



## Spring 2017 Nominated Officer Questionnaire

### INSTRUCTIONS

Please attach your **current résumé** and **Spring 2017 schedule** (class, work, other extracurricular activities).

This questionnaire is due **no later than SUNDAY November 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 PM**. Please send this document and all supplemental materials to [president.apouse@gmail.com](mailto:president.apouse@gmail.com) and cc [webmaster.apouse@gmail.com](mailto:webmaster.apouse@gmail.com).

***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, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 PM** to [president.apouse@gmail.com](mailto:president.apouse@gmail.com). You will not be allowed to pass out additional materials or papers during your speech.

### PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: Elizabeth Shi

Year: Sophomore

Major: Health Promotion Disease Prevention and Gender Studies

Pledge Class (Year): Alpha Theta

**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?**

I want APO to be a family of people that genuinely care for service and each other. I want everyone to recognize what they are passionate about and carry that into the service they perform. When people think of community service on USC's campus or when an organization needs volunteers to help, I want their minds to immediately go to APO. I want people to grow as individuals as they develop skills and connections that will continue to help them beyond college.

### **2. Why do you want the position(s) you are running for?**

I am running for VP of Service because I strongly value service and what it does for the community and for the people that do it. Usually when our members describe APO to others, we say it is a community service organization. Because service is so important and it is what I have the most experience in, I feel that VP of Service is the position that will allow me to make the biggest positive impact on the chapter. Because I have gone to almost all of our service events, I feel like I have a uniquely comprehensive understanding of each one of them, which is extremely important as VP of Service. After developing close relationships to previous VP of Services throughout my time at USC, I understand that the position is very demanding and rewarding, and I am more than willing to put forth my best effort to make this chapter even better in regards to service and all other areas.

### **3. What are your goals for the position(s)?**

My main goal is to maintain our excellence in service that we have continued through the past semesters, but I specifically want to focus on our attitude towards service. I want to work towards a change in attitude so that service is less about fulfilling a requirement and more about something each person cares about. My goal is to have most people finish their hours a few weeks in advance and create a system to reach out to those struggling with requirements. I hope to work with the VP of Membership because I believe social awareness is a vital part of community service. Beyond just doing the actions, I want our chapter's members to be educated about the issues the communities we serve are facing and what we can do to help. Lastly, I want to contribute time and effort specifically to pledges to help them build a good relationship with community service early on.

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

Besides maintaining what has worked in the past, I have several new ideas to bring to the position. I want to create a monthly check-in system run by either me myself or the entire Eboard to keep an eye on how everyone is doing with requirements, especially with service. I want to create new little bonus ways to earn hours, such as rewarding them to drivers, people who do a service reflection, and people who come to me about a new event we can put up. I want to reward people who commit to the same event each week and build a relationship with that organization, but I also want to be open to new ideas. I like the idea of continuing ICService events, and because many of our alumni work in non-profits, I want to connect to those organizations as well.

5. **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.**

Just in APO, I have experiences with community service in both quality and quantity. As a pledge I attended service committee and learned every week from the service leaders of APO. I have been on Eboard for other organizations such as QuASA and HSEp and can bring my organization and leadership skills from those experiences to APO. I have volunteered consistently with many of APO's partner organizations including Kid City Mentoring and GWHFC, along with other places such as California Hospital Medical Center and JEP. These experiences have helped me understand both perspectives from the volunteer side and the leadership/logistics side.

6. **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 be most likely starting research and continuing with my hospital volunteering program, both of which will take a couple hours a week each. For student organizations, I will stay involved in Dornsife Ambassadors and HSEP, but both do not require much time, usually around an hour a week. My main commitment will most likely still be APO, which would help me excel as an ExComm member. My academic load is light compared to previous semesters because I will not be taking any lab sciences. While the extra time from the easier classes will definitely help me balance everything, I will also continue to use my ICalendar and time management skills to organize my schedule. If I become VP of Service, I plan to block out specific times during the week to purely dedicate to executive board duties.