



Fall 2013 Nominated Officer Questionnaire

INSTRUCTIONS

Please attach your **current résumé** and **Fall 2013 schedule** (class, work, other extracurricular activities).

This questionnaire is due **no later than FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH at 8:00PM**. Please send this document and all supplemental materials to president.apouse@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 28TH at 11:59pm** to president.apouse@gmail.com. You will not be allowed to pass out additional materials or papers during your speech.

PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: Nikita Zolotykh
Year: Freshman
Major: Business Administration
Pledge Class (Year): Alpha Alpha (Fall 2012)

Please mark which elected position(s) you are running for with an X:

<input type="checkbox"/> President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VP of Fellowship
<input type="checkbox"/> Pledgemaster	<input type="checkbox"/> VP of Finance
<input type="checkbox"/> VP of Service	<input type="checkbox"/> VP of Communications
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VP of Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising Chair

PART II: SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. What is your vision for APO?

I see APO as a group of friends and self-motivated leaders that share a passion for community service. Members of APO not only love serving others, but also love inspiring others to serve. They strive to be kind and to do good everywhere at all times – even outside of official events. By constantly demonstrating kindness and passion for service and friendship, APO will set a leading example to people, ultimately having the potential to improve not just our campus or city, but the entire nation or even the world. Although this vision is an ideal, I believe that it is possible.

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

VP of Fellowship:

The VP of Fellowship is arguably the most fun and flexible position of all. Not only does the VP get to use his or her creativity to organize a variety of events that range from small casual hangouts to large family competitions, but he or she also firsthand witnesses how the events bring the chapter together.

I want to become the VP of Fellowship because the position will both challenge me and employ my abilities to the fullest. I will be able to complete the basic VP duties with ease. Organizing traditional events should not be a problem, but only a matter of time and some advanced planning – both of which I will have enough of during the summer. Creating new interesting events, however, will be more difficult, but summer planning, active communication with the Fellowship Committee and feedback from the general members will help me with that. Lastly, of course, being the VP of Fellowship will be perhaps the most difficult thing I'd have done in terms of creativity and communication. Naturally this will serve as a tremendous learning experience for me. In short, this position will allow me to use my previous leadership experience and recent observations of other APO execs to the fullest, and keep me entertained and challenged until the day of Initiation.

VP of Membership:

While the two positions are greatly different, I want to become the VP of Membership for the same reason as the VP of Fellowship: ability to creatively organize events and influence the greater body of APO. Though the VP of Membership organizes way fewer events and has official documentary responsibilities, he or she is also responsible for the general well-being of the APO members. This means that not only will I organize bonding events while completing my traditional duties, but I will also have to watch out for the status of members and their progression to completing requirements and going beyond. In this way, I will have to be both a skillful leader and a caring brother.

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

As the VP of Fellowship, I would aim to do the following:

- Organize and ensure the execution of the traditional events (e.g., Flag Football, Capture the Flag).
- Add a series of unique events to seek a potential new tradition; see #4.
- Collaborate with the IC Chair to execute one or two well-organized IC Fellowship events, both to establish better IC reputation and seek an AK-exclusive IC event tradition.
- Keep in constant touch with the members to improve and introduce events fit for the public interest.
- Ask for as much feedback and suggestions as possible after every event, especially new ones.
- Make the Fellowship committee a greater part of the organization.
- Unite the whole APO body through a pleasant Fellowship experience.

As the VP of Membership, I would aim to do the following:

- Ensure the timely delivery and completion of traditional formal tasks (e.g., ordering membership shirts, compiling the membership list).
- Continue and improve the recently added ideas (e.g., Pledge/Active of the Week, GBM games).
- Over the summer, set the dates and plan most of the major events.
- Make the Membership committee a greater part of the organization.
- Let members feel nurtured through personalized updates and new events; see #4.
- Be an active member of the Rush Team, and personally organize at least one major rush event.

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

VP of Fellowship:

- Organize a variety of events.
 - APO Camping: a night-long event somewhere not too far from campus.
 - Draw My Thing (omgpop.com) online party: online fellowship event where members would be able to hang out with each other from the comfort of their rooms.
 - Cultural Films Month: for Wednesday Movie Nights, show movies from different countries, allowing some of the members present on the culture beforehand.
 - IM Leagues: encourage participation (both playing and cheering) and organize practices.
- Create large events that have the potential to become traditional.
 - Music Video Challenge: at the time of the event, challenge the attendees to create a music video within 3 hours.
 - Talent Show: unless planned by someone else, organize a chapter-wide Talent Show.
 - Coordinate with the IC chair the IC flag football event and start PR'ing as early as possible.
- Event Voting
 - Create an online form for members to suggest potential events (similar to the Add Event function for e-board).
 - Compile a separate list of separate "potential" events easily accessible from the website.
 - Members would be able to vote for the suggested events, and, if at least 70% of the set cap for the event commit, the event will be in the hands of the VP to organize.

