



Region III Business Meeting
Monday, August 5, 2024
2:45 PM
Washington Hilton, Washington, DC
NCURA AM66

- I. Call to Order: Chair Jeanne Viviani-Ayers (University of Central Florida) called the meeting to order at 2:47 PM
- II. Approval of Minutes:
Jeanne Viviani-Ayers called for the approval of the 2024 Spring Business Meeting minutes. Stacy Stewart motioned, and Hollie Schreiber seconded. All in favor – minutes approved.
- III. Regional Recognitions: Jeanne Viviani-Ayers (University of Central Florida)
 - a. Region III has 185 New Region III Members since 2024 Spring Meeting, 106 First-Time Conference Attendees, and 2,045 Total Region III Members.
 - b. Recognition of award winners (previously announced at the Spring Meeting): Jeanne Viviani-Ayers
 1. Pam Whitlock Rising Star Award – Kendra Ellis (Duke University)
 2. Sandy Barber Volunteer Award – Winniford “Ford” Simmons (Medical University of South Carolina)
 3. Distinguished Service Award – Steve Koogler (Emory University)
 4. 2024 Region III Travel Award – Shekinda Ward (Vanderbilt University). National Travel award for Region III to return next year.
 - c. Recognition of New EC Appointments – Jeanne Viviani-Ayers (University of Central Florida)
 1. July 2024 Special Election Results: Celeste Rivera-Nunez, Chair-Elect (University of Central Florida).
 2. Justo Torres (North Carolina State University)- Chair Appointed Committee Member 2024-2025.
 - d. Recognition of 2024 Regional Meeting Planning and Program Committees – Jeanne Viviani-Ayers (University of Central Florida)
- IV. Financial Report – Treasurer Jaime Petrasek (University of Virginia) was not in attendance. Jeanne Viviani-Ayers reviewed the Financial Report. See slides for details.
- V. Regional Officer / Committee Reports (SEE SLIDES FOR DETAILS):
 - a. Treasurer – Jaime Petrasek (University of Virginia) was not in attendance. Jeanne Viviani-Ayers presented the Treasurer’s committee reports.
 1. Philanthropy

Coordinator: Melissa Freudenberger (University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture). Sunsetting after the Regional 2024 meeting.

2. Sponsorships

Coordinator: Lorelei Sells (University of Tampa). Vacant after Regional 2024 meeting.

b. Secretary – Rebecca Wessinger (University of South Carolina)

1. Website

Coordinator: Savannah Britz, (University of South Carolina)

2. Social Media

Coordinator: Jenn Garye (Florida State University)

3. Public Relations

Coordinator: Jessica Norman (University of South Florida)

4. Surveys and Evaluations:

Coordinator: Jessica Lambdin (Florida State University)

c. Immediate Past Chair – Tanta Myles (Georgia Institute of Technology)

1. Nominations and Elections

Coordinator: Ford Simmons (Medical University of South Carolina)

2. Site Selection

The 2025 Spring Meeting will be held at the Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky.

3. RIII Research Administration Mentoring Program (RAMP)

Program remains on hiatus. Membership to complete a survey via the provided QR Code to provide suggestions/thoughts regarding RAMP's future.

d. Chair – Jeanne Viviani-Ayers (University of Central Florida)

1. Honors and Award

Coordinator: Lee Broxton (Georgia Institute of Technology)

2. New Member

Coordinator: Tracy Louder (Auburn University - Montgomery)

3. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Coordinator: Moniqua Holton (American Heart Association)

4. New Member

Coordinator: Vacant

e. Chair-Elect – Celeste Rivera-Nunez (University of Central Florida)

1. Volunteer
Coordinator: Erika Clark (Georgia State University)
 2. Hospitality
Coordinator: Stephanie Broxton (Georgia Institute of Technology)
 3. Attendee Experience
Coordinator: Tamera Mace (University of Central Florida)
 4. 2025 Program and Planning Committees
Chair: Celeste Rivera-Nunez (University of Central Florida)
Co-Chair: Jeanne Viviani-Ayers (University of Central Florida)
 - Looking for Program Track Coordinators. Contact if interested.
- f. Regionally-Elected Board Member – Emily Devereux (University of South Carolina)
1. NCURA has more than 9,500 members currently
 2. NCURA Business meeting will be in the ballroom on August 7th at 7:30 – 8:15 am.
 3. Next in-person meeting for the Board of Directors will be in New York in October for strategic planning and assessment.
 4. Upcoming Travelling workshops: September 30-October 2 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Offerings: Level I Fundamentals, Financial Research Administration, Contract Negotiation. Register on the NCURA website.
 5. Get involved with NCURA Magazine. Write articles, volunteer to help. Reach out to Tanta Myles for additional information.
 6. FRA/PRA 2025 will be held in San Diego, CA. Abstracts will be accepted through August 16th. Submit via the NCURA website.
- VI. Update from the Select Committee on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Paul Below, St. Jude's Children's Hospital
- a. Accomplishments: utilized blind review process for selection of SCDEI members; developed a set of Guiding Principles for DEI for the Organization to follow; Presidential Charge: developed a marketing plan for SCDEI webinars for non-members; and hosted 2 webinars; 1 upcoming on August 20th.
 - b. Future: collaborate with leadership to implement DEI Webinar series marketing plan; improve collaboration with Regional DEI committees; increase membership awareness on election process; upcoming Webinar Series; and expand integration of DEI and Guiding Principles into all aspects of the organization.
- VII. 2025 Regional Meeting will be held at The Galt House in Louisville, KY, April 26-30, 2025. Theme: "Let's Go and Grow! Learning and Leadership in Research Administration!"
- VIII. Reigon III Netzone Ice Cream Truck. Tennleytown West
- IX. Motion to adjourn: Danielle McElwain. Seconded: Tanta Myles. All in favor. Adjourned: 3:21 PM