NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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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.

   Raised in a nurturing environment, I spend my free time serving others from civic to professional volunteer events. I love to travel too, but my favorite way to relax is cooking. I find joy in preparing meals from shopping for healthy ingredients and adding my personal touch to elevate the dining experience. The activity also brings back countless memories shared over hearty meals and special celebrations.

   Since family plays a massive role in my life, I spend time with them via video conference. My mom will coach me when I recreate traditional Filipino dishes or show her new recipes I learned. After cooking, I enjoy two more favorite hobbies: food styling and table setting. My brother then
shares the meal with me while our family continues to bond with us virtually.

These passions come so handy for the holidays. Please check #daffslittlekitchen for ideas when you can!

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.

There are so many unforgettable moments in my professional journey. One of my most meaningful days as a perioperative nurse was when I accepted the role to lead the Surgical Services PPE Task Force from our CNO.

I envisioned a strong, educated, motivated group with adequate leadership support. Together, we immediately formed a reliable team focused on multi-specialty collaboration, quality education, effective communication, and sustainable supply flow. It was a challenge quickly building a group of 60 while pivoting to learn how to lead a campus-wide project 24/7 for the first time.

Lessons learned: be always prepared to step up, communicate well, pulse check your team, conserve your resources, and always bring your sunshine! At the end of the program, quality project results revealed that our highly engaged PPE Task Force positively impacted
frontline workers on all covered COVID units across the campus. Our perioperative team made a remarkable difference!

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

To prepare the most qualified slate of candidates and position AORN forward, including two measurable components below is vital in the candidate selection process for national office.

First, list the candidate's professional contributions and accomplishments. This information will showcase the continuous active involvement of the candidate in AORN programs from local, state, and national levels. Moreover, this will also account for other experience gained that links our specialty to nursing practice, research, or education that are vital nursing leadership competencies.

Second, the candidate's vision for the association and perioperative nursing. This section will account for the candidate's general understanding of AORN's mission and the future direction of the perioperative specialty. These are essential in crafting innovative plans centered on member needs while ensuring progressive association stability.
Utilizing these two vital components and a rubric system will be helpful for objective candidate selection, ensuring the integrity of the vetting process.