



Region III Business Meeting
Annual Spring Meeting
Tuesday, May 2, 2023, 12pm
Embassy Suites by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront Resort
Kensington ABCG

I. Call to Order – Chair

Natasha Williams (Emory University)

Natasha called the meeting to order at 12:07 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes – Secretary

Scott Niles (Georgia Institute of Technology) – in place of Laney McLean (Florida State University)

Scott called for the approval of the 2022 National Business Meeting minutes. Erika Cottingham motioned, and Derrick Jones seconded. All in favor – minutes approved.

III. Recognition of New Members and First Time Attendees – Chair

Natasha Williams (Emory University)

Natasha noted that there were 40 new RIII members and 68 first time attendees at the 2023 RIII Meeting.

IV. Recognition of Alumni and Emeritus/Flamingo Gurus – Chair

Natasha Williams (Emory University)

Natasha acknowledged and thanked our Flamingo Gurus who were in attendance: Pamela Whitlock, Jerry Fife and Pat Green.

V. Recognition of award winners – Chair

Natasha Williams (Emory University)

- a. Pam Whitlock Rising Star Award – Rebecca Wessinger (University of South Carolina)

Pam Whitlock joined Emily Devereux to present award to Rebeca

- b. Sandy Barber Volunteer Award – Melissa Freudenberger (University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture)

Scott presented the award to Melissa

- c. Distinguished Service Award – Kay Gilstrap (Georgia State University)

David Smesler presented the award to Rob Roy, who accepted on Kay's behalf.

VI. Financial Report – Treasurer

Jaime Petrasek (University of Virginia)

See slides

VII. Regional Officer / Committee Reports (SEE SLIDES FOR DETAILS)

- a. Treasurer – Jaime Petrasek (University of Virginia)
 - 1. Philanthropy
Coordinator: Melissa Freudenberger (University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture)
 - 2. Sponsorships
Coordinator: Lorelei Sells (University of Tampa)
- b. Secretary – Laney McLean (Florida State University)
 - 1. Website
Coordinator: Ford Simmons, (Medical University of South Carolina)
 - 2. Social Media
Coordinator: Jessica Lambdin (Florida State University)
Alicia Lewin (University of South Carolina) has been nominated to serve as the new Social Media Committee Coordinator.
 - 3. Surveys and Evaluations:
Coordinator: Jenn Garye (Florida State University)
 - 4. Public Relations
Coordinator: Rebecca Wessinger (University of South Carolina)
- c. Immediate Past-Chair – Scott Niles (Georgia Institute of Technology)
 - 1. Nominations and Elections
Coordinator: Ashley Pinkard (Arkansas State University)
 - 2. Site Selection
Scott Niles (Georgia Institute of Technology)
 - 3. RIII Research Administration Mentoring Program (RAMP), Coordinator:
Gregory Adams (Broward College)
- d. Chair– Natasha Williams (Emory University)
 - 1. Honors and Awards
Coordinator: Lee Broxton (Georgia Institute of Technology)
 - 2. New Members
Coordinator: Kendra Ellis (Duke University)

3. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
Coordinator: Celeste Rivera-Nuñez (University of Central Florida)
 4. Alumni and Emeritus
Coordinator: Pam Whitlock (University of North Carolina, Wilmington, Emeritus)
- e. Chair-Elect – Tanta Myles (The University of Alabama)
1. Program Committee
Chair: Tanta Myles (The University of Alabama)
Co-Chair: Laneika Musalini (Columbus State University)
 2. Hospitality
Coordinator: Kim Johns (Virginia Commonwealth University)
 3. Volunteer
Coordinator: Molly Ingham (University of South Carolina)
 4. Attendee Experience
Coordinator: Tamera Mace (University of Central Florida)
 5. Planning Committee
Tanta Myles (The University of Alabama)
- f. Regionally-Elected National Board Member – Emily Devereux (University of South Carolina) (SEE ATTACHED APPENDIX)
1. NCURA National reports
Emily Devereux (University of South Carolina)

VIII. Old Business – None.

IX. New Business

- a. Recognition of individuals completing terms as Executive Committee members and Committee Coordinators — Chair
Natasha Williams (Emory University)
- b. Recognition of New Officers – Chair
Natasha Williams (Emory University)

X. Adjourn

Natasha adjourned the meeting at 1:01pm.

NCURA REGION III

Business Meeting

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Myrtle Beach Oceanfront Resort

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina



TODAY'S AGENDA

Call to Order

Approval of the Minutes

Member Recognition

Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

Old Business

New Business

Adjourn



Member Recognition

Thank you to our volunteers!



