



# Welcome One! Welcome All!

## 19th Annual AMUN Conference Is Now in Session

**Mary Jo Laws**  
*Secretary-General*

On behalf of the Secretariat, I would like to welcome you to the 19th American Model United Nations International Conference. Our goal over the next four days is to provide you with a learning experience unavailable anywhere else—an experience that no class-

room can provide. As distinguished Representatives of the nations you are representing, your goal over the next four days is to promote the interests of your government while striving to uphold the principles of the United Nations Charter. You will find yourself confronting people, concepts and principles that pose

direct challenges to your pursuit of that goal. Diplomacy will provide the tools to address these challenges. The issues and challenges facing the delegations at AMUN are as crucial as they have ever been. Our agenda this year spans nearly the full breadth of topics that the organs of the United Nations

are considering today, including fundamental issues of human rights, economic development, and global security. After months of preparations, you have arrived to tackle the issues facing the world. Crafting policies and solutions that will have a positive effect on the global community and will be acceptable by a consen-

sus of the Member States is a daunting task. The challenges of diplomacy are some of the greatest placed before each Member State of the United Nations. I know that each of you is up to the task that lies before you, and I hope you find the process, as well as the end result, both rewarding and enjoyable. If there is anything



that I, or any of the AMUN Secretariat, can do to improve your experience, please do not hesitate to let us know.



## By Whose Authority?

**Sarah Naeger, MPH**  
*Under-Secretary-General for Research*

AMUN prides itself on simulating the United Nations' proceedings "in the real world." To facilitate this, AMUN staff members are trained to review draft resolutions to make certain they are within purview. Purview defines the scope of a particular topic that each committee or council is allowed to address. AMUN Dais staff will review resolutions to ensure they are focused and within the scope of the committee's or council's ability to address for the particular topic. AMUN assigns each of the main GA Committees specific topics to discuss during each session. Since every Member State has a seat in each General Assembly committee, it is important that the points

of discussion do not overlap, especially if the topic is very broad. Thus even if two or more committees are discussing a general topic, each committee is made responsible for discussing a very specific point or aspect of that topic.

For example, the Fourth Committee may discuss the Israel-Palestine conflict with regard to its political components. However, issues concerning the legal consequences of the conflict should be left to the Sixth Committee and the Security Council would address issues relating to warfare and sanctions. Therefore, Representatives in each committee should take care not to expand the discussion of any topic beyond the limitations set by their committee's mandate into another committee's area of discussion. This boundary becomes impor-

tant when it comes time to draft a resolution that attempts to resolve the problems associated with the specific or particular issue in the topic area.

When drafting resolutions, Representatives may find it useful to consult the purview sections in the *Issues of AMUN* handbook, located at the beginning of the GA's and individual committee's background guides.

Rapporteurs and Home Government members are trained to help representatives ensure their draft resolutions are within the purview of their committee to discuss. Representatives are encouraged to speak with their Rapporteur or with Home Government, including the Special Rapporteurs, if they have any questions or concerns about their resolution being within purview.

## Rapporteurs: Our Newest Representative Resource

You may notice your Dais looks a little different this year. The Dais staff is now composed of both Rapporteurs and Committee Chairs. The Rapporteur Department, which is brand new to AMUN in 2008, was created to ensure resolutions and reports follow the proper format and the content is within purview. The Committee Chairs are charged with facilitating the work of the body, using the AMUN rules and procedures.

As members of the Dais, Rapporteurs create a link between Representatives and the Dais. Rapporteurs are assigned to general committees, including all General Assembly committees and

ECOSOC. Committees in which reports are written (CCPCJ, UNEP, and ECLAC) will have Special Rapporteurs. Both Rapporteurs and Special Rapporteurs serve the same general function.

Rapporteurs will help Representatives draft their resolutions or reports, making sure the resolutions or reports are formatted properly and are within purview. Rapporteurs have a knowledge of proper resolution format and committee specific content knowledge, making them qualified to establish purview.

The Rapporteurs look forward to working with you this year. Please let us know of any questions you have.

## 56 Countries to be Honored

The following countries submitted complete position papers for the 2008 AMUN Conference by our deadline and will receive an award for their accomplishment. Congratulations!

Algeria - Aquinas Coll  
 Azerbaijan - Eastern Michigan Univ  
 Bahrain - Northern Illinois Univ  
 Bangladesh - Univ of Northern Iowa  
 Belgium - National Chengchi Univ  
 Bosnia-Herzegovina - Muskegon Community Coll  
 Cameroon - Millikin Univ  
 Chile - Calvin Coll  
 Comoros - Univ of Cincinnati  
 Croatia - Taylor Univ  
 Democratic Republic of the Congo - Grand Rapids Community Coll  
 Denmark - Univ of Wisconsin - Madison  
 Dominican Republic - North Central Coll  
 Ecuador - Univ of Maryland - Baltimore County  
 France - Luther Coll  
 Georgia - Univ of Wisconsin - Madison  
 Ghana - National Chengchi Univ  
 Haiti - Univ of Arizona  
 Holy See (Observer) - Univ of Wisconsin - Eau Claire  
 India - Hendrix Coll  
 Iran, Islamic Republic of - Univ of Wisconsin - Eau Claire  
 Italy - Columbia Coll  
 Jamaica - Coe Coll  
 Japan - Central Michigan Univ  
 Jordan - Wabash Coll  
 Lao Peoples Democratic Republic - Univ of Minnesota - Twin Cities  
 Libyan Arab Jamahiriya - Univ of South Dakota  
 Malaysia - Denison Univ  
 Mauritania - Wabash Coll  
 Mexico - California State Univ - Sacramento  
 Mozambique - Univ of Wisconsin - Madison  
 Myanmar - Muskegon Coll  
 Nepal - Wayne State Coll  
 Netherlands Antilles (Netherlands) - Univ of Cincinnati  
 New Zealand - Missouri Southern State Univ  
 Nicaragua - Westminster Coll  
 Norway - Triton Coll  
 Pakistan - Collin Coll  
 Paraguay - Univ of St. Thomas  
 Philippines - Coll of Wooster  
 Puerto Rico (United States of America) - Phoenix Coll  
 Republic of Moldova - Westminster Coll  
 Russian Federation - Univ of Arizona  
 Saudi Arabia - Univ of Central Oklahoma  
 Serbia - Denison Univ  
 Singapore - Grinnell Coll  
 Slovakia - Culver-Stockton Coll  
 Spain - Coll of Wooster  
 Sweden - Georgetown Coll  
 Syrian Arab Republic - Univ of Cincinnati  
 Tunisia - Drake Univ  
 Turkey - Northern Illinois Univ  
 Uganda - Baylor Univ  
 United Republic of Tanzania - East Texas Baptist Univ  
 Uruguay - Mount Union Coll  
 Yemen - Univ of Central Oklahoma

