



## Elected Board Application Fall 2021

### INSTRUCTIONS

Please attach your **current résumé** and **Fall 2021 schedule** with this application (class, work, other extracurricular activities). All executive board members must be able to accommodate executive board meetings (EBMs) and general body meetings (GBMS) in their Monday night schedules unless this is later changed by the **Fall 2021** Executive Board.

Applications are due **no later than Wednesday, April 14th at 11:59 PM PST. NO EXCEPTIONS.** Please send this document with all supplemental materials to President ([president.apousc@gmail.com](mailto:president.apousc@gmail.com)) and cc Sergeant-at-Arms ([sergeantatarms@gmail.com](mailto:sergeantatarms@gmail.com)) and Webmaster ([webmaster.apousc@gmail.com](mailto:webmaster.apousc@gmail.com)).

**Election Day:** Candidates for President and New Member Educator will have 3 minutes to give their speeches. Candidates for all other positions will have 2 minutes.

You may present **1 slide per position** you run for at the time of your speech. If you are running all or nothing for a co position, you may share a speech with your running mate and have **up to 2 slides**. If you are not running all or nothing, you must have a separate speech and slide. Slides are due **no later than Wednesday, April 14th at 11:59 PM PST** to President ([president.apousc@gmail.com](mailto:president.apousc@gmail.com)). No changes to your slide(s) may be made after this date. You will not be allowed to pass out additional materials or papers during your speech.

### PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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**New Member Class (Semester & Year):** Alpha Pi / Spring 2020

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

- ☐ President (1)
- ☐ Pledgemaster AKA New Member Educator (1)
- ☐ Co-VP of Finance (2)
- ☐ Co-VP of Membership (2)
- ☐ Diversity & Inclusion Chair (1)
- ☐ Intechapter Chair (1)
- ☐ VP of Communications (1)
- ☒ VP of Fellowship (1)
- ☐ VP of Service (1)

Name of person you are running with (leave blank if no running partners):

Are you running all or nothing (leave blank if not applicable):

*\* A list of officer descriptions can be found in our [Chapter Bylaws](#) on the APO website.*

## **PART II: SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS**

### **1. Why do you want the position(s) you are running for? Why are you the best candidate for the position(s) you selected?**

In APO, we often stress the importance of LFS in the context of our words and actions. I believe that Fellowship represents one of these key tenets: Friendship. When I first joined APO, I was attracted by the organization's dedication to serving the local community. However, I wanted to become further integrated due to its close-knit members. I've built unique, lifelong friendships here that I have not seen in other organizations. Moreover, I always remember how I look forward to Fellowship events, as they represent a great way to strengthen the friendships within our chapter.

As the current Co-VP of Finance, I gained firsthand experience in working on APO's Executive Committee. Here, I have enjoyed brainstorming, planning, and executing these events, while seeing members attend them. Naturally, I also love seeking input from others around me. When I plan events, I want to keep others' interests in mind. I have also spoken to the past VPs of Fellowship to understand their roles and responsibilities. Knowing the vast differences between an in-person and online semester, I hope to keep an open mind when hosting events or implementing new policies. Overall, I want this long-awaited Fall semester to be fun for everyone, and I will gladly listen to members to achieve this.

## **2. What is your vision for APO and what are your goals for the position(s)?**

Next Fall, many students eagerly anticipate an in-person semester. However, others believe that USC may implement a “soft” transition from virtual to in-person learning, where hybrid measures may be preferred. Keeping this in mind, I hope to maintain the closeness of the organization by facilitating both in-person and online events. Ultimately, I hope that this can benefit our members promote greater flexibility for members.

### **Bring Back the Good Ol’ Days**

In the past, APO held a myriad of Fellowship Events related to food, exercise, movies, sports, etc. With COVID-19 restrictions in place, I hope to bring back many of these events and modify them to a health-conscious format. This includes fun classics, such as Assassins, Karaoke, Tailgates, Movie Nights, Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner with \*insert APO member’s name\*. I also want to revive the APO Compliments Page, since it has been inactive for a while.