WELCOME TO NCURA REGION III
A Very Beachin' Region

- **40 New Region III Members**
- **68 First Time Conference Attendees**

*Thank you to Pam Whitlock, Jerry Fife, and
Pat Green for their continued support of
NCURA Region III*



Pam Whitlock Rising Star Award

Rebecca Wessinger

University of South Carolina



Sandy Barber

Volunteer Award

Melissa Freudenberger
University of Tennessee
Institute of Agriculture



Distinguished Service Award

Kay Gilstrap

Georgia State University



Treasurer's Report

	2022 Budget	2022 Final	2023 Budget
Income:	\$110,000	\$105,682	\$146,950
Expenses:	\$105,000	\$120,650	\$115,639
Net Income	\$5,000	-\$14,968	\$31,311
Spring Meeting Attendees		170	260

Account	Balance
Wells Fargo Checking	
12/31/2021	21,857
6/30/2022	117,273
12/31/2022	6,889
4/24/2023	134,138
Trade PMR Investment	
6/30/2022	97,895
4/21/2023	103,302

Treasurer's Report

Committee Updates

Philanthropy

***Melissa Freudenberger, University of Tennessee
Institute of Agriculture***

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FY 2023

- *Fall of 2022 researched wigs for cancer and the Susan G. Komen Foundation as options. Neither will meet National requirements.*
- *Spring 2023 reached out to the Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce Assistant Sales Manager, Lisa Parisi. She sent me a list of local Nonprofits and suggested Help 4 Kids/Backpack Buddies led by Barb Mains. I investigated partnering with them and discovered we cannot fulfill their needs under National requirements.*

FY 2024

- *Will reach out to the other regional Philanthropy Chairs to see how they handle Philanthropy within the National Guidelines.*
- *May then reach out to National to suggest a Philanthropy specific LLC and account.*

Committee Updates: Treasurer

Philanthropy

*Melissa Freudenberger, University of Tennessee
Institute of Agriculture*

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- *NCURA CARES Shower Outreach Program helps those in need locally by creating hygiene kits from your unused hotel toiletries. By donating one night's worth of hotel shower toiletries, flamingos can help provide necessities for a clean shower to those in need. NCURA Volunteers will be collecting these hygiene kits throughout the conference at the Registration Table so that we can bring them to those in need at the end of the conference. Volunteer to provide assistance with donation collections and show how NCURA Cares! Please bring items between 7:30 AM - 12:00 PM each day.*

**Committee
Updates:
Treasurer**

Sponsorship

Lorelei Sells, University of Tampa, Chair

Will continue in her role as Sponsorship Chair until the 2025 meeting

Philanthropy

Melissa Freudenberger, University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture - Chair

Will continue in her role as Philanthropy Chair until the 2024 meeting

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**Committee
Updates:
Treasurer**

Sponsorship

Lorelei Sells – University of Tampa

- Procured corporate sponsorships for the 2023 meeting:

\$17,000

- InfoEd - \$4,000
- Streamlyne, Huron, Cayuse, Reporting
Xpress, Key Solutions, Attain - \$2,000
- Citi - \$1,000

- Procured **\$2,500** in University sponsorships:

- Host University:

- **Coastal Carolina University - \$1,500**

Institutional Sponsors:

- **Columbus State University - \$500**
- **University of Alabama - \$500**

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Committee Updates: Treasurer

Website

Ford Simmons, Medical University of South Carolina

- Ford's first year as Coordinator.
- Recruited a new volunteer, Jennifer Taylor
- Continuously work with social media & PR committees to ensure that information was reaching members on all channels
- Made many site updates along with website improvements on the back end – including switching web hosting to Google

Social Media

Jessica Lambdin, Florida State University

- Finishing last year as Coordinator (will serve as Interim)
- Actively recruiting new coordinator
- Worked with website & PR committees to ensure that information was reaching members on all channels

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Committee Updates: Secretary



Public Relations

Rebecca Wessinger, University of South Carolina

- Finishing her first year as coordinator
- Writes newsletters, sends e-blasts for volunteer calls with great response rate
- Writes NCURA Magazine Regional Corner articles

Surveys and Evaluations

Jenn Garye, Florida State University

- Beginning second year as social media coordinator

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**Committee
Updates:
Secretary**

Nominations & Elections

Ashley Pinkard, Arkansas State University

- Call for nominations will be disseminated on May 8, 2023 and be open for two weeks
- Ballot for Chair-Elect, Treasurer-Elect & Secretary to be released in June
- Announcement of new officers in August at AM64.

