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**Position running for:** VP for Finances

**1. Why do you want to serve in this position?**

In my undergraduate career at the University of Pittsburgh I was highly involved with the Department of Engineering's Administration as well as the Delta Chi Fraternity in my later undergraduate years. While working with both of these organizations I came to love applying my engineering views toward efficiency and synergy in novel ways. When I entered graduate school here in CEMS I chose to focus primarily on my studies my first year but felt that something was lacking at its end; this has lead me into reentering public service.

**2. What qualifications and leadership experience do you possess for this position?**

In 2007, I was elected as Treasurer of the Delta Chi Fraternity at the University of Pittsburgh Chapter. As treasurer I was in charge of a 52K annual budget maintained by membership dues and an integral savings account. It was my responsibility to collect these dues from members while handing out receipts of payments and maintaining daily logs. Additionally, I distributed the annual budget among the 28 intrafraternal bodies. Weekly reports were written and presented to the executive board and monthly reports for the Alumni Board of Trustees. While most of these activities are standard for any treasurer, the bookkeeping activities of previous treasurers was crass and in desperate need of renovation. I made it my goal to make the bookkeeping understandable for the general membership as well as initiating standard Microsoft Word reports, which, surprisingly, was not previously done. Through these renovations, I proposed several budget changes that were approved by the general body. These changes added scholarships for high academic performance for new members, increased funding for social events, and provided substantial funding for new member events that were to be utilized at new members' discretion. Overall, the membership was incredibly pleased with these changes and the new system made the transition for the new treasurer far more seamless than before.

**3. What is your vision for this position and GAPSA in general?**

I have always felt that financing is best when it's readily understandable to those whom it affects. I'm aware that GAPSA's budget is vastly greater than that of UPitt's Delta Chi thus I hope to rapidly acquaint myself with the system and procedures applied and see if there are any improvements I can offer. If there are no necessary improvements, I see no reason to reinvent the wheel and thus see my responsibility as maintaining good business practices, maintaining regular office hours to assist in the disbursement of funds, providing understandable and accurate reports, and filing all documents and reports in a timely manner.

**4. Do you have any potential conflicts of interest or time in fulfilling the terms of this office?**

One of the challenges of graduate school is always time management; however, I'm sure that whoever is elected will try their hardest to fulfill all their responsibilities as necessary.

**5. Additional comments.**

None. Thanks for your time!