

**Fall 2018 Nominated Officer Questionnaire**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

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

This questionnaire is due **no later than** **SUNDAY April 15th 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 April 15th 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: Mellissa Gao

Year: Rising Senior

Major: Psychology & Cognitive Science

Pledge Class (Year): Alpha Iota (Fall 2016)

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

[  ]  President

[  ]  Pledgemaster

[x]  VP of Service

[  ]  VP of Membership

[  ]  VP of Fellowship

[  ]  VP of Finance

[  ]  VP of Communications

[  ]  IC Chair

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

**PART II: SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS**

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

I want to maintain APO as a service centered community. Instead of having the members seeing APO as a social club and service being a side requirement to finish, the focus should still be on service, and this should also be what APO is known for in the wider student community.

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

I joined APO for service. APO is the gateway that allowed me, an international student, to peek outside of the USC bubble. APO made me realize that LA is more than Hollywood movies, a lot of people are suffering, and a lot of people need help. It made me realize the responsibilities I can take as a student to contribute to the wider community. It also brought to me people who are also passionate about playing a part in the community. VP of Service is the position that serves one of the chapter’s sole purposes, to bring service to the community. By running for this position, I want the future pledges to experience what has been life changing for me. Moreover, as APO has given me countless valuable memories and friendships, I want to give back to the chapter through running for a position that I’m passionate about.

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

My goals for the position include:

* 1. Continue to maintain the relationships with the partnering organizations.
  2. Introduce more event-based service opportunities: concerts, marathons etc.
  3. Complete 3000 service hours as a chapter.

1. **What new ideas can you bring to the position and organization as a whole? Please provide examples.**
   1. Expand the involved classes for 32nd street. Currently for 32nd Street, although we have 2 sessions (morning and afternoon), all the volunteers go to Dr. Purcell’s classroom. As we can have as many as 10 volunteers for just Friday, I think it is a good idea to have volunteers involved in other classrooms in the school and we can also increase the cap if more people are free to come.
   2. Westside German Shepherd Rescue: due to the high adoption rate we haven’t been doing Fur Baby this semester. I would suggest to add in another animal related service. Westside German Shepherd Rescue is very close to USC campus and is looking for volunteers to walk the dogs. The only requirement they have is a mandatory orientation, which we can set up with the organization for interested volunteers.
2. **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.**

-Mentor at Slam! USC where I taught a group of middle school students guitar for one semester.

-Student volunteer at YouthCare, where volunteers are paired up with patients with Alzheimer’s and work with them one-on-one every week.

-Consistently participated a variety of different services since high school. E.g. Working with elderly with Alzheimer’s, helping with students with learning disabilities.

-Music Committee Assistant for TilDawn USC where I helped recruit, contact and connect student musicians from different schools for performances.

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?**

APO will be my priority for the commiements I have next semester. Currently my commitment for next semester will be my testimony intern job at Schoah Foundation, which will take ~8 hours and Parkside CSC job which will take 5~8 hours. I only have classes on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, so I will have more free time to put effort into my e-board duties.