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Candidate for Secretary Elect

**Statement of Intent**

I first became a member of NCURA in 1985 and attended my first national conference that same year. It was an eye opening experience; I had no idea about the breadth and depth of research administration that I was first exposed to at that conference and I am still amazed at what we are expected to know and understand. In the past 24 years since I attended this first meeting the field has grown exponentially, thus creating the need for a professional organization that can provide the links between knowledge and members. It is too much for any one of us or any one university to comprehend. The regional organization provides a way to bring this information to a more local network, making it easy to find help if needed. All one has to do is look in the directory and any one of us can help if you are confronted with an issue. That is one of the best benefits of membership.

I am concerned in this current economic environment that each of us is being asked to do more with less and the training component will be one of the first areas to be cut. We may not have funds to travel to conferences or attend workshops when in reality we are all desperate for the knowledge as more and more complex agreements come across our collective desks.

With these new demands, I want to find new ways to help and support each other in this situation. I want to work on ways to share our knowledge and expertise; to make each member feel that they are part of larger whole and not alone out there with no help and no resources.

I am a busy person as we all are, but feel that with my experience and the needs that are out there that each of us needs to step up to the plate and share our knowledge for the good of all of us. This is why I am running for regional office, and I am confident I can help continue the tradition of excellence of the regional conferences.

**Brief Bio**

Virginia Anders is currently the acting director of the Office of Contract and Grant Administration at UCLA which handles just under a billion dollars of funded agreements each year. She has worked in the Contracts and Grants offices at both USC and the RAND Corporation and worked as a consultant in this field for the State of CA, the US Department of the Interior, the City of Los Angeles and taught classes in grant writing at the community college level. She is a graduate of Pomona College in the Claremont
Colleges, attended Oxford University and holds two graduate degrees from USC, as well as a certificate in government contract management from UCLA Extension.