

**College of Notre Dame of Maryland**  
**Maryland Student Legislature Delegation Constitution**

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**I. Preamble**

The College of Notre Dame of Maryland, as a delegation, strives to create awareness and interest in the legislative process through participation in Maryland Student Legislature. This student organization does not discriminate based on race, religion, gender, age, or partisanship. In addition to the delegation constitution, the delegation must also adhere to any and all of the guidelines set by The Maryland Student Legislature Council of State and/or Board of Directors as outline in the Governing Documents.

**II. Membership**

This group is open to all student of the College of Notre Dame of Maryland. All members are expected to regularly attend both delegation events and the events set by Maryland Student Legislature. Members are also expected to pay any membership dues as determined by the Board.

**III. Meetings**

**a. Delegation Meetings**

This group will meet as a delegation **at least twice a month**. These meetings shall be held at a location and time convenient to all members. Additional meeting may be deemed necessary according to the Board.

**b. Board Meetings**

This group shall meet as a Board **at least twice a month outside of delegation meetings**. Additional meetings may be deemed necessary at the discretion of the Delegation Chairperson.

**IV. Board Members**

This delegation shall be governed by a board consisting of the following:

- President/Delegation Chairperson
- President/ V. Delegation Chairperson
- Secretary
- Treasurer

The Delegation Chairperson may appoint other positions if needed, pending approval from the board.

**V. Elections**

**a. Terms**

All Board Members are appointed through election by the delegation. Board members enjoy a term running from September to September each academic year.

**b. Nominations**

At the first annual meeting each academic year, elections shall occur.

Returning Board Members may re-nominate themselves. Other nominations can be made by any member of the delegation.

**c. Voting**

Board Members are to be elected based on a simple majority. Voting itself can be done through any of the following ways:

- Roll Call
- Secret Ballot
- Voice Vote

**d. Resignation**

If a Board Member resigns, the outgoing Board Member may appoint someone to fill the vacancy, pending member approval.

In the event of an emergency vacancy, the Chairperson may appoint someone to the vacant position, pending member approval.

If the Chairperson is the vacant position, the highest ranking Board member shall temporarily fill in to perform necessary duties.

**VI. Membership Dues**

In the event those funds appropriated from Student Activities do not fully cover the necessary costs of attending a Maryland Student Legislature event, the Board may determine membership dues. This must be approved by the entire Board.

Membership dues may not always be necessary.

**VII. Amendments**

This constitution may be amended as necessary, The amendment must be approved by the entire Board as well as two thirds of the delegation.

**VIII. Conclusion**

This document governs the College of Notre Dame of Maryland, Maryland Student Legislature Delegation. If this document does not fully answer any inquires, it is the responsibility of the Board to determine the proper course of action.

***Ratified on February 21, 2008***

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*Delegation Chairperson*

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*Vice Delegation Chairperson*

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*Secretary*

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*Treasurer*