

Fall 2018 Nominated Officer Questionnaire

INSTRUCTIONS

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

This questionnaire is due **no later than SUNDAY April 15th 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 April 15th 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

<u>Name</u>: Jill Lin <u>Year</u>: Freshman

Major: International Relations

Pledge Class (Year): Alpha Lambda, Fall 2017

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 [X] IC Chair

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

PART II: SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. What is your vision for APO?

My vision of APO is an organization that uses community service and the desire to help others as a means of connecting people. This includes using the organization's resources to its maximum potential, including the fact that our organization is named with Greek alphabet letters. The strength of the utilization of the Greek alphabet makes APO a distinct organization in comparison to other service organizations at USC, because we have the ability to connect with APO chapters at other schools across the nation. Though I understand it is difficult to connect every single member in APO, using the resources of APO to spread connections and community among as many people as possible through service is my vision of APO.

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

I want to be the next IC chair because I feel that while our chapter is great, connecting with other chapters can be a means for us to improve by learning through others and letting others learn from us. No chapter is perfect, however, through increased dialogue and communication, all APO chapters can pick up certain aspects that could improve its own chapter. I also feel that while USC is filled with many connections, we really do live in a bubble and I want to pop this divide between neighboring chapters so that our brothers can all bond and meet new people they otherwise would not have access to through any other means. One of the strongest aspects of APO is that we have chapters across the nation to meet people of all different backgrounds, yet we are unable to learn from them and connect with them without IC. I love being the connector of people and connecting with people and that's why I want to be IC chair.

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

After talking to four IC chairs of previous semesters, I gained a lot of feedback on the structure of how IC works at the USC chapter of APO. I learned that while these past IC chairs have dedicated plenty of time and effort to create IC events for the AK chapter, our chapter is known to dislike IC events overall, making it quite difficult for our chapter to have large turnout at IC events. My goal for the position of IC chair is to increase the amount of people attending IC events and though this may be a far-fetched goal, hopefully erase the negative stigma toward IC events in our chapter and create stronger connections with nearby chapters.

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

I have a few ideas that I want to bring to the IC position and organization as a whole. This includes adding diversity and inclusion aspects into our IC events. These aspects include the step forward game we played at chapter retreat at events such as IC BBQ and coffee chats during the food events such as Bud Namu with Lamda Mu. By including diversity and inclusion aspects to IC events, I believe that deeper connections can be made between the chapters past the surface level interactions that usually occur at IC events. While icebreakers are important as introductions, interactions with deeper subjects could hopefully connect us all in stronger ties.

- 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.

 As the Advocacy Chair for McCarthy Honors College and a member of the Advocacy Board for Residential Student Government, I have learned to connect with the building governments of other dorms and colleges at USC to voice the opinions of USC residents and create campus-wide initiatives or events. I was also the varsity swim captain for my high school in both my junior and senior year, a position that included connecting with the captains of other teams to coordinate competition layouts and warm-up formats. When I was the policy debate captain of my high school, I also took the initiative to reach out to our city's middle school in order to start teaching debate at the middle school; this included working with the speech and debate cabinet to organize practices at the middle school so that younger students could start learning about public speaking and debate earlier. These are just a few examples of relevant experience working on connecting with others beyond that of my own group.
- 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?

I will no longer be continuing with Building Government and Residential Student Government next semester, so I definitely will have time to commit to IC chair, if I am to be elected. Other than that, I will be continuing with my current research position and internship (or switching to another) and adding on a second research position. However, I will only have classes on three days of the week and swimming is not a big commitment, so I will have plenty of time to dedicate to APO.