

Personal Statement

My Name is Stephanie Wilbrand and I am delighted to be considered to serve as Member-at-Large of the NCURA Region IV Board. I currently serve as a Member-at-Large of the Board and enjoy this position greatly and would like to be able to contribute further to the Region for the next 2 years. I also am on the DEI Committee, Awards Committee for Region IV, and serve a one-year Member-at-Large term. I am grateful to be able to serve this wonderful research administration community and it would be an honor to continue to serve and support the Region as Member-at-Large.

I am currently the Research Administrator and Clinical Research Manager for the Department of Neurological Surgery in the School of Medicine and Public Health at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. I've been involved in research in one or another capacity since my undergraduate times. For over 13 years I've dedicated my time to manage, coordinate and supervise all clinical research studies/clinical trials in our department. I work directly with principal investigators, scientists, technicians, study coordinators and staff to improve the quality of our clinical research, ensure protocol compliance, regulatory and institutional requirements, and protect the rights, safety and welfare of our subjects.

In 2018, I decided to add another aspect to my research endeavor – the world of research administration. Having built a robust clinical research program in our department I was looking forward to new challenges that would still allow me to continue working in the world of research and provide my expertise to mentoring undergraduate, graduate students, residents and fellows. I embarked on this new aspect of research learning everything that I could about the lifecycle of research administration and start building a research administration program for our department like I did for clinical research.

Getting involved in NCURA has helped foster my career and I enjoy taking on new roles within the organization. Connecting and learning from my peers has been invaluable to me, and I've been able to build working relationships as well as friendships. Volunteering and serving at NCURA and other organizations is my way of giving back. Thank you for your consideration for this opportunity to continue with NCURA Region IV as Member-at-Large.

Noteworthy NCURA and professional service positions:

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| 2025-2026 | Member-at-Large, NCURA Region IV |
| 2024- | Awards Committee NCURA Region IV |
| 2023- | NCURA Region IV DEI Committee Service member |
| 2018-2023 | Chair Political Specialty Group, Undergraduate Student Paper Award Committee - Association of American Geographers |
| 2023-2026 | Planning Committee for the Symposium for Research Administrators, University of Wisconsin-Madison |
| 2022-2022 | Clinical Research Personnel Training Task Force; University of Wisconsin-Madison |
| 2017- | Educational Core Committee member – NIH StrokeNet Training and Education Core |
| 2014-1018 | Chair Undergraduate Student Paper Award Committee, Political Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers. |
| 2013-1015 | President, European Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers |
| 2011-2013 | Secretary-Treasurer, European Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers |

Education

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| Environmental Sciences & Management, PhD with Honors, University of Girona (Spain) | March 2011 |
| Environmental Sciences, MA with Honors, University of Girona (Spain) | September 2007 |
| Bachelor of Science, Geography, University of Girona (Spain) | June 2004 |

Professional Experience:

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| The University of Wisconsin-Madison | 2013-present |
| Multi-functional Research Administration Manager, Neurosurgery (2021-present) | |
| Clinical Research Manager, Neurosurgery (2019-present) | |
| Research Administrator, Neurosurgery (2019-2021) | |
| Research Program Manager (2013-2019) | |