

10MUNC 2026

The United States' 250th Anniversary:

THE BRIGHTEST MINDS OF AMERICAN HISTORY

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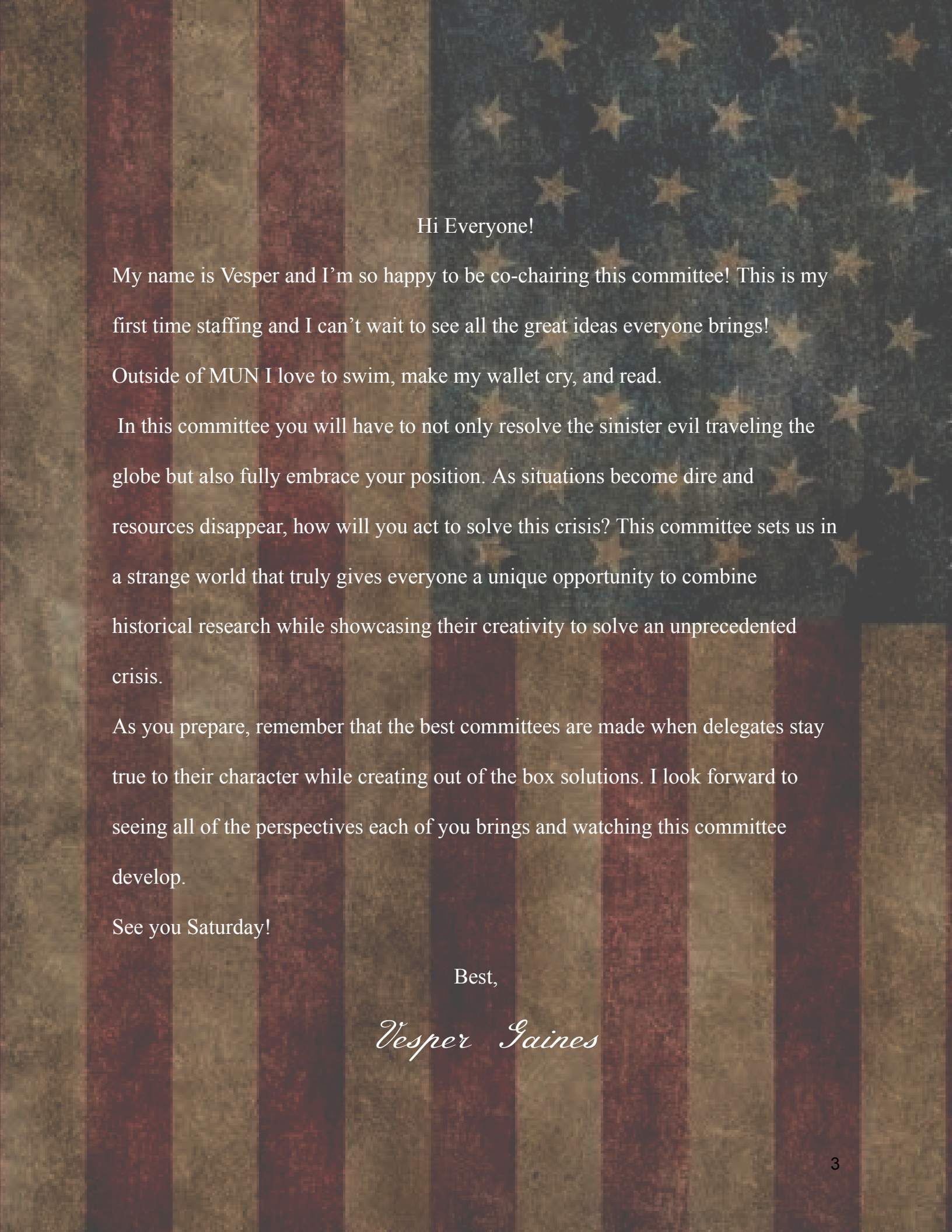
Aloha delegates!

Hi! My name is Maya and I am thrilled to be chairing this awesome committee for 'IoMUNC 2026. In my free time, I enjoy being with my friends, going to the beach, and hiking. I also love MUN! I believe this committee allows for the perfect blend of historical knowledge and creative freedom—a place where some of our nation's most intelligent and impactful figures will come together to save humanity, fittingly, on our 250th anniversary of independence. As you do your research, I ask that you try to learn as much as you can about your role, think critically about how you might apply your figure's perspective to this committee scenario, and look into not just what your person did, but who they truly are. In committee, I cannot stress enough the importance of staying on policy—not just for award purposes, but to provide the room with truly varied perspectives. If you are having any trouble or have any questions, feel free to email me at

mmg2701@iolani.org. See you on Saturday!

