



## Fall 2014 Nominated Officer Questionnaire

### INSTRUCTIONS

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

This questionnaire is due **no later than THURSDAY, April 24<sup>TH</sup> at 5:00PM**. Please send this document and all supplemental materials to [webmaster.apousc@gmail.com](mailto: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 27<sup>st</sup> at 11:59AM** to [communications.apousc@gmail.com](mailto:communications.apousc@gmail.com) . You will not be allowed to pass out additional materials or papers during your speech.

### PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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Name: Rachel Tang  
Year: 2017  
Major: Accounting  
Pledge Class (Year): Alpha Gamma (Fall 2013)

**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 type="checkbox"/> VP of Service    | <input checked="" 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

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

When I first heard about APO, I didn't think too thoroughly about what the organization stood for. But now that I've experienced pledging and my first active semester, I've realized that it is truly a premier service fraternity based around the ideas of leadership, friendship, and service, and I hope that others outside APO can see those principles reflected in its members. My vision is

for APO to maintain this type of reputation and to expand positively in every direction. As fundraising chair, I hope to bring members a sense that fundraising isn't just about spending money and getting those 2 points that we need to complete requirements. Fundraising should involve spending time and making memories with our fellow brothers. Events such as Casino Night and Souplantation really encourage members to come out, fundraise, but at the same time have fun. I would also like to keep members clearly informed on where their fundraising money goes, because maybe some don't know and others just haven't had the thought cross their minds. Letting members know all the details may entice them to come out to more fundraising events if they feel that the money is going towards the right cause.

The fundraising chair position really allows for a wide range of possibilities, depending on the chapter's interest. I could find more food opportunities or coordinate events that involve members, the options are endless. A few possible ideas that I do have in mind include:

- a water balloon version of APieO since the weather's pretty warm in the fall semester
- a "date" auction where members can volunteer themselves
- a yard sale or online sale with unwanted/donated items from members
- Thanksgiving grams to send to whoever you're thankful for

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

One quality I would say I lack is decisiveness. When it comes to making important decisions, I need time to dwell on all the possibilities, everything from both ends of the spectrum. Because of my indecisiveness, I do poorly in situations where a quick decision is required. Although this could be seen as a weakness when there is a short amount of time, it could also be viewed as a strength when there is time for sufficient planning and organizing. I make thoughtful decisions and account for multiple possible outcomes. Additionally, I am deficient in aggressiveness. I will actively seek out opportunities, but when the time comes to act upon them, I get scared and don't, in fear of rejection. However, I believe I make up for my lack of aggressiveness by my willingness to work hard to prove to myself and to others that I am able to accomplish what I have set out to do.

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 have yet to gain experience for fundraising in college since this is my first year, but in high school, I was the Senior Class Council's Treasurer. My role as treasurer included collecting money for events, setting up and running fundraisers, and keeping track of the class budget- skills and experience required for fundraising chair. I was responsible for multiple fundraising events such as selling boba, Panda Express, and In-N-Out on campus, bowling, ice skating, and having fundraising events at various food venues such as Fluff Ice and Shakey's Pizza. I also participated in multiple fundraisers for my church. Every year, the youth group joins the 30 Hour Famine in which we ask our friends and family for donations to help feed the children of a specific country. During the event, we don't eat for 30 hours and instead, continue to fundraise for the cause by holding car washes and selling baked goods.

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 semester, the only commitments I plan to have are school, APO, and a job at Leavey. I believe the best way to handle my time wisely is to have a few commitments, but to put all your effort into maximizing what you can do with each. This semester has definitely taught me how to manage my time while working this new job, and I am positive I can handle more next semester as Fundraising Chair.

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

As one of the newer members of APO, I will be able to add a fresh perspective regarding fundraising. Of course the staple fundraisers such as retreat auction and APieO will still be implemented, but I hope to bring even more fundraising opportunities to the chapter. Although it may seem that I have little experience in APO to be on Eboard, I am quick to learn and can easily adapt to the requirements of this position. I feel that I am approachable and easy to talk to, which is a useful quality for someone in a leadership role; I am always open to suggestions, constructive criticism, and differing opinions. In addition, my fundraising experience in high school could be seen as a stepping stone to becoming a great Fundraising Chair.

***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](mailto:president.apousc@gmail.com).

Good luck! ☺