



Region III Business Meeting
 Annual Spring Meeting
 Tuesday, April 29, 2025, 11:30pm
 The Galt House
See slide deck appendix for meeting details

I. Recognition of this year's volunteers

II. Call to Order – Chair Jeanne Vivani-Ayers (University of Central Florida)
 Jeanne called the meeting to order at 11:35 am.

III. Approval of Minutes – Secretary Rebecca Wessinger (University of South Carolina)

IV. Financial Report – Treasurer, Tamara Hill (Morehouse School of Medicine)

	2024 Budget	2024 Actuals	2025 Budget
Income	\$162,625	\$258,450	\$162,625
Expenses	\$159,052	\$207,641	\$159,052
Net Income	\$3,573	\$50,808	\$3,573
Spring Meeting Attendees	225	302	155

Account	Balance
Capital One (12/31/2024)	\$87,509
Trade PMR Investment (12/31/2024)	\$123,009

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

- a. Treasurer – Tamara Hill (Morehouse School of Medicine)
 - i. Sponsorships - Coordinator: Erika Cottingham (Auburn University).
- b. Secretary – Rebecca Wessinger (University of South Carolina)
 - i. Website - Coordinator: Gerard Kwilecki (University of South Alabama).
 - ii. Social Media - Coordinator: Jenn Garye (Florida State University)
 - iii. Surveys and Evaluations - Coordinator: Jessica Lambdin (Florida State University)
 - iv. Public Relations - Coordinator: Shelby Mills, (University of South Carolina)
- c. Immediate Past-Chair – Tanta Myles (Georgia Institute of Technology)

- i. Nominations and Elections - Coordinator: Lee Broxton (Georgia Institute of Technology)
 - ii. Site Selection - Vacant
 - iii. RIII Research Administration Mentoring Program (RAMP) - Vacant
- VI. Chair – Jeanne Vivani-Ayers (University of Central Florida)
 - a. New Members - Coordinator: Tracy Louder (Auburn University – Montgomery)
 - b. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion – Vacant
 - c. Community Connection (formerly Hospitality) - Stephanie Broxton (Georgia Institute of Technology)
- VII. Chair-Elect – Celeste Rivera-Nunez (University of Central Florida)
 - a. Program Committee
 - Chair: Celeste Rivera-Nunez (University of Central Florida)
 - Co-Chair: Jeanne Vivani-Ayers (University of Central Florida)
 - b. Volunteer - Coordinator: Lora Bailey (Virginia State University)
 - c. Attendee Experience - Coordinator: Randi Wasik (University of Louisville)
- VIII. NCURA National reports – Danielle McElwain (University of South Carolina)
 - a. AM67
 - b. Update on Membership
 - c. FRA/PRA Conference
 - d. 3rd Annual AI Symposium
 - e. National and Regional Leadership Convention
 - f. Upcoming Traveling Workshops and Online Webinars
 - g. NCURA Magazine
 - h. Collaborate
 - i. NCURA Publications
 - j. Recognition of National Board Members & Standing/Select Committee Members and Chairs from Region 3

(SEE ATTACHED APPENDIX)
- IX. Thank you to our Sponsors
 - a. Procured 2 CORPORATE sponsorships for the 2025 meeting: \$4,000 total (Level 2 sponsors: Attain Partners and Maximus)
 - b. Host Universities: University of Central Florida (\$1,500) and Western Kentucky University (\$1,500)
 - c. Institutional Sponsors: Auburn University (\$500) and University of Louisville (\$500)
- X. Old Business – None.
- XI. New Business
 - a. Changes to Committees
 - i. Sunsetting committees: Philanthropy and Alumni/ae
 - ii. Changed committee: Community Connection (formerly Hospitality)

- iii. Merged committee: Nominations and Elections combined with Awards and Honors is now the Recognition and Nominations Committee
 - iv. Stacked committees: Volunteer Services (Attendee Experience and Volunteer Committees) and Member Services (New Member and Community Connection Committees)
 - b. Recognition of individuals completing terms as Executive Committee members and Committee Coordinators
 - i. Immediate Past Chair: Tanta Myles (Georgia Institute of Technology)
 - ii. Chair – Jeanne Vivani-Ayers (University of Central Florida)
 - iii. Chair Elect – Celeste Rivera-Nunez (University of Central Florida)
 - c. Recognition of New Officers
 - i. Immediate Past Chair - Jeanne Viviani-Ayers (University of Central Florida)
 - ii. Chair - Celeste Rivera-Nunez (University of Central Florida)
- XII. Adjourn: Celeste Rivera-Nunez adjourned the meeting at 12:45 pm.



