



MONTANA MODEL UN

September 17, 2012

Dear Distinguished Delegates:

Welcome to the 2012 Montana Model United Nations (MMUN) High School Conference! As your secretaries general and committee chairs, we are looking forward to meeting you and hearing your ideas for solving international problems. We hope you will find MMUN to be challenging and fun.

Committee proceedings at the United Nations (UN) depends on the cooperation and goodwill of the 193 UN member states. Because each state has unique interests and concerns, it can be difficult to write, negotiate, and pass resolutions. Every stage of the process demands diplomacy and creativity, and involves interesting debates.

As your secretaries general and committee chairs, we will work to keep the 2012 MMUN committees running smoothly. We will do our best to help you understand parliamentary procedure and to ensure that the views of all delegates are heard and respected.

We expect each delegate to come to the conference with an understanding of his or her country's positions and a willingness to act professionally and diplomatically to forge agreements. Please take the time to learn the basics of parliamentary procedure and read the MMUN dress and conduct code.

Please also read the materials on the Welcome and Information, Tools for Delegates, and Topic Guide pages of the Montana Model UN website, <http://www.cas.umt.edu/mun/>.

The UNA-USA Model UN Preparation Guide has additional tips for researching your country, writing position papers, preparing your speeches, and participating effectively in caucuses, <http://www.unausa.org/site/pp.asp?c=fvKRI8MPJpF&b=457131>

Position papers are due at the beginning of the first committee session on Monday, November 19th. Once we have collected them, each committee will get straight to work to set its agenda and begin crafting and debating resolutions.

If you have any questions or comments before the conference, please contact Secretary-General External Madison Brooke at madison.brooke@umontana.edu.

We look forward to seeing you at the University of Montana on Monday, November 19 and wish you the very best in your preparations.

Sincerely,

-- Madison Brooke, Secretary General – External
-- Madeline Bermes, Secretary General - Internal

-- Allison Connell, Chair, General Assembly Plenary
-- Thomas Desmond, Chair, General Assembly 1st
-- Julian Adler, Chair, General Assembly 2nd
-- Mona Schwartz, Chair, General Assembly 3rd
-- Dylan Klapmeier, Chair, Security Council