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.

On my days off, I enjoy getting outside and spending time with my family. Maine is such a beautiful state and each season brings a different outside activity I enjoy. In the summer, you can might find me at a campground perking coffee over an open flame or in my hammock reading a Stephen King novel. This past summer I was able to hike Mt. Katahdin, Maine’s highest peak, with my family. The view was breathtaking and the experience of summiting with my family was unforgettable.

Maine winters can be long, tough, and cold, but staying active during those months certainly helps. Downhill skiing has always been one of my favorite things to do. If you ask me what I’m doing on my day off during the week, it’s
probably waking up early and meeting my sister to go skiing at Sunday River mountain.

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.**

Sharing knowledge, skills, and experiences so others can succeed in OR nursing is one of the things I am most passionate about in my job. Some of the best and most meaningful days I have had in the OR is when I am precepting. It is rewarding when you observe the preceptee’s skills developing throughout their orientation. Over time their confidence starts to grow and they are providing excellent care to patients. Staying up-to-date on perioperative guidelines is imperative for me when precepting and has kept me informed throughout my own practice and providing the best of care to my patients. The operating room is such a special place and I’m honored to help anyone grow into this amazing specialty.

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

The primary function of the nominating committee is to develop a strong ballot. Some of the most important things that need to be part of the candidate selection process are the candidate’s proficiencies and their
dedication to AORN. Their knowledge, skills, and abilities play an important factor in shaping the committee. It is important to evaluate all of the ways the candidate has learned their skills; may it be through their job, AORN chapter or committee participation, or community involvement and how their experiences will positively contribute to and strengthen the nominating committee. The candidate’s dedication to AORN will shine through their application demonstrated by their involvement at the local and national level. It is essential for each candidate to bring a level of innovation to ensure AORN’s growth, especially during this pandemic and uncertain times.