



TEXAS AREA MODEL
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES
PAN AMERICAN STUDENT FORUM OF TEXAS

January 14, 2011

Dear Faculty Advisor(s):

This is to inform you that the Texas Area Model OAS General Assembly (TAMOAS) for High Schools, sponsored by the Pan American Student Forum of Texas (PASF), will be held from March 26 to March 27, 2010, at the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center in San Antonio, Texas. The MOAS for high schools is a simulation of the OAS General Assembly and its main purpose is to familiarize students with the work and functions of the OAS. At the same time, the MOAS allows the participants to learn about the role played by the OAS in dealing with the current issues affecting the Western Hemisphere. This hands-on experience has been a positive influence in the education of future leaders in the Americas.

Faculty advisors and participants are advised to look for information about this Texas Area Model OAS General Assembly on the PASF web page, www.pasf.com, where the TAMOAS Rules of Procedure, the Objectives and Methods of Operation and instructions on all proceedings of TAMOAS can be found. Also, all official documents (i.e., agenda topics, schedule of events, etc.) will be posted on the PASF/TAMOAS web page as we get closer to the date of the event.

The following are the main requirements and information for participants:

- Each of the 34 Member States of the OAS is represented by a delegation of **no more than four** students. A faculty advisor must accompany each delegation.
- The official language of the Texas Area Model OAS General Assembly for High Schools is English.
- Participating high school students are required to draft resolutions prior to TAMOAS. Once the Model begins, participants lobby for support from other delegations.
- Debate of the resolution proposals that have gained support is conducted in each of the two TAMOAS committees.
- A participation fee of \$75.00 per country delegation is charged.
- Each school is able to represent a maximum of three countries.
- As soon as the participation fee is received and after the National MOAS takes place, high schools will be informed of their respective country assignments and topics.
- Research material can be found on the OAS web page: <http://www.oas.org>.
- For study and research purposes a *Study Guide through the OAS Web Page* has been posted on the MOAS web page under "Instructions".
- Participation in the Texas Area Model Assembly will be limited to the first thirty-four (34) high school delegations to register and remit participation fees.
- All resolutions will be submitted upon the **registration** of the delegation in person on Friday, March 26, 2010. Any resolution received after the deadline will not be debated at convention.
- All participants are required to dress in business attire.

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- In order to make the proceedings of TAMOAS consistent with the committees of the General Assembly and the Permanent Council, the following are the names and themes of the committees:
 - General Committee: Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs
 - First Committee: Committee on Hemispheric Security
 - The **List of Participants and Code of Conduct** form is attached. Please return this form with the names of participants and duly signed and initialed on each page. **Deadline for the postmark of this form is Friday, January 14, 2011. No delegations will be allowed to debate without this document.**
 - The List of Topics is also attached to this letter.

I am looking forward to working with you at the upcoming TAMOAS General Assembly and would appreciate your early attention to this matter.

Cordially,

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Pan American Student Forum of Texas

Encl. Registration Form
Code of Conduct Form
List of Topics



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GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR HIGH SCHOOLS
San Antonio, Texas: March 11-12, 2011

CODE OF CONDUCT
(DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: JANUARY 14, 2011)

- Participants in the TAMOAS for High Schools must at all times behave and respect the diplomatic protocols of the Model, including proper oral and corporal language.
- In order to keep the formality and seriousness of the Model all participants must wear business-like attire. Men must wear tie and jacket.
- It is imperative to behave in a manner that is kind and respectful to all delegates, participants, elected authorities and TAMOAS staff and support personnel. Any interference to the smooth development of the TAMOAS will result in the suspension from the Model of the offending individual or individuals. The decisions of the TAMOAS Director are final.
- Delegates must observe punctuality regarding all events and sessions during the Model. At the beginning of each session a roll call will be read, if a delegate is not present this will be considered a delay. The first delay will deserve a reprimand; the second delay will result in the suspension of the delegate from the Model.
- Registration of all participants is extremely important for security reasons and for the orderly operation of TAMOAS; therefore, all participants must wear their ID tags in plain view and at all times.
- TAMOAS authorities will only issue TAMOAS ID tags to those participants who have signed the Code of Conduct prior to convention.
- During TAMOAS sessions it is strictly forbidden to eat, smoke, drink alcoholic beverages, consume drugs, and to use electronic devices that may interfere with the debate; this includes the use of cellular phones and computers. Drug and/or alcohol consumption during the sessions of TAMOAS by any of the participants will result in permanent expulsion from the Model.
- The educational institutions and their representatives will have to respond in the event that any student under their supervision consumes drugs or alcohol or damages any property, particularly in the Convention Center.
- Any sign of discrimination based on gender, sexual orientation, race, country of origin, age, religion or physical limitation, as well as favoritism will not be tolerated during TAMOAS.

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