



OAS | More rights
for more people

Day 3 Newsletter

On the last day of the Model Organization of American States, the delegates continued their work in committees, passing and amending resolutions. Other delegates have realized they wish to be more involved in the MOAS program and have taken the initiative to run for leadership positions. Today, November 30th, delegates ran and elected for President, Secretary General, Committee Chairs, and Vice Committee Chairs. During the closing remarks, the keynote speaker, Lecturer at the University of West Indies, Jamaica and former MOAS participant, Dr. Lisa Vasciannie, congratulated all delegates on their work. Dr. Vasciannie urged us to remember to listen and consider others' opinions and be willing to compromise with one another to reach solutions. She noted how the MOAS takes pride in shaping young minds to act diplomatically and wanted delegates to continue to challenge ourselves not only in MOAS, but in their everyday lives. During the closing ceremony, MOAS Coordinator, Victoria Abalo, offered inspiring closing remarks and distributed awards to outstanding delegates from this year's conference.



General Committee

Today, the General Committee got straight to work. The day began with debate on resolutions, with the alternate delegates taking the floor. Delegates worked to pass resolutions that would maximize the developments of all countries. Each delegate provided sound reasoning and diplomatic judgment as they supported or opposed the respective resolutions. The three resolutions passed today pushed for major improvements to improve migration in the Americas. Towards the afternoon, delegates in the General Committee voted for the 38th MOAS General Committee Vice Chair. Delegates from within the General Committee have shown immense determination and devotion throughout this year's conference, and look forward to what comes next.

Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs

Debates in this committee proved to be effective. In the head delegates debate, all three resolutions passed by the standard of an eighteen vote majority. The first resolution passed with no amendments and the others followed smoothly with some debate and change. The resolutions included issues such as government transparency. Some solutions sought to form a secure digital public network to enhance government transparency. The purpose would be to inform the public of the agenda and activity of the public and private sectors. Following these three successful resolutions, the alternate delegates shared and passed all three resolutions of their own. These encompassed issues such as protection of journalists and terrorist prevention. One resolution was successfully proposed to enforce rules of fact checking to journalists to crack down on fake news, protect journalists subject to violence and unjust rulings in court, prevent the government from controlling the media and news, and to fund safe sufficient travels to and from the Americas with tighter airport security, checks of baggage and identity documents, and support member states financially in the event of a terrorist attack. After debate, Chair and Vice Chair were elected.



Committee on Hemispheric Security

Multiple delegations presented resolutions, and all passed successfully. The first resolution to be debated was resolution 1A. After debate, Peru, St. Lucia and other delegations pushed for amendments to be made to the resolution. Both amendments quickly passed and the resolution was then voted upon, and passed 33-1. Resolution 1B was then presented. The resolution discussed ways to reduce labor trafficking in the Americas. The delegation of the United States quickly gave a simple, but passionate speech about the importance of Resolution 1B. The delegation of Argentina made an amendment, along with the delegation of the Bahamas, while the delegation of Grenada questioned clause three of Resolution 1B, along with the delegation of Trinidad-Tobago. The delegation of Barbados questioned clause four and quickly made an amendment. Another resolution, 2A, was presented, which aimed to provide students educational classes about natural disasters so they can provide reliefs for future victims. Peru led the motion for questioning, prompting Canada and other delegations to speak up. The resolution swiftly passed. Resolution 2B aimed to combat starvation in the Americas by addressing climate change's effects on farming. Trinidad and Tobago began writing an amendment. After the amendment was made, voting on the resolution took place. It then passed. Finally, voting for Chair and Vice Chair took place, and those positions were filled.



Inter-American Council for Integral Development

Debating and voting on the resolutions written continued into the third day of the 37th MOAS for the CIDI. The debates for each clause of the resolutions began right as the day started and voting for each resolution followed. The Representatives from the three working groups 2A, 2B, and 2C spoke on each of their subtopics including promotion of the Inter-American Program of Education for Democratic values from 2A, promotion of participation in the Inter-American week for indigenous and afro-descendants from 2B, and strengthening the role of civil society against corruption from 2C. Both resolutions from working groups 2A and 2B passed while the resolution from working group 2C failed. After the resolution voting concluded, elections for Chair and Vice Chair of the Third Committee began. Congratulations to those who ran and to those who were elected!



Special Committee

Continuing the work from yesterday, delegates in the Special Committee worked on amending and passing resolutions. One of the resolutions that was passed from the Special Committee aimed to protect private information using big data. Head delegates worked hard to pass this resolution, and after a period of heavy debate their efforts were successful. Other resolutions from the Special Committee also were passed. Elections for Vice Chair and Chair then started. Three delegates ran for Chair, and five delegates ran for Vice Chair. Each candidate gave a passionate speech, and then the voting began. The current Chair and Vice Chair collected and tallied the votes, and announced the winners. Congratulations to Arianna Paz, the delegate representing Ecuador, for winning Vice Chair. Also, congratulations to Junhee Lee, who represented Argentina, and won the vote for Chair. All members of the Special Committee worked diligently this year, and are hopeful about the years to come.





OAS | More rights
for more people

MOAS 2018 Awardees

Congratulations to all **MOAS Outstanding Head Delegate Statement**
and the **2018 MOAS Award** Awardees!

General Committee

Lara Santana, from *Saint John's School*-Puerto Rico

Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs

Fatima Harumi Matsura Quiroz, from *San Ignacio de Recalde School*-Peru

Committee on Hemispheric Security

Lindsey Lutz, from *Georgetown Prep*, Bethesda, Maryland

Inter-American Council for Integral Development

Gloria Koo, from *Robert E. Lee High School* – Texas, US

Special Committee

Adriana Delgado, from *La Floresta*, El Salvador

2018 MOAS Awards Recipient: The Latin American and Latino Studies Program, University of Pennsylvania, Katherine Bartch, for having promoted the MOAS Program at the community level in Philadelphia and Norristown, Pennsylvania by bringing students to the 37th MOAS. Ms. Bartch put together a grant proposal to cover the costs of participation in the MOAS for students from public schools and successfully got the funds.

Authorities for MOAS 2019

Congratulations to all Authorities for MOAS 2019! The MOAS looks forward towards your contribution in the following year.

MOAS President: Frida Perez
Connelly School of the Holy Child

Secretary General: Nayeh Arana
Colegio Real Royal School

General Committee
Vice Chair: Casey Tyler
Wilmington Friends School

Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs
Chair: Connor Miller
Wilmington Friends School

Vice Chair: Andrea González Benedetti
Colegio Real- Royal School

Committee on Hemispheric Security
Chair: Kyle Nisbet
Wilmington Friends School

Vice Chair:
Kai Blades
Belize High School

Inter-American Council for Integral Development
Chair: Fernando Afane
Colegio Lamatepec

Vice Chair: Maria Angélica Leon
Colegio Real

Special Committee
Chair: Junhee Lee
Georgetown Preparatory School
Vice Chair: Arianna Paz
Colegio Antonio Peña Celi

Thank you to all of the MOAS team: MOAS Coordinator, MOAS Communications Center, OAS Experts, faculty advisors, and delegates who all have contributed to making the 37th MOAS a success! We hope to see all of you next year!