Seventh Inning Stretch **Business Meeting**

Tuesday, April 29, 2025, 11:30am

The Galt House

Louisville, Kentucky



Call to Order

Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

Old Business

New Business

Adjourn

Today's Agenda



Treasurer's Report



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Treasurer's Report



Committee Updates



Sponsorship

Erika Cottingham, Auburn University (Coordinator)


Committee Updates: Treasurer



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\$4,000 TOTAL

Level 2 Sponsors!

 **Attain Partners**

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**Committee
Updates:
Treasurer**



HOST UNIVERSITIES

University of Central Florida - \$1,500

Western Kentucky University - \$1,500



INSTITUTIONAL SPONSORS

Auburn University - \$500

University of Louisville - \$500



Committee Updates: Treasurer



Surveys and Evaluation

Jessica Lambdin, Florida State University

Website

Gerard Kwilecki, University of South Alabama

Public Relations

Shelby Mills, University of South Carolina

Social Media

Jenn Garye, Florida State University

Committee Updates: Secretary



Recognition & Nominations Committee

(combined Honor and Awards and Nominations and Elections Committees)

Lee Broxton, Georgia Institute of Technology

Site Selection

Vacant

Mentoring RIII RAMP Committee

Vacant

**Committee
Updates:
Immediate
Past-Chair**



Program & Planning Committee Co-Chair for Region III Spring 2025

Jeanne Viviani-Ayers, University of Central Florida

Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee

Vacant

New Member Committee

Tracy Louder, Auburn University

Community Connection (formerly Hospitality)

Stephanie Broxton, Georgia Institute of Technology

**Committee
Updates:
Chair**



Program & Planning Committee Chair for Region III Spring 2025

Celeste Rivera-Nuñez, University of Central Florida

Volunteer Coordinator

Dr. Lora Bailey, Virginia State University

Attendee Experience Coordinator

Randi Wasik, University of Louisville

**Committee
Updates:
Chair-Elect**



Danielle McElwain
NCURA Board of Directors
University of South Carolina

Kay Gilstrap
National NCURA Treasurer
Georgia State University

National Reports

- AM67
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2025 Call for Co-Editor



Applications Open Until
May 8, 2025



TANTA MYLES – SENIOR EDITOR

MARC SCHIFFMAN, EXECUTIVE
EDITOR

Interested in Submitting an Article?
[Information available on the NCURA Website.](https://www.ncura.edu/Publications/NCURAMagazine/Submissions.aspx)

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New Business

New Structure to Committees and Roles

Spring 2026: Theme



Changes to Committees

“Sunset” Committees - Completed

Philanthropy and **Alumni/ae**

Changed Committees - Completed

Community Connection (formerly *Hospitality*)

Merged Committees - Completed (reports to IPC)

Nominations and Elections combined with Awards and Honors
is now the... **Recognition and Nominations Committee**



Changes to Committees

Stacked Committees

Volunteer Services includes

Attendee Experience and Volunteer Committees

Member Services includes

New Member and Community Connection Committees



Seeking Input!

Polling the membership

- Changes or suggestions for future meetings
- Themes for the year and not just the meeting

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But we always need YOU!



Please consider volunteering! In the weeks to come, with changes in the committees and opportunities to give back, we welcome all voices and perspectives!



