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*"Give what you have to somebody, it may be better than you think."
 - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

From writing articles for newsletters, magazines, and journals, to presenting at workshops, sessions, and YouTube Tuesdays, to serving as committee members, mentors, and reception hosts, new and seasoned research administrators alike make contributions of time and talent that are the life-blood of Region IV.



Jeremy Miner
Region IV Chair

Participate in the Region IV Spring Meeting in Indianapolis on April 27-30, 2014! This cornerstone event promises to be fun-filled, action-packed, and information-loaded. The meeting theme is "Keys to Success," offering research administrators a clear map as they drive to meet their goals and advance their skills. If you are interested in presenting at the conference, please contact Chair-Elect [Sue Kelch](#). Watch your email for more updates and volunteer opportunities!

The Region IV Professional Development Committee is recruiting mentors for 2014. Mentors are motivated individuals who provide advice, support, and guidance to colleagues who are just entering the field. Visit the regional Web site for details on how to sign up.

Congratulations to **Christa Johnson**, Washington University in St. Louis, who will serve a two-year term as the Region IV representative on the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee, and to **David Lynch**, Northwestern University, who will serve a two-year term as Regionally Elected Member to the National Board. Terms are effective January 1, 2014-December 31, 2015.

Make 2014 the best year ever - give what you have to extend Region IV's proud tradition of supporting research together!

Jeremy Miner is the Chair of Region IV and serves as Director of Grants and Contracts at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

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MEMBER INTERVIEW - DAVID LYNCH

**By: Amy Kitzman, Northwestern
University**



**David Lynch,
Northwestern
University**

David Lynch is the Executive Director for the Office for Sponsored Research at Northwestern University's Chicago campus. David was recently elected to the NCURA National Board of Directors.

How long have you been a member of NCURA?

I've been involved with NCURA since 1991 in a variety of roles, starting at the regional level; I believe the first committee I served on was the Hospitality Suite. After that fun experience, I didn't look back and progressively became more involved. Currently, I am serving on the National Board. NCURA has been a great experience for me both personally and professionally. I've met a lot of great people along the way who I continue to stay in touch with.

How did you get into research administration?

My father was in the US Army, which required a lot of traveling. I was born in Munich and lived in Germany, and the U.S. I received my undergraduate and graduate degree at Indiana University (go Hoosiers!) in public administration. I can say that I have worked for Bobby Knight.

After graduate school, my career went in the direction of grants/contracts. I worked for a state agency as grantee and grantor. One of my first jobs was to inspect the nature reserves in Indiana, where we would fly by helicopter. One day we flew into the local McDonald's for lunch and the customers thought we were celebrities. My career has also taken me to the University of Minnesota working in a central office and research center. Prior to coming to Northwestern, I worked at Mayo Clinic since 2000. I also worked in several different roles supporting departments and committees. [Read more.](#)

AN "AMOOSING" PHOTO CONTEST!

Show us your Region IV spirit! Submit a moo-velous photo of your NCURA Region IV stress cow, a Flat Stanley cow, or a cow toy of your choice. Region IV board members will vote for the best photo, and 5 winners will be selected. The winners will be announced at the Spring Region IV meeting in Indianapolis and will receive a \$25 gift card. Complete details provided on the [Region IV Web site.](#)



MEMBER RECOGNITIONS AND PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to the following Region IV members:

Sue Kelch, Senior Financial Specialist, Medical School, University of Michigan, received the Dean's Professional Staff of the Year Award.

David Lynch, Executive Director, Office for Sponsored Research at Northwestern University (Chicago campus), was elected to the NCURA National Board of Directors.

Craig Reynolds, University of Michigan, was promoted to Associate Director of the Office of Research and Sponsored Projects.

Shannon Sutton, Director, Office of Sponsored Projects, Western Illinois University, has been selected to participate in the 2014 NCURA Executive Leadership Program.

