



## Elected Board Application Fall 2021

### INSTRUCTIONS

Please attach your **current résumé** and **Fall 2021 schedule** with this application (class, work, other extracurricular activities). All executive board members must be able to accommodate executive board meetings (EBMs) and general body meetings (GBMS) in their Monday night schedules unless this is later changed by the **Fall 2021** Executive Board.

Applications are due **no later than Wednesday, April 14th at 11:59 PM PST. NO EXCEPTIONS.** Please send this document with all supplemental materials to President ([president.apousc@gmail.com](mailto:president.apousc@gmail.com)) and cc Sergeant-at-Arms ([sergeantatarms@gmail.com](mailto:sergeantatarms@gmail.com)) and Webmaster ([webmaster.apousc@gmail.com](mailto:webmaster.apousc@gmail.com)).

**Election Day:** Candidates for President and New Member Educator will have 3 minutes to give their speeches. Candidates for all other positions will have 2 minutes.

You may present **1 slide per position** you run for at the time of your speech. If you are running all or nothing for a co position, you may share a speech with your running mate and have **up to 2 slides**. If you are not running all or nothing, you must have a separate speech and slide. Slides are due **no later than Wednesday, April 14th at 11:59 PM PST** to President ([president.apousc@gmail.com](mailto:president.apousc@gmail.com)). No changes to your slide(s) may be made after this date. You will not be allowed to pass out additional materials or papers during your speech.

### PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

**Name:** Trinity Yang

**School Year (Grade):** Sophomore

**New Member Class (Semester & Year):** Spring 2020, Alpha Pi

**Major(s):** Health Promotion & Disease Prevention

**Minor(s):** Nonprofits, Philanthropy & Volunteerism; Gender and Sexuality Studies

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

- ☐ President (1)
- ☐ Pledgemaster AKA New Member Educator (1)
- ☐ Co-VP of Finance (2)
- ☐ Co-VP of Membership (2)
- ☐ Diversity & Inclusion Chair (1)
- ☐ Intechapter Chair (1)
- ☐ VP of Communications (1)
- ☐ VP of Fellowship (1)
- ☒ VP of Service (1)

Name of person you are running with (leave blank if no running partners):

Are you running all or nothing (leave blank if not applicable):

*\* A list of officer descriptions can be found in our [Chapter Bylaws](#) on the APO website.*

## **PART II: SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS**

### **1. Why do you want the position(s) you are running for? Why are you the best candidate for the position(s) you selected?**

Service is at the heart of who I am.

I would love to be the next VP of Service because I am genuinely passionate about caring for our communities, and I want to empower our members to feel the same. What I mean by this is I am so grateful for the human connections we create through service - ones where we become listeners, support systems, and advocates for others - and I hope to bolster this culture of love and care through the position of VP of Service.

In terms of qualifications, while I hold the skills of proactivity, organization, and communication required for this position, I believe that my interest in making social change and my commitment to equitable service is what will allow me to best serve APO.

Over the past semester, APO has largely aimed to shift its focuses and highlight the necessity of diversity, equity, and inclusion. With my experience in grappling with such topics both within (as past diversity and inclusion chair/philanthropy co-chair) and outside of our organization, I am

confident that I will create programming thoroughly aligning us with our values of leadership, friendship, and service.

## **2. What is your vision for APO and what are your goals for the position(s)?**

Throughout my semesters within APO, my vision for this organization and its members remains the same. I want to build a unified community centered around holding space, achieving justice, and doing what's right. This looks like creating meaningful relationships with those we work with, acting sustainably in our service, and engaging in truth/reflection/understanding of our roles as individuals and community members, despite discomfort we may face in doing so.

To place this in the context of service within APO, my biggest goal for the position is to shift the way we approach service, allowing members to explore more opportunities that speak to us as people, and connecting us more deeply in what we are already involved in. While I'll be addressing the specifics and mechanics of such an organization in the following question, I would like to summarize with this: I hope to develop service as something we find a home in.

