

**Fall 2020 Executive Board Application**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Please attach your **current résumé** and **Fall 2020 schedule** (class, work, other extracurricular activities).

This questionnaire is due **no later than** **SUNDAY, APRIL 19th 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](mailto: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 APRIL 19th at 11:59 PM** to [president.apousc@gmail.com](mailto:president.apousc@gmail.com). No changes to your slide 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: Samantha Lei

Year: Sophomore

Major: Biochemistry

Pledge Class (Year): Alpha Xi (Spring 2019)

Will you have finished your requirements by April 27th?: Yes

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

[ ]  President

[  ]  Pledgemaster

[ X ]  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 had joined Alpha Phi Omega with the hopes to continue serving my community as I had done in high school, and the organization has allowed me to grow by drawing me into the diverse communities of LA and showing me where I can make a positive impact. I want to give back to the organization by upholding one of its three integral pillars. Service connects all member of our community, catching the eye of students in the Involvement Fair and inspiring them to recruit, bringing the members of the chapter closer together through our service events, and impacting and improving the lives of the people around us. I believe that as VP of Service, I will be able to further promote the value of service within our chapter and make lasting positive changes.

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

I hope to maintain the good work of past VPs of Service while diversifying our service opportunities. I would like to improve the attendance of our members to service events by finding more weekend events to accommodate your busy schedules. I would also like to integrate more discussion into the role of VP of Service by listening to the types of events that you want and finding a way to incorporate them into our semester. Ultimately, my goal is to promote service in our organization and to improve attendance to our service events.

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

I want to provide more options for our members to serve our community through events that they are passionate about. In order to do this, I want to facilitate discussion so that members can express content or discontent with certain events and propose events that they feel are more suited to their interests. For example, seeing as our members seem to enjoy the LA Rabbit Foundation event, I would like to provide more volunteering opportunities with animal shelters, such as the No-Kill Los Angeles pet adoption center. For those with a passion for our environment, I will add events such as beach clean ups with Heal the Bay and habitat conservation at Abalone Cove to allow them to pursue their goals beyond APO.

I also understand that a primary reason for low attendance to certain events is the busy schedules of our members. If a certain event is poorly attended, I will work with the chapter to find a time that works best for them. I hope to add more events that will take place during the evenings or the weekends. Events such as the beach clean ups mentioned above would take place once a month on the weekends, so that more members are able to participate.

I believe that we must also prepare for the possibility of a significant portion of our fall semester being held online. Even if this is the case, there is no reason for our contributions to the community to stop, as there are plenty of remote volunteering opportunities that allow us to impact not only our local community but also the nation and the globe. Organizations such as Catchafire and UN Volunteers connect nonprofit enterprises with volunteers that can contribute through various tasks, from researching a topic to translating a document to creating presentations. Learn To Be allows volunteers to tutor K-12 youth that may be underserved in math, science, reading, and writing. Transcribers are always needed at the National Archives or the Smithsonian Museum to make historical documents more accessible, and multilingual people can volunteer to translate documents through Translators Without Borders.

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.**

Having attended many of the events that APO puts on, I am familiar with many of the organizations that we work with. As Philanthropy Co-Chair two semesters ago, I successfully helped coordinate overflow events during rush, ensuring that the chapter’s recruitment process ran smoothly. Organizing KEDS allowed me to hone my communication skills as I worked with Arnold Chang to reach out to parents, elementary schools, and the California Science Center to host a successful event. In high school, I also helped organize volunteering events through collaboration with the local public library and arboretum. I have gained exposure to reaching out to outside organizations and coordinating with them to host a successful event. I believe that the communication and coordination skills that I have gained are applicable to this position.

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 be involved in research at the USC Keck Medical Center for a few hours per week. I am confident that I will be able to balance the duties as VP of Service with my coursework and research because I have had the experience of being on ExComm as Philanthropy Co-Chair two semesters ago. Neither my research nor my courses will conflict with any APO related events, as APO is a priority to me. Having completed 91 hours of service during my pledging semester while taking 18 units of courses, I feel that I have learned to balance service and academics in a way that does not constrict either aspect of my life.