Historical Timeline of the NMUN Conferences 1927-69

We found references that state we started in 1923 or 1925. We have not been able to verify those years. A few say that we started with Harvard. Although they and Yale were involved with us in the 1960s, they are not listed as attendees in our early years so this seems unlikely. Some sources refer to our 1927 conference as the first intercollegiate Model League of Nations (MLN) conference in the United States.

For the most part, from 1927-1967, our conferences (with name changes over the years) were organized by a Continuation Committee in conjunction with a Mid-Atlantic college or university and the League of Nations Association (LNA), then its successor the American Association for the United Nations (AAUN) or their college affiliate the Collegiate Council for the United Nations (CCUN). LNA/AAUN/CCUN also sponsored other conferences. 1967 was the last conference with the Collegiate Council for the United Nations (CCUN) sponsorship. On April 30, 1968 papers were signed that created the nonprofit National Collegiate Conference Association (NCCA) governing body to oversee the National Model United Nations (NMUN) conferences. In 2017 the decision was made to retire the NCCA name and operate both the conferences and the governing body under the NMUN name.

Model Assembly of the League of Nations

April 29-30, 1927 (#1)

Syracuse University
Syracuse, New York
Model Assembly of the League of Nations

70+ Students
11 Colleges and Universities from Upstate/Northern New York State

Alfred College-Australia
Buffalo University-Great Britain
Colgate University-France
Cornell University-China,
Germany, and Japan
Elmira College-Czecho-Slovakia

Hamilton College-Belgium
Hobart College-Salvadore and Persia
St. Lawrence University-Sweden
Syracuse University-Irish Free State, Poland, India, and Argentine
University of Rochester-Italy
Wells College-Chili and Peru

- Syracuse University covered all expenses except for delegate travelling expenses.
- “Oscar A. DeLima, Executive Vice-President of the American Association for the United Nations, noted that the Middle Atlantic Model United Nations is the parent of all other Model Assemblies.” Model United Nations General Assembly 25th Session (the 1952 25th Anniversary Conference Program), p. 7.

May 4-5, 1928 (#2)

Cornell University
Memorial Hall of Willard Straight
Ithaca, New York
Model Assembly of the League of Nations, Middle Atlantic States

250 Students
17 Colleges and Universities

Assembly Committee 1927-28
W.L. Worden, Chair
H.A. Moran, Secretary
Ione Barrett, Treasurer

1928 Conference
Hugh A. Moran, SG

- Each college of 500 students or less will represent one country. They will be allowed a delegation of five, three to be voting delegates and two as technical advisers. Each college or a university of more than 500 students will be allowed a delegation of ten. They will represent one country, and may also either represent an additional country, or may report for one of the permanent committees of the League.

Feb. 22-23, 1929 (#3)

Vassar University
Poughkeepsie, New York
Model Assembly of the League of Nations

19 Colleges in New York,
Pennsylvania, and New Jersey

1929 Conference
Louisa Dresser, SG

April 24-26, 1930 (#4)

Lafayette College
Easton, Pennsylvania
Model Assembly of the League of Nations, Middle Atlantic States

189 Students
30 Colleges and Universities

1930 Conference
Thomas W. Pomeroy, Jr., SG

- Rather than meeting solely in Plenary Sessions, began meeting as Committees who created resolutions to report back to the whole Assembly.

March 27-28, 1931 (#5)

Princeton University
Princeton, New Jersey
Model Assembly of the League of Nations, Middle Atlantic States

200 Students
28-30 Colleges and Universities

1931 Conference
Howard B. Morris, Secretary

April 21-23, 1932

Syracuse University
Syracuse, New York
League of Nations Model Assembly of Middle Atlantic Colleges

Colleges in New York,
Pennsylvania, and New Jersey
200+ Students
25-29 Colleges and Universities

Continuity Committee 1931-32
J.E. Bryan
Howard B. Morris
George S. Roudebush
Donald S. Sawyer
Eileen Thompson

1932 Conference
Wilson B. Wight, SG

April 6-8, 1933
Lehigh University
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
Model Assembly of the League of Nations, Middle Atlantic States
175 Students
27 Colleges and Universities