If you have a promotion, award, or other accomplishments to share, please contact the [Communications Committee Chair](#) so that we can recognize the outstanding members of Region IV!

SPRING MEETING - APRIL 27-30, 2014

We are excited to announce that plans are now taking shape for the Indianapolis Region IV Spring Meeting **April 27 - 30, 2014** at the Downtown Indianapolis Marriott.

The theme for the meeting is "Keys To Success," offering research administrators a clear map as they drive to reach for their goals and advance their skills.



Sue Kelch
Chair-Elect

In addition, we are excited to introduce our keynote speaker, Special Agent Brian J. Haynes, Strategic Partnership Coordinator for the FBI-Indianapolis. His topic will be "Higher Education and National Security."

Session topics will range from International, Human Capital and

Compliance to FRA, PRA and PUI. Concurrent sessions along with a full day of workshops promise to offer excellent learning and networking opportunities for all attendees.

If you are interested in presenting at the conference, please contact either a [Track Chair](#) listed on the website (suitable for your topic), or [Sue Kelch](#), Chair-Elect for Region IV. Look for more updates and volunteer opportunities as the planning continues.

New this year: a CRA Body of Knowledge Review session conducted by the Research Administrators Certification Council is now available on Saturday, April 26th at the conference hotel, the Indianapolis Marriot Downtown. "Body of Knowledge" sessions provide attendees an outline of the types of information on which the certification exams are based and give insight into areas in which one may need improvement. Pre-registration on the [RACC website](#) is required. Save the date now to begin your path to certification.

Mark your calendar now and join us!

SITE SELECTION SURVEY

The Site Selection Committee is in the process of planning for our 2016 Regional meeting and would like your feedback. In the survey, available via the link at the end of this message, you will be asked to cast your vote for one of the five cities below OR you may suggest a new site for consideration.

Please keep in mind your selection criteria should take into account:

- Accessibility and economic travel
- Proximity to universities and hospitals to serve as host(s) and/or provide local attendance
- Sufficient hotel capacity
- Ability to serve as an attractive travel destination for Region IV members

Past regional meeting locations may be viewed at [here](#).

Note that by 2016 we will have very recently visited the following cities:

- Chicago (2015)
- Indianapolis (2014)
- Milwaukee (2013)
- St. Louis (2012)
- Cleveland (2011)
- Omaha (2010)

Thanks in advance for your help.

Best regards,
Patience Graybill, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
Dena McDonnell, St. Luke's Hospital Kansas City
Shannon Sutton, Western Illinois University

The survey link follows. **The survey will remain open through 5:00 pm Eastern time, December 6th, 2013.** [Survey Link](#)

AWARDS NOMINATIONS DUE MARCH 1, 2014

Do you know colleagues who deserve recognition for their service and dedication, but you haven't found a way to reward them? Perhaps they are not at your institution, or your organization doesn't have the resources to offer recognition rewards. Look no further -- as a member of NCURA Region IV you can help provide that well deserved recognition.

You can nominate a colleague for one of [five categories](#). Each award recipient will receive a commemorative plaque and be publicly recognized during the Awards Luncheon at the 2014 Spring Meeting in Indianapolis.

The benefits of nominating someone or receiving this prestigious honor are far-reaching and personally rewarding. This is your opportunity to get involved in bringing personal recognition and reward to a deserving individual! For more information about the categories and nomination process, [click here](#).

The Differing Roles for Research Administrators

By: Aaron Crandall, University of Wisconsin-Madison

We all do similar things in research administration, working either in pre-award, post-award, or a combination of both, but our roles often differ depending on where we are located on our campuses and the function we serve in those roles. I write this article from a perspective of having worked at the central office, then at the college/school level, and now at the department level at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Between these three roles, I have gained a tremendous amount of knowledge and experience regarding my function on campus and how I fit into the university's research enterprise. [Read more](#).

Special thanks to Communication Committee members for contributing to this newsletter!

Amy Kitzman
Chair, Communications Committee