



## OFFICER APPLICATION

*For the 2019-2020 school year.*

Position applying for: Professional Vice President

*Only one position per application.*

### IMPORTANT GUIDELINES

- **Please attach a resume.**
- This application applies to candidates for the positions of: President, Executive Vice President, Professional Vice President, Internal Vice President, External Vice President, Administrative Vice President, Academic Vice President and Financial Vice President.
- Incomplete and/or late applications will not be considered.
- All applicants must purchase tickets to and attend the End-of-Semester (EOS) Banquet.

### IMPORTANT MANDATORY DATES AND EVENTS

- **Thursday, April 11 @ 11:59 PM:** Application Due.
- **Friday, April 12 @ 11:59 AM:** Confirmation of candidacy eligibility.
- **Saturday, April 13 - Sunday, April 14:** Interview with current officer(s).
- **Thursday, April 18 @ 6:15 PM:** Elections
  - Location: GAR 0.102
  - All candidates must arrive promptly at 5:15PM
  - Business Professional attire for candidates
- **Friday, April 19 @ 11:59 AM:** Elections Results Announced
- **April 26 @ 10:00 AM & May 1 @ 4:00 PM:** Intranet Training
- **Friday, April 26 @ 2:00 PM:** Corporate Training
- **Friday, May 3 @ 1:00 PM:** President's Roundtable (president only)
- **Friday, May 3 @ 2:00 PM:** Mandatory New MASO Officer Training
- End-of-Semester (EOS) Banquet
  - Official Officer Induction
  - Formal/Evening Attire
  - Tickets must be purchased in order to be eligible.
    - No refunds

### OFFICER CONTACT INFORMATION

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**Expected Graduation (Month, Yr):** May, 2022

**Previous position(s) held in ABSA:** Careers Director

**Other organizations involved in and positions planning to hold for 2019-2020:**

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**Hours planning to take in Fall 2019:** 15

**Spring 2020:** 15

**Other obligations (i.e. jobs, internships, etc): Please be specific.**

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**SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS**

*Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper. Maximum 3 pages typed.*

1. Why are you running for this position?
  2. What contributions have you made to ABSA as a member?
  3. Why do you feel that you are qualified for this specific officer position?
  4. Based on your observations, what were the biggest weaknesses of the branch for which you are applying as officer? What would you plan to do next year to solve these issues?
  5. What specific plans and new ideas do you have for ABSA, and how do you plan to implement these plans in this officer position?
  6. Additional comments.
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**PLEASE REMEMBER**

Applications are due in hard-copy format and e-mail attachment by Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 11:59PM to the current officer of the position to which you are applying.

## SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

*Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper. Maximum 3 pages typed.*

1. Why are you running for this position?

I am running for this position because ABSA has given so much to me and has helped me not only grow in a professional sense, but as a person as a whole. This organization and the people that it comprises of are truly amazing and have been a rock for me throughout the beginning of my college career. There is so much that it has done for that there is a motivation for me to want to give back. I was quite happy this past year in my involvement in ABSA. I wanted to go out to as many events as I could, get to know as many people as I could, and even having felt like I had done all that, I still felt that there is more I can try to contribute.

2. What contributions have you made to ABSA as a member?

I personally believe that the number one thing that anyone can contribute to anyone or anything is their time. There is finite number of minutes in day that every is allotted, and to be able to decide on your own that there is one thing that you care about enough to give your time to is something that I believe says a lot. So as to the contributions I have made to ABSA as a member, I would have to say the top contribution I feel like I have personally made is my contribution of time. Even if not all that time was specifically in the time taken up by official ABSA events, I have truly found my home and best friends through this organization that makes me want to contribute my time to them. Whether it be going out to family events, different branch events, professional branch events, or even just hanging out with ABSA people on 5<sup>th</sup> to study or mess around, all this time I spent was time I decided to spend with ABSA because of how much it meant to me and it has given me.

