

Spring 2017 Nominated Officer Questionnaire

INSTRUCTIONS

Please attach your **current résumé** and **Spring 2017 schedule** (class, work, other extracurricular activities).

This questionnaire is due **no later than SUNDAY November 27**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**, **November 27**TH **at 11:59 PM** 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: Adelaide Wong
Year: junior
Major: Business Administration & Economics
<u>Pledge Class (Year)</u> : Alpha Eta (Fall 2015)

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

[] President		
[] Pledgemaster		
[] VP of Service		
[] VP of Membership		
[] VP of Fellowship		
[x] VP of Finance		
[] VP of Communications		
[] Fundraising Chair		
[] IC Chair		

PART II: SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. What is your vision for APO?

My vision for APO is to be an enthusiastic and driven service organization. Part of that enthusiasm and drive comes from having faith in the financial status of the chapter. As VP of Finance, I envision a strong sense of stability so that financial pressures do not have to hinder the chapter's ability to be dedicated to leadership, friendship and service.

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

I would like to serve as APO's next VP of Finance because I want to involve myself in the chapter by giving back in a way that I best know how: by utilizing my strong organizational skills and financial keenness. I have been encouraged to be financially responsible from a young age and have developed a good sense of frugality and necessity. I would like to put forth these skills to the betterment of the chapter and to step up to make an impact in this organization.

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

I hope to create a responsibly allocated budget that will best serve the needs of the chapter. In our current state of financial surplus, I aim to reallocate money to address areas of monetary concern while maintaining these excess funds. I hope to be able to lower dues for actives, but especially for pledges since the high fees come to deter prospective members from rushing. I also aim to create a better balance between internal and external fundraising. I will uphold longstanding fundraising traditions like APieO and restaurant fundraisers, however I would like to explore options such as IC apparel sales. Ultimately, I hope to serve the chapter by utilizing every dollar in the best way possible.

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

To achieve the above goals, I hope to implement several new ideas to encourage wiser spending. In regards to the driver issue, I hope to reevaluate the budget to allocate a more reliable fund to reimburse Uber/Lyft rides in the case that drivers are unable to make it to service events. I believe that every active and pledge should have an equal opportunity to perform service and supporting this financially is significant. Additionally, I would like to address service through this position. I think the \$1000 active fundraising goal is a reasonable expectation, however I would like to donate 25% of these funds to charity to create a service-based incentive for fundraising and an alternative route to giving back.

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.

Though I have not held any other leadership positions in APO, I have demonstrated leadership ability and attention to detail both in my academic career and my past two semesters with APO. I pride myself on my extreme organizational skills; a key trait to

being able to fulfill this position well. I have proven myself to be a team player through my pledging semester and I am confident that I will be able to work closely and efficiently with my co.

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 only other main obligation will be to maintain my current job as a student coordinator with USC Cultural Relations & Events. With my organizational skills, I am confident in my ability to budget my time accordingly to balance my academic schedule, work and APO obligations. I constantly create to-do lists and maintain a detail-oriented calendar to stay on top of my priorities and manage my time.