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**Fall**

**Fall 2013 Nominated Officer Questionnaire**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Please attach your **current résumé** and **Fall 2013 schedule** (class, work, other extracurricular activities).

This questionnaire is due **no later than** **FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH at 8:00PM.** Please send this document and all supplemental materials to [president.apousc@gmail.com](mailto:president.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 28TH at 11:59pm** 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: Claire Nguyen

Year: 3rd

Major: Policy, Planning, and Development, Minoring in Digital Forensics

Pledge Class (Year): Zeta Class (Spring 2011)

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

[ ] President

[ ] Pledgemaster

[ ] VP of Service

[ ] VP of Membership

[ ] VP of Fellowship

[ ] VP of Finance

[ X] VP of Communications

[ ] Fundraising Chair

**PART II: SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS**

1. What is your vision for APO?

My vision of APO is a fraternity that truly emphasizes its cardinal principles of leadership, friendship, and service. Leadership, by providing opportunities for brothers to take initiative in the fraternity and encouraging them to do so outside of APO; Friendship, by building bonds with brothers and creating a memorable college experience and life-long connections with one another; Service, by encouraging brothers to do what’s right, helping those less fortunate than us, and embodying the idea of service above self.

As a brother of APO, I believe we do service because of the passion we have for helping others. I envision Alpha Phi Omega to be an organization that continuously welcomes and accepts any and all types of people regardless of their different values, personalities, or backgrounds. What made me so attracted to APO is the brotherhood with the people in it. I’d like to see APO continue this because I really believe that the relationships we build, through trust and communication, with the people in the fraternity is what keeps us active and involved.

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

I’m also running for communications because I believe I have the qualifications to do well in this position. I truly love Alpha Phi Omega – which is why I’ve been active since my freshman year. I want to contribute to the organization and improve it as much as I can. The best way to do so is to be involved with what I am good and qualified in. I have been on the Communications Committee 3 out of the 4 semesters at USC because I believe communication within the organization, as well as outside the organization, is extremely important and beneficial. In addition, the organization needs to be transparent and open with one another. Brothers need to communicate their thoughts, and eboard needs to communicate with one other. I really want to help with this process.

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

My overall goal for this position is to make communication more transparent, consistent, and timely. I’d like the general body to be more involved and aware with the news and events of this organization by communicating in an organized manner. For example, I’d like to make sure information that is sent out well in advance so everybody is on the same page. I’d also like to make sure that information on all of our social media is consistent and emails are consistent with one another so we do not have to keep sending out unnecessary emails. More importantly, I’d like work with the PR chair and utilize our social media to connect with the USC community, potential members, and current brothers.

This semester, we did not have many committee meetings at all, except to help the historian position. Thus, another goal I have for this position is to be a good support system for each position in my committee. Because I have experience in helping all 4 positions in the Communications Committee, I’d like to provide my advice and support whenever my committee may need help. Even if they do not, I want to regularly check up on them and help them think of ways to improve their own position, as well as improving my own.

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

As I mentioned above, I would like more participation and communication by the general body. One way I’d like to encourage this is by having more mini-town-halls – basically an open forum. I extremely enjoyed sitting in Town Hall because we were able to hear from the actives’ and pledges’ voices, not just eboard’s. Having more frequent versions of Town Hall will allow for immediate change and improvement, rather than making that change the following semester. I believe voicing opinions and making positive changes are always beneficial to the advancement of the fraternity.

As I have begun with the Eboard Evaluation Form, I’d like to continue the efforts of involving the general body, whether they do so through contributing new ideas or providing constructive criticism. I would also like to have more transparency with the e-board by encouraging the active body to attend Eboard Meetings.

In terms of improving this position, I’d like to make sure the minutes and eboard slides emails are sent out consistently on the same day around the same time. I would also like to send out our newsletter on a need-basis rather than weekly. Although regular communication is good, it is also important to consider their relevance. Knowing that not all MWMs are necessary, I’d like to reduce them to just Myrtle’s Mailer and send out reminders and announcements when needed.

In addition, I would like to work with the VP of Membership and the Alumni Chair to make sure we are communicating with ALL brothers, including Associates, Members-In-Bad-Standing, Alumni and make sure we are sending out relevant information that will encourage these members to remain active in Alpha Phi Omega.

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 in the Communications Committee for 3 semesters, helping with all three positions in this committee - Public Relations (Fall 2011), Historian (Fall 2011, Spring 2012), and Webmaster (Spring 2012, Spring 2013). I have also been contributing in other ways by suggesting E-board email address since Fall 2011 (ultimately got the VP to create them Fall 2012), advocating for this current style of elections where Elected Board Nominees speak for at least two minutes, submit an application, and go through Q & A., and creating an evaluations form for the general body to send in their opinions and critiques of the organization and Ex-Comm on a regular basis.

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 will be in the Trojan Marching Band next semester. However, I do not think this will conflict with my commitments with APO. Last fall, I participated in TMB, led as IC Chair, and picked up a little, and I was able to commit to all three. Unlike IC Chair, I will not be driving out to different chapters as much, thus I will be able to commit more time with my chapter here at Alpha Kappa.

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***Don’t forget to attach your résumé and schedule.***

Thank you for taking the time to complete the Elected Board Questionnaire. Please be sure to send in your election slide(s) no later than Sunday, April 28th at 11:59PM. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact [president.apousc@gmail.com](mailto:president.apousc@gmail.com).

Good luck! ☺