



Fall 2015 Nominated Officer Questionnaire

INSTRUCTIONS

Please attach your **current résumé** and **Spring 2015 schedule** (class, work, other extracurricular activities).

This questionnaire is due **no later than FRIDAY APRIL 24TH at 5:00PM**. Please send this document and all supplemental materials to president.apousc@gmail.com and 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: Luke Zhang

Year: Sophomore

Major: Economics and Mathematics

Pledge Class (Year): Alpha Epsilon 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> IC Chair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VP of Fellowship | |

PART II: SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. What is your vision for APO?

My vision for APO nothing less than realizing the full potential of our chapter. I fully believe that with our abilities, passion and potential, we can really shine and exemplify what APO really stands for—leadership, friendship, and

service. I want to help rekindle our love for service that we all once had when we rushed. I want us all to have audacious aspirations and galvanize our passions and our purposes for why we do service. Understandably, being one of the leaders of APO sets an example to the rest, and I want to be one of those leaders. I want to help foster our own family to fight for the better tomorrow, to regain our faith in building friendship and leadership through service. I want APO to be something people stick by and really believe and carry on the values of what APO stands for. Aside from all this, there is still a brotherhood out there that transcends just the boundaries of our own chapter. There are brothers from other chapters, all across the nation. I want to extend our feet into the interconnected community and to strengthen the ties with chapters that surround us. There is still so much to see beyond our own chapter, and I want to be on the forefront of that dream.

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

I want to be IC Chair because I believe it plays an important role for the brothers in our chapter. Beyond the family we call APO here at Alpha Kappa is an even larger family out there, with tons of brothers whom we have not even met yet. I want to help build relationships that aren't just "being friends" with other APO chapters, but to really understand and acknowledge interchapter brothers. By fostering this passion, I believe through being IC chair I can bring out the best of our chapter and our love for and dedication to APO. For the past semester, I am truly grateful for our past IC chairs for rekindling the relationships with our brother chapters. Now, I want to really put Alpha Kappa on the stage, to continue building a camaraderie and unity between chapters.

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

My goals as an IC chair would be to continue to keep in close touch with our fellow IC brothers and incorporate more of our culture into the community. I believe all chapters have their merits and we can really learn some of their values and adopt it into our system. Through being IC chair, I would not only try to communicate with the other IC chairs of other chapters, but also their other executive board members to understand their cultures in their respective cultures and really learn what APO means to them and how we can adopt some of those values. I hope to put Alpha Kappa's name out there in the community and have other chapters be extremely inviting and welcome of us to their events. I look to expand our chapter's network in attempt to achieve interdependent relationships where we not only interact but also are there to support each other. For our own chapter, I want to make IC events interesting and fun and make a wide variety of events. I want to change the way people see IC events such that it is not merely a requirement to complete, but that they absolutely want to go to these events and would do anything to fit them in their schedule. Despite many food events, I really do hope to attend more of other chapter's iconic events and continue our own iconic event, the IC picnic.

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

There are 2 things I would like to bring as an IC chair for the chapter. The first would be to host more ICServ events. Working tightly with our VP of Service, I believe we can really live up to "service with brothers" as I would help coordinate with ICs for events incorporated into the service. This way, not only can we incorporate more IC events into our chapter to bond with our fellow IC brothers, but also continue doing service which we are all passionate about. In the chapter right now, we can see many friendships grown and developed from doing service with each other. I believe that with ICServ events, we can create even more opportunities for lasting friendships with brothers from other chapters.

The second thing I would like to bring would be to coordinate fundraising events into ICs. By working with our co-VPs of Finance to expand our fundraising efforts beyond our own chapter, we realize what is "true" fundraising for people to support the good cause that APO promotes. ICs are really a great source of fundraising efforts, and I really do believe that further developing our relationship with ICs will they be more inclined to be a part of our fundraisers. This, for example, would include t-shirts, sweaters (and pretty much any APO gear) that we can present to them. With good designs and good prices, we can definitely turn it into great sources of funding for the rest of the chapter.

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.

Despite not having the opportunity to working in a committee or executive board in another organization thus far, I did have the opportunity to serve as pledge class president for the fall 2014 semester (Alpha Epsilon). I managed to

ensure our goals of meeting pledge requirements, overlooking the pledge executive committee members as well in the process in our preparations of our large-scale service and interchapter events. I've also had much experience in various areas in high school. I was president of our school's Model United Nations (MUN) club where I had to constantly communicate and promote ties between our school's MUN team and contact at the various conferences we attended across Asia and America. I was also founder/president of my high school's charity club, Helping Hands, where we would often work with a wide array of organizations in the community such as teaching English, visiting senior homes, etc. Not only this, I served as the chair of social activities on our student body, planning many school-wide events.

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?

As of now, I do not have any plan to have any other commitments besides my studies. If I do, it will be for SC/SC USC Solar Car team, of which I will spend a few hours a week, roughly 4 or 5 tops, helping prepare sponsorship packets and sourcing venture capitalists and partners. Aside from that, I put APO extremely highly on my priority list and that will be my main focus of attention.