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Candidate Position: Delegate elect

Question: What is your vision for the GSRC and how do you see your role in advancing that vision as a member of the Board of Directors? I believe that the refreshing vision statement of the AARC “To unite, support, elevate, and advance the respiratory care profession now and into the future” aligns perfectly with my ongoing practice. Being a Delegate for the last 4 years has allowed me to represent all members of our community at the national level while bringing back the inspiring momentum of the House of Delegates. The work being done in that body is focused on our growth and advancement as a profession – something that I would be honored to help our members continue with. My hope is to inspire fellow therapists to join us on the journey to build, advocate, and collaborate with our colleagues.

Question: How would you describe your leadership style and how do you plan to engage and collaborate with fellow board members, communities, and the respiratory care community across Georgia? I see my leadership style as being a combination of 3 types: Collaborative, Transformational, and Servant. As a Delegate, I fully understand it is my role to bring the concerns of our membership in Georgia to the larger stage and collaborating with other affiliates to progress and reach our goals. Since my days as an RT student, I have been heavily involved with the GSRC in various capacities. Each one has helped me to expand upon my skills of listening, collaborating, and serving. And at the same time, I feel all 3 areas overlap. My favorite thing to do is to hear the ideas and needs of a member, encourage and guide them, and facilitate networking opportunities for them to achieve their goals with hopes that they not only succeed, but also that they pass along the energy that was shared with them.

Question: In your opinion, what unique skills, experiences, or perspectives do you bring to the table as a candidate for office in our organization? At a young age, I began my career in healthcare over 30 years ago. With a few other stops along the way, I went from nursing homes to community mental health, to emergency medical services, to respiratory therapy as a clinician, manager and educator. This wide range of experiences has fed my inner “jack of all trades” and led to my ability to serve a variety of perspectives. Several years ago, I earned the opportunity to attend the House of Delegates as a student. I was in awe, energized, and inspired by the immense positive energy that surrounded me. That feeling is something I’ve cherished all these years and am even more excited when I get to share it with others.

