

**Spring 2018 Nominated Officer Questionnaire**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

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

This questionnaire is due **no later than** **SUNDAY November 19th at 11:59 PM.** Please send this document and all supplemental materials to [president.apousc@gmail.com](mailto:president.apousc@gmail.com) and cc webmaster.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 November 19thth at 11:59 PM** 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: Pankaew Boonbaichaiyapruck

Year: Sophomore

Major: Political Science and Communications

Pledge Class (Year): Alpha Kappa Spring 2017

**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

[  ]  IC Chair

**PART II: SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS**

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

My goals for Alpha Phi Omega are for our fraternity to become a place of growth, a place of transparency and a place where members feel like family. APO needs to be a place where people feel happy to be involved in, are willing to contribute and are genuinely excited about doing service. The ultimate aim would be for members to stay active and involved throughout their USC career and feel as if their contributions to the chapter mean something.

Active, associate, advisors and alumni members should always feel welcome to voice their opinions, concerns or criticism. I want us to grow as a chapter; to become a community where everyone willingly puts in effort to make the chapter and the community better, not simply because they want to complete requirements.

Finally, I would also want to make members proud that they are a part of our organization. I want us to take pride in being actively involved and be happy about our achievements as a chapter.

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

The VP of membership position will help me grow as a person and allow me to have a chance to contribute back to APO. I believe that how much you contribute into APO is how much you get back in return. Through one semester of pledging and one semester of activehood, I feel involved, happy and satisfied with the chapter as a whole. I have made amazing friends, become a better leader and discovered many rewarding service opportunities. Most importantly, I have grown a lot as a person.

If I get this position, it will be a way for me to grow and flourish even more. I’m not usually a serious person; I enjoy joking around and making fun of things. However, after being Sergeant-at-arms for a semester, I have become a more serious person. It is a big step for me to not joke around in a setting that I am so familiar with and I felt that I have matured as a person. I am now able to command attention and take charge. I can be serious when I want to and I can joke around in other more appropriate settings instead. I want to become VP of membership because it would allow me to take on responsibilities that would make me a more responsible person and a more serious individual. It will significantly help me continue my process of self-growth and challenge me in different ways. I love being challenged and proving that I can do certain things. I feel that being challenged motivates me to excel at what I am doing.

Moreover, I feel that my personality fits the best with this position. I am an easy-going person who has a very optimistic and open view towards life. I am not afraid of approaching people to talk to them and reach out to those who are in need of help. I feel that these qualities fit with the job.

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

I see the VP of membership as a job to make people happy, so that would be my ultimate goal. To make sure everyone is satisfied with what they are doing and feel that their contributions to the chapter are worth it. I also want to ensure everything in the chapter runs smoothly and will do my best to make sure everything is done properly.

I want to make members feel appreciated and proud. This would be done through methods of recognitions and reward. I want all actives, associates, alumni, advisors and pledges to be happy to contribute and that would be done through making the chapter a loving and tightknit place.

Another goal for this position would be to integrate the chapter. I notice that during every GBM, the room is clearly divided into two sides. It is not that the people who sit on different side are not friends but it’s just how people sit with who they are close with. A lot of actives who have finished pledging will stick to the same group of friends and go to the same service events with the same people. I feel that there must be a way to better integrate the people in the chapter as a whole; to close the gap during GBM.

As a pledge, I met so many people and I thought I knew the chapter well when I crossed. However, after a semester as an active member, I realize that there are so many people that I have not met or gotten to know. There are still a number of people that I don’t know well. I feel that we can implement some program or activities to help actives still meet new people and discover new friendships. It also keeps things exciting for actives.

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

As said before, I want to integrate the chapter as a whole. I think this can be done through events like blind dates between active members. Scheduling blind dates are a hard process so the best way would be to create a blind date event and have people sign up for them anonymously. No one would know who else signed up. They would be sent a location to meet at the time of the event and get to have a blind date! I think this would be a great way for actives to meet new people and integrate the chapter as a whole.

I would also want to create a calendar that perfectly details what is going to happen this semester and what needs to be done in order for everything to run smoothly. After talking to Elizabeth and Grace, they said they wish they had planned everything out and list everything that they had to do because they are a lot of small things which fall under the membership category that are easily forgotten about.

I think a Google Calendar with details of all the major events going to happen in the semester shared between executive committee members would be beneficial for everyone. In this case, all other VPs can see if their bigger events are conflicting with other big events as well. It would be easier for scheduling.

I feel that if there is a diversity chair, we can plan other membership events that are more geared toward families and integration events. We can start membership committee earlier in the semester and contribute time into planning quality 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.**

I have been going to membership committees for two semesters now. When I was pledging, I learnt a lot about what goes on behind the scene in APO and how certain things works. As an active this semester, I worked directly underneath membership and I learnt a lot about their jobs and responsibilities. There are a lot of things that goes on under the membership responsibilities that may seem insignificant but has a lot of effect on the chapter. I have learnt that it takes proper planning and preparation to execute certain tasks. I feel that I am prepared for this position because I know what I am getting myself into and I know the responsibilities that comes with it.

I served as Captain for my squash team and class representative for my boarding school. I also served as pledge class fundraising chair and Sergeant-at-arms in APO. I feel that through these positions, I have developed as a leader and a friend. I know how to work with people and how to negotiate. I know how to plan events and how to advertise them. I believe that these skills will be useful and crucial to the VP of membership job.

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’m working with College Spring tutoring low income high school kids on the SAT which will be during the school days on Tuesday and Thursdays. I play rugby for the women’s rugby team here at USC and we have practices two times a week. Finally, I am a senior producer for Platforum on Trojan visions and I am involved in the photography club.

Despite being involve in other things on campus, I am positive that I will have more than enough time to balance APO executive board duties. I am an organized person who constantly put everything on my Google calendar. I believe that everything is possible with my passion, dedication and time-management skills including Google calendar because it’s all a matter of fitting it in your schedule. More importantly, being VP of membership would be my first priority and I would contribute significant time to this job.