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## **Personal Statement**

Since becoming a member of NCURA at the spring meeting in 1996, I have been delighted to contribute to its mission of advancing research administration. NCURA stands out in fostering environments where education and collegiality thrive, and I am passionate about supporting such initiatives in impactful ways. Serving as the Regionally-Elected Member to the National Board would enable me to participate in discussions with diverse perspectives in strategic conversations. I am committed to support our organization in developing a landscape with access to opportunities and resources.

# **NCURA Activities**

Throughout my tenure with NCURA, I've engaged in various roles, including service on standing committees and as Region IV's Treasurer and Chair. These positions have equipped me with insights into both regional initiatives and national strategic directions. I have also recently served on the national Nominating & Leadership Development Committee, gaining insights that will be valuable for the National Board. My volunteering has included presenting sessions, webinars, and workshops, and contributing to planning committees and governance committees, all of which have been rewarding and drive my desire to continue serving NCURA.

# **Other Professional Activities**

Beyond my work with NCURA, I enjoy contributing to success of others in Research Administration and am currently engaged in helping with training and capacity building with an institution in East Africa. I also contribute to the American Association of Medical Colleges as a member of the Data Driven Management committee, focusing on research strategic development with data insights. Finally, it is fun to dabble, and I am pushing innovation and applying AI in research administration.

# **Professional Positions Held**

Currently, I am the Director of the Grant Services & Analysis Office at the University of Michigan Medical School. In this capacity, I lead policy development and oversee compliance for approximately 3,000 research applications annually. My role involves advising senior university leaders and developing performance metrics, enhancing research administration processes.

# Thank you for reading!

I would be honored to represent Region IV as a member of the national NCURA Board of Directors!