1933 Conference
James E. Anderson, SG
- First constitution and by-laws adopted, includes the creation of a Continuation Committee for the Middle Atlantic Region composed of 4 faculty, 4 students, and a non-voting member of the League of Nations Association acting as the Recording Secretary. The constitutional committee included representatives of Haverford, Elmira, Rochester, Wells, Temple, and Barnard.
- $35 registration fee, $3 delegate or faculty adviser fee

April 12-14 1934 (#8)
Bucknell University
Lewisburg, Pennsylvania
Model Assembly of the League of Nations, Middle Atlantic Division
160-225 Students
24-30 Colleges and Universities

Continuation Committee 1933-34
Prof. Gates, Chair
Student from Union College
Student from Wells
Professor John S. Herndon, Jr.
Dr. Amy M. Silver
Student from Lehigh (ex-officio)
Faculty Member from Lehigh (ex-officio)
Student from Bucknell (ex-officio)

1934 Conference
Mary Wilma Massey, SG

April 11-13, 1935 (#9)
New York University
Washington Square
New York City, New York
Model Assembly of the League of Nations, Middle Atlantic States Division
138-140 Students
29 Faculty
23 Colleges and Universities

Continuation Committee 1934-35
Dr. Clyde Eagleton, Chair
Vassar Representative

March 5-7, 1936 (#10)
Vassar University
Poughkeepsie, New York
Model Assembly of the League of Nations, Middle Atlantic Division
200-240 Students
22 Faculty Advisers
29 Colleges and Universities

1936 Conference
Mary Clabaugh, SG

April 22-24, 1937 (#11)
Cornell University
Ithaca, New York
Model Assembly of the League of Nations, Middle Atlantic Division
155-265 Students
39 Colleges and Universities

Continuation Committee 1936-37
Dr. Hugh Moran, Chair
Prof. Eloise Ellery
Prof. J. Roland Pennock
Prof. A.G. Ronhoode
Harvey Wellman
Mary Claybaugh
Justin O'Donnell
Holley Redington
Mrs. Harrison Thomas, League of Nations Assoc. Representative

1937 Conference
Harvey Wellman, SG

April 7-9, 1938 (#12)
Rutgers University
New Brunswick, New Jersey
Model Assembly of the League of Nations, Middle Atlantic Division
200 Students
31-33 Colleges and Universities in New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania

Continuation Committee 1937-38
Dallas M. Coors, Member-at-Large
Kathryn Smul

1938 Conference
Richard P. (C.) McCormick, SG

April 13-15, 1939
Bucknell University
Lewisburg, Pennsylvania
Model League of Nations, Middle Atlantic States
Topic: Re-examination of the Basic Character of the League of Nations
200+ Students
27 Colleges and Universities

Continuation Committee 1938-39
Dallas M. Coors, Member-at-Large

1939 Conference
Lewis Coren, SG

March 28-30, 1940 (#14)
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Geneva, New York
Model Assembly of the League of Nations, Middle Atlantic Division
Topic: Preparatory World Peace Conference
35 Colleges and Universities

Continuation Committee 1939-40

March 28-29, 1941 (#15)
Lehigh University
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
Model League of Nations/Model League Assembly, Middle Atlantic States
200 Students
26 Colleges and Universities

1941 Conference
Richard Anderson Ware, SG
John F. Hamblin, DSG

March 29-31, 1942 (#16)
Bryn Mawr College
Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania
Model Assembly of the League of Nations

20+ Colleges and Universities

March 18-20, 1943 (#17)
Hamilton College
Clinton, New York
Model United Nations Conference/
Successor to Model Assembly of
the League of Nations Middle
Atlantic Division
Topic: The United Nations and the
Organization of Peace/The
Establishment of a Just and Stable
World Order

125+ Students
28 Colleges and Universities

• “The first group of people ever
to get together under the aegis
of that phrase, United Nations”
President Cowley of Hamilton
College. New York Times,
March 20, 1943, p. 12

March 30-April 1, 1944 (#18)
Bryn Mawr College
Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania
Intercollegiate Model United
Nations Conference/ Successor to
Model Assembly of the League of
Nations Middle Atlantic Division
Topic: Model Peace and Post-War
Planning

