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**Fall**

**Spring 2014 Nominated Officer Questionnaire**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Please attach your **current résumé** and **Spring 2013 schedule** (class, work, other extracurricular activities).

This questionnaire is due **no later than** **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH at 5:00PM.** Please send this document and all supplemental materials to [president.apousc@gmail.com](mailto:president.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, APRIL 28TH at 11:59pm** to [president.apousc@gmail.com](mailto:president.apousc@gmail.com). You will not be allowed to pass out additional materials or papers during your speech.

**PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

Name: Christopher Wang

Year: Senior

Major: Biochemistry

Pledge Class (Year): Psi Class (Fall 2011)

**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] Fundraising Chair

[ ] IC Chair

**PART II: SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS**

1. **What is your vision for APO?**

My vision for Alpha Phi Omega focuses on strengthening the core values of APO: leadership, fellowship, and service. APO AK chapter has come a long way from when it was rechartered in 1989. Not only has the organization grown in members, its purpose and mission has also developed. However, I believe that there is definite room for growth in our chapter.

1. Leadership: While our program emphasizes the development of leadership, it lacks the resources for members to learn leadership skills and the opportunities to be leaders. By equipping everybody with a leadership skillset through leadership activities and events (such as LEADS), APO AK can provide a means for members to grow as leaders of APO, the USC campus, and the community.
2. Fellowship: The root of fellowship comes from the brotherhood of APO. To me, brotherhood is a life-long bond between members of a same kinship. This bond, however, can only stem from active involvement and participation from our brothers. I believe that APO AK needs to strive towards bringing the general body to become active in APO affairs. This will encourage brothers to be more enthusiastic about APO, thereby positively increasing our presence on campus and attracting even more members to our fraternity.
3. Service: I believe in a diversity of projects that will strive to help all those in need. Service does not belong only to a specific sector of service (e.g. conservation); it appears in many forms and thus, there is a plethora good that can be done within the metaphorical walls of APO. APO AK needs to expand the types of service that it performs and creates by reaching out to those who we would not normally reach out to in order to tailor to the talents of the many mindful citizens that make up this organization. The expansion of our service program will help fuel our members’ passion for service and increase our presence on campus and in the community.

Furthermore, I believe that APO can do so much more good than it already has. We have the potential to exponentially increase all aspects of what we do. This does not just apply to E-board. It applies to the general body as well because each person has something to offer for the chapter and the community. APO should be a vessel in which members can actively do more and actively do good.

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

I want to run for the Fundraising Chair position because I want the opportunity to change the definition of the role from past semesters. The Fundraising Chair has traditionally created fundraising events that basically involve members paying back to APO. I want to expand on AK’s definition of fundraising by getting APO brothers to get other students involved in these fundraisers. There is a whole student body that has yet to be tapped into for fundraising; fundraising events can be worked towards increasing inclusivity. I also want to change the impact that APO can have in our community by fundraising towards a goal and a cause. With this position, I believe I will be able to do more good for the fraternity and the community – to make an impact, even if it is a small one. Furthermore, I believe that my 5-semester involvement in APO as an E-board and general body member will be an asset to the chapter because I have a lot of experience working in groups and cooperating with individuals. Because of my involvement, I have somewhat of a deeper understanding of APO and the needs of our brothers, and I believe that I can contribute to the continuation of improving APO.

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

My goals are to expand the position from what it has traditionally been in the past. While all traditional fundraisers would be kept in order to raise funds for APO, I would implement new ones that would serve to fundraise for specific causes. My goal is to serve three organizations through fundraising efforts. I believe that, as a general service organization, fundraising is not just to obtain funds for ourselves but for others to participate in the community. As part of my campaign to do more good, I would like to expand the position to actually do more good for others.

Another goal that I have for the position is the transparency of how general fundraising money is being spent for APO. I think it is important to show the general body that money is being directed to the right places and that these fundraisers are a crucial part of the success and sustainability of APO.

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

1) To expand the position, I want to be able to actively fundraise not only for APO but also for causes. My goal for the semester is to be able to fundraise for three organizations: Dance Marathon (Children Hospital Los Angeles), Relay for Life (Colleges Against Cancer, American Cancer Society), and Kid City/Jordan Downs. The first two are self-explanatory as we would be helping to raise funds for the organizations in light of their respective events. For the third organization (either Kid City or Jordan Downs), we would raise funds for a scholarship to promote education and college readiness. I love the idea that Ryan Kupyn created for Fall 2013 and would love to continue with it. In terms of a specific timeline, I would dedicate a month for each organization (February being Dance Marathon, March being Relay for Life, and April being the scholarship fund). For each month, I would hold a minimum of 2 food fundraisers (e.g. Pizza Studio, Built, Yogurtland, Viztango, etc.) and a larger, more creative event (such as Casino Night). This would **not** retract from the fundraisers that raise money for APO (e.g. Retreat Auction, APieO, APOker, etc.) but rather allow the definition of fundraising to expand to different areas. I believe that this type of fundraising will help publicize the name of APO in a positive way and will be able to make a positive impact in the community.

2) I want to increase the USC student body participation in APO’s fundraiser events. I will make sure that fundraisers are known to the entire campus. Time, effort, and resources will be used to ensure that fundraisers are successful. One idea that I have specific to this initiative is to actively spread the word about fundraisers through social media and flyering. Part of this initiative would also have brothers pass out fundraising flyers throughout the day of the event, a publicity strategy that will make these events successful.

1. **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.**

I have been on E-board for APO for 2 semesters (Spring 2012 and Fall 2012) as Sergeant-at-Arms and Funding Chair. The Funding Chair position is the most relevant as it involves obtaining money. I understand the importance of money and how it can be obtained. I have also been on the fundraising committee Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Fall 2012, and Fall 2013.

1. **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?**

Community Partners Committee: 1 meeting/month, 1 Saturday service day/month

Dance Marathon Planning Committee: Monday meetings at 9:00pm

I love google calendar, so everything I do has a time slot for me to complete. I know that, if elected, I will have a lot of responsibilities and a lot of planning to do, and I will make APO my top priority.