### **Increase Collaborations**

While this semester was an exception, past VPs used to host their own events, with few collaborations. Even if we move in-person, I hope to keep collaborating with other E-Board members to host joint events, especially with the VPs of Membership, VP of Service, IC Chair, and Diversity & Inclusion Chair. This will allow for a wider range of events, with greater ease in obtaining certain points. Ultimately, I hope this will continue to promote greater collaboration and transparency in the organization.

### **Maintain Engagement**

Since the start of the pandemic, our chapter has been quick and flexible in adapting to a virtual format. As we move back in-person, I hope to retain the same level of engagement as before, where members will eagerly host series, and attend events to

### **Promote Diversity & Inclusion**

Earlier this semester, we discussed how there have been a few barriers towards diversity in our chapter. A few concerns related to food came up. While our chapter is growing more aware, educated, and empowered, I hope to further this goal through hosting Fellowship events that cater to a diverse member body. Since many of us come from unique backgrounds, members can suggest novel activities, foods, and locations. We can even reach out to other organizations to perhaps join their own social events!

### **3. What new ideas can you bring to the position and organization as a whole? Please provide examples.**

In this uncertain time, I realize that many events are not set in stone, with a strong need for flexibility. While I will flesh out several ideas, I will be open to modifying them as necessary, to comply with LAC DPH's guidelines.

#### **(COVID-19-Friendly) In-Person Events**

As we transition to an in-person semester, we need to be cognizant of the health and safety of our members. Considering that many individuals are getting vaccinated, I hope to bring back in-person Fellowship events. However, these gatherings will have limited spots (max. 5-10 people) to adhere to social distancing guidelines. Below, I will propose a few such events:

- **Monthly E-Board Dinners:** While this was a past Fellowship Event, this is a great chance for E-Board (and A-Board) to bond in the coming semester.
- **Beach Days:** In the past, APO always never missed the chance to go to the beach! A Beach Day was perfect way to destress, while spending time with others in the chapter. This may include Corgi Beach Day in Huntington Beach, shopping around Venice Beach, or going on food adventures in Santa Monica.
- **Concerts (TBD):** While this is still uncertain, concert venues may open up in the fall. Even if this can't occur, who says we still can't enjoy live music? We can always host virtual concerts and raves in the comfort of our apartments
- **Explore LA:** While many of us are from the nearby area, some of us have postponed our LA plans due to COVID-19. This would be a great way to hit up all the touristy (and niche) places around LA.
- **Chill Events:** Sometimes, we just want to relax and do something lowkey. Besides hosting these large-scale events, I also want to host (or encourage others to host) chill events, such as brunches, boba runs, or watching TV series/K-dramas/anime.

#### **External Events Form**

Since many of our members are involved in other organizations, they may want to plug a few external events to our chapter. Knowing these events were considered Fellowship Events in the past, with eligibility for points, I hope to promote an easier system for this to occur. As such, I hope to propose a short Google form, or Google Sheets, which members can fill out to submit their requests. While APO events are always a hit, this would be another great way for members to bond with each other, as well as with the students from other organizations.

#### **Hybrid Fellowship Series**

Our current VP of Fellowship has successfully implemented a handful of online Fellowship Series, where members can host an event of their choice every week. I hope to keep this going, where members can host either in-person or online events.

### **APO “Matchmaker”**

I hope to implement a fellowship series, where all interested members will be randomized and placed into pairs, trios, or quads. After receiving their match(es), these members must hangout with them (either in-person or online). While the name “Matchmaker” may imply a pairing process (i.e., Bigs/Littles, Mentors/Mentees), this is not the case. Instead, this system is meant to strengthen the friendships within our chapter, while allowing members to interact with those they may have rarely encountered.

### **Membership Collaborations**

While many Fellowship and Membership events are separate, I believe there can be a common ground between them. In the past, there have been Interview Parties, where Actives and Pledges can interview each other in an informal setting. Similar to the Mixers, this will allow Pledges to complete their interview requirements, while Actives can complete their Pledge Membership requirements. However, I hope to implement this after Membership finishes their Mixers. These Interview Parties can take on multiple themes, such as Icebreaker Questions, or involve quick fun activities prior to interviews (i.e., Origami, Puzzles, Scavenger Hunts, etc.). Furthermore, I hope to increase the number of Pledge vs Active events, since they have been quite successful this recent semester.