Best regards,

Maya Gonsowski

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Hi Everyone!

My name is Vesper and I'm so happy to be co-chairing this committee! This is my first time staffing and I can't wait to see all the great ideas everyone brings!

Outside of MUN I love to swim, make my wallet cry, and read.

In this committee you will have to not only resolve the sinister evil traveling the globe but also fully embrace your position. As situations become dire and resources disappear, how will you act to solve this crisis? This committee sets us in a strange world that truly gives everyone a unique opportunity to combine historical research while showcasing their creativity to solve an unprecedented crisis.

As you prepare, remember that the best committees are made when delegates stay true to their character while creating out of the box solutions. I look forward to seeing all of the perspectives each of you brings and watching this committee develop.

See you Saturday!

Best,

Vesper Gaines

Conference Schedule

8:00-8:20 AM	Check in @ Arrillaga Student Center
8:25-8:55 AM	Opening Ceremony
9:00-10:45 AM	Committee Session I
10:45-11:00 AM	Break
11:00 AM-12:15 PM	Committee Session II
12:15-1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00-2:00 PM	Committee Session III
2:10-2:30 PM	Closing Ceremony

More information can be found on the 'IoMUNC website!

Position Paper Policy

Delegates must write one position paper that details their position on the topic and address current and relevant issues. This is your reminder to always stay on policy!

**Note: the usage of generative artificial intelligence is not recommended for writing your position paper. While we understand the temptation, please know that your integrity, creativity, and critical thinking is more valuable than convenience.*

Papers should be formatted as follows:

- **Length:** 1 page maximum
- **Page Size:** 8.5in x 11 (Letter)
- **Font:** Times New Roman, Size 11-12
- **Line spacing:** 1.5-2.0
- **Works Cited:** (on separate page) at the end - **Chicago/MLA Citation Style**
 - Footnotes or in-text citations are recommended but not required—please use credible sources!
- **Title:** CommitteeName_DelegatePosition_DelegateFirstNameLastName.pdf

Papers are to be sent to the chair mmg2701@iolani.org no later than **August 25th at 11:59 pm** to be eligible for the Best Research Award. Papers must be submitted by **August 28th at 11:59 pm** to be considered for any other awards.