VP of Membership:

- New family competitions (and improved old ones!).
 - Spelling Bee Contest: a simple fun competition to get the rivalry Family spirit going.
 - Expanded Family Game Night: add games other than Jeopardy to the Family Game Night (e.g., Family Feud).
 - Continue and improve the recent additions.
 - Continue the birthday announcement with gifts, and the GBM games.
 - As a sign of greater appreciation, give the Active/Pledge of the Week a bracelet that says "Nice Person," which would be passed on weekly.
 - Personalized updates for members to increase retention and participation.
 - With the help of the Membership committee, create mid-semester encouragement cards for members with fewer than half of the requirements completed.
 - Either ask the ServeComm to deliver the cards, or deliver on our own.
 - Send out personalized updates twice a semester updating members on their progress toward completing requirements.
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.

In high school, I was in charge of several organizations that developed my leadership skills suited for all positions that I am applying for. As the captain of the math team for three years, I had to develop the team from scratch, setting the tone for team meetings and practices and creating enthusiasm among the members. I believe I can muster similar enthusiasm among APO members to come out to fellowship events or remain in good standing or active, while keeping the tone animated and respectful at the same time. As the president of a major volunteering organization for one year, I managed over one hundred people and organized community service events. I had to find organizations or clubs that would potentially need our help, contact them, and, if help was truly needed, agree on logistics for the event and communicate them to my members. This kind of preparation and effort is exactly what fuels fellowship and membership events.

Lastly, as an active member of the Membership committee during Spring 2013 and the Fellowship committee during Fall 2012, I have been closely following the actions of the VP of Membership and the VP of Fellowship of the corresponding semesters. I took notes on how both VP's deal with problems and

utilize the committees to generate ideas and organize events – something that I will surely keep in mind for the future.

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?

My other time commitments next semester will include: work-study (~10 hours/week), judo club (~3 hours/week), and maybe a Marshall organization (shouldn't take up more than 3 hours/week). Evidently, my time commitments outside of APO are not that great and balancing workloads should not be a problem. Regardless, in case of work conflicts, I will prioritize my e-board duties over duties in other organizations.

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 28th at 11:59PM. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact president.apousc@gmail.com.

Good luck! ☺

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Work Experience

- **Dental Office Assistant** May 2009 – Sep 2009; May 2010 – Sep 2010
Brooklyn, NY
Oceanview Dental
 - Working in a dental office by answering phone calls, working with files and on the computer, and generally assisting around the office. Basic patient care tasks.
- **Utilities Company Intern** Jul 2011 – Sep 2011
New York, NY
Consolidated Edison
 - Interning at the office of a large utilities company, participating in professional workshops, facilitating discussions, and maintaining active communication between various departments of the company.

Extracurricular Activities

- **Alpha Phi Omega, Alpha Kappa Chapter** Sep 2012 – now
 - Sergeant-at-Arms of a co-ed community service fraternity. Creating and presenting weekly PowerPoint presentations in front of the members, maintaining order and low noise level during meetings, updating official chapter policies.
- **Brooklyn Tech's National Beta Club** Sep 2009 – June 2012
 - Leader of a 100-member volunteering club. Contacting non-profits, planning events, communicating with members, creating fundraising ideas. Involved a lot of emailing, advertising and leadership.
- **Brooklyn Tech's National Honor Society** Sep 2009 – June 2012
 - Junior chairperson of the Tutoring committee for one year. Responsible for running tutoring sessions for students twice a week.
- **Brooklyn Tech's Math Team** Sep 2008 – June 2012
 - An active member and the captain of the team for three years. Developed the team bond, came up with ideas for practices, ran the meetings, encouraged group learning and improvement, and made sure nobody fell behind.
- **Brooklyn Tech's Young Entrepreneurs Association** Sep 2009 – June 2011
 - An active member of a business-oriented club.

Awards/Certificates

- **Junior Achievement of New York Business Plan Competition Online Finalist** May 2010
- **Gold Medals on the Greater Metropolitan New York Math Fair** Mar 2010, Apr 2011/2012
 - Won three gold medals for writing and presenting outstanding mathematical research papers.

Additional Information

Fluent in Russian and can converse in basic Spanish and Chinese.

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The “Work-study” time blocks might change as my work schedule is not finalized yet, but the number of hours will stay the same (~10 hours).