spain
Greece	Sweden
Hungary	Turkey
Iceland	UK
Italy	USA
Latvia	

## COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES

Kazakhstan	Tajikistan
Kyrgyzstan	Ukraine
Russia	

## GROUP OF SEVEN (G7)

Canada	Japan
France	UK
Germany	USA
Italy	<i>*Suspended: Russia</i>

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Czech Republic	Netherlands
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Germany	Slovakia
Greece	Slovenia
Hungary	Spain
Italy	Sweden

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Kenya	

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Afghanistan	Libya
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<i>*Suspended: Indonesia</i>	

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# THANK YOU, DESIREE!

A message from SRMUN Inc. Executive Director Michael Oleaga:

After several years with the organization, an essential member of the SRMUN family will retire upon the conclusion of SRMUN Charlotte 2021.

Desiree Kennedy first became a SRMUN staffer for SRMUN Charlotte 2015. From what I knew, she had participated as a delegate for Nova Southeastern University (Fins Up!), and she had lived in Maine, and it was good to see a fellow “northerner” participate in a “southern” conference. For many of us on staff, Desiree was a professional yet initially seemed quiet, and our goal was to make sure she enjoyed her conference experience as a staffer.

Since 2015, Desiree has become one of our most central, respected, and influential members at SRMUN. She has grown from an Assistant Director to Director, then Director-General for SRMUN Charlotte 2018 and Secretary-General for SRMUN Charlotte 2019. The SRMUN Charlotte 2019 Head Delegates voted her to join the SRMUN Board of Directors, where she later became Vice President for the organization. Finally, in late 2019, Desiree became the first Deputy Executive Director for SRMUN Charlotte. Although her SRMUN resume might appear Charlotte-heavy, Desiree did staff for SRMUN Atlanta, too!

Desiree’s contributions to the organization go beyond just the aforementioned titles. She devoted perhaps thousands of hours to SRMUN on top of her busy life in Washington, DC.

There’s far too much behind the scenes that Desiree has contributed, from writing and editing countless Background Guides, reviewing and modernizing the organization’s policies, hiring and training staffers, finding keynote speakers, developing this conference’s Delegate Resource Guide, and even helping me navigate through COVID-19’s impact on the organization, just to name a few! She is someone you can always go to when you need advice, someone to talk, share a laugh, or vent to. I often wonder if she understands how grateful we are for everything she’s done because sometimes a “Thank You” doesn’t seem enough.

In this organization, you’ll meet many people, and some of these people become your acquaintances but some become your good friends. Outside of SRMUN, Desiree is definitely a good friend. With some fellow SRMUN friends, we have traveled to several US cities and abroad, including Colombia and the United Kingdom! Although Desiree’s absence from SRMUN will be missed, I know our friendship, and more trips, will continue!

On behalf of the entire organization, SRMUN thanks Desiree Kennedy for all of her contributions and dedication! We will miss you.





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