

## **Elizabeth (Beth) Woods Personal Profile:**

### **Personal Statement**

Hello colleagues, my name is Beth Woods, and I would like to serve Region IV as the treasurer-elect to help the organization promote the profession and support the Region's activities and initiatives. Over the last several years, I have had the immense pleasure of being involved with NCURA and specifically volunteering for several roles with Region IV. Volunteering with NCURA has given me so many opportunities to meet new people, create a wider colleague network and most importantly give back to the profession that I have been working in for over 20 years. I believe my strengths in organization and budgeting coupled with my prior experience in a treasurer role, meeting logistics, and the region's site selection committee make the treasurer-elect position a natural next step in my volunteering path and I would be delighted to serve NCURA Region IV in this role. Our research administrator community is a very diverse one consisting of people from all walks of life who support, teach, collaborate, and even commiserate about the work we do to advance research and this profession. I am hopeful that I can continue to serve and contribute to Region IV's missions to expand our member diversity, provide equal access to education and professional development opportunities, and to grow our respected community.

### **NCURA Activities**

- Region IV Board Member (1-year term), 2024-present
- Chair-elect, Site Selection Committee, 2024-present
- Mentor for Logistic Lead, 2025 NCURA Region IV Meeting, 2024-present
- Co-Lead for Logistics, 2024 NCURA Region IV Meeting, 2023-2024
- Mentoring Our Own Mentee, NCURA Region IV, 2022-2023

### **NCURA Presentations/Publications**

- "The 5 C's: Building Stronger Teams to Deliver Top-Notch Research Administration." Sponsored Research Administration Guide (SRAG) subscriber July 2024 Update
- "Supporting PIs - Is YES always the right answer?" presentation at the Region IV NCURA Meeting, Sioux Falls, SD, May, 2023
- "The 5C's: Building stronger teams to deliver top-notch research administration" poster at the Region IV NCURA Meeting, Sioux Falls, SD, May, 2023
- Region IV Mentoring our Own "Daring Leaders who live into their values are never silent about hard things" February, 2023

### **Professional Activities**

I have over 20 years of experience in research administration and am currently the Associate Director of the Center for Biomolecular Sciences and a portfolio manager in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences in the College of Pharmacy at the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC). In 2023, I was awarded the Chancellor's Academic Professional Excellence Award at UIC and have received several other awards throughout my time at UIC. Like many in research administration, I fell into this career and have never looked back. I have a Bachelor of Sciences in Biology from Millikin University in Decatur, IL, and a Master of Science in Biotechnology from Northwestern University in Evanston, IL. I have been a Certified Research Administrator since 2015.

### **Other Activities**

Outside of my professional work, I just completed a 4-year term as the treasurer of my homeowner's association and have been the past president, vice-president and communications chair for parent-teacher organizations in my community.

I reside in the far-western suburbs of Chicago with my husband and three children. I enjoy spending time with family and friends, reading, cooking and going for walks with my dog.