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Program Preview

Region IV Prepares for Spring Meeting

Later this month, from April 27th–30th, Madison, Wisconsin will play host to NCURA Region IV's annual spring meeting. The theme this year is "Ethics in Research," and the Program Committee has put together an exciting array of workshops, concurrent sessions, and roundtables which should provide opportunities galore for members from all areas of sponsored projects administration to increase their understanding of important issues in the field.

This year's meeting features two national workshops on Saturday. **The Complete Compliance Workshop for the Senior Research Administrator** will look at compliance

issues from the perspectives of both the federal government and of the university, paying particular heed to compliance procedures, responsible conduct of research regulations and training, monitoring, and the responsibilities of the principal investigator. Tools for assessing institutional policies and compliance needs will be discussed, and model tools will be available to workshop participants.

Barbara E. Walsh of PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP, Nicholas H. Steneck of the University of Michigan, and Mary Ellen Sheridan of the University of Chicago will conduct the workshop. The second national workshop, **Fundamentals of Preaward for the New Grant Administrator**, is aimed at the newcomer and will provide a thorough overview of preaward research administration from conception through final proposal review. The workshop will be led by Diane Barrett of the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Regional workshops will be held on Sunday. **Clinical Trial-Costing and Managing Clinical Trials** will address such issues as how to estimate the costs of clinical trials, how to bill correctly, and how to ensure the protection of human subjects. Jamie Caldwell of the Stritch School of Medicine, Loyola University of Chicago, and Tesheia Johnson of the University of Wisconsin Medical School will conduct the

workshop. Also on Sunday will be a workshop entitled **Training, Public Speaking and Professional Presentations** and led by Sarah E. Starr of the Ohio State University Research Foundation. This workshop will help you identify the training needs of your campus and how to "train the trainers." It will also delve into the particulars of how to create an effective presentation, from preparing useful supporting materials to tips on public speaking. Focusing on the year's hottest topic, **Research Compliance 101** will be hosted by Tim Fournier of Arthur Andersen LLP. Attendees of this workshop can expect to come away with an understanding of federal compliance

expectations and their impact on daily administrative responsibilities. Finally, a "mini" regional workshop to enhance personal growth will be offered by Don Schutt of the University of Wisconsin-Madison: **Trends and Practices Shaping the Workplace**. The workshop will increase your understanding of what individuals want and what employers are doing to create healthy, engaging work environments.

The concurrent sessions at this year's meeting encompass a healthy variety of topic areas:

preaward, post award, electronic research administration, personal growth, biomedical, national policy, research development, research incentives, sponsor news, and, of course, compliance. Here are just a few highlights:

Determining and Defining Roles and Responsibilities for Regulatory Compliance will focus on large and small institution models for coordinating campus-wide oversight of the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) requirements. Given the recent proliferation nationally of advertisements for such newly-created positions as "Director of Regulatory Compliance," "Compliance Officer," or



The design of the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center (foreground), site of this year's spring meeting in Madison, was inspired by Frank Lloyd Wright.

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Letter from the Chair

Dear Colleagues,

Hello again. Since I've got you as a captive audience again, I'm going to get back on my soap box and pick up the same topic as my last letter. As you may recall, I made an impassioned plea for you to nominate people. Thanks to the hard work of the Nominating Committee, we had an excellent slate of candidates this year. To the candidates, on behalf of the entire Region I'd like to say, "Thank you." Without your willingness to participate we would not have an organization. My plea worked, right? Not exactly. Let me give you a behind the scenes look at how things went:

E-mail from the Nominating Committee Chair: "Start making calls, people, we need candidates."

More e-mail. More phone calls, personal calls to several Board members.

We brainstorm: "Who can we call? Who would be willing and able to do this?" We run through the list of old colleagues.

"But there has to be someone new, doesn't there?" A rough list is put together.

I call the Nominating Committee Chair. Many of the people on my list have already been called. "Aren't there some new people we're missing?"

"What are we going to do?"

"I don't know."

"You think you can talk her into it?"

"I don't know. She's been really busy lately. I don't think she'll be able to."

"Come on, give it a try. We have to do something."

I call: "Hey, it's Jim. You want to run for chair-elect? What's that? No way in hell? How about secretary? No, how about member-at-large? Come on. At least do the member-at-large. You will? Great, now that you've agreed, I just need you to give me all this stuff by tomorrow morning so we can meet the deadline."

This is not far from the truth and it's just what I did. Multiply this scene by all the Committee and Board members and it's a scary picture. I'm looking ahead to my future as Chair of the Nominating Committee, and I'm not liking what I'm seeing.

I'm worried because this year isn't an exception. It's becoming the norm - and a problem.

