

Yasmin Welch

At-Large Member Candidate

I am excited to be considered for the At-Large Member position on the Region V Executive Committee. After nearly a decade in higher education and operations, and four years growing with NCURA, one thing keeps proving true, the best opportunities in this field come from the people who take the time to point you toward them.

I currently serve as a Conflict of Interest Analyst at UT Austin, where I help faculty and researchers navigate disclosures and federal and institutional requirements. Before that, I supported pre- and post-award activity in a busy research center. Like so many of us, I stumbled into research administration by way of medical education, graduate program coordination, and program operations. Along the way I learned there are countless paths to a career here, and that mentors make all the difference. Now I'm passionate about getting involved and becoming one of the mentors I was lucky to have.

My mentorship through Region V's Mustang Mentorship Program led me to present at the October 2025 Regional Meeting on research data management best practices, moving me from learning from NCURA to contributing to it. Service has been my way of paying that mentorship forward. I've represented my colleagues on UT Austin's Staff Council, and I now serve on the Resource and Professional Development Committee of UT's Association of Research Administrators, where I help build learning opportunities for fellow research administrators.

If elected, I will focus on newer professionals in our region. I want to expand mentorship connections, create practical resources for career navigation, and encourage people to build their professional brand, whether that means presenting for the first time, joining a committee, or networking at the annual meeting. I'd also bring a compliance-minded, detail-oriented perspective to the Executive Committee's policy, financial, and planning work.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to serving Region V.