

2008 TRAINING SESSION AGENDA

8:30-9:15.....Registration and Leader Orientation

9:15-10:00.....Welcome

Review of [Registration for Augusta Session](#)

Review of the [Code of Conduct](#) and [Dress Code](#)

Review of [committee process](#), and break into Committees

Review changes for this year's program

10:00-12:00.....Committee Hearings

12:00-12:30.....Lunch (provided on site)

12:30-2:00.....Afternoon Sessions

Introduction of [Parliamentary Procedure](#)

Consideration of Ought Not to Pass Bills

Election of Officers

[Legislative Process \(walk through a bill\)](#)

2:00.....Adjournment

WHAT IS THE COMMITTEE SESSION AT TRAINING SESSION?

At the Training Session each participant will be assigned to a committee. These committees will hear each bill submitted to the Training Session. Their role in this Training Session is to make a determination on the bills that should be included in the Augusta Session. The training session committee is charged with the responsibility of deciding:

- A) Is this bill debatable enough to be a part of the Augusta Session?
- B) Does this bill meet with the "Straight Face Test" (Would you testify in favor of this bill in front of the actual legislature.)?
- C) Does this bill have all the elements needed to be included? (Dollar amount for implementation, etc.)

After the committee arrives in their room, they need to,

- 1) Go around the room and give each member a chance to introduce themselves.
- 2) Hold a quick election to select a Committee Chairperson to run the meeting,
- 3) Hold a quick election to select a Committee Secretary to record all the decisions made

The Hearing on each bill should follow the following format;

- 1) Distribute copies of the bill to all the members; give everyone time to read the bill.
- 2) Have the sponsor of the bill speak about why he/she submitted the bill; allow time for the members to ask questions.
- 3) Have anyone who wishes to speak in favor of the bill speak, again leaving time for questions
- 4) Have anyone who wishes to speak in opposition to the bill speak, again leaving time for questions
- 5) Have anyone else who wishes to speak about the bill, and leave time for questions.
- 6) Set a time limit to have the group discuss and debate the bill.
- 7) Have the committee reach a decision on the "COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION"
"Ought to Pass" ---Pass the bill as written (Bill automatically goes to Augusta Session)
"Ought to Pass as Amended" --Pass the bill with changes (Goes to Augusta Session)
"Ought not to Pass ---Reject the bill
- 8) If the committee finishes work on all their bills, they may then go back and make amendments to bills in an attempt to make the bill better, or to get it an "Ought to Pass Recommendation"

WHAT HAPPENS TO BILLS RECEIVING AN OUGHT NOT TO PASS REPORT?

Any and all bills receiving an Ought Not to Pass report from the morning committee will have one more opportunity to move to the Augusta session. During the afternoon session all of the Ought Not to Pass Bills will be used as a review of Parliamentary Procedure on the floor of the House and Senate.

The following procedure will be followed for each bill:

- 1) Bill will be introduced and read
- 2) A motion on the bill will be sought, (Either support of the Ought Not to Pass, or reverse it and move Ought to Pass). This motion can come from anyone in the group.
- 3) The sponsor of the bill will be given a chance to discuss his/her bill.
- 4) The committee chair will be given a chance to defend the committee action
- 5) A 5-minute open debate from the floor
- 6) A final vote on the motion

RUNNING FOR A LEADERSHIP POSITION AT TRAINING SESSION

1. Find out what offices you want to run for.
2. Check Job Description so you understand what the role is.
3. You must sign nomination forms for the office that will be available at Training Session check in.
4. Each candidate will have a chance to speak about their qualifications for that office.
5. Delegations will cast their ballots for that office.
6. If there are no candidates or not enough to fill the office, then nominations will be taken from the floor, and those attending from outside of their area will be able to be nominated to hold that office.
7. Participants must qualify to run for an office, to be nominated.

NORTHERN DISTRICT	CENTRAL DISTRICT	SOUTHERN DISTRICT
2008 Governor's Candidate	2008 Governor's Candidate	2008 Governor's Candidate
President of the Senate	Speaker of the House	Youth Governor Jay Gobel
Clerk of the House	Secretary of the Senate	Chief of Staff
Senate Chairs & House Chairs for Agriculture	Senate Chairs & House Chairs State Government	Senate Chairs & House Chairs Business & Labor
Senate Chairs & House Chairs for Education	Senate Chairs & House Chairs for Natural Resources	Senate Chairs & House Chairs for Transportation
Senate Chairs & House Chairs for Financial Affairs	Senate Chairs & House Chair for Health & Human Services	Senate Chairs & House Chairs for Justice
8 Senators	8 Senators	7 Senators
Commissioner of Economic Development	Commissioner of Education	Secretary of State
Commissioner of Transportation	State Treasurer	Commissioner of Natural Resources
Attorney General	Commissioner of Agriculture	Commissioner of Human Services
Journal Secretary of the Senate	Journal Clerk of the House	Sgt at Arms of the Senate
Sgt Arms of the House	Chaplain of the Senate	Chaplain of the House
Newspaper Editor	Newspaper Editor	Newspaper Editor
2 Newspaper Correspondents	2 Newspaper Correspondents	2 Newspaper Correspondents
Lobbyist for State Government Committee	Lobbyist for Business & Labor Committee	Photographer
Lobbyist for Natural Resources Committee	Lobbyist for Transportation Committee	Lobbyist for Education Committee
Lobbyist for Human Services Committee	Lobbyist for Justice Committee	Lobbyist for Financial Affairs Committee
		Lobbyist for Agriculture Committee

How do we vote?

Voting for all the officers will be by delegation, not a popular vote. In an effort to make voting at training sessions more equitable, a form of elections will be used. Voting will be done using the following formula; there will be only one set of votes per school, regardless of the number of registered clubs from that school.

A school with 1-3 participants at the training session1 vote
A school with 4-7 participants at the training session..... 2 votes
A school with 8-15 participants at the training session3 votes
A school with 16-25 or more at the training session.....4 votes
A school with 26 or more at the training session.....5 votes

If Youth Governor is in attendance may interview and select Commissioners by interviewing candidates and then elections will not be held for those positions. Some offices the nominee must have 1 year of Experience to Run attending Youth in Government to run. Participant must have attended the Augusta Session to have a year of experience. Those Offices are:

President of the Senate Speaker of the House Senators Senate Committee Chairs
Chaplain of the Senate Sgt at Arms of the Senate Newspaper Editors Governor's Cabinet Members

Remember each delegation of 10 or more will receive 1 Senator. The person who will be selected by delegations must be in attendance at the Training Session, and be designated at the time of elections. This will reduce the number of Senators that will be elected from that district. The number listed is a maximum number of Senators.

NEW FOR 2007

You need to submit your registration form with info for housing Deadline is April 1st, 2007

This year our Saturday evening program will be at the new Kennebec Valley YMCA we will have a dance, a gym for basketball / volleyball, and swimming pool for 1 hour. You will need to bring clothing for Saturday evening with you on Saturday morning.