



ABOUT CONFERENCE PAST COMMITTEES DELEGATES REGISTRATION PARTNERSHIP

## "I'M NOT INTO POLITICS, I'M INTO SURVIVAL": ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, GOVERNATOR OF CALIFORNIA 2003

From recall to recession, Arnold Schwarzenegger overhauled and transformed the political and social landscape of California that was constantly threatened by the turmoil of the early 21st century. Beginning during the politically-charged recall of Democratic Governor Gray Davis (the first recall in Californian history), the governorship that followed broke convention with unprecedented speed and strength. Traversing the committee's turbulent six-year span, delegates will take on iconic roles as Schwarzenegger's political allies and enemies from across the Golden State—from key legislators to politically-active movie stars—to tackle the most pressing issues of our century. With climate change, gun control, and drug legalization at stake, Schwarzenegger and the delegates will be forced to reckon with the liberal evolution of a reactionary in a globalizing world. Nevertheless, California was completely changed by an Austrian immigrant, movie star, and former reactionary, who continuously toppled political expectations. With his enormous shifts in political ideology, Arnold Schwarzenegger and his governorship will keep delegates guessing and their biceps growing during one of the most ripped committees ever to flex on the circuit.

### BACKGROUND GUIDE

#### JOSH SULKIN

##### CHAIR

Though his dream is to be chilling with a piña colada (but not in the rain, mind you) on a Californian beach, Josh knows that chairing a committee about Arnold Schwarzenegger will probably be the closest he ever gets - at least in MUN. As a Political Science and French double major from Saint Louis, Josh would like to note that everything except for baseball is far better in Chicago than his hometown, so it should not be hard to discern that he is absolutely ecstatic about chairing an incredible committee at ChoMUN. Last year, he was supposed to be an Assistant Chair for "Boy Meets Brazil: The Counselors of Dom Pedro II, 1840" (which is a committee this year, by the way!); nevertheless, he cannot wait to actually experience ChoMUN for real! Apart from MUN, Josh is a baritone in UChicago's Motet Choir, loves learning French and Spanish, and enjoys reading pretty much anything written by Toni Morrison. As far as gym experience goes, Josh firmly believes that treadmills will get you nowhere. If you'd like to change his mind or write an op-ed, he may respond to requests for comment at [josh23@uchicago.edu](mailto:josh23@uchicago.edu).

#### THERON BOERNER

##### CRISIS DIRECTOR

Theron is a fourth-year majoring in computer science and mathematics. Theron was proudly made and manufactured in Austin, TX, where there is rarely flooding. Last year, Theron dutifully served as Experienced Assistant Chair on *The Midnight Nightingale: Bahadur Shah and the Last Days of the Mughal Empire, 1857*. In the free time that Theron does not have, he makes short and long films, practices the keyboard (qwerty), enjoys all that nature has to offer, focusing in particular on flora, fauna, and foraging. If at first you don't succeed, email Theron at [theron@uchicago.edu](mailto:theron@uchicago.edu).

#### MICAH WILCOX

##### CRISIS DIRECTOR

Micah Wilcox is a second-year majoring in Economics with a specialization in Data Science. Born in Ventura, California, Micah has adapted surprisingly well to the cold weather environment. In addition to participating in Model United Nations, Micah enjoys broomball, *Humans versus Zombies*, and journeying around Chicago in search of gluten-free food. He will show you the best donuts in Chicago. He is interested in studying economic inequality, and he hopes to learn to reduce inequality through public policy. You can find him hanging out with friends around campus or making a bubble tea run.

#### SECRETARIAT OVERSIGHT:

OMAR BATTISHA, UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL