

**Spring 2019 Nominated Officer Questionnaire**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Please attach your **current résumé** and **Spring 2019 schedule** (class, work, other extracurricular activities).

This questionnaire is due **no later than** **SUNDAY November 18th 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. If you are running all or nothing for a co position, you may share a speech with your running mate and have **up to** **two slides**. If you are not running all or nothing, you must have a separate speech and slide. Slides are due by **SUNDAY November 25th 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: Alex Konovnitsyna

Year: Senior

Major: Human Biology

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

[  ]  Co-VP of Membership

[  ]  VP of Fellowship

[X]  Co-VP of Finance

[  ]  VP of Communications

[  ]  IC Chair

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

Sabrina Yu

Are you running all or nothing (leave blank if not applicable)?:

Yes

**PART II: SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS**

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

I am running for Co-VP of Finance not only because I believe that I have learned the necessary skills to succeed in this position, but because the financial aspect of APO has always been a personal road block for me. The first time I rushed APO, I had to drop out of rushing because I did not have the financial ability to join the chapter. During pledging, I had to strictly watch my budget to be able to afford my paddle and as a big, I struggled to afford my DTA gift. As Co-VPs of finance, Sabrina and I hope to alleviate some of the struggles faced by our members and pledges and to be able to provide equal opportunities for everyone. I personally want this position because I believe that APO has the potential to bring so much good financially to both the chapter and the community as APO is not just a part of USC, it is a part of the Los Angeles community.

1. **What is your vision for APO and what are your goals for the position(s)?**

I want APO to be a chapter where everyone feels like they belong, no matter what their background is. I want every brother to feel like they have friends who care about them and for no one to feel isolated and alone. I signed up for one big happy family and although I understand that that is hard to do with such a large group of people, I want APO to stay as inclusive and welcoming as possible. Thus, I want to continue making APO a more inclusive environment by alleviating some of the financial difficulties on both members and excomm positions. We want to be able to provide funds for fellowship events like having coffee for study nights, as many of our members have brought up their inability to pay for fellowship events. Additionally, we would like to give back to the community and set a fundraising goal for an organization that we would decide as a chapter. Some ideas include raising money to buy new computers for Kid City, or helping Mel at Monday Night Mission be able to afford a new mobile shower.

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

As mentioned above, this semester we would like to make sure that all members of APO had the means to be able to get the most out of their APO experience. Thus, we would like to provide financial assistance to future bigs for their DTA gift and to littles for their paddles. Additionally, we would like to compensate drivers twice during the semester. As a driver, towards the end of the semester, I start running out of income to spend on gas in order to drive to APO events, reimbursing drivers midway into the semester should help to lift the financial strain of paying for gas in Los Angeles. While there are still financial issues in our chapter, we believe this is a step in a direction that will remove some of the hardships from our members.  
  
New Fundraiser ideas  
- Social Sabotage (another pay-in game, like Assassins)

-Raffle (ie. For rave tickets, concert tickets)

-In-N-Out fundraiser

-Dog walking

-Community classes

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.**

Serving on excomm Alpha Mu semester, has given me a lot of experience and insight into the chapter. Primarily, I learned how to use the pledgemaster budget to make sure the pledges had shirts, letters, DTA, and other events. I learned how to stay in budget when dealing with thousands of dollars. Having been greatly helped by membership that semester, I also learned how they maintain their membership budget.

Additionally, as an independent student, I balance my personal accounts and have been filing my taxes for the past few years, giving me the relevant experience needed to be able to file APO’s taxes this upcoming semester.

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?**

Next semester, I will be continuing undergraduate research and working at the natural history museum as well as enrolling in 16 units. I had these responsibilities when I was Pauntie for the Alpha Mu’s and was able to fulfill the goals of my position with strict time management and planning.