

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

TREASURER 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.**

As a dedicated nurse, born to a life of service, it's safe to say I am passionate about giving to others in every way. In my free time, you will find me most importantly supporting my 2 children Carrington (14, volleyball) & Cortlin (12, baseball, football, & basketball); I am that mom found cheering loudly. I love tailgating and attending Houston Texans football games with my husband, Terrell. I also love music, karaoke, dancing, and swinging in my egg chair on the front porch with my 2 dogs Kai & Coco. I love traveling and finding beach destinations for my family and jet-setter best friend Nell to enjoy. I am passionate about my relationships with friends

and family and remaining centered on what is important in 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.

There have been so many in my career to pick one seems impossible. Most recently, during rapid COVID response planning, as I worked countless hours not even knowing what day of the week it was when office hours no longer had a definition, I came to a realization. The realization that the respect and admiration that my peers, colleagues, leaders, and organization held for me, my work in nursing, AORN, and the perioperative arena allowed me to make unquestioned decisions when advocating for our staff and patients, assuring that all measures were enacted and all supplies procured to keep all safe. On a large scale, I realized how imperative my foundational leadership strategies of effective communication, transparency, inclusiveness, and people-first mentality are, especially during uncertainty. These days in the office, make it worth it.

3.) How does the role of Treasurer impact the business of AORN and how do your skills contribute to that impact?

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The treasurer role is responsible for collaborating with the CFO and team to maintain finances and ensure the organization's financial stability and future growth while advocating for membership. The role includes being a resource to board members and AORN members at large with the ability and charge to explain financial reports, strategies, budgets, and more. This, I have done in my career, having the responsibility of multi-million dollar budgets with positive margins, obtaining my MBA, and using those skills daily has prepared me for this role. More critically, I have learned association finances from AORN's CFO, which is much different than hospital finances. I have helped the board lead AORN through some of the most turbulent years in its history, with the pandemic upon us, and we are continuing to thrive. There is more work to do, I am primed and ready to continue this great work.