



Council of State Representatives Committee Application

About UVSA Midwest

The Union of Vietnamese Student Associations of the Midwest, a non-profit, non-partisan, community-based organization, was founded in 2007 as a means for Vietnamese youth organizations from across Midwest United States to network with one another, share common resources, and collaborate on philanthropy projects. The UVSA Midwest shall be an independent organization and shall not be governed or controlled by any other organization. UVSA Midwest is committed to empowering emerging youth leaders within the Vietnamese community in the Midwest United States. Also it shall maintain and promote the Vietnamese culture. The UVSA Midwest staff is composed of college and graduated students.

Servicing the Vietnamese American community in Midwest United States, UVSA Midwest works as an umbrella organization and collaborates with individual student associations and other related Vietnamese community related organization to conduct events and projects. To these ends, we organize conferences and retreats focused on leadership, cultural identity, social and community issues in addition to a collective philanthropy project that involves the participation of all member groups.

About the Council of State Representatives

The Council of States Representatives consists of one representative from each of the eight states that are a part of UVSA Midwest. The current eight states in the Midwest Region of United States are as follows:

- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kentucky
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Ohio
- Wisconsin

Outlying states may join UVSA Midwest if they are interested and will follow the same procedures for selection of their State Representative.



General Duties of CoSR

- Attend and participate on all bi-weekly CoSR conference calls with the UVSA Midwest E-Board and Board of Advisors.
- Facilitate calls with the members within their states at least once a month on general UVSA business and individual school events.
- Attend at least one event at each member school per month.
- Be an active voice and influence in the organization and community in their states and in the region of Midwest.
- Participate on at least one (maximum of two) goal committees – Strategic Planning, Public Relations, and Collective Philanthropy Project.
- Actively participate as staff on the UVSA Midwest events (Summer Extravaganza Camp, Leadership Retreat, Vietnamese Interacting as One Conference, etc.) Attendance to these events will be mandatory.
- Attend the Council of State Representatives' Retreat.

Members of the CoSR will be responsible for:

- Planning inter-state activities and events, providing its organization's members the opportunity to network with members of other organizations, and ensuring the individual's organizations are informed of and involved with UVSA Midwest activities and events.
- Assessing, monitoring and aiding the needs of the Vietnamese interest organizations within UVSA Midwest.
- Disseminating information from UVSA Midwest Executive Board to member organizations within each state.

Election Process

Members of the CoSR are elected during the general meeting during the VIA-1 annual conference, at years that are staggered from the election of the Executive Board. Nominations will be accepted throughout the entire conference weekend. Nominations will have to be seconded by a President or Vice President of a VSA of the nominee's respective state. Nominations must also be accepted by the nominee. Those that wish to run but cannot attend the conference may submit a four minute video with their personal statements.

Nominees will be given three minutes to make their personal statements to the constituents of their states and five minutes for questions from general members. This process will be facilitated by the members of UVSA Midwest E-board and Board of Advisors.

Every conference attendee will have one vote for their region. One vote per person and majority wins. For states that do not have representatives present, the Executive Board will appoint a new Representative or re-elect the existing Representative.