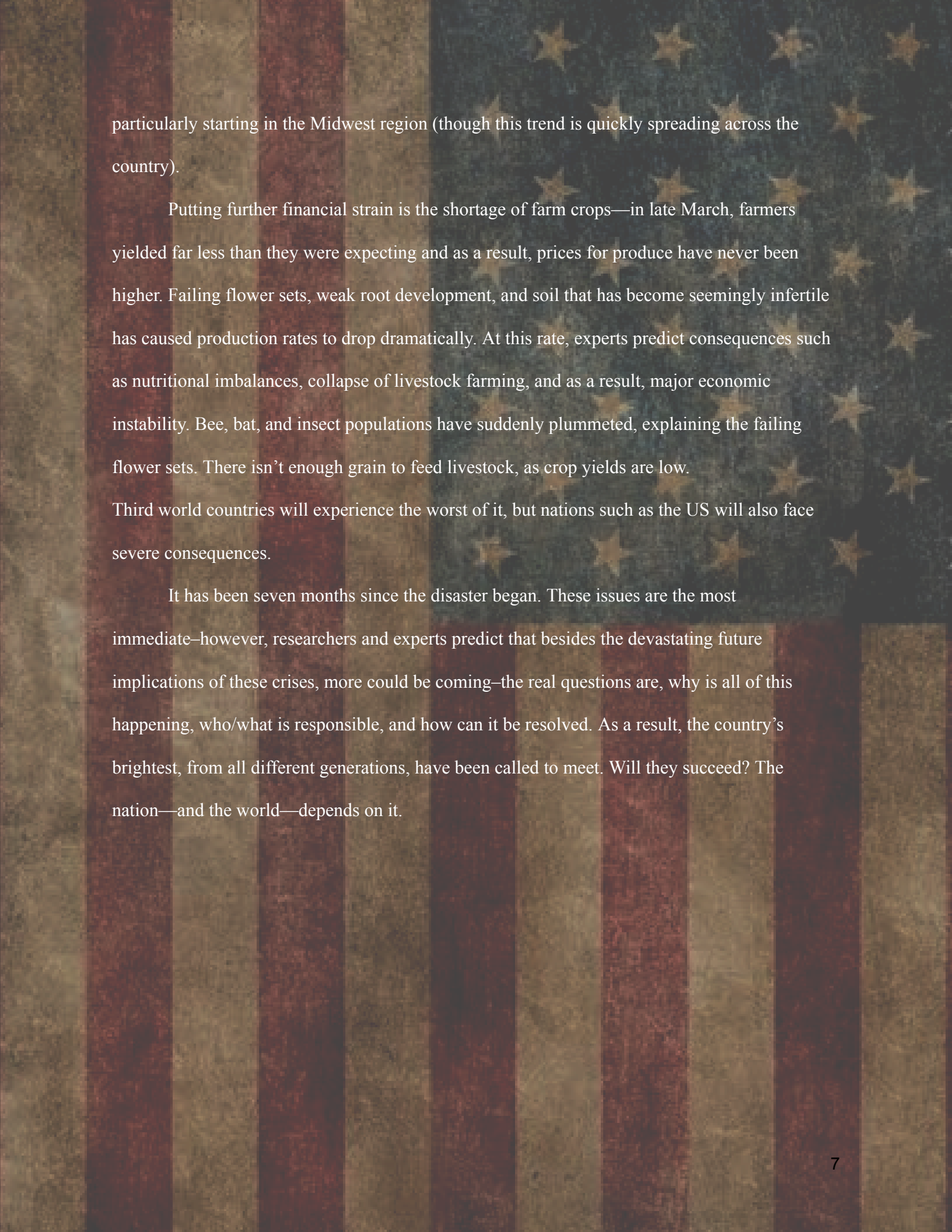
Tech Policy

Technology and any devices will NOT be allowed during committee. Do your research, and print and/or handwrite notes if you want. Notepads and post-it notes will be provided, but we encourage you to bring your own writing utensils.

Topic Background & Context

It is the year 2026—in an alternate universe. Across the globe, a sinister evil has begun to spread. It began in January this year, when a massive wave of young people went missing—nation after nation, state after state, scientists have observed that persons aged 14-24 have been disappearing in unprecedented numbers, with over 15,000 missing victims per day. Where they have gone and who is responsible remains a mystery, even as Interpol and United Nations Task Force investigations have continued for months—to no avail. Parents have begun to keep their kids inside for fear of their child being next, and school absences have skyrocketed. Universities aren't sure whether to stay open or shut down indefinitely.

With the Strait of Hormuz (a *major* global shipping route) still disrupted due to conflict in Iran and proxy wars happening all over the Middle Eastern region, the production and distribution of crude oil is already in decline—but unexpected equipment failures at major refineries across the world in mid-March (including many in the United States) have halted production to an even greater degree, leading to an all time low for production and thereby an all time high for gas prices. High gas prices mean inflated travel costs for all trade and transport. In the US, the average price per gallon has risen by over 60%, and the average family is unable to afford a full tank, groceries, other consumer goods, and necessities with the current rates. To put it short, inflation is at an unbearable degree. In the poorest regions of the nation (and many other parts of the world), those under the poverty line have been facing severe hunger and many have been unable to pay utility bills for months. Theft and crime are rampant as desperation grows. Many in the more rural areas have resorted to hunting, but competition for this resource has driven violence and conflict among neighbors, causing a string of homicides and shootings,

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particularly starting in the Midwest region (though this trend is quickly spreading across the country).

Putting further financial strain is the shortage of farm crops—in late March, farmers yielded far less than they were expecting and as a result, prices for produce have never been higher. Failing flower sets, weak root development, and soil that has become seemingly infertile has caused production rates to drop dramatically. At this rate, experts predict consequences such as nutritional imbalances, collapse of livestock farming, and as a result, major economic instability. Bee, bat, and insect populations have suddenly plummeted, explaining the failing flower sets. There isn't enough grain to feed livestock, as crop yields are low. Third world countries will experience the worst of it, but nations such as the US will also face severe consequences.

It has been seven months since the disaster began. These issues are the most immediate—however, researchers and experts predict that besides the devastating future implications of these crises, more could be coming—the real questions are, why is all of this happening, who/what is responsible, and how can it be resolved. As a result, the country's brightest, from all different generations, have been called to meet. Will they succeed? The nation—and the world—depends on it.

Committee Overview and Format

This is an intermediate crisis committee, meaning it will be much like any other crisis committee but may be paced slower than a more advanced committee. Additionally, the number of directives and JPDs will be capped to manage the pace—specific numbers will be introduced at the beginning of committee. In regard to historical accuracy, please note that although we do want you to play into the fictional nature of this committee, it is very important that you stay on policy and only act in accordance with your role. These figures are all well known, so it should not be difficult to identify their skills and how they might respond to the crises. Costumes are allowed and encouraged!

