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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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1. Describe what makes you the most qualified candidate for the office of Board of Directors.

I hope members agree that I am the most qualified candidate due to my proven dedication to our profession, association, and members. As the incumbent, I bring two years of crucial experience and continuity to the role, ensuring a seamless transition. My strengths lie in leadership, efficient execution, and dedication to promptly addressing our members' needs.

My current teaching and administrative role at the College of Nursing enriches my perspective and advocacy skills. I know the specialty from end to end and remain deeply connected in a multi-faceted way as a perioperative educator and editor of *The Stitch*. My commitment and energy are unwavering, and the members' voices will guide every decision in the Board room. I've demonstrated success as your current AORN Board member and will keep advocating for you.



My strengths include experience, dedication, and strategic prowess, making me ideally qualified to advance AORN's mission.

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?

I will continue to engage with our members and stakeholders by seeking their input through questions and ensuring their voices directly influence AORN's decision-making processes. I will continue attending chapter meetings, state councils, specialty assemblies, and national events in person and virtually to listen to members' concerns and ideas.

As an approachable board member, I see myself as your advocate, bringing your feedback to the boardroom. My commitment is unwavering, and the longer I serve on this board, the more we can accomplish together with your needs in mind. Engagement is a shared responsibility; I believe members and stakeholders must be included in decision-making. To kickstart this collaboration, I invite you to join me in a breakout room on January 27th to work together to shape how AORN serves you in the future. Your input is essential.

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?

Outside of my professional life, my family greatly contributes to my well-being and enhances my leadership.

Growing up as a farmer's daughter, I learned vital lessons of teamwork, gratitude, and the importance of everyone contributing their fair share. This instilled values of community and collaboration, invaluable skills in my leadership roles.

One cherished activity is traveling with my daughter and enjoying leisurely family time. I can't wait to bring her to an AORN Expo, as I did with our local AORN chapter meetings in 1404, Central Illinois, when she was young. These experiences exposed her to commitment and leadership, broadening her perspective on future career choices. My parents are longtime supporters of my career and AORN involvement, too. Their support enables me to commit to my AORN service and effectively lead while recognizing that every member has a personal life to balance with their work life, a value AORN supports.