





# 2021 VIRTUAL WASHINGTON MODEL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR UNIVERSITIES

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#### I. Obtaining Signatures for PDRs

For a PDR to be considered, it must have five co-signatories from members of the same committee, or, in the case of working group draft resolutions, the total of co-sponsors (authors) and co-signatories must total six.

To sign a PDR, delegates will do the following:

Locate the PDR you wish to sign by finding the specific channel under your Committee's Team. The name of the channel will be the same as the PDR identifier, i.e. 35\_Second\_Costa Rica\_2. The PDR itself will be located under the "Files" tab.

If you wish to sign the PDR, click on the "Posts" tab and indicate you are a co-signatory by posting a message, i.e., "The delegation of Colombia is a co-signatory of this PDR."

NOTE: Delegates are free to sign PDRs as soon as they are posted in the channels.

#### II. Amendments

To submit an amendment, delegates will do the following:

Go to your specific committee's Team channel and locate the "Files" tab. Within the "Files" tab, locate and open the document entitled "Blank Amendment Proposal Form". Download the form and fill it out as appropriate.

Save the form with the following name: Proposed Amendment by the Delegation of (Insert Country).

To submit the amendment so that it can be considered at the appropriate time, open the "Files" tab in your specific committee's Team channel, locate the folder entitled "Proposed Amendment", and upload your amendment.

NOTE: Delegates are encouraged to submit amendments as early as possible, ideally by Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 PM, EST. This will ensure that the officers for your committee have sufficient time to review them for form and substance. Of course, delegates may submit an amendment at any time during the model. However, if the amendment is not in the proper folder by the time the Chair calls upon the delegate to speak against the PDR for which they are proposing an amendment, the amendment will not be considered.

#### III. Election of Officers for the 2022 WMOAS

#### Article 1 - Election Commission

An Election Commission will conduct the election process. The Commission will be comprised of the WMOAS Secretary General, a faculty advisor and a former student, performing the duties of an Election Specialist.

#### Article 2 - Forms

The process for electing officers will require the use of two forms, a Nomination Form and a Voting Form. During the Third Session of Committee on Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> (2:30-4:30 PM EST), the Chairs will announce that the forms are available and located in each committee's Team channel in the "Files" tab.

Delegates wishing to run for an officer position will fill out the <u>Nomination Form</u> (a Word document) located in the "Files" tab in their specific committee's Team channel.

Elections will take place on Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. All delegates will use the <u>Voting Form</u> (a Microsoft Forms document) for voting. The Election Commission will post the Voting Form in the election channel (Election of the Chair, Election of the Vice-Chair) for each committee on the day elections will take place. Candidates will appear on the form by the name of the country of which they are a delegate. Voters will choose only one candidate by selecting the country name.

#### Article 3 – Procedure

Each candidate must have the support of five delegations in order to have a valid Nomination Form. Only Elector Delegates may express their support by posting a message with their name and the country he/she represents in the "Posts" tab for that channel. Once the form is complete and the candidate has the support of five delegations, the Vice-Chair will send the form by e-mail to the coordinators: <a href="mailto:coordinators@wmoas.org">coordinators@wmoas.org</a>

At the last Committee Session, the Chair will give the floor to the Election Commission, which will conduct the election. In the event the Committee is debating a PDR at the time of election, the PDR must be tabled and the session must be suspended.

The Election Commission will explain the election process to the Committee, which will conduct the election as follows:

The election of Vice-Chair will take place first followed by the election of Committee Chair. In the case of the General Committee, the election of the Secretary General will be made prior to that of the Vice-president and President.

Candidates will address the Committee with a presentation speech of no more than 2 minutes. After that, Delegates will locate the Voting Form on the Committee's channel and cast his/her/their vote.

The Election Commission will announce then the results, according to what is established in the rules of procedure (See articles 80, 81, 83 and 84).

#### Timeline for elections

- 1. On Tuesday March 30<sup>th</sup> elections forms will be made available at the Third Session of Committees (2:30 4:30 PM EST).
- 2. On Wednesday March 31<sup>st</sup> during the Fifth Session of the Committees, election nominations are due (4:30 PM EST) via email to <u>coordinators@wmoas.org</u>
- 3. Elections will take place at all the Committees on Friday April 2<sup>nd</sup> between 9.00 to 11:00 AM EST.