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1. WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THIS POSITION?

It is important to show interest and learn about the chosen career you are currently a part of. I have worked in cardiology for 17 years but have only been a part of the sonography world for two and I hope to offer a fresh perspective to the role. I look forward to highlighting the importance of sonography and being an advocate for the profession. This pandemic seems to have accentuated the lack of appreciation for our role as critical care and frontline workers. I hope to be an advocate for the profession.

2. WHAT PERSONAL STRENGTHS CAN YOU BRING TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS?

I was a Cardiology Technologist for 14 years before going back to school for cardiac sonography. I was the team lead of the electrodiagnostic department for two years before school. That position allowed me to improve my leadership skills. I was responsible for maintaining a schedule for 14 full-time staff and 10-15 part-time or casual employees, and I participated in selecting and interviewing potential new employees. I was on the Cardiology Quality Care Committee and the Accreditation team.

3. WHAT PREVIOUS VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE DO YOU BRING TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS?

As a Cardiology Technologist, I had the opportunity to represent technologists as a provincial member of the Board of Directors of the Cardiology Technology Association of Nova Scotia for many years. I was the Continuing Education Unit (CEU)/education director from 2014 to 2017, and the Vice-President for 2017 and 2018. These positions allowed me to represent the profession and advocate for its members. I have experience following up with members on various topics of concern, participating in board meetings throughout the year, evaluating budgets, dues, legal fees, education opportunities and hosting Annual General Meetings (AGMs) and education sessions.