Site Selection

Scott Niles, Georgia Tech

- Thank you to the Site Selection Committee:
Marc Haon, Attain
Melinda Fischer, Clemson University

Committee Updates: Immediate Past Chair

2024 Meeting
Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
May 4-8, 2024



RIII Research Administration Mentoring Program (RAMP)

Gregory Adams, Broward College

- Program remains on hiatus, but we are excited to have Greg on board as the new coordinator!
- Updates will arrive soon after the shifting of Regional Leadership

**Committee
Updates:
Immediate Past
Chair**

Honors & Awards

Lee Broxton, Coordinator

Members:

Tolise Dailey

Bella DiFranzo

New Members

Kendra Ellis, Coordinator

Members:

Tanya Blackwell

Erika Clark

Bryna F. Farrell

Leerin Shields

Lauren Swindell

Emeritus & Alumni Committee

Pam Whitlock, Coordinator

**Committee
Updates:
Chair**

Diversity Equity & Inclusion

***Celeste Rivera-Nuñez, University of
Central Florida***

Members:

Marie Firestone

Molly Ingham

Committee

Updates:

Chair



*While here at the NCURA Region III conference, be sure to stop by the DEI table and have a conversation about how you can get involved.
Your voice matters.*

Volunteer Coordinator

Molly Ingham, University of South Carolina

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Hospitality

Kim Johns, Virginia Commonwealth University

Attendee Experience

Tamera Mace, University of Central Florida

Program & Planning Committees

**Committee
Updates:
Chair-Elect**

Program Committee

Sarah Brown
Mississippi State University

Tricia Callahan
Emory University

Erika Cottingham
United Way of Chattahoochee Valley

Glenda Davis
University of Alabama

Emily Devereux
University of South Carolina

Rodney Granec
University of West Alabama

Abby Guillory
North Carolina State University

Tamara Hill
Morehouse School of Medicine

Monica Hollman
Georgia State University

Kimberly Johns
University of Virginia

Derrick Jones
Onyx Institute

Steve Koogler
Emory University

Tracy Louder
Auburn University

Krys Lynam
University of Kentucky

Mark Lynam
Tennessee Tech University

Danielle McElwain
University of South Carolina

Rob McGoey
United Way of Chattahoochee Valley

Jennifer Mills
University of Alabama

Linnea Minnema
Samford University

Celeste Rivera-Nunez
University of Central Florida

Stephanie Rodriguez-Makhlouf
University of Central Florida

Shekinda Ward
Vanderbilt University

Planning Committee

Trey Bauer

University of Louisville

Lee Broxton

Georgia Institute of Technology

Stephanle Cassavaugh

Coastal Carolina University

Kendra Ellis

Duke University

Melissa Freudenberger

Clemson University

Jenn Garye

Florida State University

Molly Ingham

University of South Carolina

Kim Johns

University of Virginia

Jessica Lambdin

Florida State University

Tamera Mace

University of Central Florida

Ashley Pinkard

Arkansas State University

Elizabeth Reed

Coastal Carolina University

Celeste Rivera-Nunez

University of Central Florida

Lorelei Sells

University of Tampa

Ford Simmons

Medical University of South Carolina

Shekinda Ward

Vanderbilt University

Rebecca Wessinger

University of South Carolina

Pamela Whitlock

UNC-Wilmington (Emeritus)

Thank you to our
Sponsors of the
2023 Region III
Meeting!



Emily Devereux

University of South Carolina

NCURA Region III Business Meeting

- AM65
- Update on Membership
- FRA/PRA 2023 Annual Conference
- Regional Officer's Symposium
- Traveling Workshops
- NCURA Magazine
- Recognition of National Board Members & Standing/Select Committee Members and Chairs from Region III

National Reports

Executive Committee

NCURA Region III Business Meeting



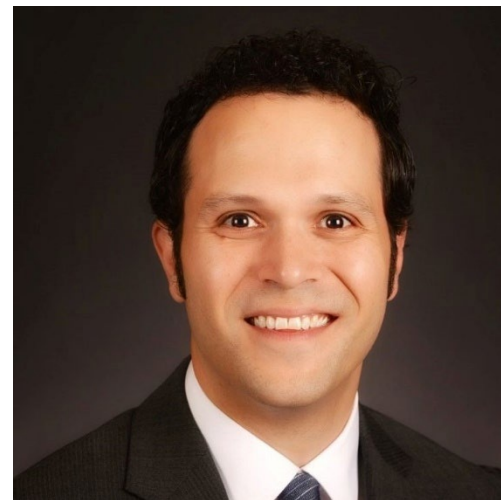
Laneika Musalini
Chair-Elect, 2022-2023



Tanta Myles
Chair, 2023-2024
Chair-Elect, 2022-2023



Natasha Williams-Brown
Immediate Past Chair 2023-2024
Chair, 2022-2023
Chair-Elect, 2021-2022



Scott Niles
Immediate Past Chair, 2022-2023
Chair, 2021-2022
Chair-Elect, 2020-2021
Secretary, 2017-2019

Changes in Leadership

Committee Coordinators Completing Service

Thank you!

