

Dear NCURA Region V Members,

It is with great pleasure that I submit to you my interest to serve as an At-Large Executive Committee member. During my time as a NCURA member since joining in 2012, I have had the opportunity to attend four NCURA national & two regional meetings and serve on various Region V committees. My service to Region V includes: 2014 member of the Site Selection Committee; 2015 member of the Membership/Hospitality Committee; 2015 member of the Program Committee; and most recently as the 2016 Chair of the Nominating Committee. In 2014 I presented at the Region V meeting a concurrent session titled, "Self-Submit Process: Challenging Traditional Ways" and in 2015 lead a discussion group presentation, "Taking a Clue: Solving the Case of Developing a Training Program for Sponsored Projects Administration". I enjoy Research Administration and the great things the NCURA organization and our Region V do to promote our profession. Much like many, I fell into Research Administration, taking a job many years ago not knowing that I would build a 12 year professional career. NCURA is the organization that really helped me see and build the professionalism in Research Administration, something I hope to continue to promote in my service. I am currently the Director for Grants at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth) Sponsored Projects Administration. I will bring my extensive experience to the Executive Committee that I gained through serving various roles in Research Administration at both the central and departmental level and voluntarism with the Region. I am a strategic thinker and a leader that is always eager to help. What I hope to accomplish as an At-Large Executive Committee member is to be a resource to the current elected Chair and the region and provide fresh ideas on current issues.

I look forward to serving you.

Sincerely,

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