



Fall 2014 Nominated Officer Questionnaire

INSTRUCTIONS

Please attach your **current résumé** and **Fall 2014 schedule** (class, work, other extracurricular activities).

This questionnaire is due **no later than THURSDAY, April 24TH at 5:00PM**. Please send this document and all supplemental materials to webmaster.apousc@gmail.com . PDF is preferred.

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 27st at 11:59AM** to communications.apousc@gmail.com . You will not be allowed to pass out additional materials or papers during your speech.

PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: Patrick Vossler
Year: Sophomore
Major: International Relations
Pledge Class (Year): Alpha Gamma Fall 2013

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 and what are your goals for the position? What new ideas can you bring?

I believe that every brother wants to see APO receive more and more well deserved recognition as the premier service organization at USC and I think our chapter has, and continues to, take steps to make that vision a reality. While I believe that vision for APO is important, I believe maintaining and expanding fellowship amongst members is just as important. When I

first went to an info session last Fall, one of the things that stood out to me was the fact that people in APO didn't just do service and leave to go off and do other things, they had made strong friendships with other members. But they weren't just friends with a few people in the organization, they were friendly and comfortable with everyone. It honestly felt like watching a big family hangout together and as a potential rushee that really made APO stand out from other service organizations I had seen.

One of my goals as VP of Fellowship would be to create as many opportunities for those friendships to develop. I recognize that our chapter has a diverse group of members but I believe that we all share common qualities that can ensure that we are a close-knit chapter.

One of my other goals as VP of Fellowship would be to continue to provide a variety of events that acknowledge and appeal to the many different interests of the chapter. I would like to continue to offer themes of the week such as a food week, sports week, or movie week. In addition I would like to continue and add more reoccurring fellowship events that members look forward to each semester. In order to do this I think that feedback is critical and I would try to receive as much feedback as possible from the chapter and change my plans to reflect the interests of our members.

Another goal as VP of Fellowship would be to get more members involved in creating and organizing their own fellowship events. I know we have a diverse group of members and by including them in the organization process of making fellowship events, it encourages leadership within the chapter and allows more members to get to know each other. I would really emphasize participation in the fellowship committee because I think it provides an excellent opportunity for members to have a direct effect on what goes on in the chapter and I would want to use that committee as a way to get feedback and create events that reflect the interests of everyone in the chapter.

I also believe that fellowship can contribute to our vision of expanding APO's reputation by encouraging involvement in other events happening on campus. Every week there are a whole host of events ranging from talks to just getting tacos. Although these events do not exclusively involve APO members, I think they are a great opportunity for members to spend time with one another and get to know each other better while building relations with other student organizations and expanding our presence on campus.

2. What are two positive qualities that you lack and how do you compensate for these shortcomings?

One positive quality that I lack is that I am not very outgoing. I acknowledge that as VP of Fellowship it is important to be welcoming and friendly with all members in order to create an atmosphere that encourages them to come out to events and develop closer friendships with other members. I have been working to improve this and that I think being in APO has helped me work on this. I generally keep to myself and it's only once I have gotten to know someone well that I am more outgoing around them. I compensate for this by putting myself out there as much as possible and getting to know as many members as I can. Even if I can be quiet and shy at times, I always do my best to be welcoming and friendly with everyone in APO.

Another quality that I lack is coherent communication. Occasionally I get ahead of myself or impatient and I do not effectively and clearly express my ideas to others. I usually have a clear idea of what I want to say or do but it does not always come across to other people that way. I compensate for this by choosing my words and planning out what I want to say in advance. In a large organization like APO it's important to make sure everyone is on the same page so that things can get done in a timely and effective manner.

3. 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.

During my pledging semester, I worked closely with our pledge class fundraising chair, Angela, to plan events to raise money for our pledge class, which included organizing times when people were available, contacting other businesses and organizations, brainstorming fundraising ideas, and following through on those ideas.

In my high school's marching band I was involved in planning the logistics for student-run events such as our senior appreciation night where we organized food and games. Additionally I helped planned the schedule for preparing 200+ people for band competitions throughout the semester.

4. 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?

Next semester I plan to work at Marshall IT and do research with a Professor. However, I am only planning to work 10 hours per week which will allow me lots of time to go to as many fellowship events as possible. Additionally the research I am going to be doing is flexible and I am able to do it on my own time so I do not believe it interfere with my APO executive board duties.

5. Why are you the best candidate for this position?

I believe I am the best candidate for this position because I have a vested interest making sure the fellowship program for this chapter is well organized and implemented. As a transfer student, APO made me feel welcomed at USC while also providing me with opportunities to better the world around me. I want to do my best to make all future and current members of APO to feel that same way by providing them with opportunities to have fun and get to know one another outside of just service events. I have the organizational skills and planning experience necessary to make sure that events run smoothly. Furthermore I am flexible and do my best to respond to feedback, which would allow me to create events that reflect the interests of members and ensure that people go out and spend time with their brothers so that our chapter can continue to be a service organization and more. I believe that fellowship is an important part of what makes APO such a unique organization and if given the opportunity I would do my very best to provide members with a diverse and fun fellowship program.

Don't forget to attach your résumé and schedule.

Thank you for taking the time to complete the Elected Board Questionnaire. Please be sure to send in your election slide(s) no later than Sunday, April 27th at 11:59AM. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact president.apousc@gmail.com.

Good luck! ☺