



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 27th at 11:59 PM**. Please send this document and all supplemental materials to president.apouse@gmail.com and cc 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 27th at 11:59 PM** to 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 Coughlan

Year: Freshman

Major: Classics

Pledge Class (Year): Alpha Iota (Fall 2016)

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?

My goals for APO are putting more of an emphasis on service and getting actives to come out to events. I feel like active engagement was a problem during this semester and I would like to use my connections with my pledge class to bring more out to events. I would like to coordinate with other organizations, like we have done in the past, which would also help spread APO's name. My vision, in terms of being the vp of service, would be to widen the areas in which we serve and have more service events outside of our weekly service events in order to serve a wider community as well as have more options for our members.

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

I want to be VP of Service because service is important to me. It was the reason that I joined APO and I would like to be able to give back and help shape the organization in terms of service. Coming into college, finding a service organization to join was my number one priority. Because community service was such a large part of my high school experience, I wanted to continue this in college. I feel that I have the time to dedicate to this important position. I also am very passionate about service, and so I wish to pass this passion on and give back to the chapter. I hope to be an asset to the chapter in using my passion to help the chapter as VP of Service.

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

As VP of Service, my overall goal would be to get the chapter more excited about service. I plan to do this by increasing the range of service events that we have as an organization, including:

- Creating more animal-based service events because I understand that these are popular. We can also expand in this aspect since currently we only have one animal based service opportunity: Fur Baby. I have looked into possible organizations that we could volunteer with: LA Rabbit Foundation and Kitten Rescue. Both of these organizations have volunteer events that I could look into partnering with a couple times a semester.
- I also believe that giving back to the environment is important. Currently, we only really do this with our beach cleanup events. This could be expanded to a few more options with organizations like Tree People throughout the semester so that members have more opportunities to be more well-rounded in service if they wish.

I believe that we also could have a more structured rule for un-signing up for events within 24 hours of the event. As Elizabeth stated, I would instill more firmly the rule that if you were able to find a replacement by the time of the event for your position, you would not receive a flake.

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

By talking to Amy, it was brought to my attention that feedback can be hard within the organization. It is important to get feedback in order to know why certain events aren't successful. It is important to distinguish between events that our members do not like and ones that are at an inconveniently timed. In order to increase evals for service events, I could grant 0.5 service hours as it is service to the fraternity. This could be expanded to feedback for other positions as well, if needed.

As I mentioned previously, new animal-based and environmental service opportunities would be a priority to me in order to give our members a better variety to choose from. I believe that we are lucky to be located in LA as it has a lot of unique service events and I want to better reflect this with more one-time service events on the weekends. This also could help people that have scheduling conflicts during the week, whether that be class or work.

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 had leadership experience in high school as secretary and treasurer of two clubs which I feel would help prepare me for this role. These made me more responsible as I was accountable to my club's members.
- I was Pledge Class President which I feel like made me more responsible and accountable. I took on an active role as PCP and was helped to plan our service event. As PCP, communication was very important especially with all the pledges in making sure that we were all taking lead and all our events were going smoothly.

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?

Other than my course load, I will be involved in Beta Alpha Psi, the accounting frat. They have weekly meetings on Wednesdays. I plan to be involved but prioritize APO. I believe that they are not hard to juggle as I did it this semester as well. Also, since I am no longer a pledge for BAP, it is even less of a time commitment.