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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

David Reinhart, DNP, MBA, RN, CNOR

1. **Describe what makes you the most qualified candidate for the office of Board of Directors.**

My work history includes 35 years of clinical and operational practices in the OR. I will use my DNP to support the latest evidence based practices for our surgical patients and my MBA in Healthcare Administration to create strategic visions and financial sustainability for AORN operations. As a member of the Board of Directors, I will represent and support OR nurses in the latest practices while sustaining financial performance that supports AORN’s mission and vision.

1. **Describe a time when you had to make a difficult and unpopular decision that would affect your staff or colleagues. How did you handle the situation?**

During the Pandemic, elective cases were cancelled and staff had to be reallocated to other clinical areas or stay home.  I did not want staff to lose their PTO during this time so I worked with leadership from across the organization to assign staff in areas that needed help i.e. Covid designated units.  Following up with the individual staff members that were reassigned on how they felt during this uncertain time, listening to their concerns while not knowing the immediate or long term timelines was stressful for all.  Being available, listening to concerns for both their safety and patient safety, communicating updates when available made them feel supported and valued.

1. **Share one life experience, hobby, or fact about you that most people don't know and would be surprised to learn about you.**

When asked the question, “What other career would you choose if it was not in nursing?” I respond that I would have enjoyed becoming an airline pilot.  Aviation has always intrigued me and the thought of making the passengers feel safe during their flight would be satisfying for me.  Similar to my nursing career of making the patient feel safe while advocating for them through their surgical experience.  I am presently taking flying lessons that are on my bucket list but attaining my pilot’s license? perhaps not.