27-28 Colleges and Universities

Continuation Committee
Prof. Dr. Helen Dwight Reid, Chair

1944 Conference
Lydia Gifford, SG
Ann Heyniger, DSG

• Took the form of a Conference
of United Nations, schools

15 Volunteer Staff

• $35 registration fee

March 30-April 1, 1949 (#22)
Rutgers University
New Brunswick, New Jersey
Model UN General Assembly, Mid-Atlantic

200-250 Students
50-54 Colleges

1949 Conference
Raymond Betts, SG

April 10-12, 1950 (#23)
City College of New York
Army Hall
New York City, New York
Model United Nations General
Assembly, Middle Atlantic Region

200+ Students
46-59 Colleges and Universities

Continuation Committee
Professor William L. Taylor
Jackie O’Brien

1950 Conference
Sanford Socolow, SG
Albert Schnall, Executive
Secretary

Four committees:
1. Economic and Financial
2. Political and Security
3. Social and Humanitarian
4. Machinery

• The female delegates were the
first to ever legally enter the
Army Hall 2nd floor men’s
dormitory rooms.
• Final Session held at UN
Headquarters in Lake
Success, New York.

March 29-31, 1951
Beaver College
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania
Model United Nations General
Assembly

44 Colleges and Universities
April 7-9, 1952 (#25)

Barnard College
New York City, New York
Model United Nations General Assembly, Middle Atlantic Region

300+ Students and Faculty
55 Colleges and Universities from New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Maryland; bringing students from 23 states

Continuation Committee 1951-52
Frank Duffy, Colgate University
Dr. Robert Elder, Colgate University
William Henderson, Conference Adviser, Barnard College
Dean Ruth Loving Higgins, Beaver College
Professor Albert Martin, University of Pittsburgh
Hans Randolph Reinisch, Queens College
Betty Funfschilling, Beaver College
Dorothy B. Robins, College Program Adviser, AAUN

1952 Conference
Ruth Schachter, SG
Joan Afferica, Assistant SG
(Barnard Secretariat)

Four committees:
1. Political and Security
2. Economic and Social
3. Trusteeship and Non-Governing Areas
4. Ad Hoc

- Held final session at the new UN Headquarters on 42nd St. in New York. The first of its kind to use the new building for such a purpose.
- Letters, from UN SG Trygve Lie and Eleanor Roosevelt printed in the conference program.
- $35 registration fee, $8 delegate and faculty fee
- Continuation Committee is made up of 2 students and 2 faculty, both elected at the conference; plus the SG and faculty adviser from the host college from the past and coming years, and the College Program Adviser of the American Association for the United Nations
- “Oscar A. DeLima, Executive Vice-President of the American Association for the United Nations, noted that the Middle Atlantic Model United Nations is the parent of all other Model Assemblies.” Model United Nations General Assembly 25th Session (the 1952 25th Anniversary Conference Program), p. 7.

April 1-3 1953 (#26)

Cornell University
Ithaca, New York
United Nations Model General Assembly, Mid-Atlantic

350 Students
62 Colleges

Continuation Committee 1952-53
Peter Koner, Columbia
Jack Schramm, Colgate
Dr. Donald Bishop, Syracuse
Professor Paul Kromer, Seton Hill
William Henderson, Barnard College
Joan Afferica, Barnard College
Faculty Member from Cornell University
Graham Scheinman, Cornell University

1953 Conference
Graham Scheinman, SG

April 9-11, 1954

Alfred University
Alfred, New York
Middle Atlantic UN Model General Assembly

April 1-3, 1955

University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Middle Atlantic Model United Nations General Assembly

55 Colleges

Continuation Committee

Mar. 28-30, 1956

State Teachers College
Indiana, Pennsylvania
Middle Atlantic Model United Nations General Assembly

400 Students
50-60 Colleges

1956 Conference
James Rudisill, SG

Four committees:
1. Political and Security
2. Economic and Social
3. Trusteeship and Non-Governing Territories
4. Ad Hoc

- Eleanor Roosevelt serves as the keynote speaker at the final session. The topic of her speech: The Responsibility of the U.S. Citizen at Home and in the U.N.
- A delegation consists of a faculty adviser and one representative to each of the four committees.

