



NCURA Region VII

April News

Inspiring research administrators to pioneer frontiers

April Showers bring May Flowers...

And other clichés to get us through the final push to the end of the semester!

In this issue, we are focusing on the upcoming election cycle! Are you interested in running for an office? Have you ever thought about running, but are not sure if it is right for you? Make sure to email Diane Barrett at diane.barrett@colostate.edu by May 7th to join the call in to learn more about being an elected official. We want to see you run and be elected to serve! You will enjoy reading the interview with Judy Fredenberg about her service with NCURA and the positions she has held.

Going to the Annual Meeting in August? Registration is now open! [Click Here!](#)

Do you have your calendars held for Regional Meeting in Seattle in October?? We are so excited about the regional and Seattle and can't wait to see everyone there!

Special Ad Hoc Election Results - Treasurer Elect

Thank you to all who were nominated and who voted in this special ad hoc election for Treasurer Elect (2019-2021)



Chelo Jorge Colorado State University

We are pleased to announce that Chelo Jorge from Colorado State University has been voted in to serve at Treasurer Elect. Chelo will begin her term of service immediately through December 2021. [Click here](#) to read about the duties of Treasurer.

Coming June 2019...



Stay Tuned for nominations, candidates, and voting for Regional Officers 2020-2021:
[Click Here](#) to read about duties of elected officers

Chair Elect (2020)
Member-at-Large (2020-2021)
Secretary (2020-2021)
Treasurer Elect (2020)

Are you interested in hearing about the positions from the current officers?

Are you thinking about running for an office?

Is there just a glimmer of an idea about running, but want to know more?

Email Diane Barrett by May 7th at diane.barrett@colostate.edu to be on a call with current officers to learn about the positions, what is it like to serve, and the great experiences our current officers have enjoyed.

WE WANT YOU



Are you in need of some sweet Jackalope swag?
Check out some items that other Region VII members have purchased!



Jackalope Pin
[Click Here for Details](#)



Bigfoot Riding a Jackalope
[Click Here for Details](#)



Jackalope Plush
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[REGISTER](#)

Building towards the future... together

Get hyped! Annual Meeting 61 is just a few months away!

Make sure to get a spot in the hotel and register for the conference!

Region VII has some fun ideas and activities planned for us to get together in Washington DC.
Stay tuned for more information and sign ups.

Are you going to AM61?

Come to the All-Region Business Meeting for a chance to win the jackalope!

Join NCURA at the Washington Hilton in Washington D.C. August 4 - 7, 2019

Registration is NOW OPEN! [Click Here to register](#)

Keep watch for the fun events, connections, and happy hours to meet up with your fellow Region VII attendees!



Research Administration Meets Bigfoot:
Confronting mysteries and challenges in our changing environment

Diane Barrett met with Amanda Snyder and Vanessa Quiroz Hotz from Region VI at the Motif Hotel in March to go over some of the details of the upcoming meeting. They are so excited by the Motif Hotel and how great this Regional will be!



There are so many ways to get involved with NCURA and Region VII.
Contact Natalie Buys at natalie.buys@ucdenver.edu
for more information on how to volunteer with Region VII!

Volunteers Tell All - Spotlight On....

Read the below interview with Judy Fredenberg about her service as an elected **official** in numerous roles with NCURA. Have questions for Judy about running for an office or her service with NCURA? Feel free to email her at judy.fredenberg@umontana.edu



Judy Fredenberg

Assistant Vice President for Research and Federal Relations
Office of Research and Sponsored Programs University of
Montana

Q: What positions have you served as an elected official?

- 1997-1999, Secretary/Treasurer, Region VII, NCURA
- 2001-2002, Chair, Region VII, NCURA
- 2005-2006, At-Large Member, National Board of Directors
- 2010, NCURA Vice President/President Elect

Q: What made you want to run and serve with NCURA R7?

I joined NCURA in 1992. In the spring of 1993 at my first Region VII business meeting, the chair asked if anyone was interested in representing the region on the national membership committee. (The NCURA national committee structure was a bit different then than it is now.) While, like many, I tend to hold back and wait to be asked, this appealed to me and I “raised my hand.” I learned more about this commitment and served in that capacity from 1994-1996. Even then, I valued the of operational tenets of transparency and inclusiveness, all peppered with a sense of hospitality and an understanding of how important it is that people are welcomed and invited to engage. This initial volunteer position was instrumental in my meeting people from around the region and nation. The more colleagues I met, the more I realized that these folks were my community, my peeps. With this introduction, running for regional secretary/treasurer seemed to be a logical next step. Since then, I’ve volunteered in a variety of capacities – from stuffing packets prior to a regional meeting, helping at the registration desk, presenting at regional (and national) meetings, participating in program planning – and all emerged from my stepping outside of my comfort zone into a volunteer role.

Q: What have you gained professionally and/or personally from serving?

At my first national meeting, a colleague I’d just met said that “some of his best friends are in NCURA.” I’m sure I internally rolled my eyes (I hope I did it internally) and thought that this guy really needed to get a life. Now, nearly 30 years later, I get it. This community understands what I do, they advise when I ask (and sometimes when I don’t), they give constructive feedback, and they are quick to lend a helping hand. They are at the end of the phone or ether. There is nothing like being able to tell my boss or my boss’s boss that I can survey a dozen or more colleagues from around the globe and compile a list of responses for his review prior to his afternoon meeting. I’ve learned how important it is to “under promise and over deliver.” It’s always better to say no than to say yes and then not be able to do what you said you would. So when you say yes, do so because you are enthusiastic about the topic or role and willing to do what’s needed to accomplish it.