List of Roles

Benjamin Franklin

Thomas Jefferson

Sacagawea

General Dwight D. Eisenhower

Henry Kissinger

Franklin Delano Roosevelt

General Douglas MacArthur

J. Robert Oppenheimer

Henry Ford

Andrew Carnegie

Thomas Edison

George Washington Carver

Norman Borlaug

Ruth Bader Ginsberg

Eleanor Roosevelt

Dorothea Dix

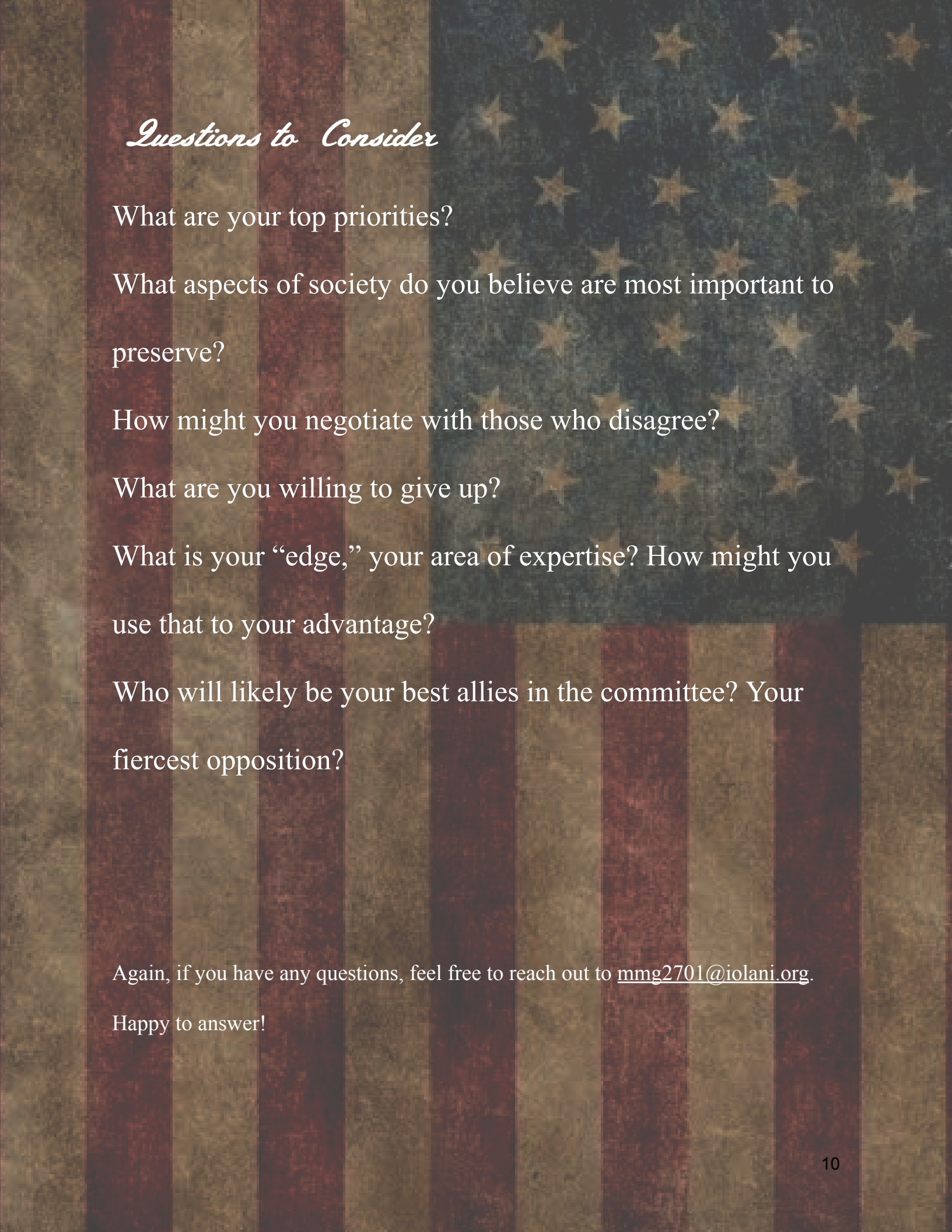
Steve Jobs

Creola Katherine Johnson

Sally Rider

Clara Barton

Martin Luther King Jr.

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Questions to Consider

What are your top priorities?

What aspects of society do you believe are most important to preserve?

How might you negotiate with those who disagree?

What are you willing to give up?

What is your “edge,” your area of expertise? How might you use that to your advantage?

Who will likely be your best allies in the committee? Your fiercest opposition?

Again, if you have any questions, feel free to reach out to mmg2701@iolani.org.

Happy to answer!

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