



Fall 2014 Nominated Officer Questionnaire

INSTRUCTIONS

Please attach your **current résumé** and **Fall 2014 schedule** (class, work, other extracurricular activities).

This questionnaire is due **no later than THURSDAY, April 24TH at 5:00PM**. Please send this document and all supplemental materials to webmaster.apousc@gmail.com . PDF is preferred.

Election Day: Candidates for President and Pledgemaster will have three minutes to give their speeches. Candidates for all other positions will have two minutes.

You may present one slide per position you run for at the time of your speech. Slides are due by **SUNDAY, April 27st at 11:59AM** to communications.apousc@gmail.com . You will not be allowed to pass out additional materials or papers during your speech.

PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: Katie Jagodka

Year: Sophomore

Major: Communications & Policy, Planning and Development

Pledge Class (Year): Alpha Beta (Spring 2013)

Please mark which elected position(s) you are running for with an X:

- ☐ President
- ☐ Pledgemaster
- ☐ VP of Service
- ☐ VP of Membership
- ☐ VP of Fellowship

- ☐ VP of Finance
- ☐ VP of Communications
- ☐ Fundraising Chair
- ☒ IC Chair

PART II: SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. What is your vision for APO and what are your goals for the position? What new ideas can you bring?

I want APO to be known around campus and even nationally as a top service organization. I want people to remember why they joined such an organization and remember why they choose to spend their time doing community service. I see APO as a club that not only serves our community, but also a group that helps and develops each and every one of our

members. I don't want people to view doing service hours and fellowship events as "requirements", but as steps to a rewarding college experience and potential growth. Each of these events serve a purpose. I'm a firm believer in surrounding yourself with good people. With such amazing and diverse people in APO, I feel as though our members will continue to inspire each other to keep doing bigger and better things.

I want to change the attitude and mindset of the members of our chapter in terms of how we view ICs. I want our members to be excited about going to IC events and meeting new people. I want them to see these events as amazing opportunity to not only learn how other chapters work, but also to connect and bond with people of different pasts and experiences. Similar to how Rho Rho has their talent show and Rho Pi has their dance competition, I hope to figure out an event that is associated with Alpha Kappa chapter. I realize that these large-scale events can be overwhelming, so I also want to put a focus on smaller, more intimate events as well. It is in small groups where I have connected with people to where we still keep in contact. I hope these events can somehow incorporate and show ICs the "USC experience" (like a brunch at Jacks n' Joes). Additionally, I would like to bring back GBM visits and also revamp how GBM visits work with our chapter. I'm currently still thinking of ways to make GBM more interactive for the ICs so they have more fun and want to come back. Similarly, I want to figure out a way pledges can have some time to bond with ICs during the meeting (since they cannot attend the events after GBM). Finally, I want to put an emphasis on attending sectionals, regionals, and other over-night events. These events are wonderful opportunities for us to make a presence as a chapter, as well as a great bonding experience.

2. What are two positive qualities that you lack and how do you compensate for these shortcomings?

I generally lack decisiveness when needing to make important choices. I tend to overanalyze, considering every possible outcome, as well as its effects. This usually makes it extremely hard for me to decide on how one should proceed in various predicaments. While I take a long time to make these decisions though...

I typically lack spontaneity as well. I am a hard-core planner. I make lists and schedules for just about everything and anything - you should see my Google Calendar. Whether it's a to-do list for my daily schedule, a grocery list, or my meals for the week, I do everything I can to plan my life ahead. This is why I generally do not respond well to spontaneous outings in the middle of the week. Similarly, I realize I tend to follow things rule by rule. I realize that in leadership positions I typically duplicate whatever works. I know that I am a creative person, so I'm working on applying it in my leadership roles as well. I am starting to be less hard on myself so that I am more willing to take risks that have the potential for unique and innovate changes.

3. What relevant experience, if any, have you had working in committees or other organizations for the position(s) you are running for? Please be specific.

As the Alumni Liaison this semester, I not only planned events catered to the current members of our chapter, but also for APO alumni. I tried to accommodate the needs of both parties. This is in direct correlation with the roles of the IC Chair. I have gained a general sense of what works and doesn't work with events, especially with the experience of planning Casino Night. I have also experienced the struggles of trying to get people outside of our chapter involved in our events.

4. What other time commitments will you have next semester (i.e. other student organizations, work, research, etc.)? How do you plan to balance APO executive board duties with those commitments?

Next Fall, I will continue to work at the IRC and PKS apartments customer service center. The hours for this position are extremely flexible and consists of a very light workload. Other than the occasional time conflict, work will not hinder my ability to perform to my fullest.

5. Why are you the best candidate for this position?

I am the best candidate for this position because of my leadership experience with APO and my experience with IC events. In the span of 3 APO semesters, I have attended around 30 IC events. Through this, I have not only met and connected with lots of brothers, but I have also observed what works and doesn't work in regards to the event planning. I love meeting ICs and I hope I can bring this mindset to the brothers in our chapter as well. As a bonus, I will have a car next semester, which will be super helpful with planning further events (especially with our current driving problem).

Don't forget to attach your résumé and schedule.

Thank you for taking the time to complete the Elected Board Questionnaire. Please be sure to send in your election slide(s) no later than Sunday, April 27th at 11:59AM. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact president.apousc@gmail.com.

Good luck! ☺