

My name is Tonya Pinkerton and I am the Assistant Managing Director of Project Management in Accounting Services at Texas Tech University. I have been nominated for the office of Secretary for NCURA Region V. I am so very excited to have this opportunity and to be able to contribute to our Region in this new way.

In my work at Texas Tech, I am responsible for the institution's post-award project management; which runs the gamut of daily functions to include customer service, basic accounting, budgeting, compliance, and set up. As the Assistant Director, I am also responsible for higher level reporting responsibilities for the institution as a whole with regard to grant funding, proposal preparation discussions for large-scale projects, the management of seven employees, and cross-training/communications with sister offices such as financial accounting, research services, budgeting, information systems, and procurement. I am a Certified Research Administrator and I am finishing my dissertation to graduate in August with a PhD in Higher Education Administration.

I have served in a variety of capacities as a member of NCURA, including as a moderator/speaker for regional and national meetings (since 2013), a member of the nominations committee (2015), a member of the regional meeting program committee (2016), and a member of the finance committee (2015-2016). I enjoy volunteering at the welcome table at various meetings and the hospitality suite for both regional and national meetings. I found my calling in research administration and have found a family and community as a member of NCURA. I have enjoyed the activities so far and look forward to continuing my service to our organization and Region V.