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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.**

Some things that I am passionate about is learning and enjoying the sounds of nature. "In a time of drastic change, it is the learners who inherit the future. The learned find themselves equipped to live in a world that no longer exists." Eric Hoffer. I have always been intrigued to learning unusual or new things that motivates me, stimulates my confidence, and enhances my ability to be competent in my profession. I find joy in being an avid reader, one of my happy places, is reading a book while relaxing listening to ocean waves. Another, place is relaxing on a beach where the water is blue, and the sand is white. These things coupled with my work and life experiences, is what contributes to the best of who I am at work or balancing life.

- 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, I learned how to schedule virtual classes and develop google doc sign-in sheet, that provided access to the link in the chat box during virtual meetings. This task was a challenge that I self-learned.

I often tell the nurse residents, “Failure is not an option. The only option you have is to figure out how to succeed.” In March, COVID-19 hit the world unexpectedly. The OR residents were two months into their training program. Now, I had to figure out how to succeed with continuing the program under the mandated strict guidelines. The impact, the six-month program was extended to an eight-month program. This extension caused an overlap into the next residency program. However, in 2020 forty OR nurse residents completed the program following strict guidelines of social distancing. Currently, virtual classes are held simultaneously in different locations with a minimal of 10 people per classroom.

- 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 are:

- Facilitate membership engagement, that enable trust to grow through sense approaches. Relationship building on the chapter level that resonates to the State and National level.
 - Demonstrate effective communication, with the commitment to understand what others are saying and mean to be conveyed, and the commitment to be understood.
- Cultivate the membership, to help grow and make the overall experience of being an AORN member meaningful.
- Develop connectiveness throughout AORN, to operate with appreciation, politeness, and inclusion. Respect diversity of others knowledge, experience, values, and beliefs.

My experience stretches across organizational levels, from the workplace, Community, and professional organizations. I have served on committees that required teamwork and collaboration. As past Chairman of AORN NC, we collaborated with AORN IT to implement the first online application for candidates running for office. As past BOD, VP and President of Competency and Credentialing Institute, our work required collaboration.