



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: Nathan Noh

Year: Junior

Major: Applied and Computational Mathematics

Pledge Class (Year): Fall 2014

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> President | <input 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 checked="" 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 Fellowship because I want to become more involved in how our chapter functions. To do so, I would like to be on ExComm, and VP of Fellowship is the most in alignment with my strengths. I believe that my pledging semester I was lacking in leadership and fellowship, but over time, I improved in the fellowship aspect of the three cardinal principles greatly. Now, I would like to be in a position of leadership and help other members of the chapter accomplish the same growth or have the same experience I did in APO.

Furthermore, I believe that planning smaller fellowship events is something I am comfortable and efficient at managing. I did the same role as Omega Family Head, Pledge VP of Fellowship, and an ExComm member of Alpha Lambda Delta. The difficulty with this position comes in creativity (finding new places to go, new activities to do, or finding activities that involve no money), which can be solved by time spent researching and thinking and with the help of fellow brothers. The most important part—the execution of planning these events and making new ideas happen—is something I am confident I can do.

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

I want APO to grow as an organization and become more well-known on campus. Many people get us confused as an Asian organization and don't realize that we are a co-ed service fraternity. There are several methods of accomplishing this goal such as doing more PR and telling people what a service fraternity actually entails or perhaps doing more philanthropy events that involve going on campus or in residential areas and interacting with the campus (handing out water on the row or giving out free hugs in front of Tommy Trojan as a RAK).

The method I would like to utilize, however, is focused more on member retention. There has been a growing issue of member retention within APO, where a good portion of recently crossed pledge classes is going associate or inactive. This is evident at every GBM where the room is sparser and less filled with people compared to during my pledging semester. By working with the Special Events chair and creating memorable fellowship events, an amazing retreat, and a successful initiation, I hope to bring the new pledge class and the current members of the chapter closer. If I can help foster stronger bonds between members of the chapter and the new incoming pledges, people are more likely to stay around the next semester and to go active after their pledging semester. Even if circumstances demand that one take a temporary leave from APO, the ties with the people in the organization will hopefully be an incentive to bring members back into the chapter.

Member retention also extends to perhaps making the chapter better known. With a closer and happier chapter, our PR will also improve. Members of the chapter will be more inclined to share their experience with APO to friends, acquaintances, or even friends of friends. They will also be more inclined to be more active during the weeks of rush and reach out to new people on campus because they want to share the wonderful organization that is APO with other people. This might be a stretch, but one thing is for sure. People who do not enjoy APO or do not have a passion for the organization or good memories with the chapter will not be very convincing or motivated when trying to bring new members in during the first weeks of school.

Ultimately, however, my goal for this position is to help the members of the chapter to embrace and enjoy the company of their fellow brothers. APO is a brotherhood and a fraternity and as such it is my duty to do my best for my chapter to encourage camaraderie and friendship amongst everyone.

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

Coming into the VP of Fellowship position, I have several new ideas that would be different from how previous semesters have run the position. Firstly, I would like to incorporate the blind date system that Joe briefly brought up this semester into fellowship. After reviewing the roles of the different executive committee positions, I believe people getting to know each other and learn about all the brothers in the chapter belongs under the realm of fellowship.

Secondly, I would like to incorporate my own little series of events. One idea is that USC is known for its sports teams and we should support them in their chase for victory. Sporting events are always fun to go to especially in good company. Football might not exist in the spring, but there are other teams that we can support. Another series I had in mind was a more practical series like a daily necessities series where people could do Costco runs or go get haircuts together. Hopefully, this would entice more people to go because people are in constant need of these things. I would also want to try to change the Scavenger Hunt during rush again. We go to Griffith every semester and I would like to try to change the location like Alakea did a couple semesters ago.

Lastly, the rule of large events worth two fellowship events was passed into the chapter a semester or two ago. I would like to make one or two more of those events in the semester so that we can get a larger amount of people out to an event at once. Intimate sessions between smaller groups of people is nice but having a large part of the chapter in a place at once similar to retreat creates lots of opportunity for bonding as well. For example, we could bring back the waffle night we did Alpha Zeta semester or we could make a second BBQ later on in the semester when the pledges and the chapter know each other better.

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.

As mentioned earlier, I have experience in positions similar to this position. I was the pledge VP of Fellowship, which had the same responsibilities as the VP of Fellowship except I was working with less people. But, as the Pledge VP of Fellowship, I worked alongside the VP of Fellowship at the time and got to learn what he did exactly and how he went about doing it. As a result, I am extremely familiar with the responsibilities and demands that VP of Fellowship requires.

I was also a member of the executive committee of a freshman honor society on campus called Alpha Lambda Delta. While on the committee, I had to plan several events throughout the year such as study sessions in Taper Hall, Ice Cream Socials, Barbeque Dinners, and trips to the Movie theaters. I sent out invites to our several hundred members and coordinated all the necessary materials and logistics for each event to run 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?

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.