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BOARD OF DIRECTORS 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.**

Passions include mentoring and nursing. Mission trips to Kigali, Africa provided the opportunity to apply both passions by teaching Kigali nurses how to implement AORN's guidelines for practice and how to care for surgical patients. African nurses often do not have the resources we take for granted in our OR's. My challenge was to assess their resources and help develop a plan to achieve good outcomes for patients. There is nothing better than helping those who want to learn. My mission experiences allowed me to give back and to be more appreciative of all I have. Mentoring the perioperative team on a regular basis while in the RNFA role, is another way to engage in that passion as well as

volunteering as a BLS instructor. When I am not working or volunteering, I can be found spending time with my family enjoying college football, golf and beach time.

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

Impactful days in the OR included one that has shaped my nursing perspective every day since it occurred. One icy winter school holiday break resulted in multiple motor vehicle accidents. I responded to the call for nurses to help and soon was in the clutches of a woman begging me to save her son. The impact was harsh as seven college and high school students were killed. As a result, I developed Project Stayin Alive. This program demonstrated the impact negligent driving has not only for the victim but friends, and family. Young adults do not realize their importance to friends and family. As a parish nurse I gathered support from community churches, businesses, and law enforcement making my vision a reality with skits centered on the loss of a teen and the impact on family, fellow students, first responders, and clergy. Emotions included tears and vows to do better.

3.) What in your opinion are the key responsibilities for a member of the Board of Directors and what experience has prepared you for this role?

I have experience in a variety of roles that have given me insight, critical thinking skills, and good judgment, all which are essential as a member of the Board of Directors. The Board has the responsibility to listen and be the voice of the members. They set the course and prioritize for all activities within AORN.

I have valuable skillsets enabling me to critically think when making decision for AORN's future. As a Nurse Manager, Nurse Practitioner and RNFA I have gained an in-depth knowledge of perioperative nursing and how to manage a budget. Most importantly, I have learned the value of collaborative practice and open communication. These are skills that will enhance my ability to lead in both good and difficult times. My goal as a member of the Board will be to propel our association forward and optimize the relevance of AORN to our members.