

## Maine Model United Nations Conference Advisor's Workshop

### Note Writing

In high school and middle school, note passing is often regarded as disruptive and rude to a classroom setting. In the world of Model UN, note passing is not only acceptable, it is recommended if a delegate wants to excel in his/her committee.

The goal of note passing is for delegates to communicate with each other without verbally talking to each other, as doing so would be disruptive to committee. Verbal discussion is usually done during unmoderated caucuses, but a good delegate is always in communication with his/her peers and bloc mates through the passing of notes.

Notes can cover a variety of topics. They can be as complicated as circling around ideas for operative clauses for a working paper, or as simple as congratulating another delegate for an effective speech and indicating the desire to work with them.

An example of an effective note is as follows:

To: Viet Nam From: Myanmar

Viet Nam, My country agrees with the sentiments made in your previous speech that any action in regards to delivering of food aid should have the consent of the home nation. Would you like to talk during the next unmoderated caucus so we can draft a working paper?

Myanmar

Notes can be written informally, or formally as shown above, but all notes must be respectful and on topic. Note passing will be facilitated by committee staff called pages. Pages will collect notes, read them, and if the note is appropriate, deliver them to the intended recipient. Any inappropriate notes will be collected, and the delegate's advisor will be notified.