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## **66<sup>th</sup> Model Legislature & Court New Programs, Changes, & Updates**

### **New Program:**

#### **International Affairs Commission (IAC)**

Lead Staff: Beth Olhasso

- Exciting new Program Area developed by the NIC Staff. The IAC will provide delegates with opportunities to learn and explore world problems and develop solutions to some of the world's most pressing issues. Delegates will work in small teams (3-4) to learn about and then develop innovative solutions to international/world issues (clean and available water, human trafficking, whaling, air quality, deforestation, nuclear arms, immunizations, terrorism, poverty, famine, animal extinction, global pandemics, colonization, trade, woman's rights, Afghanistan, Iran, North Korea, drug trafficking, adoption, infrastructure, etc.). The program will focus on collaborative work, research, technology based presentations, traditional public speaking and debate.
- Up to 100 delegates will be able to opt into the program in its first year.
- IAC will have one leadership. This candidate will apply through the T&E II application process. Of those who apply, IAC staff will select two candidates to run against one another in an in-house election at T&E II.

### **Changes to Current Programs:**

#### **Judicial Review**

Lead Staff Tammy Stafford

- Program has been overhauled!
- Judicial Review will now have 6 appointed positions of Presiding Justice. These delegates will be interviewed and selected at T&E II. Additional delegates will be placed in the program through the distribution formula.
- Please see handout for additional info.

#### **New Page Program**

Lead Staff: Mario LaFaurie & Ryan Gales

- The "New" Page Program will focus on training delegates on how to prepare for a job, run an office, and give attention to detail.
- Pages will develop resumes for interviews, practice interviewing skills, and critique resumes to learn from each other.
- More emphasis and responsibilities will be placed on Executive Assistants (formally known as Permanent Pages) to help schedule meetings and appointments, keep and report their officer's calendars, and daily tasks.

## **Appellate Court**

Lead Staff: Jeremy Orr

- Appellate Court will be adding officers this upcoming year in order to better meet the needs of delegates who have already participated in the Program Area.
- There will be two programs within the program area with one program geared towards first year delegates, but open to anyone needing a simple case and practice at both presenting a case and hearing one. The other program, geared for returning delegates but open for anyone wanting a challenge, will be lead by returning delegate officers. This will look much like the familiar Appellate court but will allow delegates to further develop their persuasive argument, research and team building.
- Officers will consist of: Seven appointed leadership, selected at T&E I. They will be responsible for assisting in the training of delegates at T&E II and Sacramento. They will hear their case against one another.
- Still the same awesome and interesting cases; same sex marriage last year, video games the year before.

## **Program Area Updates:**

### **Department of Finance**

Lead Staff: Joe Eusterman

- DoF is focused on creating a state budget, created in a "pseudo-legislative" chamber.
- Totally delegate-created and delegate-administered. DoF Staff believe in perpetual creativity; perpetual evolution. 65<sup>th</sup> ML/C Survey Data: 96.97% of DOF Delegates would recommend it to a friend.
- Program Area is creative, competitive, challenging and smaller; for those who may wish to debate and propose ideas in a smaller group. There is homework, and involvement is a must. "Coasting through" is not an option.

### **Polling Program**

Lead Staff: Mark Vargas

- Had an incredibly successful first year.
- Delegates in the Polling Program learn first hand that opinions matter. They learn how to adjust messaging based on feedback that is gathered. Program also gives delegates an understanding of how survey's and polls impact them in their own lives.
- This year the Polling Program hopes to have more interaction with other program areas and be viewed as a resource.
- Will become part of the distribution formula in this upcoming year; serving between 60-70 delegates.

## **Bill Submission Updates:**

### **Timeline**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Draft of Bill Submission is due via Google Docs Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Submission of a first draft is optional, but highly recommended.
- Bill drafts with edits will be returned to listed emails on the morning of November 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Final Bill Draft is due December 6<sup>th</sup>.