Regional Election Candidate Statement and Bio  
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Candidate for Secretary-Elect 2010

Statement of Interest

The profession of research administration is a challenging, dynamic and rewarding one. As communication technologies, governmental regulations, economic realities and the modes of research continue to evolve, we rely on NCURA to respond to our professional development needs. As Secretary-elect, I would seek to help Region VI better understand the changes affecting our profession and provide education and networking opportunities to help us succeed as individuals and as an organization.

Our profession is changing in other ways as well. This past year, Region VI topped one thousand members representing a great deal of ethnic, geographic, and experiential diversity across a range of institutional profiles. During this time, I have been pleased to serve our region as chair of the Membership and Volunteer Committee. In this role and in response to these trends, I made it a priority that the committee welcome new members, create interesting and engaging volunteer opportunities, and learn more about the range of needs of our members. I would be honored to help keep NCURA current and vital to the profession in the role of Secretary-elect.

Brief Bio

Joseph McNicholas is the Director of Pre-Award Services in the Office for Research and Sponsored Projects at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. He holds a Ph.D in American Literature as well as an MBA in Finance. A member of NCURA since 2001, Joseph has presented at NCURA conferences at the national and regional level on such topics as promoting research at predominantly undergraduate institutions, working with corporate and foundation relations, and relaunching a sponsored projects office. He has been a Certified Research Administrator since 2004, and he graduated from the NCURA Leadership Development Institute in 2005. Joseph has served on the Region VI Leadership Development Committee, as well as the Predominantly Undergraduate Institutions Committee. He currently serves as Chair for the Region VI Membership and Volunteer Committee, welcoming new and reinstated members to the region and helping coordinate volunteers for the regional conference.