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Chair-Elect Candidate

I am honored to be nominated for the position of Chair-Elect for Region V. In the ever-changing field of research administration, the opportunity to connect and learn from colleagues is extremely valuable.

I work in the Division of Research and Innovation at the University of North Texas. I have been at UNT since 2015 and my first role in research administration was as a research compliance analyst with the conflict of interest program. In 2023, I began my current role of Director, Ethics and International Research Compliance, in which I oversee Research Security, Export Control, and Conflict of Interest. I chair our institution's Research Security Committee and serve as the voting representative for the UNT System on the Higher Education Research Security Council for the state of Texas. In 2023, I was a mentee in the Mustang Mentoring Program and I am so grateful for that experience! It has helped me to connect with not just my assigned mentor, but an entire support network of research administrators across Texas and Oklahoma. My mentee year involved not only the scheduled meetings and leadership presentation, but also a visit to my mentor's campus to shadow for a day and it led to co-authoring an article for NCURA Magazine.

My service to NCURA includes serving at the Vice Chair of the Mustang Mentorship Program this year and as the MMP Curriculum Coordinator in 2025. This year, I am the Chair of the Entertainment Committee and I have enjoyed planning the fun events for the Fall Meeting that will help attendees relax and laugh together! I had an absolute blast "Boot Scootin'" in San Marcos in 2025 and it illustrated the ability of the fall meeting to not only educate, but also connect people through shared experiences. I also volunteered at the Region V conference in 2023 at the registration desk.

As Chair-Elect, I will continue to expand the education opportunities within our region and support the Region V members to the best of my ability.

I appreciate the opportunities I have had to serve Region V and look forward to continuing to serve its membership in the coming years.