Call for Volunteers

We need room monitors! Never been a room monitor? It's easy—especially if you monitor a session you were already planning to attend. All you need to do is make sure the speakers have everything they need, make sure that water is available in the back of the room, and hand out and collect the evaluation sheets. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Barbara Kuertz at Barb.Kuertz@uc.edu

I'm going to be proactive and start the process early. Perhaps it's a bit unorthodox, but I'm not going to wait till this time next year to beat the bushes for candidates. I'm starting right now. As "Chair-Elect" of the Nominating Committee I am officially putting out an unofficial call for nominations. This is the process: If you have ever thought you'd like to run, call me, e-mail me, send me a letter, corner me in Madison, corner me in DC, discreetly slip me your business card with note, etc. If

there are people you would like to nominate, call them, e-mail them, send them a letter, corner them in Madison, corner them in DC, less than discreetly embarrass them in public until they submit, etc. If you don't, I will be calling you, e-mailing you, sending you a letter, cornering you in Madison, cornering you in DC, etc until you come to your senses and realize what a wonderful opportunity this is for you.

All kidding aside, if you are interested in being involved in the leadership of our organization, I'd like to hear from you. I promise you this: the satisfaction that you derive as a leader will far exceed the effort that you expend. Take advantage of this opportunity. You have a whole year to talk with your friends and colleagues about it. Give it some serious thought and then let someone know. We've got a great organization because of the great people.

It's been an honor to serve as Chair. Thanks for the opportunity. I hope to see you in Madison!

Thanks.

Jim Maus
Region IV Chair

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Noted Medical Ethicist to Deliver Keynote Address

R. Alta Charo, Professor of Law and Medical Ethics at the University of Wisconsin–Madison, will deliver the keynote address following the opening lunch at the Region IV Spring Meeting on April 28. Professor Charo notes that, prior to September 11, the single most defining moment of the Bush administration could be traced to his August 9th speech on the topic of federal funding for work on stem cells taken from human embryos. Embroiled in this policy decision were not only the hotly contested areas of abortion and cloning but also more fundamental debates about the meaning of citizenship, personal responsibility, and the public good. Professor Charo's talk will trace some of the political debates that have animated the repeated policy struggles over federal involvement in embryo research since the late 1970s and discuss prospects for public consensus on social control of scientific advances in biotechnology.



Professor R. Alta Charo
University of Wisconsin–Madison

Professor Charo teaches courses on health law, bioethics and biotechnology law, food and drug law, medical ethics, and reproductive rights. She has served on the UW Hospital clinical ethics committee, the university's Institutional Review Board, and its Bioethics Advisory Committee. From 1996-2001, she served on the presidential National Bioethics Advisory Commission where she participated in drafting numerous reports such as "Cloning Human Beings" (1997), "Research Involving Persons with Mental Disorders that May Affect Decisionmaking Capacity" (1998), "Ethical Issues in Human Stem Cell Research" (1999), "Ethical and Policy Issues in International Research: Clinical Trials in Developing Countries" and "Ethical and Policy Issues in Research Involving Human Participants" (2001). She is the author of over 75 articles, book chapters, and government reports. She currently serves on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Law, Medicine and Ethics*, *Cloning: Science and Policy*, and the *Monash Bioethics Review*. Since 2001 she has been a member of the National Academy of Sciences' Board on Life Sciences.

For a more thorough summary of Professor Charo's impressive background, see her profile at www.law.wisc.edu/facstaff/biog.asp?First=R.&Last=Charo.

It's Not Too Late...

To Register

Register *before* April 8, 2002, to avoid the late registration fee (before April 8th: \$235; April 8th or later or on site: \$260). Visit www.osp.uc.edu/ncura to register online. The cutoff date for the conference hotel, the Hilton Madison Monona Terrace, is April 5th. Be sure to identify yourself as attending the NCURA spring meeting to get the conference rate of \$119 standard single/double occupancy. For reservations, visit www.hiltonmadison.com or call 1-800-hiltons.

To Vote

You have until 5pm, Friday, April 12, 2002 to cast your votes for the Region IV Board of Directors for 2002-2003. The slate of candidates is as follows:

Chair-Elect (vote for one)

Joanne Altieri	University of Kansas
Pamela A. Krauser	University of Notre Dame

Secretary (vote for one)

Diane K. Ament	Iowa State University
Bill Sharp	University of Kansas

Other Board Members (vote for two)

Dola Haessig	University of Missouri–Columbia
David E. Lynch	Mayo Clinic Rochester
Patti Manheim	University of Illinois at Chicago
Jeanne Bell McCabe	University of Iowa
Heather M. Offhaus	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
Lori-Anne Williams	University of Minnesota

To vote, log in to the "Especially for Members" section of the NCURA Web site at www.ncura.edu/members/Login.asp and select "NCURA Region IV Board of Directors Election 2002-2003" on the bottom right of the screen. Profiles of each of the candidates are also accessible once you have logged in.

