



# VOTING MATTERS 2021

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE

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**1.) Describe something you are passionate about or enjoy doing in your free time.**

I am most passionate about my family and friends. It seems that there is not enough free time as a working Mom, so when not at work I enjoy spending time with my family, friends, and pets. I have a 14 year- old daughter who is the light of my life and we enjoy walking our 3 dogs and visiting with neighbors. She is very active in her school theatre department so that occupies many evenings and weekends. I enjoy gardening and entertaining at home and am passionate about SEC football. Fall is my favorite season with the cool air and colors of the changing leaves. Football becomes a reason to gather and share a meal with close friends.

**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.**

Every day in the OR is meaningful as each day brings an opportunity to make a difference in every life I touch, be that a patient, family member, a co-worker or a member of the OR staff. As a leader, I embrace the chance to help others achieve their professional dreams. As a co-worker I embrace the chance to mentor or lift up a co-worker faced with a challenging day, and as a Nurse I interact with patients and their families at their most vulnerable when they need a smile or comforting word or touch. I do recall a day prior to the pandemic when we had a cardiac death organ donor. The OR staff and surgeons lined the halls to the OR creating an honor walk for the family making the greatest gift of life and was humbled with the honor it is to be a nurse.

**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 believe the key responsibilities for a member of the board are to provide strategic direction for AORN in order to ensure a financially sound a relevant future as the premier global leader for perioperative nursing. A key responsibility is to plan for the



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future in order to maintain a leading edge of all current and future endeavors of the organization. I have over 30 years of leadership working collaboratively with diverse groups in complex organizations. I utilize systems thinking daily to plan and achieve goals and objectives. I believe that everything I have done during my career has prepared me for this task if I am privileged to be elected to the Board.