



Maryland Student Legislature

Joint Session for Council of State Election Nominations

(The SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY shall be at the center of the dais. In order from the right to left the, SECRETARY OF STATE, and the ATTORNEY GENERAL shall be seated in the front of the chamber at the Clerk’s Desk. The GOVERNOR and the LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR shall be seated on the left side of the chamber.)

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY: The body shall come to order. *(The SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY shall rap the gavel.)*

The General Assembly of the Maryland Student Legislature is convened for the purpose of nomination of candidates for the _____ - _____ Council of State. The Chair would like to thank his/her colleagues for their hard work and leadership over the past year to make this Annual Session possible. The Chair would like to remind Members that the following business should be undertaken with the utmost seriousness to insure the growth and very continuance of this unique experience. Members should listen to all of the speakers and consider their choices carefully.

Pursuant to the Constitution, the highest-ranking officer not seeking reelection shall preside over the election process. *(Note: If the SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY is the highest-ranking officer not seeking election skip to section denoted below.)*

The Chair has determined that according to this criterion, the Honorable _____ [title and last name] of Maryland Student Legislature is hereby granted the constitutional authority to preside over the election process. Would _____ [title and last name] please proceed to the dais to assume the chair?

(At this time the SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY shall shake hands with the PRESIDING OFFICER and step down to be seated in the chamber.)

(Note: If the SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY is the highest-ranking officer not seeking election):

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY: The Chair has determined that the Speaker of the Assembly fits the criterion stipulated in the Constitution and shall retain the Chair during the election proceedings.

PRESIDING OFFICER: Pursuant to the Constitution, the nomination of candidates shall proceed in this order: the office of Comptroller, the office of Speaker of the Assembly, the office of Secretary of State, the office of Attorney General, the office of Lt. Governor, and the office of Governor. For each office, the nomination and acceptance speeches shall proceed in alphabetical order such that the candidate with a last name that is first alphabetically shall be nominated and then that nomination seconded. The second candidate by last name alphabetically shall then be nominated and seconded; until the process is complete for all candidates of that office. Then, in alphabetical order the candidates themselves shall have ten minutes time for their acceptance speech. The chair reminds the nominators, however, that they are limited to three minutes for their remarks.

PRESIDING OFFICER: The chair has before it the following declarations of candidacy for the office of _____ [office]. *(The PRESIDING OFFICER shall read the list of names for the office alphabetically.)*

Who wishes to move the nomination of _____ [name of the first candidate alphabetically] for the office of _____. *(The first nominator shall rise at their seat.)* The Honorable _____ [name and title] from _____ [institution] is recognized for three minutes for the purpose of moving the nomination.

(The first nominator shall offer their nomination speech.)

Who wishes to second the nomination of _____ [name of the first candidate alphabetically] for the office of _____. *(The second nominator shall rise at their seat.)* The Honorable _____ [name and title] from _____ [institution] is recognized for 3 minutes for the purpose of moving the nomination.

(The second nominator shall offer their nomination speech.)

(This shall be repeated for all nominations for all offices.)

(Should there be no declaration of candidacy for an office in the Council of State, the Presiding Officer shall open the floor to nominations.)

PRESIDING OFFICER: *There being no candidates with a declared intent to seek the office of _____; the chair would open the floor to nomination for that office to all those fulfilling the constitutional requirements established in Article X, Section V. (Only if applicable.)*

(Following the nominations for all offices, the PRESIDING OFFICER shall in the same order of their nomination allow the candidates to offer acceptance speeches. This shall be repeated for all candidates.)

PRESIDING OFFICER: The chair recognizes the _____ [name and title] of _____ [institution] for 10 minutes for the purpose of accepting the nomination for the office of _____.

(This shall be repeated for all nominees for all offices.)

(After the conclusion of all nominations and speakers.)

PRESIDING OFFICER: That chair thanks all candidates for putting their names forward to serve the Maryland Student Legislature. The elections for the _____ - _____ Council of State will be held in these chambers at _____ [time] tomorrow.

(Note: If other than the SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY skip to section denoted below.)

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY: At this time, we _____ [next item on the agenda].

(SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY shall rap the gavel.)

(Note: If other than the SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY):

PRESIDING OFFICER: At this time, I would like to turn the Chair back over to the Speaker.

(At this time the SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY shall shake hands with the PRESIDING OFFICER, step down from the dais, and be seated in the chamber.)

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY: At this time, we _____ [next item on the agenda].
(*SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY shall rap the gavel.*)