



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: Andy Zhang

Year: Senior

Major: Economics/Mathematics

Pledge Class (Year): Alpha Eta

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?

Ever since I first pledged APO, I've always envisioned APO to be a community of individuals who bond and develop leadership together via the common interest of providing service for the community to make the world around us a better place. As time moves on, however, as we get busy bonding with our friends it's easy to lose track of our primary objective to better the lives of those around us and I intend to do my part to remind ourselves the reason we have gathered in this community. As VP of Finance, I envision APO to not only fundraise for the sake of our own chapter's financial stability, but also have a portion of our funds go toward donations for charities. Instead attending fundraising events for the sake of requirements, we could be fundraising directly for the sake of people in the community, especially children, who are less fortunate than we are.

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

Being an active member of APO for two semesters, I've been wanting to take on a leadership position within our chapter where I feel comfortable and confident in making a positive impact on the community we all treasure. As someone with quite a bit of background working with Excel and dealing with financial records throughout my academic career, I see myself most capable in achieving new heights for the chapter as VP of Finance. To return what APO has offered for me for the past few semesters, I plan to do no less by consolidating our vision to better our community through adding the incentive of charity donations to fundraising.

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

As our chapter has become increasingly stable in terms of financial status for the past few semesters, I intend to explore opportunities to provide donations for local charity organizations, especially ones for children in need. In order to support such a fund, I intend to create more low-cost fundraising events to make more money than we did before. I'd also like to create better transparency within E-board by constantly updating E-board members with our chapter's current financial status and checking up on how each member is doing in terms of their budget.

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

New ideas on managing funds:

- Allocating a portion of our funds to charity through more frequent fundraising events

- LIMITED amount of Uber fund for weekly service events with no drivers
- More funds for drivers

New fundraising ideas:

- Raffle fundraising where members can buy raffle tickets for a cool prize at the end
- More on-campus fundraisers where we can sell low cost commodities to students on campus rather than fundraising our own money
- Foodtruck fundraisers such as Amazebowls
- Bringing back Ono's and Dog Haus fundraisers

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 personally have not had any experience working as a finance position in any other organizations on campus. However, over the past few summers when I worked at a cabinet store back home, I was in charge of creating and keeping record of an inventory log to reduce inventory costs where available. I've also had plenty of experience working with financial data in my investments and valuation classes where I've grown proficient in analyzing large amounts of numbers in an accurate manner.

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?**

The only outside commitments I will have next semester are my part time job at USC CRUE and recruiting, both of which I'm confident in balancing out along with my position as VP of Finance. I'm also used to having a checklist of things I must commit to in order to keep track of deadlines to prevent my academic commitments from conflicting with my duties as VP of Finance.