

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (THREE TO BE ELECTED)

Adam Mckew, MSOL, BSN, RN, CNOR, is a clinical education specialist at Children's Hospital Colorado - Anschutz Medical Campus, Aurora. He earned an ADN from Mount Sinai Phillips School of Nursing, New York, New York; a BSN from Chamberlain College of Nursing, Addison, Illinois; and an MS in organizational leadership from CSU Global, Aurora, Colorado.

Mckew has been a perioperative nurse for eight years and a member of AORN for eight years. He is a member of

- AORN of Denver (2020-present)
- the Pediatric Specialty Assembly (2022present)

Mckew has attended AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo four times in the past 10 years, each time as a delegate.

Highlights of Mckew's service to AORN include that he is

president of AORN of Denver (2024-present)

He has been

- president-elect of AORN of Denver (2023-2024)
- a member of the AORN of Denver Board of Directors (2022-2023)
- a Board mentee for AORN of Denver (2021-2022)

In other leadership roles, Mckew is

- a member of the Society of Pediatric Nurses (2022-present)
- a member of the American Pediatric Surgical Nurses Association (2023-present)

In his community, Mckew is

 a presenter for Career Day, Goddard Middle School (2024-present)

ELECTION STATEMENT

I am honored to be considered for the AORN Nominating Committee. This year's theme, Lighting the Pathway, resonates deeply with me as both an educator and a pediatric perioperative nurse. I believe that when we illuminate diverse perspectives, especially those often underrepresented, we create stronger, more inclusive leadership to guide our profession forward.

In my role as Clinical Education Specialist for the Main OR at Children's Hospital Colorado, I design education and simulation programs that prepare perioperative teams to care for children in complex surgical settings. My nursing journey has spanned the ICU, PICU, House Supervisor, and leadership has built a foundation rooted in mentoring, innovation, and collaboration. Pediatrics has especially shaped my approach, teaching adaptability, creativity, and advocacy that extend to every corner of perioperative nursing.

Beyond my institution, I serve as president of the Denver AORN Chapter, leading initiatives to strengthen engagement, advocacy, and professional growth. These experiences have reinforced my belief that AORN leadership must reflect the full spectrum of our membership—pediatrics and adult care, community hospitals and academic centers, and new graduates as well as seasoned experts.

If elected to the Nominating Committee, I will shine a light on leaders who embody excellence, inclusivity, and innovation. My goal is to ensure every member sees their pathway represented in AORN leadership. Together, we can light the pathway for the next generation of perioperative nurses and ensure our future remains bright. It would be a privilege to serve, and I humbly ask for your support.