



Spring 2015 Nominated Officer Questionnaire

INSTRUCTIONS

Please attach your **current résumé** and **Spring 2015 schedule** (class, work, other extracurricular activities).

This questionnaire is due **no later than FRIDAY, November 28th at 11:59PM**. Please send this document and all supplemental materials to webmaster.apousc@gmail.com . PDF is preferred.

You may present one slide per position you run for at the time of your speech. Slides are due by **SATURDAY, November 29th 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: Pamela Yan
Year: Junior
Major: English/Creative Writing and Biology
Pledge Class (Year): Alpha Alpha

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> President | <input type="checkbox"/> VP of Finance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pledgemaster | <input type="checkbox"/> VP of Communications |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VP of Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising Chair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VP of Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> IC Chair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VP of Fellowship | |

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?

What I want for APO is a connection to service. I want to bring back service for service's sake. Too many people go bad standing or just struggle to the finish line with service hours. It really isn't hard to stay committed if people see the meaning in what they do.

How I plan to accomplish this is to make service more fun and highlight the value of being a good provider of service. I want to increase service recognition by having multiple brothers recognized as Service-ers of the Week, with an extra half hour of service rewarded to them. These would be recognized by nomination via a mandatory post-service nomination and feedback form (similar to the rush style surveys) which would also allow me to review any problems or benefits of that particular service event as well as recognizing extraordinary brothers. I also want to recognize people who attain service requirements first or reach 40, 50, 60 hours of service, etc in my GBM slides. Hopefully this will be a tangible way to get the active body thinking more about service and what it means to be selfless and generous in our free time by giving it to the community.

I want to provide social service. Part of the reason we joined this service *fraternity* is for the friendship we have while giving back. It is a lot more fun to provide for the community when you have your very own community all working together as a team to serve. Being social while going to events is part of the fun of Alpha Phi Omega, so I want to have service mixers with other organizations and continue service invite.

I want to have a diversity of service. This means maintaining long-standing service relationships with IMPACTO, Jordan downs, etc. but also finding new types of service, be it environmental, artistic, music, etc. that APO has not done a lot with in the past. It could be fun to say do a musical service event at a senior center with RTHM, a campus organization. This is one example of diversifying APO service.

I want to have a quality of service. This includes making service times more accurate by allowing people to show up to events closer to the start time of the event rather than at the beginning of the event in the mornings. It's kind of bothersome when you have to wake up at ungodly hours for events and then when you get to site you're actually there for an hour waiting around for it to start.

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

I am not the best with technology. Having served for a semester on Aboard, I believe that I have familiarized myself enough with the APO website enough to work out my shortcomings with updating the master doc and creating events and such.

I lack the ability to stay up late. I know that doesn't really sound like that serious of a shortcoming but in college I feel it has been much to my detriment in academic and social life. For example, when working on a group project or

hanging out late at night, I'm usually not very functional. If Eboard has to be up late to work on something together or helping out at a late-night event, I think I would have to compensate with a lot of coffee.

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.

I am the best candidate for this position because I have had experience not only participating in service events but planning service events. Acting as VP of Service constitutes a lot of communication and organization.

I am the local involvement coordinator for Medlife, a service organization that provides mobile medical care to those in need. My responsibilities include planning local philanthropy for Medlife members to participate in. Essentially, what I have worked on for Medlife is parallel to the VP of Service's duties, but in a less frequent capacity.

At the same time, I work in the USC Volunteer Center as an Alternative Breaks coordinator. Part of my job as a coordinator is to plan a week of service in Washington State. Another part is to help lead Friends and Neighbors Days, another program run by the Volunteer Center.

The VP of Service represents APO within the field of its main focus, community service. I believe my experience with Dornsife Ambassadors has given me enough experience with communication and liaisons in order to successfully represent our organization in the best possible light to our community partners. As a Dornsife ambassador, I get to talk to hundreds of potential USC students and their parents. I have spoken on admissions panels, so if I were to be faced with tough questions or a large audience, I would not be phased. Dealing with and connecting to all of these people on a personal level to try to convince them to commit to USC has made me a more eloquent and effective speaker. Another skill I have practiced as an ambassador is event planning, as I have had to organize panel events and socials for incoming students.

In high school, I was a Habitat for Humanity Beijing chapter board member for three years. I planned both local and outside service trips for our chapter's members, including trash clean up in the villages around my school, overnight sleepouts to raise awareness for shelterless populations, and builds in rural China. The position also entailed helping to organize events including overnight retreats, fundraisers upwards of 15,000 dollars, and galas for hundreds of guests.

In high school, I sat on the school board as a Student Advisor. Connecting what are essentially two different bodies of people. Talking to those who were much older and who had much more experience also taught me valuable lessons in communication and building relationships, especially outside of the collegiate student community.

I served as the Global Projects Chair for the USC Global Health Club. I planned out an international brigade to work on health and sanitation in Guangzhou, China.

In addition to my most recent involvement in the USC Volunteer Center and Medlife, I believe that the variety of volunteer work I have done outside of APO (see attached resume) has not only given me a depth but a breadth of perspective on community service, which will facilitate bringing diversity to our service 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?

This semester I had a difficult course load and I estimate that next year's will be lighter, since I am only taking 14 units. I work in the Volunteer Center anywhere from 6-10 hours a week, on Trojan Health Volunteers 5 hours a week, and Medlife and Dornsife Ambassadors take 2-3 hours each a week. To be honest, I have a lot of commitments next semester, but that is no different from this semester when I balanced many commitments with my position as Alumni Liaison. I think a lot of what I learned from this semester serving on Aboard is time management.

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

I think I have been around long enough to see a wide variety of service events executed so I can bring a lot of diversity to the table with service events. Other than being experienced in APO as a member of the Alpha Alpha pledge class and active every semester since, I am the best candidate because of my experience planning service events. Like I detailed in previous questions, I am very qualified with my experience in organization and execution of service events. I am dedicated to serving others in need, just like all of you are dedicated, and I am the best candidate to facilitate the helping of others through a diversity of organized and effective events.

Service events oftentimes happen very early in the day. I am great at waking up early and usually don't use alarms! So just one alarm is super effective. I am a morning person so being at early service events to set up or anything is not a problem for me at all.

Don't forget to attach your résumé and schedule.