### **IC Collaborations**

This semester, I realized that members gravitated towards Fellowship events, with many of them completing their requirements early on. Meanwhile, members came out to less IC events, despite the wide availability of such events. By creating Fellowship x IC collaborations, I hope that members will be more open to attending IC events. These events can promote building friendships both within our chapter and across other chapters.

### **Tentative Fellowship Calendar**

<b>Summer 2021</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work with Rush Co-Chairs to plan Fellowship Events in advance</li></ul>
<b>August 2021</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Carry out APO Socials (Ice Cream, Hot Chocolate, S’mores Night, Gathertown)</li><li>• Scavenger Hunt</li></ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fellowship Hike</li> <li>• Chapter BBQ</li> <li>• Westwood Invasion</li> </ul>
<b>September 2021</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fellowship Series (Ongoing)</li> <li>• APO “Matchmaking”</li> <li>• Start Fellowship x Membership: Pledge vs Active Series</li> <li>• Wellness Series (Before Midterms)</li> </ul>
<b>October 2021</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fellowship Series (Ongoing)</li> <li>• Assassins</li> <li>• Continue Fellowship x Membership: Pledge vs Active Series</li> <li>• Start Fellowship x IC Series (Can be related to food, games, or outings)</li> <li>• Wellness Series (Before Midterms)</li> </ul>
<b>November 2021</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fellowship Series (Ongoing)</li> <li>• Wellness Series (Before Finals)</li> </ul>

**4. 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.**

This semester, I served as a Co-VP of Finance for Alpha Phi Omega. Alongside my partner, Lindsey Yu, I learned much about APO’s financial structure, and how to manage budgets, dues, and fundraising points. While most of this was “behind-the-scenes” work, I also co-led the Fundraising Committee, where I was able to help the Pledge Fundraising Chairs with the logistics and fundraising-point distributions for their events. However, this was a two-way street. They provided invaluable suggestions for our Fundraisers, which we gladly accommodated to increase both Pledge and Active participation. While Fellowship is arguably different from Finance, I realized that both positions share mutual responsibilities in brainstorming, planning, and executing events. This semester, we even collaborated with Fellowship for an online APOker event. Together, we learned how best to incentivize members to come out to events.

This year, I was also a Session Leader for USC Science Outreach. In this position, I had to lead weekly sessions, host virtual SCoutings (hangouts), and serve as a liaison between E-board members and general members. Besides my outward role in the classroom, I also managed most of the behind-the-scenes work. Moreover, I served as a liaison between E-board and my session members. Through this position, I have developed effective teamwork and communication skills. I learned to take responsibility for my session, and to set a good example to both SCouts and elementary school students alike. This will help me since I will rely on these skills to help me host engaging Fellowship events, while striving for collaborations with other E-Board members. I will also be ready to adapt to the needs and wants of the chapter before furthering my ideas.

**5. 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, I will serve as an Experiment Manager in USC Science Outreach, which will be my biggest extracurricular commitment. While this is an important position, the majority of my work will be conducted over the summer and winter breaks. Throughout the semester, I will present these (pre-determined) experiments at GM and SLEM, as well as troubleshoot when necessary. I will also be part of my research lab, which has greatly reduced its work requirements. As such, I will dedicate the rest of my free time next semester towards APO. In terms of time management, I believe I can balance these commitments with my schoolwork. I regularly use Google Calendar to plan my schedules, and I keep a “Things To Do” list to keep myself organized. Next semester, I will be done with most of my major courses. My schedule will mostly consist of Business courses and GE requirements. Thus, I can definitely prioritize APO, and I will try my best to further the chapter’s fellowship goals.

***Don’t forget to attach your résumé and schedule!***

Thank you for taking the time to apply for APO’s elected board. You will be contacted shortly after the submission deadline with more information about elections. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to email [president.apousc@gmail.com](mailto:president.apousc@gmail.com).