



Press Corps Background Guide

Chair: Mamie Johnson

Secretary: Ashley Taylor



Letter from the Chair

Hello delegates!

My name is Mamie Johnson, and I will be serving as your LIMUN XXXII Press Corps chair! As the current editor-in-chief of LAMP's yearbook, I have considerable experience in both journalism and photography. When I am not working on the yearbook or partaking in any other academic obligations, I thoroughly enjoy taking naps, watching Netflix/movies, baking, and going to Whole Foods. *Black Mirror*, *The Office*, *Parks and Rec*, and any/all CrossFit documentaries are some of my Netflix favs. Health and fitness are also pretty important to me so I complete a combination of cardio and strength workouts multiple times a week and prepare pre-portioned snacks and lunches for myself weekly.

Make sure to read this background guide in its entirety! There is some very important information in the following pages, and I expect for all of my delegates to be aware of it! I am looking forward to a fantastic conference!

Letter from the Secretary

Greeting friends!

My name is Ashley Taylor, and I will have the pleasure of serving as the Press Corps secretary for LIMUN XXXII. A couple of fun facts about me are that I am a Pizza Hut lover, I aspire to one day be fluent in American Sign Language, and I have the habit of breaking out into song. I am currently a member of this year's yearbook staff, so I cannot wait to incorporate my current knowledge in order to have a spectacular conference with you amazing people!



Organization of Press Corps

THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT

see committee assignments on page 6 to see your position

Reporters

There are 6 reporters for press corps this year. On Thursday, each delegate is responsible for writing one article for each committee to which she is assigned, totaling 2 articles. On Friday, the reporters not attending ASPA will have to write 3 articles total in order to make up for the delegates that will not be at LIMUN on this day.

Articles should be 100-150 meaningful words describing what is occurring in the delegate's assigned committee. During unmoderated caucuses, reporters should ask delegates questions if they are confused about what was happening in the committee and get quotes if they feel that it is necessary for their article. I will paste a few of the articles from last year at the end of the guide so that reporters have an understanding regarding the type of writing that I am looking for in the articles.

Reporters must use pen and paper to take notes in committee due to the fact that technology is not allowed, however, I will allow for reporters to have their phones with them (**on silent**) in order to allow for quick communication between my delegates and I. **DO NOT ABUSE THIS PRIVILEGE!**

Reporters should sit in the back of the committee room and stay as long as they feel necessary to write a cohesive article (normally 45 minutes - 1 hour). The reporter can choose whether they feel that it is more efficient to write each article following their note-taking or wait until they take notes for all of their committees to write all of the articles at once. The articles will be typed on a Google Doc and saved to the shared LIMUN XXXII drive. The committee chair and/or the secretary will review the articles before they are posted on the Facebook page.

Photographers

There are 6 photographers for Press Corps this year. On Thursday, each photographer will take photos in their 2 assigned committees. On Friday, each photographer will have 3 committees to take pictures of due to some of the delegates going to ASPA.

Each photographer is responsible for uploading, sorting, and editing their own pictures to the shared folder on Google Drive that I will make. There is no need for us to have



thousands of pictures in the drive, so photographers need to make sure to shoot photos intentionally! If the photographer chooses to take hundreds of pictures, I expect her to sort through them and delete the unusable photos. This being said, I want no more than 100-200 pictures in each photographer's drive by the end of each day.

I understand and acknowledge that none of us are professional photographers, but I do expect for all photos in the drive to be well composed. Photos should be taken with the appropriate ISO, aperture, shutter speed, and white balance for the setting in which the photographer is shooting (i.e. no blurry or yellow pictures). Use the rule of thirds when shooting!

Lastly, the goal for each photographer is to have a picture of each and every one of their delegates (chairs and secretaries too!). I understand that this is difficult to do, but each photographer should make an attempt to do this.

Videographer

The videographer is expected to take videos of every aspect of LIMUN. This includes, but is not limited to, the opening ceremony, debates in committees, unmoderated caucuses in committees, and delegates socializing with each other. The videographer is also expected to construct a video that will be played at the closing ceremony. The committee chair and secretary will help the videographer in the making of this video.

Social Media

The delegate running the social media accounts will be responsible for encouraging all other delegates to follow the social media accounts, posting on all of the social media accounts, and engaging with the delegates via these social media accounts. The social media platforms that we will be using are Instagram, Facebook, and Snapchat.

ASPA

Leah Grace Borders, Grace Breshears, Anslee Glasgow, and Olivia Radzinski will not be attending LIMUN on Friday, January 18th due to the Alabama Scholastic Press Association Conference. Because of this, the Press Corps delegates remaining in the committee will have to do a bit more work on Friday, but it should not be too demanding.

Awards

I plan on administering one award in press corps this year. The one award will be given to the delegate that consistently writes the best committee articles, consistently presents the best photos, and/or consistently performs above my expectations. Previous



experience will not play a role in determining who will win awards. I only care about the work that you do at LIMUN conference. I would like for all of my delegates to attend the conference on Wednesday night, but if you would like an award, Wednesday night attendance is required.

