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VICE PRESIDENT

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1. Describe what makes you the most qualified candidate for the office of Vice President.

The primary responsibility of the AORN Vice President is to be prepared to assume the duties of the President if they are unable to fulfill their role. With a track-record spanning over three decades at the local, state, and national levels, I have demonstrated my dedication as a perioperative leader and a staunch advocate for our members within the Boardroom. I am not afraid to voice my concerns when decisions do not prioritize our members. I have the courage to express my opinions, consider alternate viewpoints, and possess the ability to comprehend information and data quickly. My approach is characterized by fairness, authenticity, and commitment to supporting our members while advancing the perioperative nursing profession. The boardroom requires resolute advocates, and I have consistently proven my capability in this role. These qualities collectively establish



me as the most qualified candidate for the position of AORN Vice President.

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?

During my tenure as your current secretary, I've been a strong advocate for enhancing membership growth/engagement, actively promoting its integration into AORN's strategic plan. Our membership has seen remarkable growth. As your prospective Vice President, I'm committed to building upon this momentum and ensuring the continued prioritization of our members' interests and the advancement of our profession. It's paramount that we remain attuned to our members' voices; their input is pivotal in keeping us relevant, innovative, and member-centric. Furthermore, I recognize the significance of maintaining robust relationships with our key stakeholders and the financial stability of our subsidiaries. These partnerships and industry collaborations are instrumental in providing our members access to affordable and no cost educational opportunities. As Vice President, I will be visible and accessible to both members and stakeholders. I will support the relationships that foster progress for our organization and our profession.

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?

One of the lessons I've learned over the years is to not tether my identity around my title and professional endeavors. I have an awareness of who I am without these things. Inner awareness is much stronger than outward recognition, for me. Outside of professional pursuits, I prioritize quiet time. I very much enjoy solitude! It is how I refuel. It is where my ideas come from. I value my privacy and respect the privacy of others. To maintain balance, I incorporate physical exercise and sleep. I enjoy kickboxing, tennis and running and find these activities allow me to clear my head and gain perspective on the things that are truly important in my life. I like to read when I have the time and gather with friends and family. Watching my children grow into responsible young men is perhaps my greatest achievement and my greatest joy.