I am interested in serving on the NCURA Region III Board of Directors because I believe strongly in the value of professional service and the role that effective research administration plays in advancing higher education and research. Throughout my career, I have sought opportunities to contribute beyond my individual responsibilities, support colleagues, and strengthen the systems and communities that allow researchers and institutions to succeed. Serving on the Region III Board would provide an opportunity to extend that commitment to the broader research administration community.

I currently serve as the Director of Research Administration for the Jim Moran College of Entrepreneurship at Florida State University, where I oversee the College's pre- and post-award research administration functions. In this role, I manage a diverse sponsored research portfolio of approximately $4 million and support approximately $5 million in annual proposal submissions to federal, state, and regional funders. My responsibilities span the full lifecycle of sponsored projects, including proposal development, budget development, compliance, submission, award setup, and post-award administration. Working in a college-level research administration environment has also required me to develop strong relationships with faculty, institutional leadership, central research administration, and external partners while balancing competing priorities and navigating complex institutional and sponsor requirements.

These experiences have shaped my leadership philosophy. I believe effective research administration leadership is grounded in collaboration, responsiveness, integrity, and a willingness to share knowledge. Research administrators work in a field that is constantly evolving, and our ability to adapt and support one another is essential. I have benefited tremendously from colleagues and mentors who have shared their expertise and invested in my professional development, and I see service through NCURA as an opportunity to give back while helping create similar opportunities for others.

If selected to serve on the Region III Board, I would bring a collaborative and service-oriented approach, along with the perspective of a research administrator working directly with faculty and institutional stakeholders in a specialized academic environment. I would be particularly interested in supporting professional development, mentorship, networking, and opportunities for research administrators at different stages of their careers to build meaningful connections within the profession.

I also view board service as an opportunity to listen and learn. Region III represents research administrators working across a wide range of institutions, disciplines, and professional environments, and I would approach the role with a commitment to understanding and representing those diverse perspectives. My goal would be to help strengthen the professional community within Region III, contribute to meaningful programming and engagement, and support NCURA's broader mission of advancing the research administration profession.

I would be honored to serve on the NCURA Region III Board and contribute my experience, energy, and perspective to an organization that has played an important role in strengthening research administration as a profession. I see this opportunity not simply as a professional distinction, but as a responsibility to serve, lead, and help create a stronger research administration community for those who will follow us.