

**Elected Board Application Fall 2021**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Please attach your **current résumé** and **Fall 2021 schedule** with this application (class, work, other extracurricular activities). All executive board members must be able to accommodate executive board meetings (EBMs) and general body meetings (GBMS) in their Monday night schedules unless this is later changed by the **Fall 2021** Executive Board.

Applications are due **no later than** **Wednesday, April 14th at 11:59 PM PST. NO EXCEPTIONS.** Please send this document with all supplemental materials to President ([president.apousc@gmail.com](mailto:president.apousc@gmail.com)) and cc Sergeant-at-Arms ([sergeantatarms@gmail.com](mailto:seargentatarms@gmail.com)) and Webmaster ([webmaster.apousc@gmail.com](mailto:webmaster.apousc@gmail.com)).

***Election Day:*** Candidates for President and New Member Educator will have 3 minutes to give their speeches. Candidates for all other positions will have 2 minutes.

You may present **1 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** **2 slides**. If you are not running all or nothing, you must have a separate speech and slide. Slides are due **no later than** **Wednesday, April 14th at 11:59 PM PST** to President ([president.apousc@gmail.com](mailto:president.apousc@gmail.com)). No changes to your slide(s) may be made after this date. You will not be allowed to pass out additional materials or papers during your speech.

**PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

Name: Brian Chau

School Year (Grade): Senior

New Member Class (Semester & Year): Spring 2021

Major(s): Public Relations

Minor(s): Cinematic Arts

E-mail(s): [Chaubria@usc.edu](mailto:Chaubria@usc.edu)

Phone Number(s): (714) 874-6705

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

[ ] President (1)

[  ] Pledgemaster AKA New Member Educator (1)

[  ] Co-VP of Finance (2)

[  ] Co-VP of Membership (2)

[ ] Diversity & Inclusion Chair (1)

[X] Interchapter Chair (1)

[  ] VP of Communications (1)

[  ] VP of Fellowship (1)

[  ] VP of Service (1)

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? Why are you the best candidate for the position(s) you selected?**

I want to run for this position because I believe that IC is an integral part of APO and that friendship is one of the most important cardinal principles. I also believe that the relationships the chapter builds with other chapters is what makes APO grand as it showcases that this organization is bigger than us; it is a huge community that you can count on wherever you are. Therefore, to me, IC is the most fun and the easiest way to meet other people. This allows you to grow as people from all over have countless experiences and stories to share. Even though I am a pledge currently, I believe that I am the best candidate for the position because I want to help people build these relationships. I am not afraid to reach out to people and to put myself out there and I want to be that person that can help our members feel comfortable in taking that first step also. I want to inspire people to come out, not because of requirements or because a group of people are going but because it is fun to meet others; to realize that you shouldn’t let fear stop you from making new life-long friends. Like in Toy Story, you got a friend in me. I hope I can be your IC Chair, your representative, and your IC friend.

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

My vision for Alpha Kappa’s IC relations is to establish AK as a big brother: a chapter that other chapters look up to, feel comfortable to reach out to, and a chapter that cares about all the other chapters. I want Alpha Kappa to be a welcoming chapter where people want to come out to meet us and want to get to know us. I want IC brothers when they are in Los Angeles, to think, why don’t I visit USC? Why don’t I reach out to a USC IC brother to hang out with? This vision would be accomplished by many different goals. One is for Alpha Kappa to partner up with as many schools as possible during the semester. I want AK to build new relationships with chapters that may not usually collaborate with. Therefore, I would like to make it a goal for us to continue to reach out to these other schools and to break out of the SoCal bubble. This will allow more opportunities for our members to meet other schools; schools that we usually will not meet normally (refer to question 3). I want more people to come out to IC events. Therefore, I will make sure to plan IC events that are more inclusive of everyone in our chapter. I would like to make sure to create events that anyone can go to, events that people will be excited for.

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

* Due to the recent Covid-19 events we experienced, we unfortunately have gone online, however I continue to see this as a new opportunity for the future of IC. I would continue to host online events through Zoom and Gathertown and turn IC into a hybrid position. Even though we will be in person and there are in person events, having these online platforms allow us to reach out to schools that we cannot physically drive to. Now it is possible to do events with AZY, AEN (Norcal), and PSI and even Cornell. Therefore, this opens the door to more events, and more partnerships with other schools which will increase AK’s IC presence while also expanding our relationships and to achieve the vision I previously laid out.
* Working with other Excomm members to collaborate on more events. For example, creating online service events with schools all around the country. Partnering with fundraising to create in person IC fundraisers. Expanding and opening more events to ICs.
* Continuing to work with the future New Member Education Team to continue IC requirements with the new pledge class and help create a solid IC foundation and understanding beginning with pledges; this will help foster future IC involvement as IC would be a normal part of the Alpha Kappa chapter process.
* Creating events that are more inclusive of all members and to continue the events that have already been established such as IC Pen Pals, ICDC, and various tournaments (no need to reinvent the wheel, but rather improve the wheel)
* Help with the planning and working on Fall Fellowship early with the convention committee
* Continuing online communication platforms such as Discord to keep interchapter relations easily accessible and creating individual school to school FB groups to foster a collaborative relationship between active members after a collaborative event.

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 gratefully got to serve as the pledge IC Chair for the Alpha Rho pledge class and therefore got to plan and eventually execute the pledge IC event. At the time of this writing, the pledge event would be 3 days away, however, during the pledging semester I got to learn a lot from planning the event. I got to communicate with other chapters and work with them on the event. I faced many problems regarding scheduling conflicts and quickly adapted to fix the problems that came up. I was able to reach out to many schools to promote the event. I also tried my best to motivate pledges to go to IC events. Even though it may be a requirement to cross, I tried to make it as an easy and fun process as possible. For example, I asked our webmaster to create an AK takes over IC events discord channel to encourage people to attend larger IC events. This allowed members a safe place to talk amongst during large online zoom events. I also got to attend many IC committee meetings with our current IC chair which allowed me to know about the upcoming events and discuss them. I also got to sit in discord calls with IC chairs and got to learn and watch how they plan IC events. I also attended many IC GBMs to look at how other chapters run their meetings and attended many IC events (11.5 IC points at the time of this writing) to get to know other chapters while also representing AK as best I could.

I do not hold any positions at USC, but I do work many various jobs such as being a medical liaison at music festivals and various internships in talent management. I believe these are relevant as it showcases my willingness to help people and to connect people to opportunities and I see the IC position as a position where I can help members expand their networks if they choose to.

I also have relevant high school experience. In high school, I had to create a service project in my time in Youth Leadership America. In our group, we came from various high schools and we decided to create a carnival partnering out with Troy High School’s Best Buddies club. However, we had a huge problem: the deadline was approaching, and we had no activities. Me being from another high school, it was difficult to coordinate. But leveraging connections from the various organizations I was involved in; I was able to get into contact with Troy’s ASB club director to then have him get some of Troy’s high school clubs to bring out their activities to our event. Through him, I was able to message other club presidents to help orchestrate the event. I hope this story showcases my willingness to reach out to other schools and to go out of my comfort zone to expand AK’s IC network.

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 no other commitments at USC aside from my classes and my work-study job and an on-call internship. I believe I will balance it well considering that it will be my last semester and I am taking 12 units of electives while auditing 6 units. I also have worked many hours before and have lowered my hours for APO. My sole focus will be APO next semester as being a Senior pledge currently, I would like to make the best out of my last semester here at USC.