**COMMITTEE: FICTIONAL 1**

**Topic: American Civil War II**

**Chairs: Anna Shillinglaw & Andy Chai**

**Report of the Chairs**

(Loosely inspired by the DMZ Comics by Brian Wood)

Following the controversial election of President Kanye West in 2024 and a national recession in the United States resembling the recession of the 1990s, geopolitical tensions increase across the country. Divisions between rural and urban areas and the upper and lower classes grow much deeper. Protests break out across the central United States and following aggressive retaliation from the federal government and multiple killings involving the national guard, these protests begin to evolve into more organized militias. A successful revolt occurs in Montana and a new independent government is established. This fuels secessionist groups across the country, and while the East and West coasts are able to maintain order due to their military resources, the Central United States is in turmoil, and rebel forces begin to move in New York City. The rebel forces form the Free States Army. NYC is too large for the Free States Army to take over, but also too big for remaining loyal members of the US Army to defend, resulting in a stalemate. In the chaos, Hawaii is able to establish independence, while Alaska sides with the rebellion and donates resources to their cause. In a last-ditch effort to maintain the Union, the federal government calls a convention with delegates from each state to negotiate a peace treaty.

Strong Union states include California, Connecticut, Colorado, Delaware, Main, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and West Virginia. States controlled by the Free States Army are Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

**Esteemed delegates, we are honored to have the opportunity to moderate a conference on the interesting possibility of a second American Civil War. Delegates should research their individual states and their internal political culture, and also the material and financial resources available to their state. Delegates will have to think creatively in order to best represent how their state may behave under these circumstances.**