



Spring 2016 Nominated Officer Questionnaire

INSTRUCTIONS

Please attach your **current résumé** and **Spring 2016 schedule** (class, work, other extracurricular activities).

This questionnaire is due **no later than FRIDAY November 29th at 11:59 PM**. Please send this document and all supplemental materials to president.apousc@gmail.com and cc webmaster.apousc@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, APRIL 26th at 11:59pm** to president.apousc@gmail.com. You will not be allowed to pass out additional materials or papers during your speech.

PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Name:

Year:

Major:

Pledge Class (Year):

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VP of Finance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pledgemaster | <input type="checkbox"/> VP of Communications |
| <input 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?

My vision for APO is simple: I want APO to be recognized as the premier service based leadership organization. I

feel as if APO is better than most service organizations because of its plethora of opportunities to demonstrate leadership and its excellence in striving for brotherhood between its members. I was initially drawn to the organization mainly for its variety of service opportunities but also because of the strong brotherhood felt by all the members present at the info session. I was immediately attracted to the organization and wanted to be a part of it. APO changed my college experience and opened many doors for me, and I have a newfound perspective and passion for service. As a result, I want to be able to not only maintain our organization's greatness but also share it with others. I believe that if we improve our organization and we maintain the ideals that we learn as pledges, APO will burgeon into a better organization and people will come to know APO for what it is: a co-ed service fraternity filled with members that embody LFS to its fullest.

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

I would like to run for VP of Finance because I realize that our chapter always faces issues with money (more so before than now). Previous VP of Finances have done a wonderful job at recovering our funds and changing a lack of money to almost a surplus of money. I have an interest in pursuing a career in Finance, and as a result, I study Applied Mathematics. I work well with numbers and have experience using software such as Excel. With the help of my co-chair, I believe I will be able to keep careful track of all the finances of our chapter and make sure that we leave the chapter better off after the semester than before we started (Even with sectionals being next semester).

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

As VP of Finance, I have two main goals for this position. Firstly, I would like to be more transparent with the whole chapter about the budget. The budget is always shown during meetings but only for a minute or less which is not enough time for me to look at the budget and approve of it. The members of the chapter should have more of an opportunity to know where their money is going. Also, I feel as if many members of the chapter don't know how many aspects of the chapter's money functions. For example, the compensation that drivers get for driving to events is unknown to many people, even sometimes to the drivers who are getting compensated.

Secondly, I would like to fundraise more money if possible this coming semester. Our chapter can always use more money so that we can be more flexible in what events and where our events are held. For instance, we had invite for the first time this semester in several semesters, but it was a clubbing event. If possible, having a more private APO invite would be more enjoyable and ideal but this will only be possible if we increase the amount of money we end up fundraising. In more short term goals, fundraising extra money will also make it much easier and more manageable for the sectional co-chairs because we have sectionals coming up soon in March of next year. We would like to showcase Alpha Kappa and be able to invite our APO brothers with open and ready arms.

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

As VP of Finance, I plan to do a couple new things. First, I would like to maintain the pledge fundraising goal at a higher amount like 1000 dollars instead of dropping it during the spring like previous VPs have done. I feel as if the tailgating opportunity in fall is a wonderful opportunity for the chapter and the pledge class to raise money, but the same expectation should be held for the next pledge class. It is entirely possible to accomplish a higher fundraising goal if efforts to fundraise money start earlier and are coordinated with me and my co-chair. I plan to expect most of their fundraising events to be food sales on Trousdale or something involved around selling things on Trousdale.

With the pledge class handling fundraising that involves Trousdale, I was thinking that we could try to do fundraising events that involve other organizations perhaps. I feel as if we are running out of creative juice in thinking of new ideas about what fundraisers to do. Reaching out to other organizations on campus might allow us to hold larger events such as a carnival or something that would not be possible within the means of just APO by itself. I would also like to bring back the Penny Wars idea that was used many semesters ago. It is a good opportunity to not only fundraise money for the chapter but also do service by donating money to an organization of our choice.

Ultimately, the goal is to fundraise more money for the chapter, but if possible, I would like to avoid taking anything more than just time from the members of the chapter.

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.

In terms of fundraising, I don't have very much experience; however, this shouldn't be too much of a drawback because not only will I have a co-chair to help me out if I run into any problems but also I have plenty of experience in making fellowship type events. Although the two differ in purpose, the organizational and communication skills necessary for event planning are something I have.

In terms of handling money and the dues of all the members of the chapter, I was the VP of Finance for my National Honor Society club in High School. I was in charge of 30+ members and receiving their dues within a timely manner so that our organization could use the funds to purchase all the necessary items needed for our members like graduation cords. I was efficient and gave constant reminders to members about when and how much to pay until all members paid me on time.

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?

I won't have any other time commitments next semester besides my schoolwork. I dropped my research position this semester, so my full attention can be divided up between APO and school. Thus, there shouldn't be trouble balancing my APO executive board duties with my other responsibilities. In the event, there might be conflicting times, I will utilize a calendar and will work ahead to minimize any conflicts between school and APO. Planning events as far in advance is also something I will do to allow as much time for complications or any changes in plans.