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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Elizabeth J. Williams, MSN, RN, CNOR

1. **What AORN value is the most meaningful to you, and how do your values align with the mission, vision, and values of AORN?**

Communication stands as one of the most significant values for perioperative nurses.  When our patients are asleep, we speak and advocate for them. When we communicate our ideas, thoughts, concerns, and knowledge with diverse and multidisciplinary team members, we catch errors before they happen, develop innovations to better care for our patients, realize and promote our evidence-based practice with others so that we can provide optimal outcomes for every patient, every time.

AORN offers a platform for perioperative nurses worldwide to share our innovative ideas, collaborate with a wider network and apply a broader perspective, and achieve our Mission and Vision as an organization and as dedicated nurses caring for our patients every day.  My involvement with AORN has helped me build an unimaginable network of resources, data, evidence, and brilliant colleagues who have helped me further improve the care I provide for my patients.

1. **What trends or changes in perioperative practice do you believe are most important for perioperative nurses and how should the BOD address these?**

AI has become an essential component of the future of healthcare. As the field continues to incorporate AI into practice, it is vital that our members have access to resources that enable them to integrate it into patient care safely and effectively. This will help us uphold excellent standards in patient care as it relates to AI and perioperative nursing. Our Board must remain adaptable and ready for future innovations in healthcare.

The Board is also integral to our membership growth and retention. It is crucial to our Mission, Vision and Values that our Board of Directors is attentive to the needs of our members and stays connected with the evolving landscape of perioperative nursing. The Board Liaisons must continue to be present and actively listening to the voices of our members.

1. **What motivates you to serve as a member of the AORN BOD? What personal or professional qualities and attributes do you possess that would make you an effective member?**

AORN has been a cornerstone of my career, providing support in countless ways. I want to continue giving back to this valuable community. I find immense joy in hearing about the experiences, challenges, and achievements of other perioperative nurses. My involvement with AORN on a national level has offered me many opportunities, and I am eager to discover more ways to contribute to my nursing community.

My mantra is, “Know your resources!” Knowing who to contact or where to find answers is invaluable in our field. Throughout my career, I have built relationships with others who share a mindset focused on growth and helping those around us. We serve as advocates for our patients and our teams, and I aspire to be a voice for our members as well! I am genuinely excited about the opportunities ahead for AORN and truly hope to contribute to our collective success!