



STAND IN SOLIDARITY:

THE GOVERNING COMMITTEE OF THE 1980 POLISH SOLIDARITY (SOLIDARNOŚĆ) MOVEMENT

“A specter is haunting Eastern Europe: the specter of what in the West is called dissent.”

-Vaclav Havel, 1978

Inspiring. Revolutionary. Rebellious, Destructive.

All words used to describe the vision and legacy of Lech Walesa, a charismatic labor-union activist who became the leader of the Solidarity Movement in a time when the influence and power of the Soviet Union was inexorable and seemingly unstoppable. When Solidarity was founded in August 1980, Walesa carries the hopes of the workers of Poland and the entire free world on his shoulders, all of whom hope he will be the one to break through communist control in Poland and the Iron Curtain as a whole.

That’s where you come in. As his trusted committee leaders, you have the duty and responsibility of guiding Chairman Walesa through Soviet oppression, political infighting, and Cold War intrigue. Solidarity has captured the attention of the world, but will it be able to survive? Only you have the power to determine Solidarity’s fate.

BACKGROUND GUIDE



EMILY HARWELL

CHAIR

Emily Harwell is a fourth year public policy major and a minor in human rights. At ChoMUN XX, she was an assistant chair for the Culper Ring. She is also on the executive committee for MUNUC, UChicago’s high school conference, where she is the Under Secretary General for ECOSOC. Outside of MUN, Emily is involved in Greek life, serves on student government and works at the Office of Civic Engagement. In her spare time, you can find her working in campus coffee shops and perfecting her cooking skills.



MARLIESE DALTON

CRISIS DIRECTOR

Marliese Dalton is a third year in the College studying History and Political Science. A native of Nashville, Tennessee, Marliese is a fan of any and all country music and spends her time wishing more people would wear cowboy boots in Chicago. This is her third time running a committee after serving as a Chair for Nixon’s Cabinet at ChoMUN XX and Chair for UNESCO at MUNUC XXIX, the University of Chicago’s high school conference. In addition she serves as the Under Secretary General for the General Assembly in MUNUC. Beyond the excessive number of Model UN meetings she attends, Marliese is a member of excom for Kappa Alpha Theta and has nearly perfected the art of walking backwards as a campus tour guide.

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