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Candidate: Nominating Committee

- What emerging trends or anticipated changes in perioperative nursing do you believe will have the greatest impact on our profession, and how would you, as an elected leader, help prepare AORN to meet these challenges?

Emerging trends such as AI-driven workflows, expansion of advanced perioperative roles, and the growing emphasis on psychological safety will shape the next decade of surgical care. As a leader, I would help AORN stay ahead by promoting education that integrates technology, equity, and team-based safety practices into everyday perioperative work.

- Collaboration is essential to effective leadership. Can you share a specific example of a time when you successfully fostered teamwork across diverse individuals or groups?

Collaboration example: At Children's Hospital Colorado, I led a multidisciplinary initiative uniting CVOR, Cath Lab, anesthesia, perfusion, and nursing leadership to standardize debriefing practices. By creating a shared vision and valuing each discipline's expertise, we built a process that elevated communication and improved team confidence.

- As an AORN leader, what innovative strategies would you use to inspire and engage members to actively participate in the nominating and voting process, helping to strengthen member voice in shaping the future of our organization?

Engagement strategy: To strengthen member participation, I would expand transparent storytelling about the impact of AORN leadership, create micro-volunteering opportunities, and leverage ambassadors and digital platforms to make engagement accessible, meaningful, and fun so every nurse sees themselves as part of shaping our future.