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**Fall**

**Fall 2013 Nominated Officer Questionnaire**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

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

This questionnaire is due **no later than** **FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH at 8:00PM.** 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: Christina Stewart

Year: Sophomore

Major: Human Biology, Cognitive Science

Pledge Class (Year): Omega Spring 2012

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

[ ] President

[ ] Pledgemaster

[ ] VP of Service

[X ] VP of Membership

[ ] VP of Fellowship

[ ] VP of Finance

[ ] VP of Communications

[ ] Fundraising Chair

**PART II: SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS**

1. What is your vision for APO?

I love APO with all of my heart and I want to see this organization flourish here at USC. I believe that there are very few organizations that have the ability to change lives and APO is one of them. Not only do we have the opportunity to impact the lives of others on campus and within the surrounding area, but we also play a large role in shaping the lives of our brothers. I want APO to be seen as the number one service organization on campus. In addition, I want APO to continue to improve the community around USC as the neighborhood changes. Finally, I want to maintain the family bond that we share while promoting active membership. APO has changed me for the better and everyone should feel the same.

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

I selected VP of Membership after careful deliberation. I believe it is the best way that I can serve APO. I know that my strength in organization and ability to work well with others could really benefit our chapter. I believe that my involvement with other campus organizations will play a large role in developing the position. In addition, I want to serve on E-board because I recognize the growing potential in APO and I want to help the organization improve. I believe that I am best suited for VP of Membership because I am passionate about our brotherhood and dedicated to Alpha Phi Omega.

1. What are your goals for the position(s)? I really want to help develop the position and to introduce new programming into APO so that there will be a larger incentive for brothers to stay involved. I want to unify APO. Moreover, I aim to increase membership retention rates and improve the general attitude of APO. I can honestly say that I think APO is filled with some of the most talented and accomplished people at USC. We should be able to appreciate our members and members should feel proud to be in APO.
2. What new ideas can you bring to the position and organization as a whole? Please provide examples.

* Pen pals/ secret brothers/brother dates: This can help members get to know other people outside of their pledge class and friend group. Like funtivities, it will provide members with an opportunity to get to know other people in the chapter that they might not usually interact it.
* Mid-semester reviews for members: This would be a good tool to help keep members on track for finishing requirements as well as providing them with a place to voice their opinion. Although the online form works, I feel as if people would be more willing to share their thoughts on how to better our chapter in a one-on-one conversation.
* Mass texting for reminders/safety alerts: We are a family in APO and we need to take care of each other. When there are shootings/DPS alerts we should have a system of altering members and making sure everyone is accounted for. In addition, mass texting can be used **sparingly** for important reminders (ex. Location of deliberations, reminder to sign up initiation, etc.)
* Develop academic resources (class list) and professional development (internship list): Because APO is filled with so many accomplished and well-rounded people, we should take advantage of our membership. By cataloguing our internships, notes, etc. it will be easier for brothers to use other brothers as a valuable resource that can improve our professional and academic careers.
* Abroad care packages: We lose a lot of members to study abroad. In other words, people leave USC and then chose to not return to APO. By sending abroad care packages we can remind members that they have a family waiting for them back at USC. It will keep them invested in the chapter while they are gone.
* Outside recognition included in member of the week: Members who have success outside of the chapter should be recognized to show that we support our members in all forums
* Senior words of wisdom/ senior dinner: By having senior events it will encourage more members to stay active during their senior year therefore boosting retention. In addition, senior words of wisdom can be a valuable resource to younger members.
* APO bro/ Turtle twins: Pair brothers up with pledges to help the pledges automatically feel welcome. Brothers can meet pledges before being assigned a little. In other words, it would almost be a type of dating to remove the shady “big/little hunting” aspect in the first few weeks. I know this idea might be controversial so I would only implement it if it had the support of the chapter and Eboard.
* Support our brothers events: Whether it is clubbing with CASA or watching a dance show, APO loves to support its members. We should compile a form where people can list the activities they want support for and we can mention them in GBM or on the website. This has somewhat been started with Fellowship events that support members but I think it could be developed a lot more so that everyone has a chance to feel the love.
* Online tallies of family points: Will help boost family competition and therefore encourage more membership in family events

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.

As you probably remember, I served as Vice President of Fellowship for Omega class. By planning invite, I learned how to work well with others while using effective time and financial management. In addition, my time on E-board has helped me understand the intricacies of planning and executing events. As the scholarship chair for Alpha Delta Pi, I plan sisterhood events as well as develop academic recourses (ex. Study files, mentor lists, etc) for members to utilize.

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? I have a 2 hours/week commitment to Moneythink and 3hours/week commitment to doing research. I plan on balancing APO E-board with other activities by effective time management and by placing APO on the top of my priorities. I already skip my chapter meetings for ADPi and would be willing to withdraw from my other campus organizations if I need more time to be the best VP of Membership that I can be.