

Ballot Questionnaire: Col Gwendolyn Foster, Nominating Committee Candidate

Ballot Question 1: What makes you interested in this position? Why are you running for this office?

Having served in leadership position within AWHONN to include the nominating committee, I would like to continue to grow my knowledge and expertise within my own governing organization as well as share what I have learned from other national organizations.

Ballot Question 2: Visit ACNM's Strategic Plan [HERE](#). What part of the strategic plan embodies your personal philosophy?

My personal leadership philosophy is servant leadership and the two core commitments: interprofessionalism and communication resonate with me. Specifically, to serve you must be able to not only hear others but listen to their truth to truly be able to connect and empower them. In regard to interprofessionalism, we cannot move forward alone and to achieve access to midwifery care for all we must continue to strengthen partnerships across all areas that touch women's health care.

Ballot Question 3: What ideas do you have for enhancing diversity and inclusion?

As a member of the AWHONN Racism policy task force and Post Birth review, I see communication as the key to enhancing diversity and inclusion. We must be willing to have the hard conversations and address the elephant in the room when it comes to race, racism and bias.

Ballot Question 4: What innovation or improvement would you bring to ACNM?

Although, I have seen recognition of the military within the Uniform Affiliate. I believe I would bring a unique perspective to the national level which would strengthen our military/civilian partnerships.