Election results will be announced at the Awards Luncheon/Business Meeting at the Region IV Spring Meeting on April 29th.

A Special Monday Night Event

Monday night (April 29th) promises to be a treat for the senses! First, it's all aboard the Mill Train, departing from the old train depot in nearby Middleton. Sit back, relax, and take in the scenery from the comfort of one of the Wisconsin & Southern Railroad's restored luxury coaches. Our destination will be an antebellum flour mill at Mazomanie, where the winding Black Earth Creek flows into the mighty Wisconsin River. The Old Feed Mill is now a restaurant featuring good basic Midwestern food and has been cited as the "best farm kitchen in the state."

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"Research Integrity Officer," the session will address such questions as: What niche do these positions fill? Why are more and more campuses opting for this change in structure? What could this new perspective mean for you? *Lois Brako, University of Wisconsin-Madison and Kathy Taggart, Creighton University.*

Research Compliance: An Overview of Ethical and Regulatory Issues will provide an introduction to the basic institutional compliance requirements from the perspectives of a large research university as well as a predominantly undergraduate university. The session will include a review of current issues in human and animal research, as well as an overview of conflict of interest, misconduct in science, and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). *Carol B. Willeke, Miami University and Joanne Altieri, University of Kansas.*

Recognizing and Investigating Scientific Misconduct will review, from ORI's perspective, institutional investigations involving (PHS) scientific misconduct. ORI's program of assistance and interactions with institutions being investigated will also be detailed. *John Krueger, Division of Investigative Oversight, Office of Research Integrity.*

Developing Leadership: The Art and Science of Influencing Change is an interactive session that will explore the art and science of leadership in the context of research administration. Topics will include the common characteristics of leadership and its values and principles. *Stephen Hansen, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Linda Schwarz, Northern Illinois University, and Jamie Caldwell, Loyola University of Chicago.*

Robert's Rules of Order—Avoiding that "What just happened!" Question is another interactive session that deals with interactions—parliamentary, that is! Research administrators involved with interdisciplinary groups, committees, and professional groups need to know the basics of parliamentary procedures in order to participate and contribute. This session will teach some of the basics of parliamentary procedures. *Ted R. Knous, Kansas State University.*

There is much, much more. For the complete program, see www.ncura.uc.edu.

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Communications Committee Report

You have been reading the program for the Spring Meeting and registering online at the newly redesigned Region IV Web site (www.ncura.uc.edu). Our thanks and congratulations to Doug Hott, University of Cincinnati, Region IV Webmaster, for his hard work in continuing the tradition of professionalism with the Region IV site!

If you have suggestions for the site, please send them to the Communications Committee: Deborah Vetter, Chair, University of Nebraska Medical Center, (402) 559-3696, dvetter@unmc.edu or Dola Haessig, Co-Chair, University of Missouri-Columbia, HaessigD@missouri.edu.

One of the strengths of our region is our newsletter. Are you interested in writing for the newsletter? Do you have suggestions for article topics? Please let us know: Deborah Vetter, Chair, University of Nebraska Medical Center, (402) 559-3696, dvetter@unmc.edu; Dola Haessig, Co-Chair, University of Missouri-Columbia, HaessigD@missouri.edu; or Bill Sharp, bsharp@ku.edu.

Deborah Vetter, Chair
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Membership Committee Report

NCURA Region IV members are looking forward to the opportunity to greet "old" members and welcome new members at the Regional Meeting in Madison, Wisconsin, April 27th - 30th. There will be a *reception for new members* on Sunday evening from 5:00 to 6:00 pm in the Hospitality Suite that will provide the membership an opportunity to gather and meet our new Region IV members. Ted Knous (Kansas State University) has planned a wonderful reception! Check your meeting program for details!

We always need volunteers to help with the Hospitality Suite. Contact Sandi Robbins at (608) 263-5978 or srrobbins@facstaff.wisc.edu if you are willing to help.

Finally, please contact any member of the Region IV Membership Committee (listed on the NCURA Region IV Web page at www.ncura.uc.edu) or me if you have questions about NCURA or the Regional Meeting. See you in Madison!

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Bone Up on Monona Terrace

If you are interested in learning a little more about the history of the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center prior to arrival, try visiting its Web site at www.mononaterrace.com. For an in-depth description of how the center came to be built, see www.cpid.com/mononaterrace.