



Fall 2016 Nominated Officer Questionnaire

INSTRUCTIONS

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

This questionnaire is due **no later than SUNDAY April 24th 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 24th at 11:59 PM** 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: Vincent Huang

Year: Junior

Major: Neuroscience

Pledge Class (Year): Alpha Zeta (Spring 2015)

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

***TL;DR read the red bolded portions of my answers! I gotchu fam**

1. What is your vision for APO?

To me, APO is an odd combination of both a professional organization and a family. When it comes to community service and important chapter functions, active and associate members will be putting in their all and treating APO seriously. But at the same time, there will also be a lot of fellowship, membership and unofficial events for brothers to bond. I believe it is the combination of service and fellowship that makes APO stand out among the plethora of community service organizations at USC. **My vision for APO is for it to become a place where people are genuinely excited and enthusiastic for service/chapter stuff and a nurturing ground for pledges to develop LFS.**

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

I want to serve on excomm because I really appreciate APO for helping me grow as a person and I want to help APO become better to do the same for future members. I noticed a change in APO where members are becoming less enthusiastic towards both the chapter and to service in general. Although it has gotten better this semester, it doesn't hurt to try more so that APO can be the best organization on campus. I have already implemented my solution to the problem (ensuring future pledge classes genuinely enthusiastic for APO and in it for the right reasons), so for the next semester I want to help maintain APO and use my excomm experiences for the next set of excomm.

I'm interested in serving as VP of Finance because I believe it best suits my personality and skill set. During the past semester, I learned that my personality is more detail oriented as I naturally took over the backend side of rush. My persistence and attention to detail are two traits that are extremely valuable and crucial when it comes to money. Thus, I believe that of all the available eboard positions, VP of Finance is the one that suits me the best.

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

Beyond the essential responsibilities of VP of Finance, I want to focus my energy on fundraising. I will continue OuNoh's successful fundraising legacy as well as incorporate new fundraising ideas (see below). Since there is no more Sectionals, there will be more time and resources for fundraising. Through fundraising, I aim to **1) reduce active dues, 2) increase driver reimbursement and 3) create an APO Charity Fund.** I plan on continuing fundraising events that have been successful in the past, such as Retreat Auction, Blaze, CrispyKreme, Amazebowls, Yogurtland, Ono's etc. I will also spend my summer applying for corporate sponsorships, although I will not factor corporate sponsorships into the projected budget since APO has a track record of being ignored by big companies.

The role of VP of Finance is to maintain APO's finances so that the fraternity can smoothly perform its functions. As such, my primary responsibility as VP of Finance will be to ensure that APO's checking account is a positive number at the greatest value possible and to properly allocate funding so that each excomm member is able to perform his or her duties. I will make sure all active and associate members will pay their dues on a timely matter (I will directly request on venom if needed). Since VP of Finance is a co-position, I will make sure to be in constant communication so that we both know what is going on. In addition, it will prevent errors such as reimbursing the same individual twice. See the next question for new fundraising ideas that I have!

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

I want to start an **APO Charity Fund**. The plan is to have an annual donation to a charity (determined by the chapter) and allocate some of our profits to the fund (remaining money will be deposited into APO checking account as a buffer).

Current Fundraising ideas that I will continue:

Food Fundraisers

Candygrams

IC Fam Gear

Tailgate Recycling

Corporate Sponsorships: I will spend my summer applying for sponsors. I understand that we have tried this in the past and it hasn't really worked, but it still doesn't hurt to try.

New/Recycled ideas that I currently have. I will think of more during the summer/semester:

APoker: I want to host two APokers this semester. One during rush like in the past semesters and one during the semester for ICs (credit goes to Julie Wong)

Penny Wars: This used to be a family competition. All the donations will proceed to charity.

APO Tailgate: Basically we will have an APO Tailgate but for members to attend, they will have to pay a small fee for unlimited food and a place to chill with friends.

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 a lot of experience with planning out logistics and numbers (excel and google sheets) from my previous position as Rush Co-Chair. I worked through the logistics when we ordered rush shirts, such as determining how many shirts and what sizes to order (since not everyone responds to the membership survey). I made both active and rushee master docs during rush, pre-speeddating surveys, speeddating scoring and post-speeddating scoring. Thus, I

believe I am prepared to manage APO's savings and properly allocate resources to each excomm member. In addition, I have experience working with a Co in APO and since VP of Finance has a co-VP, I know how to resolve conflict and work with another APO member.

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 work as a research assistant on campus and may start volunteering at a hospital. My research job is super flexible since I have 24/7 access and I'm the one who decides when and how often I show up. Hospital volunteering is only 4 hours a week. Also, I'm already used to having to go to EBM and committee meetings (@OuNoh's 8pm meetings). My other commitments will not interfere with APO in any way.