

Candidates' responses to the Q&A are presented in their entirety without changes, edits, or corrections.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CANDIDATE

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- 1.) Surveys of members indicate the most common reason they don't vote is that they feel that they "don't know the candidates." To help the members get to know you better describe something you are passionate about or enjoy doing in your free time.**

There are many things that I am passionate about such as volunteering in my community, spending time with my dog Sophie, and hiking in the White Mountains in New Hampshire. What I enjoy the most is a day cooking with my Italian family. My Grandmother, "Nonnie," came from Naples, Italy. They relocated to a farm in Maine where my mother and many cousins grew up. Italian traditions and cooking are very important to my family. A great day is when my cousins, aunts and uncles are together: laughing, sharing traditions, stories and cooking our family's special sauces including Italian meatball recipes. It is a noisy day full of fun and great memories. Friends in our community, often

encourage us to open a restaurant. Could be a second career if I wasn't so passionate about making a difference as a nurse.

2.) Describe your most meaningful day in the OR, or in the office, and how it has impacted your current practice, or work, as a nurse.

The most meaningful part of my day, as a pediatric operating room nurse, is establishing rapport and assurance with my patient's families, as this is one of the scariest days of their lives. I build trust with the family by totally focusing on them and their child in during our pre-op interview. Building relationships and trust, comes easily and naturally to me. A technique that I use is asking the parents if I can play a song such as "Baby Shark" from my iPhone for the child, keeping them occupied, while I build a strong rapport with the family. By the end of my patient interview, parents typically feel at ease and thank me for being with their child, as I have assured them that they are in the best possible hands with their OR team that day. Providing a safe and caring environment is meaningful during this stressful time.

3.) Identify the two most important things you feel need to be a part of the candidate selection process.

The two most important things that need to be a part of the selection process are the candidate's integrity and their willingness to serve the organization on multiple levels. Included in the candidate's integrity is that their morale code is genuine. In other words, their ability to do the right thing even when no one is watching. This is important if elected this person represents the members in all of their deliberations, not just their own opinion. The candidates must also possess a commitment and dedication to AORN. They will have demonstrated their willingness to go the extra mile supporting the work of AORN through chapter, state, committee, task force, specialty assembly involvement and legislative advocacy. Factors that enhance their portfolio are specific skillsets that they have developed that will support the work of AORN, such as business skills, communication or knowledge of perioperative practice.