

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

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE CANDIDATE**

**Christopher L. Peredney, MSN, RN, CNS-CP, CNOR**

- 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.**

Living in the Pacific Northwest it is hard to miss the natural beauty surrounding us outside the hospital walls. Whether it be on foot, kayak, mountain bike, skis, or snowboard I enjoy exploring the mountains, foothills, and waterways of the region. Fortunately, I have the companionship of my wonderful wife, also a Perioperative Nurse, and our Husky Mix fur baby Barney. On special occasions, and with some prodding, we can even get our grown son and daughter to come along. Being in the outdoors in rain, shine, or snow is a great way to decompress and increase our resiliency.



**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.**

While I achieve great satisfaction in implementing strategies to best care for patient populations these processes often stretch over weeks, months and years. My most meaningful day working in perioperative nursing was near the beginning of my career. I was working in the preoperative area admitting patients. One of my patients was someone I had worked with in my previous career. After asking if she was OK with me being her nurse we went on to begin the admission process. She had been recently diagnosed with breast cancer and was scared of the diagnosis, the procedure, the recovery and the long term outlook. Having a past connection to this patient helped me bridge the gap between clinical detachment and caring for someone I knew. I was able to fully appreciate that patients are someone's friends, neighbors, family, and co-workers and not just the next case.

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

Selection as candidate for national office is an honor and a privilege, but also carries responsibility. In selecting a candidate the members must be certain of two things. The first is the



# AORN VOTING MATTERS 2021

candidate has the knowledge, skills, and abilities to fulfill the duties of the role. These can be gained from multiple avenues including work history, post-graduate education, involvement in local AORN chapters, and participation in the national process. The second is the candidate will represent the interest of their constituency; the AORN members. As our organization moves into the third decade of the 21st century, we must be able to evolve to continue to meet the needs of our membership in the ways that work for them.