



Spring 2013 Nominated Officer Questionnaire

PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: Claire Nguyen
Year: Junior/3rd Year
Major: Policy, Planning, and Development
Pledge Class (Year): Spring 2011

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> President | <input type="checkbox"/> VP of Fellowship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pledgemaster | <input type="checkbox"/> VP of Finance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VP of Service | <input checked="" 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?

My vision of APO is a fraternity that truly emphasizes its cardinal principles of leadership, friendship, and service. Leadership, by providing opportunities for brothers to take initiative in the fraternity and encouraging them to do so outside of APO, also; Friendship, by building bonds with brothers and creating a memorable college experience and life-long connections with one another; Service, by encouraging brothers to do what's right, helping those less fortunate than us, and embodying the idea of service above self.

As a brother of APO I believe we do service because of the passion we have for helping others. I envision Alpha Phi Omega to be an organization that continuously welcomes and accepts any and all types of people regardless of their different values, personalities, or backgrounds. What made me so attracted to APO is the brotherhood with the people in it. I'd like to see APO continue this because I really believe that the relationships we build with the people in the fraternity is what keeps us active and involved.

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

- The reason why I'm running for membership is because I love all aspects of membership, and I think membership is one of the most important parts of APO. I want to be able to help out with all the sub-committees of membership, especially because I have goals and ideas for each. But more importantly, I have ideas for membership that I think will benefit the whole chapter.
- I'm also running for communications because I enjoy computer work – I'm always on the computer and checking emails. I also really enjoy working with Microsoft Office so I know I'll do a good job with GBM powerpoints. Furthermore, I believe the idea of

communication is extremely important. The organization needs to be transparent, and open. Brothers needs to be communicate their thoughts, and eboard needs to communicate with one other. I really want to help with this process.

3. What are your goals for the position(s)?
 - a. My goals for both positions is to make sure things are done in a timely manner. For example, for membership, I'd like to have some designs completed by the start of the semester, and have shirts ordered by the second week of the pledging semester. For communications, I'd like to make sure the minutes and MWM are sent out consistently on the same day(s) around the same time. My other goal for membership is membership retention. I'd like to continuously incorporate all brothers, not just pledges and their bigs. My final goal for VP of Communication is to encourage more communication within eboard, active body, pledges, as well as those who are in bad standing or associate.
4. What new ideas can you bring to the position and organization as a whole? Please provide examples.
 - a. Membership: Create a visual representation of everyone's status throughout the semester in relation to other brothers (for example, a box-and-whiskers chart); form a dance team for Dance Comp; Have LEADS sessions to encourage both actives and pledges to take leadership; Help Alumni Liaison contact alumni, and try to get them back as volunteering advisors; form more chapter chants to encourage chapter pride, as well as make a chapter flag to bring to big IC events; bring back birthday recognitions.
 - b. Communications: Have brothers participate with Eboard's Slide Themes. Work with Webmaster to do a comments and critiques page, so there's evaluation throughout the semester, rather than just during town hall. I also want to communicate with ICs to compile good ideas from their chapters that might be useful to our own.
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.
 - a. VP of Membership: I was IC Chair for Fall 2012, which is under the Membership Committee. My experience as IC chair, as well as a brother from a different chapter, allows me to have an open mind and bring different ideas from ICs into our own chapter.
 - b. VP of Communication: I was in the Communications Committee for Fall 2011, helping with Public Relations, and Spring 2012, helping with Webmaster. I have also been suggesting eboard email addresses since Fall of 2011, and finally got the VP to make them.
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?
 - a. I might work but at the moment, I don't have a job yet. It wouldn't be that much of a commitment since there's no extra work after the allocated time.

Claire Nguyen

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Education

University of Southern California – Los Angeles, CA

Expected: Dec. 2014

BS, Policy, Planning, and Development, emphasis in Policy and Law; Minor: Digital Forensics

San Diego State University – San Diego, CA

Aug 2010 – May 2011

BS, Public Administration

Experience

Alpha Phi Omega National Service Organization

National Convention Steering Committee Member

Mar 2012 – Present

Inter-Chapter Chair

May 2012 - Present

Banquet Coordinator

Feb 2011 – April 2011

- Prepare, coordinate, and administer the upcoming biennial national convention that will bring together members from the 350 chapters across the US: to develop leaders, promote friendship and provide service; to elect the National Board; to reevaluate and change APO's national legislation
- Collaborate with APO chapters at approximately 20 other colleges and create events that will promote bonding and networking with members outside of their own schools
- Organize and execute the semi-annual banquet; develop theme and schedule; cooperate with various vendors for location and dining arrangements

USC Viterbi School of Engineering's Distance Education Network (Work Study)

Camera Operator

Aug 2011 – May 2011

- Record graduate engineering classes so that off-campus students, such as out-of-state students, can watch the lectures and complete their masters' program; Operate streaming and download encoders

Interact Service Club

President

May 2009 – June 2010

Historian/ Webmaster

May 2008 – May 2009

Service Coordinator

June 2007 – May 2008

- Acted as the liaison between San Gabriel Rotary Club, school administration, the 14 member officer team, and the 350 member general body; Prepared and executed board and general meetings
- From 2007- 2009, led the efforts to fundraise over \$9,000 for the Corazon Housing Project
- Created, updated, and maintained the club's first website, domain, and online photo album
- Collaborated with numerous organizations, such as AIDS Service Center, LA Food Bank, San Gabriel and Temple City governments and schools to provide service opportunities to club members

Youth in Government

May 2010

- Shadowed the San Gabriel Parks and Recreations Director; Participated in a mock City Council meeting, with actual council members presented, and spoke on city issues and solutions

Activities

USC Trojan Marching Band

Aug 2012 – Present

- Represents USC at various collegiate sports and school events; member of the alto saxophone section

Vietnamese Catholic Education Program at Nativity Church

Sept 2011 – Present

- Assist and teach kindergarden Vietnamese classes

Joint Education Project

Sept 2011 – Nov 2011

- Assisted socioeconomically disadvantaged students in Math and Science as a Teacher's Assistant

Speech and Debate / National Forensics League (NFL)

Sept 2006 – June 2010

- Practiced oratorical and writing skills; Competed in Dramatic Interpretation, Original Oratory, Duo Interpretation, Oral Interpretation at the regional Speech and Debate competitions

Achievements

- Completed 4 out of 5 Alpha Phi Omega LEADS courses, which are intensive national leadership courses that focus on teambuilding, effective leadership, goal setting, and project management (2012)
- Dean's Honor Roll at SDSU by maintaining above a 3.5 GPA (2010-2011)
- Earned the Degree of Merit, Honor, Excellence, Distinction, and Superior Distinction from the NFL (2006-2010)

Skills

- Experienced with computers: Microsoft Office; C++, HTML/CSS languages; WPM: 65
- Proficient in Vietnamese (spoken, read, written)

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