

**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: Jill Lin

Year: Sophomore

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

[X]  VP of Service

[  ]  Co-VP of Membership

[  ]  VP of Fellowship

[  ]  Co-VP of Finance

[  ]  VP of Communications

[  ]  IC Chair

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

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

**PART II: SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS**

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

Service has always been something I’ve been passionate about. I see it, not only as a means for helping others, but also as a connector of people. My vision and goals for APO have always been based on service and I genuinely want to have an impact on what I truly believe is the most important of the three cardinal principles. Since the beginning, even during speed dating, I was, and still am, convinced that service is what fosters leadership and friendship. It is service that brings all of us together and allows some of us to gain a deeper understanding that compels us to lead others. That’s why, even before I became an active, I ran for Pledge VP of Service; I think service is how our fraternity continues to operate and I want to be part of that to continue to connect and help people within our chapter and beyond.

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

My vision of APO is connecting people through service. I believe service is the medium to foster friendship and for friendship to foster compromise and leadership. As VP of Service, I plan to maintain the already great relationships we have with existing organizations, while reaching out to new groups to expand our reach of serving the community and give our brothers more openings to help those in need. To me, service events are just as effective in starting new friendships as fellowship events, and by adding these new opportunities, I hope to better connect our brothers with the neighboring community and within the fraternity. This goal of finding new events or groups to collaborate with doesn’t just have to be outside organizations; I also want to increase our collaboration with student organizations within USC, which, again, supports my vision of connecting people not just outside of our school and/or chapter, but also with other students within our school who have the same goals as we do regarding service.

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

The new ideas I have support my vision and goals for APO; I plan to create new events to increase the connection we have with each other and beyond. I have reached out to Fur Baby Rescue, Westside German Shepard Rescue, and LA Animal Services in hopes of expanding those we serve to animals as well. I have also reached out to a member from Troy Camp and plan to get in contact with Science Outreach to connect our chapter to other student organizations on campus. Hopefully these collaborations can bring back Week of Service and strengthen our ties and presence within USC. I would also like to work more closely with the Phil Co-Chairs, especially during rush. After talking to LA Animal Services, we are currently planning a big event, something I hope to add to the rush calendar in order to help Phil with overload during KEDS and also make sure the kids that attend KEDS enjoy their time more without the overwhelming kids to apo ratio. As an intern with Congresswoman Chu, I am also discussing with the Chief of Staff the potential of helping them with sorting for their annual Domestic Violence Drive. These are all initiatives I’ve already begun working on, regardless of whether I get the position, because service is genuinely important to me, and even if this is not the position I get elected into, I would be more than happy to pass on the previous communications with these organizations to the elected VP of Service to help our chapter move towards my vision of APO. I hope to also get more involvement from the Pledge VP of Service next semester and assign him/her to help with finding new organizations and events on top of the VP of Service’s endeavors to expand.

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 Pledge VP of Service for the Alpha Lambda pledge class, I understand the communication necessary to coordinate events and to connect with other organizations. I went to every single service comm meeting my pledging semester and listened to the struggles and successes from VP of Service Elizabeth Coughlan and Phil Co-Chairs Lanae and Therese. With a semester surrounded by their experiences and occasional contributions, I understand the work needed to have a successfully running service sector in our fraternity. As IC chair this semester, I have gained experience in coordinating with organizations outside of our own school, which is a core role for VP of Service. As VP of Service, one must be in constant contact with the organizations we collaborate with and be efficient in communicating to organize events. IC chair has definitely prepared me for efficient communication and event planning, especially those from outside our chapter and school.

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 organized my schedule next semester to tailor to the responsibilities of this position. While I will continue to intern and do research, I have organized my schedule so that I will only have classes for 2 days of the week to make sure I have time to commit to APO excomm duties. I also plan to join the swim club again, however, my priority will always be APO and this will not be a conflict.