

# Charter of the Metro Detroit Model United Nations Corporation

## I. Purpose

To manage and run the yearly Metro Detroit Model United Nations conference and provide high school students an educational opportunity to simulate the United Nations and gain a greater understanding of international relations. This conference is a venue in which students will be able to share and grow their knowledge of international relations in a conducive environment.

## II. Membership and Leadership Structure

Membership in the Metro Detroit Model United Nations Organization can be gained in several ways. Membership is concurrent on efforts to advance the goals of the organization. Membership can be revoked by a three-quarters majority of the other members. Those eligible to become members are all conference volunteers; including but not limited to chairs, legal chairs, moderators and secretariat members. To serve on the board, a member must have served at least a year as a staff member. The board positions are divided between two categories:

- I. A Secretary General who serves for a year term.
- II. Undersecretaries who will serve for two year staggered terms.

## III. Committee Structure and Organization

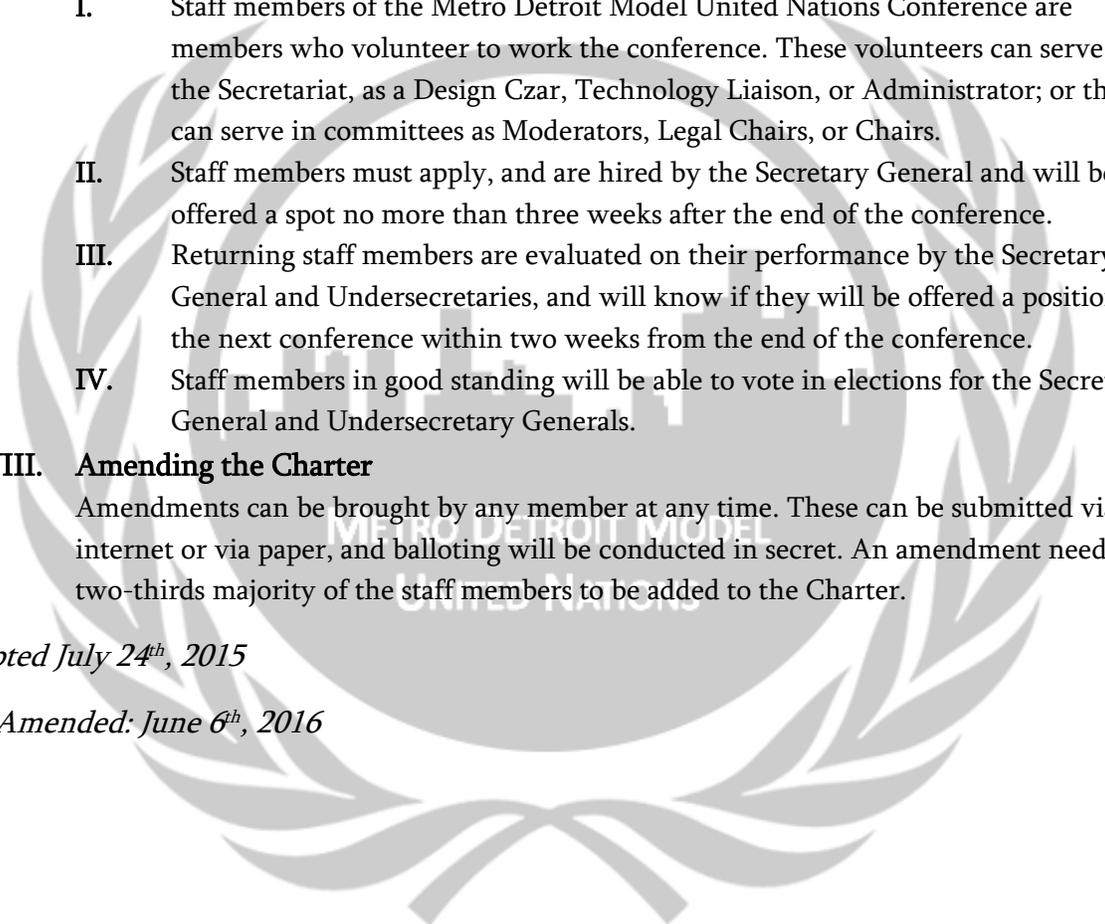
Committees will be organized into groups based on the type of committee. The General Assemblies and the Specialized Agencies will be two such groups and further groups will be added as the conference expands (such as historical, regionals and crisis). Each group will be led by an Undersecretary General who will organize and coordinate all the committees in their group.

## IV. Elections

Elections are held each year six weeks before or no more than four weeks after the conclusion of the conference. Elections will be done anonymously via the internet or on a paper ballot. Secretary Generals are elected by a plurality voting system; whomever receives the most votes is elected. Undersecretaries are elected on staggered terms, for a period of two years; and whomever receives a plurality or majority is elected.

## V. Powers

- I. Secretary General- the Secretary General is responsible for recruiting schools, communicating with advisors, managing funds, recruiting and training staff members, and making the conference as successful as possible.
- II. Undersecretary Generals will be tasked with organizing the committee groups under their command in accordance with the wishes of the Secretary General, the Secretariat, and the mission of the MeDMUN Organization.
- III. Shared Powers- Both Secretary Generals and Undersecretaries are to assist all staff members during the conference in whatever capacity needed, to craft a strategic plan for the coming year, evaluate staff applicants and returning staff members.

- 
- IV. Restrictions- Secretary Generals and Undersecretaries are not able to serve concurrently as chairs, moderators, or legal chairs.
- VI. **Impeachment**  
Secretary Generals and Undersecretaries can be removed for causing a distraction to the conference, not promoting the conference, and not seeking to fulfill the goals laid out in this document. Impeachment proceedings can only be started upon the recommendation of the other members of the secretariat and then a two-thirds majority of the general members.
- VII. **Staff Members**
- I. Staff members of the Metro Detroit Model United Nations Conference are members who volunteer to work the conference. These volunteers can serve on the Secretariat, as a Design Czar, Technology Liaison, or Administrator; or they can serve in committees as Moderators, Legal Chairs, or Chairs.
  - II. Staff members must apply, and are hired by the Secretary General and will be offered a spot no more than three weeks after the end of the conference.
  - III. Returning staff members are evaluated on their performance by the Secretary General and Undersecretaries, and will know if they will be offered a position for the next conference within two weeks from the end of the conference.
  - IV. Staff members in good standing will be able to vote in elections for the Secretary General and Undersecretary Generals.
- VIII. **Amending the Charter**  
Amendments can be brought by any member at any time. These can be submitted via the internet or via paper, and balloting will be conducted in secret. An amendment needs a two-thirds majority of the staff members to be added to the Charter.

*Adopted July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015*

*Last Amended: June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016*