



Spring 2018 Nominated Officer Questionnaire

INSTRUCTIONS

Please attach your **current résumé** and **Spring 2018 schedule** (class, work, other extracurricular activities).

This questionnaire is due **no later than SUNDAY November 19th at 11:59 PM**. Please send this document and all supplemental materials to president.apousc@gmail.com and cc 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 November 19th at 11:59 PM** 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: Nikki Jao

Year: Sophomore

Major: Business Administration (minor: International Relations, Computer and Digital Forensics)

Pledge Class (Year): Alpha Iota (Fall 2016)

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
- ☐ IC Chair

*Are you running with another candidate? (please bold your answer)

YES

NO

What is the name of the person you intend to run with? _____

Are you running “all or nothing,” or are you willing to be split up if that is what the vote decides?

PART II: SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. What is your vision for APO?

My vision for Alpha Phi Omega is for the organization to be a hub for relationships. Whether it be to go to HQ and make new friendships or to rekindle old ones, or to represent Alpha Phi Omega and engage in a mentorship with a Kid City student, Alpha Phi Omega brings people together in meaningful ways. Service is the vehicle that allows such relationships to take place; it is the vessel that connects people to each other. While Alpha Phi Omega prides itself in being a community service fraternity, I believe the core of Alpha Phi Omega lies in its dedication to fraternity and brotherhood. As a Vice President of Service, I hope to continue helping members realize great friendships through service and to extend this feeling of family and togetherness to the communities we serve in the greater Los Angeles area.

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

As a pledge, I was drawn to Alpha Phi Omega because of the organization’s unwavering commitment to serving the greater Los Angeles area. After spending three semesters with the chapter, I have had the fortunate experience of working closely with Mel from Monday Night Mission, Laura from Kid City Hope Place, and Uncle Gary from Care Mission. In working with them, I have had the opportunity to serve to serve many different populations and really see how far an act of service can go. The smiles I’ve received from the men, women, and children are tangible moments of gratitude that continue to motivate me to do service.

Service is something I’ve continually prioritized in my time at USC, as I try to devote more hours to service with every semester, accomplishing my “personal” service requirements I’ve set for myself. I would like to serve as the Vice President of Service to support leaders in our community, like Mel, Laura, and Gary, with their programs. I would also like to serve as Vice President of Service to continue connecting our members to individuals in the greater Los Angeles area, and allow them to create meaningful relationships through service.

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

My external goals, as Vice President of Service, include:

- Maintaining strong relationships with service organizations that we’ve continued to work with in the past, and will continue to work with in the future.
- Fostering partnerships with service-related organizations at USC (e.g. Red Cross) to make new and diverse service events available to members of our chapter.

My internal goals, as Vice President of Service, include:

- Ensuring that active, associate, and pledging members fulfill their respective service requirements, and helping them to do so.
- Working closely with other executive board members to ensure Alpha Phi Omega runs smoothly. I am more than willing to help other executive board members with their jobs if my position can offer assistance (for example, helping Philanthropy Co-chairs come up with service events). Overall, I can and will offer any assistance to executive board members when appropriate and necessary.

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

Our chapter has been doing a great job as an organization that serves many, diverse communities in the greater Los Angeles area. We serve populations of homeless men and women, elementary school kids and high school students, the elderly, the sick, and even cats and dogs. I believe the role of Vice President of Service is not to innovate, but to maintain – to strengthen the relationships we’ve made with

organizations, and to continue solidifying the cardinal principle of service that remains essential to our organization.

However, I do have one new idea: an ongoing canned food drive throughout the course of the semester. We can borrow the structure of "Penny Wars" – where one week one type of canned food is more desirable and will translate to more family points for the Alpha, Phi, and Omega families. At the end of the semester, we can count the cans and the points accumulated and reward the winning family for its contribution to the canned food drive. We can then donate these cans to the Los Angeles food bank, and continue serving the hungry population of the greater Los Angeles area.

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.**

This past year, I have worked as a research assistant, collaborating with my peers in team settings to accomplish long-term goals and complete immediate tasks. Research teams were diverse in background and in academics, as research assistants hailed from various graduate programs and majors. It provided a challenge: to work effectively with people of polar opposite views, upbringing, and academic interests. This often led to conflicts of opinion and disagreements, but it also taught me and others to hold productive discussions and effectively resolve problems. Although I learned these collaborative skills in a totally different setting from Alpha Phi Omega, I believe I can apply these soft skills as Vice President of Service when working externally with service organizations and internally with the e-board.

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?**

Next semester, I will be taking a leadership role in the Security and Political Economy (SPEC) Research Lab as a lead research assistant. Other than that, I will be focusing on an 18-unit course load (see attached Spring 2018 schedule). I had the same academic and extracurricular commitments this past semester, and learned to manage my time wisely while still dedicating hours of service to Alpha Phi Omega. I foresee no unresolvable issues with prior commitments I have made.