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I am honored and excited to be nominated for the position of At-Large Member for Region V.

I started my career in 1993 at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMUCC) in fiscal affairs where I handled post award administration. After a few years in University Services, I found my way back to research administration in the Office of Graduate Studies and Research in 2001 and have never looked back! While at TAMUCC, I received my CRA in 2002 and helped establish our first research office with pre-award and post award staff; starting as a Senior Grants and Contract Administrator and eventually Director of Sponsored Programs. In 2012, I relocated to the Houston area with my husband and was the Director of Sponsored Programs in the central office at The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. As much as I enjoyed the field of research administration in the central office, I was interested in learning more about research operations at the department level. So, in 2015 I moved to Baylor College of Medicine (BCM) as the Department Administrator for the Department of Molecular and Human Genetics; the largest research department at BCM and the number one NIH (National Institutes of Health)-funded genetics department in the nation with \$100 million in annual awards. In the past six and a half years that I have been here, it has been a wonderful experience to foster research administration from the department level.

In addition, I have also served as Principal Investigator for a \$2.8 million, five-year award with the Department of Education, Title V-Promoting Postbaccalaureate Opportunities for Hispanic Americans (PPOHA) at TAMUCC, and I currently serve as Co-Investigator for the NIH All of Us Evenings with Genetics award in our department.

I have been a member of NCURA since 2001; attending almost every annual meeting. Over the years, I have been active in serving my region; presenting at many conferences and serving on various committees, such as nominations, scholarships, and the program committee for the Region V annual meeting. Most recently, I served as a mentor on the new Mustang Mentoring Program. It was an honor to share my experiences with my mentee and the group. Through NCURA, I have gained so much knowledge and met so many wonderful colleagues.

As At-Large Member Region V, I will support and help grow the region's activities: increase membership, advocate and support the new Mustang Mentoring Program, continue to actively participate in the region's committees, and identify new opportunities for research administrators and NCURA within the region.

I appreciate the opportunities I've had with NCURA Region V and look forward to continuing to serve our membership for many more years!