NCURA Regionally Elected Board Member Interest Statement

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This spring, I will conclude a three-year leadership journey as Chair-Elect, Chair, and Immediate Past Chair of NCURA Region III. As I reflect on that experience, I am reminded just how much NCURA has influenced my nearly 30-year career in research administration and how grateful I am for the opportunities, relationships, and experiences this organization has provided.

I joined NCURA many years ago as a member seeking knowledge, guidance, and connection. What I found was much more than professional development. I found mentors who generously shared their expertise, colleagues who became lifelong friends, and a community that welcomed me, challenged me, and encouraged me to grow. Through every stage of my career, NCURA has been a constant source of support and inspiration.

Simply put, NCURA helped me find my professional home.

Because of what this organization has given me, I have always felt a responsibility to give back. Over the years, I have sought opportunities to serve through committee work, conference planning, mentoring, leadership development initiatives, and regional leadership. Serving Region III has been one of the greatest honors of my career. It has given me the opportunity to work alongside passionate volunteers, support emerging leaders, strengthen connections across institutions, and contribute to programs that foster learning, engagement, and professional growth.

One principle has guided me throughout my career and my NCURA service: as we rise, we should bring someone with us. Some of my proudest moments have not been personal accomplishments, but watching others step into leadership roles, present for the first time, volunteer for a committee, or discover that they belong within this remarkable community. Developing future leaders and creating opportunities for others to succeed is one of the most meaningful ways we can strengthen our profession. It reflects the values of service, collegiality, and inclusiveness that have made NCURA such a special organization throughout my career.

As Regionally Elected Board Member, I would be honored to represent Region III at the national level. I would bring nearly three decades of research administration experience, a collaborative leadership style, and a deep commitment to member engagement. I believe effective leadership begins with listening, fostering transparency, building trust through integrity, and creating spaces where diverse perspectives are welcomed and valued. I am

passionate about creating meaningful opportunities for professional development, leadership growth, mentorship, and volunteer service while supporting the continued excellence of NCURA and its membership.

The conversations at the Leadership Summit reinforced my excitement about NCURA's future. As our profession continues to evolve, we have an opportunity to ensure that NCURA remains a trusted resource, an inclusive community, and a leader in advancing research administration. I would welcome the opportunity to help advance the organization's mission while upholding the values of integrity, excellence, service, collegiality, transparency, and inclusiveness that define who we are.

NCURA has given me more than I could ever fully repay. It has provided me with mentors, friends, opportunities, and a community that has shaped both the professional and the leader I have become. Serving as Region III's Regionally Elected Board Member would be an opportunity to continue giving back to an organization that has given so much to me. It would be a privilege to represent our region, support our members, and help ensure that future generations of research administrators find the same sense of belonging, purpose, and opportunity that NCURA has provided to me.

Thank you for your consideration and for the opportunity to serve.