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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: Demetrius Reagans

Year: Sophomore

Major: International Relations/ EALC (Mandarin)

Pledge Class (Year): Omega Class (Spring 2012)

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

[ ] President

[X] Pledgemaster

[ ] VP of Service

[ ] VP of Membership

[ ] VP of Fellowship

[ ] VP of Finance

[ ] VP of Communications

[ ] Fundraising Chair

**PART II: SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS**

1. What is your vision for APO?

Since pledging I have always seen APO as the fraternity that specializes in doing community service to its own fraternity, the community, to the nation. That is the main reason why I joined. Along with being service oriented, it is still a fraternity in a sense that we promote brotherhood and bonding. Since we are supposed to be the premier service based community service fraternity I would like to see us push ourselves to be just that. I want the people of APO to be excited when it’s time to do service and I want people to do it not just because they have to, but because they want to and they enjoy doing it. I see a lot of potential with this fraternity and I want to see it be utilized as much as possible.

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

Since I joined as a freshman, crossing over from a pledge to active status I have always wondered about the future of the APO AK chapter. Where will we be in the next four years? Were will I be in the next four years? How will APO be known and recognized across the campus? This semester I saw this position as an opportunity to have the most impact possible with shaping our future. When pledges come in, they have a clean slate and it is the job of the pledgemaster to help mold their experience, thus playing a huge role in how they carry themselves in the future as members of Alpha Phi Omega. However, you can only do so much because eac person is different and will follow in different path. I see this as an opportunity to help foster that sense of community, dedication to service, and hunger for growth in leadership, that will help to move our organization forward.

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

Like very pledge master before, I intend to be the ultimate resource for the pledges. I want to be the person who they feel they can come to any time they need anything, but I also want to be the person who provides that extra push when needed. While it is important to make yourself seem inviting and welcoming so people feel comfortable enough to come to you, it is also important to know when you have to be firm in order to get things done. I’ve been an active member in APO for two semesters now and have picked up both semesters and one thing I’ve noticed is that the people who don’t pick up at times seem to feel left out. As pledgemaster I would like to have the pledges not only build relationships between their pledge brothers and their big, but also to at least begin getting to know the other actives of the chapter. Also, similar to what Kristyn tried to implement this semester with the pledges, I would like to have them constantly thinking about why it is they joined APO. While we are a service fraternity, there is a lot more to it than just service and I want them to at least think about what they think their role is as pledges in the fraternity and ultimately what it will be as active members. It is always mentioned that membership retention is a big issue within out chapter and I believe that if you get people thinking about it and hopefully pursuing coming back early on, this can help significantly. Lastly, I want to make sure that the lines of communication between the pledges and myself are always open so they can tell me what they hope to get out of this experience, what I hope for them to get out of it, and they can provide any feedback to me if they feel like I should be doing something else.

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

As mentioned above, I’ve noticed that every semester, the actives who do not pick up sort of feel left and not as much in the loop of things since every semester is usually centered around the new pledges. One idea I had to target this would be to set up something similar to IC penpals but between pledges and actives. Each pledge would have an active penpal that they would write letters to every week. At the end of the semester, there would be a penpal reveal where they would finally meet the active they’ve been writing to the entire semester. A different version of that same idea would be for them to have penpal reveal in the middle of the semester but they continue to keep talking to that person as the semester continues. This can then promote face to face interaction and the establishment of a connection once you’ve already gotten passed the basic information. Another idea I had was to have a separate pledge funtivity event set up but for the pledges to interact with each other. The pledging semester goes by fast and it’s hard to interact with all of your pledge brothers so I thought this would be a good way to at least talk to people in your pledge class that you don’t normally talk to. This funtivity doesn’t have to be put on necessarily by someone, what they decide to do could be a group consensus.

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 think my 2 semesters of E-Board experience has helped prepare me for this position. Sergeant-at-Arms has helped me to become a more vocal person. I know when to and am comfortable with speaking up and letting people know when things need to get done in order to move forward. The position of VP of Communications has taught me a lot about time efficiency and organization skills. With this specific job, you make a schedule of when things need to get done and you have to follow it. Being on time and on top of what you need to do is highly emphasized in this position. Also, from personal experience, I come from a large family and am typically the one who provides the emotional support but am also the motivating force that gets things done. In regards to that, I see this position as something that I would be used to doing already.

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?

Next semester I will have no other commitments with any other organizations on campus. I will have a job at the bookstore but they are pretty flexible with how many hours you want to work a week. My goal is to preset a max of 4 hours each week and then if my schedule allows (i.e. if I don't need to have any meetings or hangouts during that time) cover other people’s shifts. Other than that, my time will be devoted to the pledges whenever and wherever it is needed.

***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! ☺