Lee Broxton, M.Ed., CRA

NCURA Region III Incoming Chair-Elect

Statement of Interest

Who is Lee Broxton, anyways?

Wow - what a great question! It's like Lee himself is writing this statement of interest. 😊 Lee is an avid lifelong learner and a seasoned (*read: rather older and wiser*) teacher who finds joy in the transformational power of education and the impact that connecting with others can have.

Professionally speaking, Lee is a Certified Research Administrator and an innovative leader with more than 12 years of progressive research administration experience and more than 19 years in education. With experience in four institutions of higher education, Lee understands research administration at all levels – from departmental support to central research office and from small technical schools to large R1 institutions. He also has experience in many different roles, including everything from adjunct faculty to Associate Director. There is plenty more experience to outline, but you can read his CV or visit his LinkedIn page for more of that information (if you're into that).

So…we've established Lee is a research administrator and a teacher. In all honesty, his professional identity does make up *a lot* of who he is, but research administration is simply what he does to primarily fund who he really is. He loves traveling – we're talking cruising, flying, on a train, in a car - he will go pretty much anywhere, anytime. When not working, he can be found either on the go or out on the town with his amazing wife (and let's face it…everyone's favorite Broxton, who also is a research administrator and active NCURA member). Lee loves live music (even when Scott Niles is playing) and is an avid thrill seeker. For all practical purposes, Lee is a teaching research administrator who also happens to be a devoted husband, a dog and cat-dad, and an amateur TV binger (that's a word, right)?!

Okay, great…what has Lee done for NCURA so far?

In thinking of NCURA specifically, it's safe to say that Lee has been an active member. He has had the privilege of previously volunteering and serving as the Committee Coordinator for the Honors and Awards Committee and the Recognition and Nomination Committee, as well as currently serving as the Co-Chair of our 2027 Program Committee (alongside our current Chair-Elect). He has presented at numerous Regional and National Annual Meetings (including workshops, concurrent, and discussion groups) and also serves as a contributing author for the Training Tips column in the NCURA Magazine.

What has NCURA done for Lee?

This is really the better question. Volunteering and serving in NCURA has provided so many opportunities for connection. As cliché as it sounds, I'm sure many of you reading this can agree - our region is truly like a family. I've made connections that will last a lifetime and have gained so much learning from amazing colleagues across the region.

Our work often requires us to reach beyond the walls of our home institution and collaborate with research administrators at other varied organizations. Having the opportunity to network with these future friends at conferences and events allows us a pathway to improve efficiency, put our collective minds together, reduce administrative burden, and have fun while doing it. It doesn't hurt that we serve a beautiful region – from the mountains to the beaches!

What does Lee plan to do if given the opportunity to serve as Chair-Elect?

Ooh…the best question of all! Why did Lee put it last? He knows all research administrators appreciate a good read-through to really get to the main point. We can all think back to our first time navigating a federal solicitation (no matter if it was called a NOFO, RFA, PA, BAA, RFP, etc.; the acronyms in our field go on and on). Anyways, let's get to the point.

Lee is a candidate who approaches leadership through the lens of the three fundamental principles outlined in our Administrative Procedures: Care, Loyalty, and Obedience. He is a thorough problem-solver who will exercise prudent judgment in governance, act in good faith for our membership, and remain deeply committed to the mission of advancing research administration across the Southeast, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. We've all read the Administrative Procedures and Bylaws, right? If not, check them out. They are *almost* just as fun as 2 CFR 200 or the FAR.

If afforded the opportunity to serve, Lee will have a great time attending all of the meetings required… yep, he's asking for more meetings. He will look forward to all of the things. Literally all of them: serving as a member of the Executive Committee, chairing the Program Committee, working with the outstanding team to plan and execute the Regional meeting, overseeing the standing committees that fall under the purview of the Chair-Elect, all while serving with honor throughout the entirety of the progressive leadership cycle as Incoming Chair-Elect > Chair-Elect > Chair > Immediate Past Chair. Wow, Lee sure is dedicated and forward-thinking!

Ultimately, (getting out of the cheesy third person now), I am ready to bring my energy, commitment, and slight regulatory nerdiness to the Chair-Elect role to ensure our amazing community thrives. Thank you for your time (especially spent reading this), your consideration, and hopefully even your vote. I promise that under my watch, if given the privilege to serve in this capacity, Region III's legendary flamingo energy and Southern hospitality will remain as strong and vibrant as ever!