Statement of Interest

NCURA Region III – Regionally Elected Board Member

I am honored to be considered to serve as a Regionally Elected Board Member representing NCURA Region III. My interest in serving is rooted in something that has become increasingly important to me throughout my career: **the opportunity to both teach and learn, while helping others recognize the value and impact of the work we do as research administrators.**

Research administration is often seen through the lens of deadlines, policies, budgets, and compliance. While all of those things are important, I believe our role reaches much further. We are partners, problem-solvers, educators, advocates, and often the bridge between an idea and the research it can ultimately make possible. I have developed a genuine passion for helping others understand that broader purpose—whether I am working with faculty, developing staff, creating resources, sharing practices with colleagues, or participating in professional development.

I also believe strongly that teaching and learning should go hand in hand. Some of my most valuable professional growth has come from conversations with colleagues who approach the same challenges differently than I do. That exchange of knowledge is one of the things I value most about NCURA. I want to share what I have learned, but I am equally intentional about remaining open to what others can teach me and bringing those lessons back to strengthen the people and programs around me.

As a leader who remains actively engaged in the day-to-day work of research administration, I understand both the challenges our colleagues face and the importance of creating opportunities for people at every stage of their careers to learn, contribute, and see a future for themselves in this profession.

If elected, I would bring that same spirit of service, curiosity, and collaboration to the Board. I would welcome the opportunity to listen to and represent the perspectives of Region III members, contribute what I have learned through my own experiences, and continue learning from colleagues across NCURA.

Most importantly, I would hope to help reinforce the value of our profession and support a community where research administrators recognize not only the importance of the work they perform, but also the impact they can have on the institutions, researchers, and communities they serve.