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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?**

Artificial intelligence (AI) is increasingly present in today's operating rooms, and will continue to trend across the perioperative space. As this technology evolves, it will redefine nursing roles, require new skills, and approaches to patient care. Although AI can be a powerful tool for supporting surgical patients, its use must remain a true partnership between nurses and technology. AI should enhance, not replace, the essential work of perioperative nurses. The presence of a skilled, human nurse is irreplaceable, especially advocating for patient safety and well-being. Because nurses serve as the patient's voice in the operating room, professional organizations such as AORN must take the lead in promoting policies that protect and uphold the nurse's role at the bedside. By collaborating with fellow perioperative nurses to develop clear position statements and evidence-based guidelines, the profession can help ensure that AI supports nursing practice without threatening its vital human element.

- **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?**

I worked on a collaborative initiative with our blood bank to decrease the time of ordering and receiving cryoprecipitate to our OR. It was a 45-minute process from ordering to receiving the product. I engaged with the blood bank to analyze the workflow to expedite the process. The perioperative team began proactively completing necessary requisitions and submitted them alongside initial blood requests for surgery. This allowed the blood bank to have the proper paperwork immediately. If the need for cryoprecipitate was determined, the nurse would input the order and notify the blood bank. Blood products can be tubed safely in our facility, therefore it was tubed to our OR's station, eliminating the need for someone to retrieve it. Review of this process and implementing changes have decreased times from 45 minutes to 20 minutes. Revising the process allows patients to receive product expeditiously which decreases bleeding and reduces OR time.

- **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?**

Engaging with local chapters is essential for strengthening the collective voice of members and ensuring that their perspectives guide the direction of our organization. When nominating committee members attend local chapter meetings, they can highlight the importance of member participation, especially in the voting process. Their presence reinforces the message that the committee is committed to identifying leaders who genuinely listen to members. Leaders are, at their core, nurses advocating for fellow nurses. I encourage the nominating

committee to actively participate in conversations at the local level, answering questions, building relationships, and helping perioperative nurses understand why their vote carries real influence.

Additionally, offering clear, concrete examples of how the board of directors has responded to member feedback and enacted meaningful change can demonstrate that AORN leaders are not only listening but also acting on behalf of the members. This transparency builds trust and empowers nurses to stay engaged.

Engaging with local chapters is crucial for strengthening members voices for our organization. Having nominating committee members attend local chapter meetings can help shine light on the importance of member voting. The nominating committee wants to find leaders who will listen to the members. They want to know who is a nurse for the nurses. I would encourage the nominating committee to enter into conversations at the local level and educate perioperative nurses as to why their vote matters.

Providing concrete examples showing ways the board of directors have listened to members to elicit change is a way to show that they are leaders for the members and are working for them.