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Candidate Statement for Region VI Chair-elect

Statement of Interest

I am excited and honored to be a candidate for NCURA Region VI Chair-elect. When I started in research administration 15 years ago, it was NCURA that opened my eyes to the many areas of research administration that I could build a career in. It was NCURA that helped provide me development and training in pre- and post-award. It was NCURA that helped me expand my network through its various meetings and conferences. I want to make this happen for any member who wants it.

As chair-elect, I want to work with both the regional and national officers and committees to make the NCURA experience an even more positive one where a member is given opportunities and resources to grow as a research administrator and build a career like I have through NCURA’s development and training, networking and volunteer opportunities. My goal is to work on how to best involve our members and make these opportunities easily accessible to them.

Also, I want this opportunity to serve as Regional Chair-elect to work on expanding regional membership and increasing our volunteer base. I want to seek out new faces who can bring new ideas to NCURA and tap experienced volunteers for their wisdom. When I volunteered for the first time at a national meeting, I was hooked. Volunteering enabled me to meet new people and expand my network, and helped me do my job better through the sharing of knowledge and experience. Volunteers are the heart of NCURA. The more diverse our members, the more we can we can learn from each other, and the stronger we can make NCURA.

Thank you for your consideration!

Bio

I am currently Associate Director of the Office of Sponsored Research at Stanford University. Since starting in research administration in 1996, I have held various positions at Stanford University and the University of California, San Francisco, covering both pre-award and post-award responsibilities, such as government and foundation proposals and grants and contracts, industrial contracting (including clinical trial agreements, sponsored research agreements, MTAs, non-disclosure agreements), financial post-award (account set-up, financial reports, and closeout), conflict of interest, and research administration training.

My previous leadership roles at NCURA include serving as an at-large Board of Director, regional secretary and treasurer, track co-chair at an annual meeting, regional and national advisory and planning committees, national strategic working group, and regional representative at the 2006 leadership and governance conference. I have presented and served as moderator at the Annual, Regional, Financial Research Administration, and Pre-Award Research Administration conferences on topics such as clinical trial agreements, intellectual property, confidentiality and publication restrictions, financial terms, material transfer agreements, subcontracting, international research issues, foundation grants, and research administration training.