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Celeste Riveria Nunez

DEI Committee Coordinator

2022-2023

Melissa Freudenberger

Philanthropy Coordinator

2021-2023

Jessica Lambdin

Social Media Committee Coordinator

2021-2023

Kendra Ellis

New Member Committee Coordinator

2021-2023

Changes in Leadership



Suggested National Updates for Spring 2023 Regional Meetings

(Board Members and Executive Committee Representatives: Please coordinate what each representative would like to address in their respective updates.)

AM65 is quickly approaching

NCURA's 65th Annual Meeting is set to occur August 6-9th at the Washington Hilton! We hope that if you haven't done so already, that you will register and encourage others to do the same!

We are very passionate about our meeting theme ***Inclusion***. Inclusion is an intentional practice to ensure people are embraced and integrated to make meaningful contributions to an organization's success. Research administration and research itself must have proactive approaches to integrate different people, perspectives, approaches and thinking. Inclusion encourages people to feel valued for their unique qualities and experience and develop a sense of belonging in an organization. Working together through collaboration, communication, and compassion builds stronger outcomes in research administration.

There are 14 conference tracks. You will experience a mix of new and experienced speakers from institutions of all type and sizes bringing together diverse perspectives on our panels and in our discussions. New this year will be a series of "Get Engaged" sessions that highlight the ways to be involved and engaged with NCURA and research administration. We will provide avenues for you to be involved to share your perspectives, approaches and thinking on research administration.

You won't want to miss this keynote. The family of Henrietta Lacks will join us. Medical researchers took samples of Henrietta Lacks' cancerous tumor during her treatment. These cells are known as "HeLa" cells - derived from the first two letters of her first and last name. HeLa cells were a breakthrough in cell research. It was not until 20 years after Henrietta's death that her family would learn how science retrieved her cells and of her enormous contribution to medicine and humanity. You can learn more about Henrietta Lacks by visiting the Lack's Family website <https://lacksfamily.com/her-story> or reading *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. In addition to the keynote, there will be an engaging panel book discussion organized by distinguished members of NCURA's Select Committee for Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

In addition to the deep learning, there will be networking opportunities including a private evening reception on Sunday night at the stunning Smithsonian American Art Museum and

National Portrait Gallery (two venues under one roof!). The exhibitions at both venues are culturally rich representing a diverse group of artists.

Update on Membership - We have much to celebrate as NCURA has reached nearly 8,000 members!

FRA/PRA 2023 Annual Conference

FRA/PRA 2023 was held in fabulous Las Vegas. 1056 attended FRA, an increase of approximately 63% from 2022. 522 attended PRA, an increase of approximately 79% from 2022. Combined there was a total of 1,578. For the first time, both meetings opened with a NCURA land and labor acknowledgement statement which was created in collaboration with the Select Committee of Diversity Equity and Inclusion. The land and labor acknowledgement remind our membership to pay tribute to and respect the individuals whose land we dwell on and whose labor has aided in the advancement of our civilization.

Special thanks to all Co-Chairs, committee members, and speakers for offering their time and talents and the NCURA staff for executing another spectacular event.

Stay tune for information about the location of FRA/PRA in 2024.

NCURA to host a Regional Officer's Symposium – In June, officers from the regions will come together in Old Town Alexandria for a 2-day symposium hosted by NCURA. The focus of the symposium will be to provide training on best governance and management for non-profit associations. There will be a session on active listening and one on inclusive leadership skills. Additionally, there will be breakout sessions on everything you need to know about hotel selection and contract negotiation. NCURA will be covering the costs for up to four officers from each region.

Upcoming Traveling workshops – There are many upcoming opportunities to participate in traveling workshops that focus on specific areas of research management.

- May 15-18, there will be a live virtual experience FRA Workshop
- June 5-7, there will be several workshop offerings in Denver, Colorado.
 - Contract Negotiation and Administration Workshop
 - Level I: Fundamentals of Sponsored Project Administration
 - Level II: Critical Issues in Research Administration

Registration for any of these workshops can be found on the NCURA website by clicking on the Event Calendar.

NCURA Magazine

The magazine is published six times a year with cutting edge pieces on management, perspectives on federal policy written by members and non-members. Members receive the magazine as a part of their membership and it's sent to them electronically.

For updates from the Board of Directors, there is a feature included in every NCURA Magazine issue that is written by one of the Executive Members.

Thank you to the Board Members [and Standing Committee Chairs] - Note you may wish to thank and recognize standing and select committee *members* from your region as well, time permitting. Please refer to <https://www.ncura.edu/AboutUs/Governance.aspx> to obtain listing since this only lists Board Members and Standing Committee Chairs.

Also, please check with NCURA National to find out what NCURA Staff member will be attending your regional meeting. Take time to recognize this person too. 😊

- For example.... We also want to recognize and thank those who serve as Board members and Standing Committee Chairs from our region [enter names here].

I encourage you to approach these representatives if you have any questions or suggestions.