Article Samples

What's Happening in Legal

By: Shane Enriquez

With Legal Committee's convoluted issue of the Israel-Palestine conflict, many delegates disputed on a just approach and presented multiple potential resolutions to the problem regarding the legality of Israeli settlements in the West Bank. With U.S.'s proposal to create a two-state solution, the problem of one state overpowering the other would be solved. However, Jerusalem's position in this amend would bring up yet another citizenship complication. With this in mind, U.S. revised its proposition to a two and a half solution that would allow Jerusalem, a city of an exceedingly divergent religion, race, and culture, to be neutral and guaranteed dual citizenship. Still, France along with many other delegates disapproved of the lack of presence and voice from Palestine itself in the making of this potential resolution without first addressing their perspective. In turn, China tabled a proposal to bring Palestine in the UN and legitimize their government which is currently dominated by the notorious terrorists, Hamas. On the other hand, U.S. instead urged to first stimulate Palestine's economy that is controlled by Israel which would become a leeway to their government's legitimacy. Another proposition brought about by Iran called the Assimilate Segregate and Send Away Plan would simply act upon its name. Quickly put down by China, this "unfair" plan would essentially sacrifice equal rights for the result of more disagreements in the already conflicting two states. In the end, an underlying issue remains at hand: if equity and influence were to be granted to both Jerusalem and Palestine, should they be extended to Israel?

What's Happening in SP?

By: Brannen Carter

The SP Committee began their session on day two of LIMUN 2018 with a discussion of peacekeepers committing crimes. Nigeria, a Park Crossing student, and Turkey, LAMPS' Ainsley O'Connor, both voiced their concerns early on in the session and came up with multiple solutions. Eventually, Turkey came in strong, suggesting DNA testing and intense background checks for the employed officials. Nigeria then took the floor, expressing his ideas for having one international court that prosecutes the peacekeepers. Turkey clapped back explaining the individual countries should have the sovereignty of prosecuting the accused officials from their country, and then send them



to the international court if they choose. The tense air was briefly lifted from the room when chairman Catherine Delcarmen read the following joke:

“Why do some couples never go to the gym?”

“Because some relationships never workout.”

Despite this short break of laughter, the issue at hand was still on Nigeria’s mind, as he asked for the floor and raised the issue of peacekeepers sexually abusing children. The United States suggested specific courts in select countries be set up for the trials. Austria then used their speaking time to question the suggested courts by asking who will be running the courts and who will have the direct authority over them. This delegate then also expressed their concern that the courts will limit the peacekeepers from doing their jobs, suggesting how there should be intense background checks instead. Turkey revisited the speaking floor and debated that background checks were not enough and courts/trials would still be necessary for justice against the officials. In the midst of all this, SP committee was, and still is, very adamant on discussing important matters at hand involving the prosecution of incriminating officials all over the world.

What’s Happening in SH?

By: Dominique Verville

Upon the delegate (Sage Ellis) from France’s proposition to increase health care for women in the workplace, the rest of the moderated caucus proved fruitful with suggestions on how to do this, and more specifically, how to increase access to contraceptives. Agreed on by seemingly all of the delegates, contraceptives are needed to prevent against benign and malignant ovarian cysts, regulate menstruation, and help prevent against unprepared pregnancies, which could hurt a child and their parents in the long run. According to Nyla Harris, the delegate representing Costa Rica, the most effective way to open the minds of both men and women to the increased allotment of contraceptives is to educate students on the importance of safe sex and to enforce that the contraceptive debate should not be a reprobate topic. However, breaking long established stigmas takes time, especially in deeply religious cultures, most apparent in Islamic countries. The delegate from Russia (Sofie Behr) stemmed all concern of religious infringement for the women of these countries by stating that the usage of available contraceptives is optional, but not by any means required. The need for education, in comparison, should be mandatorily pushed starting at schooling age for both boys and girls to enlighten young adults on the health benefits of regulatory contraceptive shots and pills, and to prove that the contraceptive debate reaches further than simply desiring to have unprotected sex. The de-stigmatization of contraceptives will hopefully result in better healthcare for women and the redefinition of contraceptives as basic care that can drastically improve the health of women globally.



Committee Assignments

All PC delegates attend LAMP

Delegate, Grade	Position	Committee
Maggie Mosbey, 11	Photographer	Crisis Control, Joint Crisis
Brannen Carter, 11	Photographer	FIFA, UNICEF
Dominique Hallington-Verville, 11	Reporter	UN Women, ICJ
Aniyah Fleets-Giles, 12	Reporter	UNICEF, Joint Crisis
Kirsten Robinson, 12	Videographer	--
Kamryn Sutton, 12	Reporter	SH, Legal
Jordan Howard, 12	Reporter	FIFA, Fall of the USSR
Leah Grace Borders, 11	Reporter	SC, Crisis Control
Grace Breshears, 11	Photographer	SH, ICJ
Bryn Chambless, 12	Social Media	--
Mackenzie Battaglia, 12	Photographer	Legal, Fall of the USSR
Elizabeth Klein, 11	Photographer	UN Women, DIS
Olivia Radzinski, 11	Reporter	WHO, DIS
Anslee Glasgow, 11	Photographer	WHO, SC

Committees: SH, WHO, DIS, Legal, UN Women, ICJ, UNICEF, FIFA, SC, Fall of USSR, Crisis Control, Joint Crisis

Positions: Photographer, Reporter, Image Manager, Slideshow, Videographer, Social Media

Delegates going to ASPA: Leah Grace Borders, Grace Breshears, Anslee Glasgow, Olivia Radzinski

I WILL MAKE A GROUP CHAT AS WE GET CLOSER TO CONFERENCE, BUT IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME AT (501)-472-4630. I HOPE THAT YOU ARE AS EXCITED FOR LIMUN XXXII AS I AM!