Dear NCURA Colleague,

I have been an active member of NCURA for nearly 15 years, and I have had the honor to work closely with members from every state in Region VI on committees and task forces, on regional meetings and presentations, and even on choreography when it has been called for. In 2011, I served as Region VI Secretary, and saw up close the hard work and dedication it takes to serve as chair of the region. It is a challenge I heartily embrace.

Let me share with you some of my thoughts on the importance of NCURA to its members. I believe the most important aspect of NCURA is the strong, vibrant sub-groups that lie at its heart. The Regional Committees and the NCURA Communities help us make lasting connections with our colleagues and get to critical, relevant information when we need it. NCURA has preserved that “small town” feel where everyone, at every level, is welcome and everyone can find their niche. As chair, I would work with the other officers to help NCURA continue to build an outstanding professional community with the individual member’s experience clearly in mind.

NCURA is crucial to keeping its members current on developments in the profession. NCURA helps us stay informed about funding, legislative, research and other trends. As members, we rely on a combination of conferences, on-line training opportunities, magazines and journals, networking events and other means to get the latest info. Region VI stands out in the quality of our on-line presence and our members’ contribution to the national discourse. As chair I would look to help us to strengthen established modes and continue to develop new modes of communication to keep us all up-to-date.

Beyond providing information, NCURA helps members build the skills we will need in the changing landscape of research administration. By providing leadership opportunities through committees and service, educational programs that focus on enhancing our capacity to do more and do it well, and opportunities to present our ideas publicly, NCURA fosters our personal and professional growth.

And we throw one heck of a regional meeting!

If elected, I look forward to the opportunity to working with the other regional officers, committee members and the national leadership team to continue to support research together.

Thank you for considering my candidacy.

Joseph McNicholas
EDUCATION

**Ph.D.**  American Literature, University of Texas at Austin, 1999

**M.B.A.**  Finance, University of Redlands, 2006

**M.A.**  English, Fordham University, 1993

**B.A.**  English, Fordham University, 1991

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

**Director**, Office for Research and Sponsored Projects, Loyola Marymount University, 2010-present

**Director**, Pre-Award Services, Loyola Marymount University, 2008-2009

**Associate Director**, Sponsored Projects Office, Loyola Marymount University, 2006-2008

**Director**, Foundation and Government Relations, University of Redlands, 2004-2006

**Assistant Director**, Faculty Research Development, Office of Sponsored Programs, California State University, San Bernardino 2001-2003


BOOKS


ARTICLES, CHAPTERS, AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS


PODCASTS


PRESENTATIONS

McNicholas, J. (March, 2014) “Faculty Research and Development at PUIs” Presentation at NCURA Pre-Award Research Administration Meeting, San Francisco, CA.


McNicholas, J. (March, 2014) “Unleashing the Power of Anticipation to Develop Strategies to Meet Deadlines ” Presentation at NCURA Pre-Award Research Administration Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
McNicholas, J. (October, 2011) “Creating a Funding Ladder at PUIs” Presentation at NCURA National Meeting, Washington, D.C.
McNicholas, J. (October, 2010) “PUI’s: Everything You Wanted to Know But Were Afraid to Ask” Workshop at NCURA National Meeting, Washington, D.C.
McNicholas, J. (October, 2010) “Are You Living the Solitary Life? – Developing Infrastructure in the Smaller Institution” Presentation at NCURA Pre-Award Research Administration Conference, Providence, RI.
McNicholas, J. (October, 2009) “Pre-Award for Post-Award” Presentation at NCURA National Meeting, Washington, D.C.
McNicholas, J. (April, 2009) “Making those Relationships Work” Presentation at NCURA Regional Meeting, Sante Fe, NM.
McNicholas, J. (April, 2009) “Relaunching a Sponsored Research Office” Presentation at NCURA Regional Meeting, Sante Fe, NM.
McNicholas, J. (March, 2008) “Orientation” Presentation at NCURA Regional Meeting, Portland, OR.
McNicholas, J. (June, 2007) “Senior PUI Forum” Discussion Session at NCURA Pre-Award Research Administration Conference, Los Angeles, CA.
McNicholas, J. (April, 2006) “Promoting Research at Primarily Undergraduate Institutions” Workshop at NCURA Regional Meeting, Kauai, HI.

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE and ENGAGEMENT**

National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA)
- Member, Leadership and Development Committee, Region VI, 2013-2014
- Chair, Presidential Task Force, NCURA Volunteer Pathways, 2012
- Secretary, Region VI 2011
- NCURA Executive Leadership Program, 2011
- National Conference Track Leader: PUI track 2011
- Secretary-elect, Region VI 2010
- Featured Interview, PUI On-Campus, 2010
- Track Leader, Regional Conference, 2010
- Predominantly Undergraduate Institutions Neighborhood 2010-2012
- Chair, Membership and Volunteer Committee, Region VI 2008-2009
- New Member Orientation Moderator, Regional Meeting, 2008, 2009
- Discussion Leader, Senior PUI Forum, PRA Conference, 2007
- Leadership Development Committee Member, Region VI, 2006
- NCURA Leadership Development Institute 2004