April 5-7, 1957 (#30)

Princeton University
Princeton, New Jersey
Model United Nations General Assembly, Mid-Atlantic States

General Theme: Nationalism in the World Today

600 Students
79 Colleges and Universities

1959 Conference
James W. Beckman, SG

Mar. 28-30, 1958 (#31)

Wilkes College
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania
Mid-Atlantic Model United Nations General Assembly (MGA)

Theme: Strengthening the United Nations

415-500 Students
50 Colleges and Universities from Middle Atlantic States

Continuation Committee
April 17-19, 1959
Wilkes College
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania
Mid-Atlantic Model United Nations General Assembly

April 8-10, 1960 (#33)

Albany State Teachers
College/State University College of Education
Albany, New York
Mid-Atlantic Model United Nations General Assembly

1960 Conference
Helen Humphrey, SG

Mar. 24-26, 1961

Commodore Hotel
New York City, New York
Mid-Atlantic Model General Assembly of the United Nations

550 Students
53-63 Colleges and Universities from Northeastern United States

• UN Headquarters were used.
• Eleanor Roosevelt serves as the keynote speaker at the opening session. The topic of her speech was the responsibility of the U.S. and the U.N. in current crises.

March 23-25, 1962 (#35)

Commodore Hotel
New York City, New York
Middle Atlantic Model (UN) General Assembly

800-1,000 Students and Faculty
90+ Colleges and Universities
Sponsored by college students

February 21-24, 1963

Georgetown University
Washington, D.C.
Mid-Atlantic Model General Assembly

Colleges and Universities from the East

Sponsored by the DC area colleges: Georgetown, American University, George Washington University, Catholic University, Dunbarton, Trinity, Howard University, Marymount, and Mount Vernon

1963 Conference
Brock Huffman, President
Peter Hurtgen, SG
(Georgetown Secretariat)

National Model (UN) General Assembly (NMGA)

March 5-8, 1964 (#37)

Commodore Hotel
New York City, New York
National Model General Assembly

March 4-7, 1965 (#38)

Commodore Hotel
New York City, New York
National Model General Assembly (NMGA)

803 Students
100+ Colleges and Universities from throughout the U.S.

Continuation Committee

Randolph Scott

NY 1965 Conference
Daniel J. Boggs, President
(Harvard Secretariat)

March 10-13, 1966 (#39)

Statler Hilton Hotel
New York City, New York
National Model General Assembly (NMGA)

900+ Students
105 Colleges and Universities

Continuations Committee
Joseph Hadley

NY 1966 Conference
(Yale Secretariat)

March 9-12, 1967 (#40)

Statler Hilton Hotel
New York City, New York
National Model U.N. General Assembly

100+ Colleges and Universities
1600 Students

Continuations Committee
Dr. Walter S. Schoenberger

NY 1967 Conference
(Harvard Secretariat)

• Last conference with Collegiate Council for the United Nations (CCUN) sponsorship.

National Model United Nations (NMUN)

February 15-18, 1968 (#41)

Statler Hilton Hotel
New York City, New York

1,600+ Students and Faculty
200+ Colleges and Universities

Continuations Committee
A. Brian Davenport, President, resigned Dec. 9, 1967 to become Executive Director
John W. Graeter, President
J. Frank C. Post
Mrs. Janet C. Russell
Dr. Walter A. Schoenberger
Steven Spinn
Andrew N. Vorkink

NY 1968 Conference
A. Brian Davenport, Exec. Dir.
John H. McGucken, SG
(Harvard Secretariat)

- Decided to stop partnering with a specific host school.
- Executive Director position is created.
- First year of permanent ECOSOC (there are several references to the Economic and Social committee being run prior to this, maybe 'permanent' is the key?)
- NCNA incorporation papers signed on April 30, 1968.

April 9-13, 1969 (first after Inc.)

Statler Hilton Hotel
New York City, New York

1200 students

Board Members
Andrew N. Vorkink, President
David Rolff, Vice President
Stephen Harhai
Joseph Saba

NY 1969 Conference
Daniel P. Levin, SG

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