## SAFETY at AMUN

American Model United Nations (AMUN) places extreme importance on the safety of our participants and guests. We hope that you have an excellent and fun learning experience while at the Conference, but encourage everyone to consider safety issues in and around the Conference hotels. We also suggest that you follow several common sense rules to keep all participants safe during the conference. These include:

- As a general rule, do not leave the hotel grounds without letting your group know how to find you.
- Always let one of the leaders of your group (faculty, club or organization officer, etc.) know where you are going prior to leaving the

hotel or area around it (to visit local friends or relatives, etc.).

- Never leave any of the hotels alone, especially after dark.
- Always travel with at least one person that you know.
- Always remove your name tag prior to leaving the hotel so as not to advertise yourself as a "tourist."
- Help other participants to be safe by encouraging others to not travel outside of the hotel alone. Just say "NO" to solitude, one of the main functions of the Conference is to bring people together. If you wanted time to yourself, you picked the wrong activity to become involved in.
- Inform one of the leaders of your group immediately if you have a safety concern, or if any emergency situation occurs to you or

another participant, regardless of the time. Remember that safety should always be more important than avoiding minor embarrassment to you or another person.

Please feel free to contact the AMUN staff at any time during the Conference, day or night, if any emergency or similar event occurs where we can be of assistance. We can be reached in the Ohio Room, located on the second level of the Sheraton Hotel, or find any Secretariat member wearing a blue badge. If an emergency occurs that requires immediate help, you should also feel free to contact Hotel Security by dialing "0" and asking the operator for "security."

**AMUN's goal is to provide an educational, fun and safe experience for everyone -- and we appreciate your help in reaching that goal!**

## Diplomatic Courtesy Starts in Your Suitcase

**Mary Beth Brennan Seng**  
*Associate Executive Director*

The appearance of participants at AMUN provides the first impressions of their delegation to other Representatives. Attention to proper appearance sets an expectation for professionalism and competence. In order to demonstrate respect to fellow Representatives, Secretariat members, and distinguished guests of the Conference, AMUN requires Western business

attire during all formal sessions, including the final General Assembly sessions on Tuesday.

As noted on pages 3-4 of the AMUN *Rules and Procedures* handbook, AMUN's dress code is defined as follows: Western business attire is a business jacket or suit, dress slacks (or a skirt for women), dress shirt (with a tie for men), and dress shoes. Attire should follow the rule of being appropriate for visiting an embassy. Revealing dress shirts that expose excessive bare skin on the chest or

stomach are not appropriate. Sweaters are generally considered too casual for Western business attire. Clothing that reveals undergarments in any way, including being too tight, is not appropriate. AMUN will not consider any manner of dress appropriate which includes T-shirts, jeans, shorts, hats, athletic shoes or any form of commercial advertising.

Participants also shall not wear the traditional or religious garb of any state or organization. The only ex-

ception to this is required traditional or religious garb from a Representative's personal religion or culture. Additionally, participants should not affect the mannerisms, linguistic characteristics, or any other perceived traits of a state or culture that they are representing. These affectations are inappropriate and may be seen as offensive by other students, or by natives of that State or culture.

Please be aware that Representatives who are not appropriately attired

or who do not follow these rules may not be recognized during formal debate in any AMUN simulation. Further, AMUN reserves the right to refuse admittance to the Conference floor to any Representative who is inappropriately attired or who violates the above provisions. Decisions of appropriate attire and professional behavior are at the ultimate discretion of the Secretariat.

*The AMUN Staff looks forward to seeing you in your best attire!*

## PLANT THE SEED OF WORLD PEACE!

Visit our Conference Services booth anytime throughout the conference to purchase AMUN items and accessories to start spreading the peace.

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- Got Peace? T-Shirt - \$15
- Phenology T-Shirt - \$15
- Logo Long Sleeve T-Shirt - \$10
- UN Charters - \$3
- Blue Badge Holder - \$1
- Mouse Pad - \$3
- Water Bottle - \$6
- Logo Cup - \$3
- Key Chain - \$4
- AMUN Issues Book - \$1
- AMUN Rules and Procedures Book - \$1
- Got Peace? Button - \$1
- Tote Bag - \$6

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### AMUN Sale Combinations

- Key Chain and Logo Cup - \$6
- Got Peace? Shirt and Key Chain - \$17
- Got Peace? Shirt, Key Chain, and Logo Cup - \$19

