

Personal Statement

Hello, Region IV! My research administration journey began in 2007 when I joined the University of New Mexico Cancer Center as a grant writer. However, it wasn't until 2010 when I joined Creighton University in Omaha that I was able to become a member of NCURA Region IV. I am so grateful to have found so many mentors and friends in this region, and I am excited to run for Chair-Elect again to give back and pass on some of the things I've learned. I was elected to serve as Chair-Elect in 2023 but had to step down due to an illness in my family. I would love to get a second chance to serve. I currently am Sponsored Programs Administrator at Creighton University in Omaha, NE.

My time in NCURA Region IV has provided many valuable opportunities. I've been a member of the Communications Committee since 2015 and served as Co-Chair from 2018 to 2023. I am currently a member of the Membership Committee. I have also served as a member of the NCURA Region IV Nominating Committee in 2020 and as the Region IV Spring Meeting communications coordinator for the 2019 (Madison, WI), 2020 (St. Pete Beach, canceled), 2022 (Minneapolis, MN), 2023 (Sioux Falls, SD), 2024 (Ann Arbor, MI), and 2026 (St. Louis, MO) spring meetings. I would love to help others find the same support I've found in Region IV, especially our newer members who are just learning about the profession and this amazing group of mentors.

I've learned so much through NCURA and especially Region IV, all of which I've applied to my work. My experience in both Research Compliance and Sponsored Programs Administration has given me a unique perspective on all facets of research administration. That, combined with my communications background, makes me an excellent candidate for Region IV Chair-Elect. I'm excited to work with my peers in the region to keep RIV vital and ensure the continued success of NCURA, both regionally and nationally. I would be honored to serve as the Chair-Elect to keep Region IV strong and to move us confidently into the future.

A fun fact about me: I've been a member of a chase crew for the Eos hot air balloon for more than 20 years! We crew for the pilot, our friend Ralph, during the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta every October, and I've flown in the balloon many times.

NCURA Activities:

- RIV Board Member-at-Large, 2021-2023
- RIV Communications Committee Co-Chair, 2018-2023
- RIV Communications Committee Member, 2015-Present
- RIV Nominating Committee Member, 2020
- RIV Membership Committee Member, May 2025-Present
- RIV Communications Coordinator, 2026 Spring Meeting
- RIV Communications Coordinator, 2024 Spring Meeting
- RIV Communications Coordinator, 2023 Spring Meeting
- RIV Communications Coordinator, 2022 Spring Meeting
- RIV Communications Coordinator, 2020 Spring Meeting
- RIV Communications Coordinator, 2019 Spring Meeting

Other Professional Activities

- Certified Research Administrator since 2014
- Established a CRA study group at Creighton in 2014
- Implemented the InfoEd research administration system at Creighton as part of a three-person team

Professional Positions Held

- Sponsored Programs Administrator, Creighton University