

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 29**TH **at 11:59 PM.** Please send this document and all supplemental materials to president.apousc@gmail.com and cc webmaster.apousc@gmail.com.

<u>Election Day:</u> 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 26**TH **at 11:59pm** to <u>president.apousc@gmail.com</u>. You will <u>not</u> be allowed to pass out additional materials or papers during your speech.

PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: Wai Jing (Julie) Wong Year: Sophomore Major: Health promotion and Disease Preve Pledge Class (Year): Alpha Zeta (Spring 201	
Please mark which elected position(s) [] President [] Pledgemaster [] VP of Service [] VP of Membership [] VP of Fellowship	you are running for with an X: [] VP of Finance [] VP of Communications [] Fundraising Chair [X] IC Chair

PART II: SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. What is your vision for APO?

In general, my vision for Alpha Phi Omega would be to continue to be the biggest service organization at USC, and to constantly abide by our mission, to develop leadership, to promote friendship, and to provide service. Every member of APO was accepted into this fraternity because they hold the qualities that the chapter believes reflect what we stand for. Every semester, APO provides numerous leadership positions, and this, in my opinion, helps challenge the members and develop leadership. As an active member of this chapter, I know that we are extremely close as a group, and although this is a great quality, it can sometimes lead to a clingy atmosphere. Therefore, in the direction of friendship, I hope we can reach out to our IC brothers. Even though we are from different backgrounds, we all share the same passion for community service. Last but not least, I believe we need to work on our service. Despite our efforts in making it our focus, I constantly hear about member's not taking community service events as seriously as they should. Therefore, I hope that in future semesters, members of APO will take our service events more seriously and act in a way that properly represents Alpha Phi Omega and everything we stand for.

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

I would like to run for IC chair because I would like to help the members of our chapter establish stronger bonds with the other chapters. As a member of Alpha Kappa chapter, I am fully aware of the liveliness of this chapter and the close intimate relationships we have developed with one and another. However, I noticed that whenever our chapter encounters other unfamiliar brothers from another chapter, many of us seem to be overwhelmed and want to stay within our comfort zone instead of putting ourselves out there to meet others. Therefore, I really hope I can be the bridge that connects our chapter with other chapters and to help others understand that although these IC brothers are not from the same school, we have far more similarities than we think. I am a very optimistic, openminded person, and I believe that with passionate encouragement I can positively encourage people from our chapter to attend more IC events.

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

My goals for this position are to help further strengthen the friendship between our chapter and the other chapters, to increase our members' interest in attending more IC events, and most importantly, promote the upcoming sectional that will be held here, at USC. As mentioned above, some members from Alpha Kappa seem to shy away when they encounter new people. I, myself, love meeting new people and have always thought that I have done a good job connecting with others. I hope that my out going personality will allow me help introduce people from our chapter to members of others in a comfortable fashion. Also, because each chapter of APO seems to have a different chapter dynamic, it would be my job to figure out what would be the best events that will interest both our chapter and the others. This way, these events will attract more people to sign up. Last but not least, since our chapter is hosting the sectionals next semester, one of the most important tasks for the IC chair would be to promote sectionals to other chapters. From what I've seen, I believe one of the best ways to promote sectionals would be to talk about it during chapter visits and play the promotion videos so more IC members will know about it.

(schools not chapters, don't repeat last but not least)

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

One of the new ideas that I would like to introduce to the IC events would be about receiving IC points. I would like to set a requirement where members would need to turn in a picture with one other IC brother along with a fun fact of that person in order to get a point. They can send me the picture through email or Facebook message, so the process should not be too difficult. The reason for this is to make sure individuals from our chapter make the effort to meet and get to know at least one other IC brother during an event. Even though this requirement will seem like an extra step, it is very similar to getting signatures during IC interviews during the pledging semester. Hopefully, this will motivate people to put in more effort during IC events! Also, I think there should be more new events involved in mixing the people into different teams so they can connect through working together as a team. For example, I heard IC picnics from previous semester was an absolute success and that it was one of the view events

that people from our chapter actually truly get to know people form different school. Also, we can have other events maybe that are sports related, such as Frisbee, volleyball, basketball, soccer in which we pair one member from each chapters into a team and compete with others. I always want to have more IC service events. I notice that many of our IC events are just eating or chilling, but since we are in a service-based fraternity, I think we should have more IC service events such as beach cleaning and food bank. Furthermore, I think IC interactions can be a good way to raise money for our chapters. Especially because we are holding sectionals next semester, it is crucial to find ways to fundraise. I think one of the ways would be hosting events such as APOker to

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.

Back in high school, I had a position in my school's orphanage club in which every month I organized an outing for 30 students and kindergarten children. My responsibility included booking different restaurants, school facilities, and planning out activities for the entire day. It was an amazing yet challenging experience because I had to learn to plan events others will enjoy and that it gave me hands on experiences in taking lead and real life experiences in booking facilities. I believe these skills are really similar to the ones that IC chair will need. Also, throughout the semester, I've been attending IC committees, so I have a good basic understanding on how an IC chair put up and events: from brainstorming, communicating with other school, to actually executing the event.

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 other commitment I'll have for next semester would be my job in USC's Campus Relation and University Events. However, because my working schedule is fairly flexible (I signed up for the time and events I would like to work for), I should be able to balance the work for APO executive board duties and my work fairly well.

Next semester schedule

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