3. Why do you feel that you are qualified for this specific officer position?

For this specific officer position, I feel that I am qualified as I had been given the opportunity to operate as part of this branch serving as a Careers Director. I have been working and learning the ways in which the branch operates since day one of being a director, and although my position itself is not entirely synonymous to the Professional VP position, there are many aspects that bleed over. I know what it is like to work as a Careers Director specifically, but also throughout the year, due to weekly Branch Meetings and a group of supportive fellow directors, I have been able to observe the tasks and duties of the Professional Directors as well as from our own Professional VP as well. However, even past all the experiences that I have been given under this branch, I feel like there is more to this specific officer position than simply knowing the inner workings of the branch itself. There is an aspect of having to work with others on many different forefronts. There is not only the aspect of having to work with other branches, but external organizations and companies as well. Through not only my directorship, but also just personal growth as a member due to ABSA's guidance, I have learned that the ability to work with others is one of the most important skills. I may be inexperienced in some aspects coming in to this position, as I have not yet been able to have had exposure to the different problems and circumstances that come with it, but I can confidently say that I will be motivated and driven to be able to figure those out so as to be able to allow for productive progress of everyone within the org.

4. Based on your observations, what were the biggest weaknesses of the branch for which you are applying as officer? What would you plan to do next year to solve these issues?

As a branch as a whole, I feel that there are not too many glaring weaknesses within the branch. That is not to say that it is perfect, as there is always a strive for improvement. However, if there was an area to focus on, that area would have to be GM's. This is not to say that there is one area or aspect of GM's that are the main areas of focus to fix, but rather a multitude of aspects. First, from what I have heard from the experiences of others as well as from my own perspective, the name of the event itself is called a General Meeting. This insinuates that these are the consistent, weekly meetings that most of our members should go to, and WANT to go. This doesn't necessarily always seem to be the case, and as it is one of the few events that are reoccurring, I feel the need to stress the importance of GM's. I hope to be able to tackle this issue of GM's next year so that ABSA can create an environment in which every GM is one in which the members look forward to. As GM's are an essential portion of the structure of ABSA, I would work to solve this issue through consulting with those in other positions so as to be able to find a vision that encompasses the best interests of the future of the organization.

Furthermore, I want to be able to create more stability and strengthen our individual events. This year, we saw the revamping of the mentorship program under the lead of Danny. We saw the addition of a new out-of-state CFT location in Boston. And although not new to the branch, Scoring Careers is always a new unique event each year with passing years and people. As I am a freshman, and although I may not be able to speak from past experiences other than this present year, all these events have had a profound impact on me as an individual, and thus I wish to further concrete these new additions so as to be able to bring them again to consequent years, but even better. This would be achieved through the prior experiences from this year, but also through the feedback that we get from each event from those that have partaken in it.

5. What specific plans and new ideas do you have for ABSA, and how do you plan to implement these plans in this officer position?

For ABSA as a whole, I feel that even though I greatly enjoyed my time and engagement in the org, I feel a sense of sadness and regret that not everyone was given the opportunity or the best means of receiving the same experience that I have. I wish to push for more interconnectedness within the org. I want to pursue this interconnectedness by pushing for more conjoint events between the different parts within our org. I feel that each respective part, whether it be the branches, families, or just simply friend groups within ABSA have been very strong this past year, but I wish to be able to have a more whole ABSA in which there is more crossover between them all. As an officer, I would wish to implement this by planning and coordinating events with the different parts to be able to come up with conjoint events that takes into everyone's perspective into account. In my perspective, I feel that the events that everyone looks forwards to are the typically historically bigger events, and simply by the nature of the size of our org there are many, many events throughout each semester. At a certain point, as a member, it gets tiring and honestly unfeasible for them to be able to come out to every event that we hold. I truly think that every event itself is very valuable to each person, so I would hope that most members would be able to go to most of them. However, as the sheer number of events may not allow for this when taking into account the busy academic lives as well as the obligations of our members, I would wish to combine certain events so as not to have

each semester saturated with events that not all members might be able to make, but rather slightly bigger combined events in a more timely member that would allow for most of our members to make them.

6. Additional comments.

Thank you for the time and consideration you have given by reading through my application. I appreciate any feedback, and I always look forward to being able to express my vision for ABSA, as well as getting to know the views and experiences of others.