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NOMINATING COMMITTEE 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.**

I am passionate about providing an excellent patient and family experience while they are in our care. The "front door" to perioperative services is the perioperative admit (pre-op) team. They set the tone for how the rest of the perioperative experience is perceived. These nurses and other clinical staff answer questions and support anxious patients and family members. They assure that the patient is ready for the OR team. For outpatients, the Phase II PACU nurses provide education and make sure the patient is ready for discharge. When the patient/family receive a survey when they return home, these are the people that they remember. We are always looking for ways to enhance their experience but it

comes down to the courtesy, respect and clinical expertise these team members provide.

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.

I have been fortunate to have been able to coordinate and participate in three mission trips to Guatemala. Being able to travel to a country and take care of patients has been very rewarding. Patients are so thankful for the opportunity to receive care from US surgeons and nurses without worrying about how they can afford the care that they receive. I believe that every OR nurse should experience a mission trip at least once in their career. We can take for granted our readily available supplies, instruments and equipment and the reasons why we follow AORN Recommended practices and regulatory requirements. It is an opportunity to learn from local nurses and see how they practice and the outstanding care they provide with minimal resources. Going to another country makes one appreciate what we have and how thankful we should be.



3.) Identify the two most important things you feel need to be a part of the candidate selection process.

The two most important things I feel I need to be a part of the candidate selection process is networking and convincing recruitment skills. Perioperative nursing is a large community and we are fortunate to establish relationships with our peers across the country. There are many perioperative experts that are active members of our professional organization (AORN) and need to be approached about running for national office to appreciate what they can contribute to our organization and to our members. So many of us are balancing work and home lives and it can seem like the plate is full. It will take active networking to find and build relationships with these members. Once found, I will support them through the nominating process. It would be an honor to be part of the recruitment process to ensure that we have the best candidates on the ballot!