



## Fall 2014 Nominated Officer Questionnaire

### INSTRUCTIONS

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

This questionnaire is due **no later than THURSDAY, April 24<sup>TH</sup> at 5:00PM**. Please send this document and all supplemental materials to [webmaster.apousc@gmail.com](mailto: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 27<sup>st</sup> at 11:59AM** to [communications.apousc@gmail.com](mailto:communications.apousc@gmail.com) . You will not be allowed to pass out additional materials or papers during your speech.

### PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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Name: **Matthew Mori**

Year: **Junior**

Major: **Biomedical Engineering**

Pledge Class (Year): **Alpha Beta Spring 2013**

**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

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1. What is your vision for APO and what are your goals for the position? What new ideas can you bring?

I want APO to be the organization people think of when service is talked about on campus. Also, I would like our pledges to be respected individuals for their dedication to the principles of APO since they are the face of the chapter. My goal is for the pledge master to create a system where pledges can really understand the true meaning of leadership, friendship, and service. Additionally, I will create a sense of pride for the pledges to earn so they work hard and feel dedicated to the fraternity. I understand that pledge meetings can go long into the night already, but creating small workshops for each of the cardinal principles that alternate weekly can offer insight into different perspectives of leadership, friendship, and service. I feel as though there is a strong sense of procrastination among the pledges every semester. It is inevitable that there are a couple of procrastinators but if the majority of the pledges are postponing requirements then something must be done to fix it. With interview checks, one possible option is having a large initial required number of interviews and a decreasing number after that. Although they will have a lot of interviews early on, they will be able to get to know more of the chapter sooner and interview checks should become easier to complete as time progresses. Another problem I see is that many pledges do not take advantage of optional activities and they also resist mandatory activities. Explaining the purposes of these events in detail before signing up might help with this but a better way to package the delivery of the events is to combine them with the LFS workshops I want to create. For example, the VP of fellowship can do a workshop or presentation that describes the importance of making new bonds and then offer the opportunity to make new bonds by doing funtivities. Also, restricting funtivities and other events that allow for a mutual benefit for both sides seems logical. For example limiting funtivity time to about 45 minutes to an hour and the rest of the time, whatever it may be can be dedicated to interviews so both pledges and actives feel like they are getting the most out of their time. Encouraging actives to want to get pledges too is sometimes difficult. I believe that creating a document that allows actives and pledges to state others they would like to get to know is beneficial. Many actives or pledges don't normally hang out at HQ; as a result, the pool of actives that pledges get to know is small. I would also like to give the pledge aunt and uncle more leadership opportunities. I feel as though they are there for support and busy work but they have limited opportunity for more growth. Letting them lead pledge meetings would be one way of treating this problem. Also, instead of pledge team dinner series, creating pledge team hangouts that expand beyond eating would be great. Setting this up earlier and consistently would also be good because then it allows for smooth time management throughout the remainder of the semester. Allowing pledge aunt and uncles to create unofficial APO events gives them planning skills. In terms of transparency, creating notes for pledge team minutes and sending them out to anyone who asks for them is also possible.

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

One quality that I believe I lack is the immediate communication. I like to think about my feelings and plans before I speak but sometimes I hesitate to express my thoughts immediately. I can compensate for this by talking to more people and practicing honesty throughout conversation. However, I will not speak without thinking about the problems and creating a valid solution. I am not afraid to say I don't know the answer to a question, but with time I believe I can come up with a solution to any problem. Another quality I think I lack is predictability. I am very relaxed when it comes to certain situations but strict when it comes to others. Also my general playful nature confuses many people. I think because of this it can be hard to figure me out. I will compensate for this by telling the pledges at the first pledge meeting what my personality type is and what they can expect from me this semester. I will also tell them ahead of time what I expect of them in terms of rules. Lastly I can minimize my terrible non-humorous jokes until they get to know me better as a person.

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.

The most relevant experience I had was being pledge uncle under Charlie Jackson in the fall of 2013. Seeing the way Charlie handled the pledge process as well as helping out with quizzes and other things pertaining to the position allowed me to mentally prepare myself as well as come up with ideas to improve the process. I was also apart of pledge E board my pledging semester so if the current pledge E board needs advice, I can offer it. Lastly, I am a dance teacher for youth in the Watts area. Because of this I have learned to be a patient communicator as well as leader for them to reach a common goal.

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?

Currently I work at the bookstore, but I might not return next year. Also, I usually actively lead and participate in dance teams but due to personal reflection I am stepping away from dance for a while. Lastly I have research in Pasadena but it is on call and completely dependent as to when I am free. However, I am dedicated to school so to balance time between APO and school, I will create special study hours for myself as well as time dedicated to planning pledge meetings and other requirements.

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

I feel like I am the best candidate for this position because I have a passion for teaching and a passion for Alpha Phi Omega. As pledge master I feel like I can put my passion to use by educating the pledges about the principles of Leadership, Friendship and Service. I feel I have all three qualities and can effectively give my knowledge to others. I have had many leadership positions, which have given me large amounts of experience and advice for all situations. Many of my friends have said I'm caring and genuine and I definitely think my loyalty to my friends is an example that can be shown for the friendship principle. Lastly, my passion for helping others and serving by teaching allows me to stay passionate and excited about APO and mentoring pledges. I think I am the best because I am motivated by the right reasons and I have the potential to accomplish great things because of my care and determination.

***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](mailto:president.apousc@gmail.com).

Good luck! ☺