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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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1. Describe what makes you the most qualified candidate for the office of Nominating Committee.

With eight years as a perioperative nurse and five years with AORN, my hands-on experience in the operating room and active participation in AORN, including leadership roles such as Treasurer of the Georgia Council of periOperative Registered Nurses, provide me with a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing our members. My background in education and hospitality management enhances my ability to communicate effectively and foster a nurturing environment for all members. My dedication to our profession, demonstrated through various speaking engagements active involvement in my local chapter and council and involvement in the Clinical Nurse Educator Specialty Assembly, equips me with the insights and skills necessary to identify and support future leaders who can drive our organization forward.

2. How do you plan to engage with our members and stakeholders to ensure their voices are represented in our organization's decision-making processes?

My strategy involves leveraging my background in education and hospitality to foster open communication and engagement. I plan to utilize innovative methods, like AI, to enhance member engagement, as demonstrated in my presentation on using AI to promote perioperative organizations. Additionally, I will prioritize active listening and collaboration, drawing on my experience on the Board Engagement Task Force, to ensure diverse member voices are heard and integrated into our decision-making processes. Working closely with chapter leaders, attending meetings and conferences to make connections with members will also provide forums to hear suggestions and receive feedback on what the membership needs. My goal is to create an inclusive environment where every member feels valued and empowered to contribute.

3. What activities or interests outside of your professional life do you believe contribute to your overall well-being and your effectiveness as a leader?

My involvement in community activities, like speaking at Career Day and being a member and participating in New Life Church Back to School Event, reflects my commitment



to community service and education. These experiences enrich my leadership skills, particularly in areas of communication, empathy, and public engagement. Moreover, my work in writing children's books about health literacy demonstrates my dedication to educating the younger generation, which not only contributes to my personal fulfillment but also enhances my ability to lead with creativity and vision. These activities outside of my professional life foster a balanced perspective, essential for effective and compassionate leadership.