*See you in Myrtle
Beach, South
Carolina
May 3-6, 2026
More details to come!*

*2025-2026 Theme:
“Lead with Light, Rising
to New Heights
Together”
Look for a summer poll!
Your Voice Matters!*

Executive Committee



Changes in Leadership



Tanta Myles
Immediate Past Chair, 2024-2025
Chair, 2023-2024
Chair-Elect, 2022-2023



Jeanne Viviani-Ayers
Immediate Past Chair, 2025-2026
Chair, 2024-2025



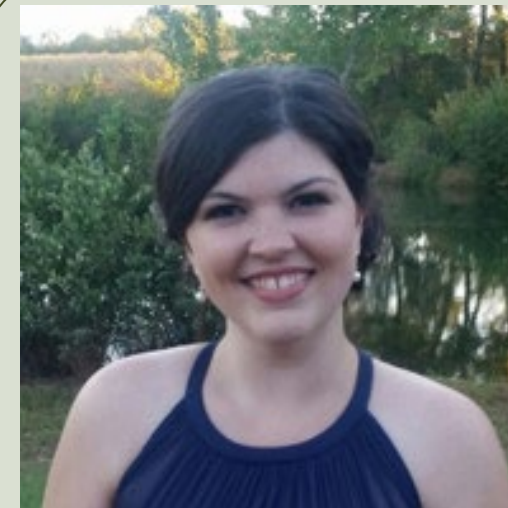
Celeste Rivera-Nunez
Chair, 2025-2026
Chair-Elect, 2024-2025



