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# Leadership Positions

## Officer Responsibilities

Officer Responsibilities are performed at –

HI-Y Leadership Summits at Horseshoe in June

High School UN Officers at the Senior High Summit

Middle School UN Officers at the Middle School Summit

HI-Y Building Leaders Fall Conference at Jackson’s Mill Conference Center

High School UN Officers

Model United Nations

## Officer Positions

Secretary General, President of the General Assembly, Council Presidents and Vice Presidents lead HI-Y Model United Nations.

## Officer Responsibilities

Officers in UN and all HI-Y programs help others succeed, create an environment that allows others to become their best, do the behind the scenes work for people and programs to succeed and set a positive example.

Officers do much more than preside over UN sessions. They set the tone of the program through their active participation in HI-Y Leadership Summits at Horseshoe in June, high school officers at the annual fall Building Leaders Conference, and the three-day Model UN.

Persons nominated to run for office must have the time to participate as officers plus have the personality and character to positively participate, learn and lead in every program environment.

Select candidates for office who work well with others, act in ways that enable others to succeed, enjoy Horseshoe as a place and a program, who understand UN, and whose character not only leads in positive ways but also attract peers to act in positive ways.

A condition of holding UN Office is positive participation in both the June HI-Y Leadership Summit at Horseshoe and the Model UN. Just as in real life, if an elected officer is absent from the Summit or UN the office becomes vacant and another person will be appointed to the position to complete the term of office through the Model UN.

## **Responsibilities**

All officers participate in their HI-Y Leadership Summit at Horseshoe in June to build an officer leadership team, "do their job" training other students, setting goals to improve the program and encouraging other students to participate. Participation in HI-Y Summit is also designed to train each officer to HI-Y's purpose and philosophy of service and leadership. Other officer responsibilities include:

### **Secretary General**

- Leads officer team in having a successful UN where all participants succeed.
- Gives "State of the World" address at the opening session and a "Review of Model United Nations" at the last session of the conference.
- During General Assembly voting, polls the nations for their vote.

### **President of the General Assembly**

- Presides over the General Assembly
- Manages the time of GA so as many Resolutions as possible are heard.

### **President of Council**

- Presides at Council meetings, leads Council in ways that enable every Ambassador to participate at their best, sees that everyone is treated fairly and makes Council productive on an intellectual level as well as on a professional level.

### **Vice President of Council**

- Assists President of their Council or assembly including taking attendance, reading Resolutions, and recording action on the Resolutions.
- Presides in the absence or as requested by the President.

## How are officers selected?

Elections for officers take place during the final session on Sunday. Officers are elected to serve until the next UN. Vice President positions are appointed. Vacancies are filled by the Director of the program.

### Election Procedure

- 1. Nominations are submitted to the UN Office on the Officer Nomination Form in the Manual by the due date. Schools may nominate 2 candidates, each for a different office. Every school is asked to share in the leadership with at least one officer.**
- 2. If there are no candidates for an office,**
  - a. Nominations for these offices may be submitted by 6 p.m. on Saturday of the UN from any school without two candidates.**
  - b. If after 6 p.m. on Saturday of UN, there are offices without candidates, nominations may be submitted from any school – including those already with two other candidates. No school may nominate more than three (3) candidates. These nominations are due by 9:30 a.m. on Sunday.**
- 3. At the concluding session on Sunday, all candidates have two minutes to speak to the delegates. Speeches are to relate to the office, world affairs and how a candidate will provide appropriate leadership for the office and the Model UN.**
- 4. No “campaigning” of any kind is permitted. Elections are to be based on a candidate’s performance at UN.**
- 5. Each nation has one vote for each office. Voting is by secret ballot.**
- 6. While there is no limit to the number of students from any school who may apply for an appointed position, the goal is to have officers from as many schools as possible.**