Q: What has been the hardest part about serving as a regional officer?

We volunteer because it somehow feeds us. We're able to give back. We do this outside of our day jobs, after the kids are in bed, the dog is fed, and we've attended to whatever other demands we may have in our lives. Thus, the hardest part becomes making the initial commitment to run or otherwise volunteer. Yet things that are hard are often the most satisfying. They challenge and stretch us and, while the resulting expectations of our agreeing to serve may become like rocks in the trunk we carry, our regional colleagues help us carry that trunk and lighten the load. The relationships we develop and nurture through regional servant leadership are the proverbial icing on the commitment cake.

Q: What advice do you have for someone thinking about running?

If you're serious about running, I encourage you to do it. If I hadn't initially explored serving Region VII, I know my professional life would have been less fulfilling and less challenging. My personal life has benefited as well because mine, like that of many of you, is heavily influenced by my professional experiences. So as you maneuver through the discernment process about whether or not to volunteer, feel free to contact me if you need a sounding board. I'm happy to answer any questions you might have.

Thank you Judy for all of your service with NCURA!



PUI Corner

Interested in chatting with a PUI group from the region about common issues?

Email Diane Barrett at diane.barrett@colostate.edu

What is a PUI and why does it matter to Region VII?

Predominantly Undergraduate Institutions are defined by NSF as "accredited colleges and universities (including two-year community colleges) that award Associate's degrees, Bachelor's degrees, and/or Master's degrees in NSF-supported fields, but have awarded 20 or fewer Ph.D./D. Sci degrees in all NSF-supported fields during the combined previous two academic years."

While that definition is great, it does not capture the full depth of meaning for PUI and especially in relation to research administration. PUIs can range from a very small two-year school, to a large research school. Region VII has all sizes of PUIs! We are a region made up mostly of PUIs.

PUIs and Research Administration is a wonderful thing, but can be full of challenges. Whether your office is a one-person cradle to grave or a bigger operation with

departmental and central offices supporting you and your researchers, Region VII has another institution in a similar boat as you.

As we look to bring Region VII together and bring the PUIs together in a meaningful way to garner discussion and create a network, it is important to know who we are, what challenges we face, and that we are not in this alone!

The PUI Corner is pleased to announce the next three topics to be explored and written about by NCURA Region VII PUI Members.

May 2019 – Internal Controls – Trisha Southergill

June 2019 – Risk Assessment – Sylvia Bradshaw

July 2019 - Process Improvement – Nicole Quartiero

We are also pleased to announce that we will be highlighting the PUIs in our region! Interested in writing a bio about your institution and the awesome things you are going? Email Diane Barrett at diane.barrett@colostate.edu

Have a topic you want to see emphasized or something you are passionate about and want to share? Email Diane Barrett at diane.barrett@colostate.edu



Institutional Spotlight on: CSU-Pueblo

Nicole Quartiero, Assistant Director, ICR & ORSP

Founded in 1933 as Southern Colorado Junior College, and then the University of Southern Colorado, the campus has adapted its name and academic programs to meet the needs of a changing student demographic. It became Colorado State University-Pueblo in July of 2003 to more closely align the institution with its governing body, the Colorado State University System and its sister school – Colorado State University.

With an enrollment of nearly 4,500 students, Colorado State University-Pueblo is a fully accredited, regional comprehensive state university that provides social, educational, and cultural opportunities to its constituents. The 275-acre campus is located in Pueblo, an ethnically and culturally diverse community of more than 120,000 people less than two

hours south from Denver. In addition to the Pueblo campus, CSU-Pueblo offers classes in several majors to meet the needs of working adults and military personnel in Colorado Springs at Fort Carson and the Tower in Colorado Springs.

CSU-Pueblo also offers a variety of extended studies and online programs, and is home to the Institute of Cannabis Research - the nation's first multi-disciplinary cannabis research center at a regional, comprehensive institution.

Go Thunderwolves!

To learn more please visit: <https://www.csupueblo.edu/>



Travel Award Nominations

Don't forget to put in your travel award nominations and applications to help offset costs for attendance at the National or Regional Meeting!

[Click Here for more information about how to apply and eligibility](#)

Deadlines:

Annual Meeting - May 17th

Regional Meeting - July 19th

Questions?

Email Joelina Peck at joelinapeck@asu.edu

Annual Meeting Travel Award from NCURA

Want to go to the Annual Meeting, but need a little help? The NCURA National Conference Travel Award is up and ready for you to apply!

Deadline: May 10th, 2019

Interested in learning more and applying? [CLICK HERE](#)

This is a travel award given by the national office to two individuals who would not otherwise financially be able to attend this conference. One recipient will be chosen from an institution within the U. S. and one recipient from an institution outside the U.S. The awardees receive up to \$1,500 toward travel expenses associated with attending the Annual Meeting. The awardees' institution/organization is responsible for the registration fee.

Quote of the Month

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Here is the cost-sharing for fund xxxx. I was thinking of completing one for the research associate, but since he is being funded at 100% on this award, I thought maybe I would not have any cost-sharing related to his salary. The rationale sounded perfectly plausible to me.

- **Anonymous PI from-- it doesn't matter, we all have one!**



<https://ncuraregionvii.asu.edu/>

Questions or Ideas?

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