

**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: Pankaew Boonbaichaiyapruck (Pann)

Year: Junior

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

[X ]  Pledgemaster

[  ]  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?**

I believe that I can provide the Alpha Xi class with the pledging experience of a lifetime.

To be honest, I have never thought of myself as pledgemaster material until very recently. I have always thought I would never be strict enough. I have always seen myself as a negotiator, an event planner, rather than an authority figure. However, I feel that I have grown throughout my four semesters in APO and I strongly believe I am ready for the job. I surprisingly found myself to be a person of authority and values from serving as VP of Membership. I’m more confident about what is right and wrong, and I would not be afraid to strike a pledge out.

When I first pledge APO in the spring of 2017, I was a lost freshman. I didn’t feel like I found a place where I belong in college. Coming out of pledging, I felt like a new person. I have gained so much in such little time. I was able to raise money for my pledge class and take on a leadership role. I felt useful. Moreover, I have found friends that I genuinely like and I had found a home in college. I had such a rewarding pledging experience, I want to provide the new pledges with the same experience, although perhaps less dramatic than my semester.

I want to create a pledging experience that is challenging. I want the pledges to be brought out of their comfort zone so they could grow as an individual. I also want the pledges to create long lasting bonds with their pbros, the actives, and the chapter so they would continue to be actively contributing members of APO in the future. I believe that the bonds created throughout the pledging semester is a strong component of active retention. It is what keeps people in APO. If we can establish a pledging program that is fun, exciting, challenging and create strong bonds, we could solve the problems within our own chapter.

Obviously, there are two main problems that APO has long struggle with, how to make members of APO stay active throughout their college career and how to make everyone feel as if they belong in the chapter. You find your place in the chapter when you feel relevant, you feel relevant when you are constantly contributing to the chapter. I want to create a program where every pledge has to actively contribute in order to create strong long-lasting bonds. It is often said that the more you give into APO, the more you get out of it. I want my pledges to put in their best effort pledging so they could grow as individuals and become amazing actives.

Finally, I feel that this would be a rewarding experience for me personally as well as a chance to challenge myself and grow.

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

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, 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.

In order to create such an environment for the chapter, we would need to educate pledges so they could value the chapter. My goal for my position is to create a pledges experience that is rewarding and challenging. I want the pledges to create lifelong bonds, find a family, and develop professional skills. I would want pledges to have a pledging experience that would be make them want to give back to APO and stay active throughout their college career.

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

First, I believe there should be two fundraising chairs as fundraising chair is the hardest pledge-excomm position in my opinion. I believe that having two pledges working together toward the fundraising goal would make the position less stressful and more rewarding. It is hard for a single pledge to be responsible for the whole pledge class, even with a committee. Having two people responsible and accountable for the fundraising goal would relieve the pressure and burden allowing them to work more freely and accomplish more.

I also believe the pledge class president should have more of a concrete role. So far, we have a pledge class fellowship, service, and IC event. However, we do not have a pledge class membership event. I feel that the role of the pledge class president should involve the president helping create bonds between the actives and the pledges. The President would be responsible to create one pledge class membership event and work directly with membership to help create it.

We are a professional service fraternity, so I feel we should educate our pledges on professional aspects. For instance, I believe we can dedicate time during pledge meeting to teach pledges how to format a resume and how to write cover letters. We could also help them with how to professionally dress and have resume workshops. I’m sure they are older actives in the chapter willing to contribute their time and skills toward this.

Moreover, I would love for the pledges class to create bond with each other’s and with actives as well as associate. I feel that it would be good if pledges can earn enrichment points for doing activities with each other or with actives/associate. We could have extra funtivities for enrichment points or activites pledges can complete for points such as going hiking together as a pledge class or cooking dinner at someone’s house.

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 was pledge class fundraising chair during my pledging semester, I was Sergeant-at-arms during the Alpha Lambda semester, and I was VP of membership during the Alpha Mu semester. I feel that I have sufficient experience working on Excomm and I have learnt how the chapter operates from serving in different positions.

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 might be on board for my sorority, Delta Phi Kappa, but it would be roles that would not require less time commitments. I’m president of Thai Student Association. I don’t see a problem balancing my time commitments at all. Being pledgemaster would obviously be my number one priority and I plan to execute it well if elected. I am positive that I will have more than enough time to balance APO executive board duties. I am an organized person and I have always balance other commitments with APO.