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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.

I am passionate about serving the children of the world through surgical mission work. From Haiti to India, I have had the privilege of caring for many children and adults to help them better their lives and gain the confidence to be who they want to be. Everyone deserves the chance to become productive members of their communities and be socially accepted, which no one knows better than an orphan himself.

Losing my mother to breast cancer as a teenager and enduring my own battle with cancer while finishing high school brought many unexpected heroes into my life. These individuals and my mother inspired me to pursue a
future in healthcare to become that same hero to other children with my skills and training.

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.

As a clinician, I love following my patients throughout the continuum of their care from the clinic to the OR and become an integral part of their journey. In the care of my pediatric patients with tracheostomies, I have earned the nickname “Uncle Charlie” amongst many families for my presence and advocacy for each patient’s needs.

Recently, I got to see a 19-month-old infant go home from the ICU for the first time, who needed multiple debridements for necrotizing fasciitis and had a difficult recovery following tracheostomy. I spent significant time advocating for the patient and family throughout their admission as well as coordinating their overall care with various care team members, particularly when they felt they needed to be heard. Although I was not officially on the primary team caring for this infant, the family felt strongly that I was their nurse practitioner throughout their stay.

3. Identify the two most important things you feel need to be a part of the candidate selection process.
The two most important things that should be part of the candidate selection process are diversity and leadership potential. A diverse pool of candidates increases the opportunity for innovation and improves problem-solving through varied backgrounds, experiences, and cultures as our association continues to meet the evolving challenges impacting our communities and patient care. Leaders with different strengths and areas of expertise will allow for improved relevancy to expand the organization’s mission and goals of the present and future.

These various strengths will allow the nominating committee to assess for leadership potential, specifically considering aspirations, abilities, and engagement. While leadership activity and contributions within our association alone may not be the only mark of a leader with potential, candidates should be evaluated for how they choose to impact the members and communities as representatives of the association.