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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.**

In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my husband playing backgammon. We generally have a snack and beverage along with keeping score as to how many games each of us wins out of three games total. He is quite good and taught me how to play many years ago. However, over time I have gotten considerably better and quite enjoy the days when I win all three games. There is a strategy to the game, and I have enjoyed planning the best moves in order to outwit him.

In addition to backgammon, I enjoy spending time with my grandchildren, photography, watching a good movie or

reading a mystery. I enjoy walks in nature areas and cooking as well as pairing and enjoying a glass of wine with my creations. I love listening to various genres of music and plan on learning to play acoustic guitar.

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.

My most meaningful day in the OR was early in my career. Instead of being in the role of nurse, I was instead in the role of patient. The view from the operating room table was looking upwards instead of the usual downward view of the patient. I remember being nervous, cold and feeling vulnerable. I was no longer in control of the environment in which I normally worked. The circulating nurse caring for me placed a warm blanket next to my skin but most importantly she held my hand and told me she would take good care of me and would be with me as I woke up. These small gestures created a feeling of security and safety and I will never forget the impact on my body and mind. To this day I stress the importance of this small gesture in caring for patients about to undergo surgery.

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?

The key responsibilities of a member of the Board of Directors are to manage the business of AORN and serve as a representative of the association and its members. As a representative of the association a board member must develop strong member ties. These responsibilities can only be carried out by listening to the voices of members and developing trusted relationships. Board members can then communicate bidirectionally to association leaders and members and create actionable strategies that meet the goals and objectives of the association.

My experiences as a perioperative leader, intense listener and skilled negotiator has prepared me for this role. Additionally, I enjoy listening to the diverse perspectives of individuals who have various experiences different from my own and who bring innovative ideas to the table. I am an avid learner, and I am prepared to advance the business strategies of AORN and its members.