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

***Meaningful, Community-Based, Action*** - One point of improvement for our organization is providing meaningful activities for members. While we have already worked to increase social literacy of our members and improve the intent of our events, I believe we can do more. I would love to see increased personal connection and meaningfulness to our programming. This can be done through:

- Community Assessment – Namely providing opportunities that connect our members with communities they are inspired to work with. In surveying the interests of our members and making connections with needs of the community, we can build stronger networks of service that ensure we are making impacts meaningful to us and those we serve.
- Increased Focus on Diversity – by working in tandem with the Diversity and Inclusion Chair, we can continue to identify broader and systemic issues and create new events that grow awareness on necessary topics. An example of this could be discussing the inequalities, histories, etc. of something such as Share a Meal, to remain grounded in our work and discover our roles in undoing larger systems of injustices.
- Education – By expanding education of members regarding our work, we can make them more cognizant of the issues and purposes behind our service, thereby increasing meaningful participation. This semester saw a fantastic implementation of an ethical service/saviorism training, and I believe we can expand by making these discussions commonplace (e.g. choosing an event to reframe/reflect on each week at GBM).

- Empowerment – Events should aim to empower the community, and do more than offer band-aid solutions or temporary fixes. By implementing more service opportunities related to advocacy and systemic change, we can bolster members as active and sustainable agents within our communities.

**Partnership Building** - In the past year, much of our service programming has been changed. With many partner organizations now operating differently post-pandemic, I want to reassess, rebuild, and replenish our community relationships, making them more intentful and reflective than before.

- Accountability – In the past, we have found some difficulty in providing consistent service to some of our events. With this opportunity to revisit our long-term commitments, we can revitalize specific relationships with community partners and ensure sustainable service.
- Storytelling – To better visualize the lasting impacts of our service events, I want to work with the VP of Communications to keep in contact with the community members we work with and share their narratives/experiences. This will allow us to evaluate and appreciate the partnerships we build.
- Appreciation – While we currently work to share our reflections of service with our own networks, we don't put as much effort into communicating our thoughts with those we work with. By putting practices into place to express our reflections (e.g. lead posts or similar) with those we work with, we can ensure mutual appreciation with our partners.

**Flexible Semester** - A concern regarding the student experience in general is the uncertainty of what the upcoming semester will look like. To ensure our members' engagement with service/the greater community, it will be essential to ensure flexibility in our requirements.

- Outside hours – In the case that our ability to engage in in-person events is limited, I plan to increase the cap for outside-APO hours to encourage members to continue service, regardless of circumstances.

**4. 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.**

My past experiences as Philanthropy Co-Chair, Diversity and Inclusion Chair, and (Pledge) VP of Service have well-equipped me for the setting of the executive board. Not only have I been familiarized with the ins-and-outs of general logistical processes, I have worked with multiple board positions (as well as external organizations) to plan successful events for the chapter. Having worked in both virtual and in-person boards, such roles have granted me the ability to empower and encourage members to maintain attendance through events and finish requirements, regardless of the setting.

To further describe my experience with the duties of Vice President of Service, my current role as Philanthropy Co-chair has prepared me immensely for a position that aims to create social justice and community-based programming. With the challenge of the pandemic, I was able to work with my Co-chair partner, Matthew Torres, to completely rework the APO philanthropy agenda. Implementing new opportunities for members to engage in meaningful and activist work (Educating Ourselves, Diversity x Philanthropy discussions, Letters to Community, etc.), I am more than comfortable with adjusting programming to fit both the interests of our members, and needs of our community. Because the increased focus on DE&I/impactful work has been well-received, I plan to continue expanding our social justice focus through the role of VP of Service.

This position also requires the running of the Service Committee, which I have been active in for two out of my three semesters in APO. Being extremely familiar with both how to organize the Service Community in tandem with the Philanthropy Co-chairs and Pledge attendees, I have no concerns regarding my ability to succeed in this role.

**5. 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 working as a Resident Assistant. My other commitments include personal research projects, peer mentoring, Student Symphony Orchestra, and Medical Clownery Club. I am confident in my ability to balance APO executive board duties with such commitments as I have done so in past semesters.

***Don't forget to attach your résumé and schedule!***

Thank you for taking the time to apply for APO's elected board. You will be contacted shortly after the submission deadline with more information about elections. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to email [president.apousc@gmail.com](mailto:president.apousc@gmail.com).