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At-Large Member

I am flattered to be nominated for the position of **At-Large Member** for NCURA Region V, and I graciously accept the nomination.

As a Grants & Contracts Manager within the department of Molecular Biosciences at The University of Texas at Austin, I am fortunate to be part of a team of five amazing Research Administrators who work “cradle-to-grave” in support of our faculty’s research endeavors. Together, we provide experience, guidance, financial projection and, when needed, a little emotional support as we navigate the every-changing field of Research Administration.

I have been part of the UT-Austin research community for nearly 17 years. My journey began as a Student Assistant within the Office of Sponsored Projects, where I worked my way through my undergraduate years while gaining an eye-opening introduction to this amazing field. And, in full transparency, when I applied for the student position, I had absolutely no clue what Research Administration was- or that I just stumbled upon my future career! After studying for and attaining my CRA, it became evident just how expansive the world of Research administration truly is. That realization motivated my pursuit of expanded experiences (including moving to the department) and sparked my interest in becoming more involved within our campus research community.

This past August, I was fortunate to attend NCURA’s Annual Meeting, where I volunteered at the Region V Business meeting and I left the meeting feeling inspired once-again to be more involved. Receiving a nomination to serve as an At-Large Member could be just the right opportunity and, after 17 years, I have learned to recognize and appreciate the value of embracing new opportunities.

I look forward to learning directly from the Executive Committee, networking with fellow NCURA peers and supporting the Region V Chair. I hope to bring a willingness to learn, contribute, and collaborate wherever I can. Organizations are stronger when members are willing to engage and make the most out of opportunities and the sense of community offered - I am excited to do just that.

Thank you for the consideration and opportunity to serve.

Sincerely,
Yvette