



NCURA Region VII

February News

Inspiring research administrators to pioneer frontiers

Check out the Region VII **NEW WEBSITE**

Yes you read that correctly- Region VII has a **brand new website!!!** Thank you to Arizona State University for doing such a wonderful job of hosting and updating the website for so long! The new .org website will allow the Communications Committee to give access to many members and voices in order to serve Region VII and offer more opportunities for involvement.

Click on the button below to check it out! Make sure to bookmark and check back often for updates, deadlines, news, and more!

[Region VII Website](#)

Region VII has a lot of exciting things happening recently! Logos, newsletters, website, updated volunteer information, special ad hoc election, and regional meeting updates. **Wow!**

The newsletter will be normally a bi-monthly update - unless there is a lot going on that we feel it is too important not to share.

Did you know Region VII has a **Facebook**? Make sure to join the group! Post updates, pictures, questions, and your Communications Committee will provide content and updates.



Travel Award Nominations are Open

Region VII is pleased to announce that we will be supporting three (3) travel awards for 2019. We will be supporting one (1) travel award of \$705 to a member to attend the Annual Meeting and two (2) travel awards of \$1,000 each to attend the Regional Meeting.

Click here to learn more about travel awards, nominations, and eligibility requirements

Know someone or yourself who would be eligible for a travel award?

Send your nominations to **Joelina Peck** at joelinapeck@asu.edu

Annual Meeting Deadline by **May 17th**

Regional Meeting Deadline by **July 19th**

Want to be a **volunteer** on the Travel Award Committee reviewing and selecting recipients?

Email Joelina Peck at joelinapeck@asu.edu to let her know your interest by **May 6th**

Special Ad Hoc Election Treasurer Elect (2019-2021)

The nominations are in for Treasurer Elect!

Make sure to cast your vote using the **unique link** emailed to you from NCURA Region VII

Check out the nominee below and [click here](#) to see her full application





Chelo Jorge
Colorado State University

I would be honored if I were selected to serve as Treasurer Elect for NCURA Region VII. I attended my first national meeting in 2017 after receiving the Catherine Core Minority Travel Award. I immediately understood the importance of this organization and was amazed by the connections, the knowledge, and diversity NCURA had to offer.

I believe the skills I possess make me a great candidate for the position of Treasurer Elect, and I have the abilities to perform the required duties. I have a strong attention to detail, very well organized, proficient in excel, and experienced with financial reporting and analysis.

Thank you for your consideration for the Region VII Treasurer Elect. I believe my background, experience, desire, and willingness will make me a valuable contributor to the Rocky Mountain Region.



Volunteer Opportunity Spotlight

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 all about Alexa Van Dalsam's and Beth Kingsley's experiences volunteering for NCURA!



Alexa Van Dalsam

Senior Manager
Proposal Development
University of Colorado Boulder



Beth Kingsley

Senior Grant Analyst
Denver Health

Q: What volunteer roles have you held?

AVD: Registration desk at regional and annual meeting
Program committee track co-leader for regional meeting
Workshop and session presenter at regional and annual meetings
Communication Task Force

BK: I have assisted with the registration desk and have presented multiple sessions.

Q: Why do you enjoy volunteering with Region VII?

AVD: Does dancing at the conferences count? (**Yes it does!**)

I'm not the best at meeting new people cold, so having a purpose and reason to meet people really helps with networking. I also really like the opportunity to assist new people in research administration and to the region and just getting to know a variety of people who share the same work and challenges.

My favorite part is meeting new people and presenting. I learn something new – whether it's how another institution handles something, or models for RA, or questions I hadn't thought of – at every session.

BK: Assisting with the registration desk gives me an opportunity to see all of the “background” work that takes place to host these conferences, and appreciate the many people involved with it. Presenting has helped me learn my topics even more thoroughly, and also has organically led to more in-depth networking. Presenting is a great way to facilitate collaboration among institutions.

I love being able to provide information/solutions/thoughts to an audience, but at the same time, I also love the feedback. Often the audience will suggest an idea that enhances my own work back at my institution. It's a wonderful collaboration environment!

Q: What did you gain personally or professionally from volunteering with NCURA?

AVD: Networking for sure! Moral support, becoming a better presenter

BK: Volunteering significantly enhances my networking and my professional development. It provides an automatic opening for additional engagement.

Q: What role would you recommend to a first time volunteer?

AVD: The registration desk – that's a great entry to volunteering and meeting new people as well as leadership in R7.