Rebecca Wessinger
Secretary, 2024-2025



Tamara Hill
Treasurer, 2024-2026

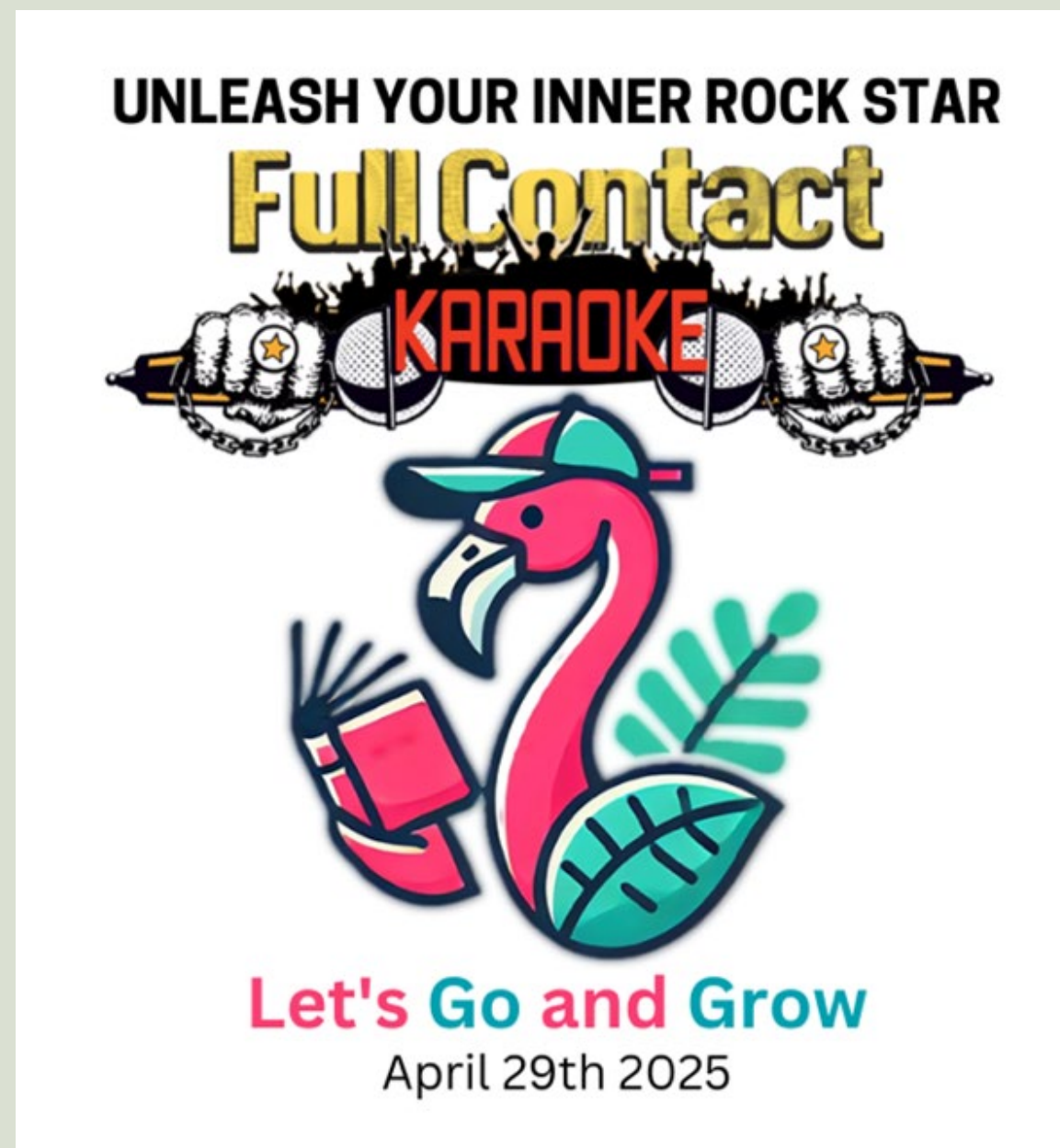


Savannah Britz
Treasurer-Elect, 2025-2026



Winniford "Ford" Simmons
Chair-Elect, 2025-2026
Incoming Chair-Elect, 2024-2025





Karaoke Throwdown Tonight!



Suggested National Updates for Spring 2025 Regional Meetings

(Regionally Elected Board Members, Executive Committee Representatives, and NCURA Staff: Please coordinate what each representative would like to address in updates.)

AM67 is quickly approaching

NCURA's 67th Annual Meeting is set to occur August 10-13th at the Washington Hilton!

The theme is "Forward Focused: Priming for Change". The Chair, Shannon Sutton from Georgia State University, and her Co-Chairs, Katherine Durben from Marquette University and Candice Ferguson from Georgia State University, and the amazing program committee have put together a very robust program.

Coming back for a second year, there will be a "Discovery and Innovation Showcase" that will feature innovative teams willing to share new ideas they've implemented at their institutions. There will be videos released prior to the meeting, and the teams will be available at the meeting to discuss their innovations with anyone willing to stop by.

We hope that if you haven't done so already, that you will register and encourage others to do the same!

Update on Membership

We have much to celebrate as NCURA has over 9,000 members! Last year, we added a new category for Apprenticeship Members.

FRA/PRA 2025 Annual Conference

FRA/PRA 2025 was held in San Diego, California in March. FRA and PRA had 1,900 attendees combined in attendance. During the conferences, we took group photos with signs saying, "research improves lives" and gave out magnet bumper stickers in order to publicize the importance of research to our communities.

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.

FRA/PRA 2026 will be held in a warm and sunny location in the Spring of 2026. Planning is already underway with the location to be announced soon.

3rd Annual AI Symposium

NCURA will offer an AI Symposium just before the Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 9, 2025. Be sure to register and join the conversation!

National and Regional Leadership Convention

The national and regional leaders will come together in September in DC to develop a strategic roadmap for member engagement, based on the feedback that was collected by different stakeholders throughout the organization last year, including feedback from regional leaders. We encourage you to read the Board update in each issue of the NCURA Magazine.

Upcoming Traveling Workshops and On-line Webinars

There are many upcoming traveling workshop opportunities to participate in that are held virtually or in-person that focus on specific areas of research management. Level I: Fundamentals of Sponsored Projects Administration,

Level II: Sponsored Projects Administration, Financial Research Administration, Departmental Research Administration, and Contract Negotiation & Administration. Registration for any of these workshops can be found on the NCURA website by clicking on traveling workshops under the education tab. Webinars are also available on the Education tab of the NCURA website.

NCURA Magazine

The magazine is published six times a year with cutting edge pieces on management and 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 the Executive Committee in order to provide transparency to the membership.

Collaborate NCURA

The Collaborate NCURA professional networking platform allows members to easily interact and communicate online, empowering members to work effectively. Resource tools such as commenting capabilities will ensure quick and easy access to the most relevant/popular information.

NCURA has added a Changing Federal Landscape Collaborate community that is available to the full Research Administration community.

Be sure to check out the Collaborate communities and join in the conversations!

NCURA Publications

Be sure to check out the variety of print and PDF resources covering key topics in all areas of research administration. Also offered are popular reference books (UG desk reference, Regulation & Compliance), a comprehensive compendium, Sponsored Research Administration Guide, and even a children's book, The Best Job of All.

Thank you to the Board Members and Committee Chairs and members - 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 Committee Chairs and Committee Members from our region [enter names here].

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