

PERSONAL STATEMENT

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Secretary Candidate

I'm really interested in making the world a better place...through serving NCURA Region IV. I'm excellent at listening and distilling information, organized, and experienced in the role of secretary in prior service appointments. I now frequently leverage AI in communication, and other technology tools that make administration efficient and timely for project management. My skill set is a great fit for this role, I've served in various other NCURA positions that make me familiar with its structure, collegial spirit in organization, and its importance to research administration. By serving NCURA, I serve the profession of research administration, and research administration truly helps in making the world a better place. That's why I love what I do, and why I'd love to work as Region IV Secretary. I'm dedicated!

I'd to share a few things:

- Communication is one of my strong skills.
- I enjoy organizing—notes, files, events—creating order creates joy!
- I am attentive to details.

Currently, I serve NCURA as Traveling Faculty, Financial Research Administration, Professional Development Committee, and Peer Review. I have served as chair of Collaborate, Research Compliance; Financial Management Committee; and prior appointments to Professional Development Committee, as well as brief ad hoc volunteer assignments at the national and regional level. My research administration experience is broad, in pre, post, and compliance areas, at various sized institutions, over 29 years of service. I am PI and Co-PI of two National Science Foundation awards that build administrative capacity through improving communication networks in research administration. I feel strongly that our professional field is vital to science.

Interesting fact, I'm also currently secretary of Alliance Française of Grosse Pointe, an association that promotes French culture and language. This appointment supports further my qualification as secretary—French is a meticulous culture (fortunately, my colleagues accept my English meeting notes), and French is a beautiful language that I've studied for years to no avail. I'm much better in the English language. I will take all notes in English.

I hope my enthusiasm for NCURA Region IV and for professional development in research administration is evident. I would like to be more involved regionally and more directly supportive of Region IV, having served in other roles on NCURA's national committees.