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BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE

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- 1.) Surveys of members indicate the most common reason they do not 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.**

I enjoy working with my husband, Ron, tending to our Texas Longhorn herd. We spend quality time going field to field feeding the cows and their babies. Sometimes, we sit and watch them interact with each other. It helps getting to know them and their dispositions. I have traveled with Ron when he transports Longhorns to other ranches. Documenting the trips with pictures and videos to share with the owners and social media.

I enjoy cooking, crocheting, and being a grandparent. I am crocheting a blanket, which is relaxing. I recently started learning how to decorate cutout cookies. It is challenging but satisfying to get the taste and design perfected.

We have 12 grandchildren, the oldest 24 and the youngest are one-year-old twins. The range of ages keeps us busy. In addition, I am a private pilot, which I continue to build on my experiences to becoming a better pilot.

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.

This is a difficult question for someone who loves working in the operating room. I began as a certified surgical technologist. I have seen all kinds of surgeries; many types of traumas, vascular surgeries, heart bypasses, and the wildest kinds of surgeries that only come out in the middle of the night. I feel like my experience in the role of a surgical technologist helped me to be a better circulating nurse for my patients and the staff. Today, I draw from my surgical technology experience when teaching the new nurses how to scrub, gown, and glove themselves or when talking about creating a sterile field, and when introducing them to the basic instruments. I am proud of what I do and it makes me prouder to see those I have taught excel. Working in the operating room is the best job ever!

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?

Some key responsibilities of a Board Member are being present and alert to topics discussed; professionally representing the association; being available when meetings are scheduled or called; and being supportive of each board member and the officers when difficult decisions need to be made. Listening to the members is very crucial. The Board member brings back questions and concerns of the members by being sitting in on committees and specialty assembly meetings. Members want to be heard.

With 16 years in leadership, I understand the business of perioperative services. I give full attention to staff when they ask questions or need me to listen. I have made difficult decisions that were not easy. In addition, I am willing to step in and help where needed to keep the business running smoothly. When elected to serve as a board member, I will bring all of these attributes to the boardroom.