BK: I recommend starting with the registration desk. It provides the opportunity to see a different facet of the conferences, and it helps the volunteers become more familiar with the space as they answer people's questions!

Thank you Alexa and Beth for your answers and your service with Region VIII!



Regional Meeting Registration Desk

You read it above, this is a great starting point for first timers or continued service for our long standing volunteers! If you are planning on attending the Regional Meeting in Seattle, October 27-30, sign up for a spot at the registration desk! Volunteers will check-in, provide meeting information packets, and welcome the attendees to the regional meeting.

Interested?

Keep an eye out for a link to sign up for shifts in October!
Time Commitment: 1.5 hours per shift

Call for Volunteers Track Co-Chairs at 2019 Regional

Are you interested in being a Track Co-Chair for the regional meeting in Seattle?

Track co-chairs are responsible for the content of the meeting sessions. They review session proposals and make determinations about what sessions will be presented. They also sometimes need to recruit people to provide sessions in areas that might have not received proposals.

Qualifications:

- Have a love for Contracting, Human Capital or putting together short sessions on everything you can think of
- Happy to work with your co-chair from Region VI
- Knowing lots of people helps, but being willing to ask lots of people is also good
- Have a few hours to devote over the next few weeks
- Enjoy putting puzzles together – in this case, session time puzzles!

Interested?

Contact Diane Barrett at diane.barrett@colostate.edu

But Wait There's More



Professional Education Development Committee Update

What is the Professional Education Development Committee?

The purpose of the PEDC is to support professional development activities for regional members and provide a broad range of educational services to ensure that all regional members have access to professional development programming. This purpose supports the fundamental objectives of Region VII which is to create a learning environment that advances the development, growth and success of all NCURA members.

Draft of proposed activities for 2019:

- Assess training activities of regional organizations that are not active in NCURA and work with National to cultivate outreach initiatives to increase their presence in Regional activities.
- Identify the professional development needs of active regional members and recommend methods for addressing those needs. Possible programming includes: research discussion groups and regional workshops
- Create a point of contact list of individuals with training experience (preferred) from each institution within Region VII.
- Create a leadership/volunteer pipeline/training program.
- Continue to partner with the Region VI on the LeadMe program as well as identify Regional candidates for the Executive Leadership Program at the national level

Questions? Contact **Sandra Logue** at sandra.logue@ucdenver.edu



PUI Corner

by Trisha Southergill
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Keep checking the Newsletter and Facebook for specific PUI materials.

What is a PUI?

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.¹"

When most think of a PUI, they think of a small institution, regional comprehensive college/university, or liberal arts school. This is not always the case, PUIs range across the spectrum of sizes. There are many PUIs that are large in size (both enrollment and research) – but do not award Ph.D. degrees and other institutions much smaller in size.² It is common to see PUI faculty's teaching load typically higher, with faculty teaching 4 or more courses each semester, and there is a higher level of expectation for campus and community service.

At smaller PUIs the research administrators wear many hats and can be an office of one or very few. In many cases, there may not be campus resources to assist with "grey area" research administration questions or situations making the research administrators feel on an island.

PUIs and Region 7

Region 7 is a region of smaller (and geographically spread out) institutions than other NCURA regions. Many of the PUI member institutions are over 200 miles apart from each other and numerous PUI institutions are not members of NCURA. Of our 53 member institutions, around 40 are PUIs.

One of our goals is to better serve the PUI constituents and grow the Region 7 community as a whole. This can help us all get to know one another and our institutions better. Life certainly is better with colleagues that are area experts that can help out in a pinch!

Coming soon on social media!

Institution spotlights! Learn more about your fellow NCURA members and their institutions on Facebook. Email Trisha Southergill at PSouthergill@mtech.edu to volunteer to post.

Questions on PUIs or want to become more involved?
Email Sylvia Bradshaw at bradshaw@dixie.edu

[1] National Science Foundation, Retrieved February 12, 2019, from https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5518

[2] Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, Retrieved February 12, 2019, from <http://carnegieclassifications.iu.edu/index.php>



Quote of the Month

If by firm deadline you mean a meaningless, toothless published policy that no one adheres to or enforces because everyone is too scared to dare tell a faculty member no and/or hold them accountable for their own actions and behaviors then yes, we have a firm deadline of 2 days prior to the submission date.

Quote from ResAdmin List Serve 2/1/19
Natasha Williams
Kennesaw State University



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

Questions or Ideas?

Email them to

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