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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Selecting just one AORN value was challenging for me because each one holds significant importance. However, the value that resonates most with me is professional development, as it closely aligns with my personal goals and aspirations for career growth. Throughout my career, I have been a strong advocate for continuous education by mentoring, precepting and now serving as the unit educator. I believe my commitment to professional development aligns closely with AORN’s mission, vision and values. By fostering growth and expanding knowledge as a perioperative nurse, one naturally integrates all other aspects of AORN’s values when providing patient care and collaborating with colleagues.

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

As Artificial Intelligence (AI) continues to evolve and becomes increasingly integrated into the perioperative environment, it is crucial for perioperative nurses to understand how AI enhances patient care and supports their ability to deliver safe, high-quality care. The AORN Board of Directors can address this by developing educational resources, establishing best practices for safe and ethical use of AI, advocate for policy and standards ensuring patient safety and nurse involvement in decision making, fostering collaboration with technology partners, conducting research on effectiveness and impact of AI, and advocate for responsible and ethical use of AI. Through addressing these areas, the AORN board can help equip perioperative nurses to navigate and leverage AI technologies effectively while maintaining the highest standards of care.

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?**

What motivates me to serve as a member of the AORN Board of Directors is the opportunity to make a meaningful impact on the perioperative nursing profession. I am driven by a passion for advancing patient safety, fostering professional development, and advocating for perioperative nurses. Serving in this role allows me to contribute to shaping the future of our field, empowering nurses to grow in their careers, and ensuring that we continue to provide the highest standards of care. It is deeply rewarding to support my peers and collaborate on initiatives that strengthen our profession and improve outcomes for the patients we serve. I will bring strong organizational and leadership skills, along with a deep commitment to patient safety and the advancement of education to the AORN Board of Directors.