A Simulated Constitutional Convention (Program)

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Announcing

The assemblage of delegates for the purpose of framing a Constitution for these United States of America

A simulation based on the 1787 Constitutional Convention
March 19-22, 1987

The Marshall-Wythe School of Law
College of William and Mary
Williamsburg, Virginia
A SIMULATED

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

MARCH 19-22, 1987
WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA
AT THE MARSHALL-WYTHER SCHOOL OF LAW
COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY

sponsored by

THE INSTITUTE OF BILL OF RIGHTS LAW,
THE MARSHALL-WYTHER SCHOOL OF LAW,
COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY

THE COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG FOUNDATION

and

THE WILLIAMSBURG-JAMES CITY COUNTY SCHOOLS

The convention will be part of Virginia's 1987 Bicentennial of the United States Constitution. The project will present its delegates with the need to replace the Articles of Confederation with a new constitution, but unlike the original convention the constitution must be suitable for 1987. In the process of drafting a constitution, delegates will come to understand the difficulty so ably faced by the delegates to the 1787 Constitutional Convention. Participation in the convention is open to one high school junior or senior per school district up to a total of 52. Selection will be made by postmark.

The convention will begin on Thursday, March 19, 1987, with a special tour of Colonial Williamsburg. Prior to the convention, student delegates will be assigned to represent one of the original thirteen states. Each state delegation of four delegates will assemble on the evening of Thursday, March 19th and throughout the Convention. Delegates will also be assigned to topical working groups to ensure that major issues are addressed, and these groups will also begin meeting Thursday evening. Delegates will attend seminars in constitutional topics at the Marshall-Wythe School of Law on Friday. The actual convention debates will be held Saturday and Sunday at the Capitol in Colonial Williamsburg and will be open to the general public.
To ensure adequate preparation, before the convention delegates will be mailed a reading list along with the convention's rules and procedures and other materials.

ROOM, BOARD, AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

All student delegate room expenses will be paid for by the Convention. The Convention will also pay for dinner Friday and Saturday nights, and lunch on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The Convention will cover neither student expenses for meals on Thursday, nor breakfast expenses throughout the convention. Students will be housed at the Westpark Hotel, Richmond Road, Williamsburg, with two students per room. Round trip transportation to Williamsburg is the student's responsibility. However, transportation between the hotel and convention events will be supplied. Appropriate faculty and other adult staff will be available throughout all aspects of the Convention.

FACULTY SPONSORS

Faculty sponsors are welcome and encouraged to attend. Convention expenses for faculty members, however, are the responsibility of the sponsor. Accordingly, all fees for room and meals will be the responsibility of the individual sponsor. Due to limited seating capacity for dinner Friday and Saturday nights, faculty may attend at those meals at their own expense on a first come - first serve basis according to date of postmark.
REGISTRATION FORMS FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

STUDENT REGISTRATION
(Please Print)
School District ____________________________
Telephone ____________________________
Student Delegate ____________________________
Address ____________________________
Telephone ____________________________

SIGNATURE OF SUPERINTENDENT OR REPRESENTATIVE:
______________________________________

There is no student registration fee for the Convention. Hotel room fees for students are paid by the Convention. Attendance, however, is limited to one student representative per school district up to a limit of 52. Reservations will be accepted on a first come-first serve basis dependent on official date of postmark. Nominations without postmarks will not be considered.

FACULTY REGISTRATION
(Please Print)
Name _______________________________________
School District ____________________________
Mail Address ____________________________
Telephone ____________________________

There is no faculty registration fee for the Convention. Faculty must cover their own costs for hotel fees and for meals throughout the Convention, however.

Room Rate at Westpark Hotel, Richmond Road, Williamsburg:
Single $26.00 Double $26.00 (Plus 6% tax)

Desired Room ____________________________ (Payment not required with this registration)

Check-in time is 3:00 pm. Check-out is 11:00 am. The Convention will make appropriate reservations at the Westpark Hotel upon receipt of faculty registration.

(Form continues on the reverse side)
Registration for dinner on March 20th and 21st will be accepted on first come-first serve basis, based on post mark, due to limited capacity. Registrations are contingent until confirmation upon receipt of cost information.

Friday, March 20th      Saturday, March 21st

Return completed registration forms to:

    Janice McPherson, Administrative Director
    Marshall-Wythe Constitutional Convention
    Marshall-Wythe School of Law
    College of William and Mary
    Williamsburg, Virginia  23185

Further inquiries may be directed to: (804) 253-4018.