

Spring 2013 Nominated Officer Questionnaire

PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: Jeffrey Lam Year: Senior Major: Chemistry

Pledge Class (Year): Psi (Fall 2011)

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

[] President	[] VP of Fellowship
[] Pledgemaster	[] VP of Finance
[X] VP of Service	[] VP of Communications
[] VP of Membership	[] Fundraising Chair

PART II: SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. What is your vision for APO?

My vision for APO is to not only see brothers of our chapter united in our purpose to provide service to our community, but to also see brothers step up and take leadership in providing opportunities for the rest of our fraternity to serve. It is my hope to see each member of our fraternity take the initiative to contribute new service ideas, lead new projects, and develop lasting friendships among one another through these service opportunities.

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

Having been involved with community service for many years, I believe one of the best ways to provide service is to lead an organization that has provided so much for me and to mentor its members in developing a passion for serving others. I hope that as VP of Service, I will be able to give back to APO for its service to me by demonstrating my passion for service and inspiring others to use their talents to serve the community and their brothers.

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

My goals for VP of Service are to see more of the active body involved in planning service events for the chapter to participate in, to collaborate with other USC student organizations in providing service to the campus, and to establish new relations with other community organizations, all to provide a diverse array of service events for future semesters.

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

One question asked to rushees during speed dating is about what kind of service project they would like to plan. Since just about everyone who joins our organization has an idea in mind, I'm sure many of our brothers would like to see their service ideas happen. To encourage this, I plan on establishing a service event suggestion box at GBM for members to submit their ideas. Members will have the option of leaving their name with the service suggestion in the box, and if they do so, I will contact them to learn more about their ideas. Through meeting with them, I can encourage them to plan a service event and mentor them in the planning process. If each active in APO submitted an event idea and took the initiative to see the event happen, we would have a myriad of service opportunities each semester.

In addition to strengthening the service opportunities within our APO chapter, I also plan to work with the Interchapter Chair to connect with Service VPs of other chapters and encourage them to start up philanthropy projects of their own. Chapters at other schools will be able to use their creative ideas to benefit the campuses around them in a new way. Given enough interest, it is my hope that someday, we may be able to collaborate on a Section 1 philanthropy project in the future.

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.

I have been involved with the service committee for the past year and observed how the VP of Service leads each meeting and plans service events. This past semester, I served as Philanthropy Co-Chair and had the opportunity to plan a few philanthropy events for the fraternity to participate in. With my Co-Chair and the members of ServeComm, we planned Project PARTS, a series of performing arts workshops for middle and high school students in the local community, and Painting Happiness, a mural of tiles painted by interchapter brothers to beautify the community around Villa Esperanza. Through my experience in event planning and committee leadership in APO, I believe that I am more than prepared to serve as VP of Service.

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 might be involved with research next semester, but other than that and classes, I should have much time to devote to APO. I intend to schedule out times for each week to spend on my duties for APO, and these duties should not conflict with my studies.

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EDUCATION

University of Southern California

Bachelor of Arts, Chemistry Minor, Cinematic Arts expected May 2013

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Philanthropy Co-Chair – Alpha Phi Omega, Alpha Kappa Chapter

May 2012 – Present

- -Planned a mural painting event for the beautification of a low income community
- -Planned a series of performing arts workshops for local middle and high school students

APASA Representative and Founding Member

USC Premed Asian Pacific American Medical Students Association

May 2011 - Apr 2012

- -Represented organization to governing body at USC
- -Coordinated participation in APASA events

Secretary – USC Archery Club

Sep 2010 – May 2011

-Organized RSVP system for club members to sign up for practices each week

General Staff Member – USC Chemistry Club

Sep 2010 – May 2011

-Assisted in planning meetings and events for the general body and for the sophomore class

Senior Patrol Leader, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster – BSA Troop 495

Mar 2006 - May 2009

- -Led a troop of 30 boys in camping and learning outdoor skills
- -Trained rising Scouts in developing leadership skills to serve the troop
- -Mentored senior Scouts in earning the Eagle Scout award
- -Earned the Eagle Scout award in Apr 2008

Order of the Arrow Chapter Chief – BSA Lowaneu Allanque Chapter

May 2008 - Apr 2009

- -Elected to preside over a district of 25 troops (about 1000 Scouts)
- -Ran monthly meetings for the district's honor society of Scouts
- -Supervised planning of an annual competition with over 500 participants

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

USC Community Health Involvement Project

Jan 2011 – May 2012

- -Provided blood pressure and glucose screenings for communities around Los Angeles
- -Involved with planning a health fair for residents near the USC campus

USC Norris Cancer Center – Trojan Health Volunteers

Sep 2010 - May 2011

- -Assisted nurses in the Endoscopy Center with administrative duties
- -Provided hospitality for patients undergoing operations for the day

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

- -Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-Medical Honor Society -InterVarsity Trojan Christian Fellowship
- -Asian Pacific American Student Assembly

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