



Maryland Student Legislature

Joint Session for Council of State Elections

(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 the election of 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 like 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 consider their choices carefully before voting.

The Secretary of State shall call the roll of delegations. Each delegation chairperson or his or her designate shall announce the number currently in attendance

(SECRETARY OF STATE: Calls the roll for each delegation that registered for Annual Session alphabetically.)

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY: *(consults with the SECRETARY OF STATE and calculates quorum)* The Secretary of State has recorded _____ members present. Quorum for this joint session is hereby set as _____, which is 1/2 plus 1 of members present. At this time does anyone else wish to record their presence? Members of the General Assembly are reminded that no one may enter or exit the chamber during the Joint Session on Elections.

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: At this time the chair requests that the Sergeant-at-Arms secure the chamber. Members of the General Assembly shall not leave the chamber until voting is completed. At this time the chair would like to announce that _____ [name] shall serve as Election Clerk, and _____ [name] shall serve as an Election Observer for the purpose of certifying the election results. The chair would again remind the body of the serious nature of these proceedings.

(The ELECTION CLERK approaches the dais and sits at the Clerk's Desk.)

Delegation Chairpersons will now please come to the front of the chamber to obtain a ballot for each member of their delegation from the Election Clerk. When each delegation has completed voting the Election Clerk will call the roll of delegations alphabetically, at which time each member from that delegation should come to the front of the chamber to cast their ballot.

(Delegation Chairpersons should come to the front to get ballots for members of their delegation return to their seat and then distribute the ballots to each member of their delegation. Members shall make their choices and hold onto their ballots until called upon to officially cast their vote.)

(The PRESIDING officer shall allow enough time for the members to make their choices and after everyone appears to be done proceed.)

PRESIDING OFFICER: At this time the Election Clerk shall call the roll of delegations to allow members from that delegation to come forward and cast their ballot.

(Election Clerk shall call each delegation alphabetically, wait for delegation members to cast their ballots and continue to the next delegation until all delegations have cast their ballot.)

PRESIDING OFFICER: Has every member wishing to cast a ballot done so? *(If no ask the member to bring their ballot forward and if yes proceed.)*

PRESIDING OFFICER: The body will shortly stand adjourned. After the Chamber has cleared, the counting of the ballots will commence. The Election Clerk shall count the ballots. The count will be observed by me and by the Election Observer. The announcement of winners shall be at _____ [time designated] at [location designated for the announcement of the winners].

(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.)