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Statement of Interest

NCURA Region III – Regionally Elected Board Member

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I am interested in serving as a Region III representative on the NCURA National Board because I believe in the value of collaboration, professional development, and ensuring that research administrators across diverse institutions and backgrounds have a voice in shaping our profession.

Research administration is a field where much of our knowledge comes from on-the-job experience. Organizations like NCURA and our regional community play an important role in providing education, support, and opportunities to learn from one another. Through my work at UAB and my involvement in NCURA and other professional development opportunities, I have seen firsthand how sharing knowledge and experiences helps us navigate challenges and grow in our roles.

One of the things I appreciate most about research administration is that people come to this profession from so many different backgrounds, each bringing their own experiences and perspectives. I believe that makes our community stronger, and I value the opportunity to learn from others and share what I have learned along the way. Serving as a Region III representative would allow me to build on that connection, help strengthen the relationship between our regional members and national leadership, and share relevant information from the national organization with our regional community.