

Accumulated Wisdom from Former Delegates

1. Compromise is essential. Don't try to push the committee, but rather try to reach a consensus. That doesn't mean to act out of policy. The best delegate is the one who leads them towards an agreement.
2. Be friendly. The best delegates are the ones with whom everyone enjoys working.
3. Always respect your fellow delegates. If you think another delegate said something stupid, don't yell out to correct him. Quietly explain your difference of opinion with him or her after the speech.
4. Ask lots of questions and speak as much as possible. If you want to have an effect on committee, it is important that your presence is felt as much as possible. However, don't be repetitive or people will start to get annoyed by you.
5. When you propose an idea, be specific about how to accomplish it.
6. Dress nicely; people will think you are professional when you dress the part.
7. Never argue with the chair. They are in charge of the committee and they deserve your respect.
8. Committee never ends; consider eating lunch with other people in your committee. It is important that you develop good relationships with other people so that you can work with them more easily on resolutions.
9. Don't get discouraged. In Model UN, things have a tendency to change around very quickly. You could be back in the thick of the debate if you don't get discouraged and start not to care.