



NCURA Region VII

March News

Inspiring research administrators to pioneer frontiers

Happy Spring Region VII

Check out the information below and make sure to submit your presentation proposals or interest in presenting for the [Regional Meeting 2019!](#)

Mark your calendars for **NCURA's Annual Meeting 61**, August 4-7 in Washington D.C. Region VII will have some fun activities planned to get all of the region's attendees together to socialize, network, and have fun representing the region!

Know someone or yourself that is eligible for a travel award? Make sure to submit your application! **Click Here** for more information!

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

Calling all proposals and presenters!

The 2019 VI & VII Regional Meeting Program Committee is pleased to announce that presentation proposals and presenter applications are open for submission! Have an idea for a topic to present? Want to open a discussion on an area of interest and problem solve? Love to present? The Regional Meeting wants you! Please fill out the Google Form(s) linked below.

Deadline: Friday, April 12th

For more information about session tracks, levels, and formats, **[CLICK HERE](#)**
To submit your presentation proposal, **[CLICK HERE](#)**
To submit your name as a presenter, **[CLICK HERE](#)**



NCURA Education Scholarship Fund

The Education Scholarship Fund was established in 2011 to provide support to members who seek graduate education in research administration. The Education Scholarship Fund is designed to provide access to funds which would otherwise be unavailable.

Our very own **Sylvia Bradshaw**, Director of Sponsored Programs at Dixie State University in Region VII, received one of first scholarships in Spring 2018

NCURA has given me an ever-expanding network of professionals who I want to emulate by both their extensive knowledge and service rendered. I truly do hope to "pay it forward" as so many others have done for me.
-Sylvia Bradshaw



Want to apply for the Education Scholarship?

Click the button below to learn more about the requirements and process

[Education Scholarship Fund](#)



Going to NCURA 61st Annual Meeting?

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 for AM61 will open in April- stay tuned!

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



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.... Presenting for NCURA - Regionals, Nationals, and Beyond!

Read all about Vicki Krell's and Nicole Quartiero's experience in
presenting for NCURA Region VII.



Vicki Krell

Assistant Director
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Nicole Quartiero

Assistant Director
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Q: Where or what types of presentations have you done with NCURA (ie Regionals, Nationals, Workshops, Traveling?)

VK: I've had so many wonderful opportunities to present at NCURA meetings – these have included a multitude of topics at National (Annual and PRA) and Regional meetings, Workshops at both National (Annual and PRA) and Regional meetings, and have also acted as a facilitator for a couple of discussion groups. I've presented on NIH proposals, on subawards, cost share, communication between central and department,

communication styles, having difficult conversations, how to deal with energy suckers, and many more!

NQ: I have given oral presentations at both the Regional and National meetings.

Q: What has been your favorite presentation with NCURA?

VK: That's a tough one to answer – probably my sessions on NIH because I know the topic so well. And any topic that I've co-presented with my good friend Dennis Paffrath!

NQ: Thus far, my favorite presentation with NCURA was on the historical review of the current regulatory environment of Clinical Trials.

Q: How has presenting with NCURA helped you professional or personally?

VK: I was approached by a new friend in a different Region to co-facilitate a workshop on NIH at the annual meeting and was petrified as this was my first official presentation outside of my own institution. I wondered how Betty even knew if I'd be good at it! The experience was amazing. All of my opportunities to present with NCURA have cemented my confidence in my own public speaking skills, and of course getting positive reviews is the best. I am so appreciative when people will approach me during the meeting and let me know how much they enjoyed the session(s) they attended. The confidence I've gained has served me well both personally and professionally.

NQ: Presenting with NCURA has helped me personally by helping me to overcome my fear of public speaking. This has also increased my overall self-confidence. Professionally, it has helped me network in a way that has completely elevated me as a professional. Since my first presentation I have had the opportunity to meet and network with the best of the best in the field. I also believe that it has also helped me to get my name out there as a dedicated and driven Research Administration.

Q: What has been the most challenging aspect of presenting with NCURA?

VK: Luckily the fabulous NCURA staff do a great job to ensure that presenters are not overcommitted. In previous years I had presented multiple sessions that were scheduled too close together and it was stressful to feel prepared for each of them. That's no longer an issue as the committee chairs and NCURA staff monitor the program diligently, work hard to limit the number of sessions one person can present, and ensure they aren't scheduled back to back. Of course that's a little more challenging when presenting at the Regional meetings, so the presenter needs to be more involved and aware to avoid taking on too much of a load. After all, ideally a presenter also gets to attend sessions!

NQ: The most challenging aspect of presenting with NCURA is twofold – a) finding topics that people are interested in and b) getting in front of my most respected colleagues and hoping that I don't fumble or misspeak!

Q: What would you recommend for first time presenters?

VK: Present with someone you know and trust, be comfortable with the topic, practice, know which slides or talking points you'll be taking the lead on to ensure smooth transitions between speakers. And always be aware that if you forget to mention something, you're the only one that knows that, and you can always slide that point in elsewhere during the presentation. Don't stand at the podium and read the screen – the attendees can read that themselves. They want to hear your stories, your examples, your embellishments to the bullet points on the slides as this makes the topic more interesting

and relatable. Use humor if you're comfortable doing so, engage the audience so they can participate, and bring candy!

NQ: For first time presenters I would recommend starting your presentation development early and practicing as much as possible in front of as many different audiences as possible. This will allow you to refine your talk and ensure that participants at all levels of understanding will walk away with something meaningful.

I am so grateful that year after year NCURA allows me to get on the stage and share my stories. I have learned so much by being a member and a listener at these meetings and it means the world to me to try and "pay it forward" by sharing my experience and knowledge. Thank you, NCURA for supporting my professional development in such a hugely impactful way!

Thank you Vicki and Nicole for your presentations, sharing your knowledge, and being a valuable part of NCURA!

Going to the Annual Meeting?



As highlighted in February's newsletter, the registration desk is a great place to volunteer, meet attendees, and have fun! All this while you are already attending the meeting. It is a great way to take a first step in volunteering with NCURA, or a way to stay connected as a long time volunteer. Time Commitment - 1.5 hours per shift

Interested?

Contact Natalie Buys at natalie.buys@ucdenver.edu



PUI Corner

Region VII – A Region of PUIs!

by Diane Barrett
Colorado State University

Did you know that Region VII has at least 62 institutions that have at least one member of NCURA? And, while there are certainly a few large schools, we are a region of PUIs (predominantly undergraduate institutions). Over 40 of the institutions are run by those dedicated research administrators that handle everything remotely related to research administration – preaward, postaward, compliance of all kinds, purchasing, searching for funding. This makes us somewhat unique among the regions. Not only that, but we cover a huge area. Take a look at the map below, at our 'clusters,' and by that, I mean institutions that are within 400 miles of each other:



When the group that met to discuss our strategic plan last year in Billings chose the statement, "Inspiring research administrators to pioneer frontiers" it was in recognition of the vast amount of frontier we cover and the large number of PUIs that serve faculty in sometimes rather remote places.

It is important to us that we consider our population when talking about programming and, well, this newsletter. You will be hearing more from our PUI community. If you are at a PUI and would like to join a monthly call to talk specifically about PUI issues that we might be able to help address in some type of forum as a region, please email diane.barrett@colostate.edu and I will send you the information. It is highly informal, and we'd love to have more of you participate.

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



Collaborate NCURA

The Collaborate NCURA professional networking platform allows members to easily interact and communicate online, empowering members to work effectively. Have you viewed and updated your Collaborate profile?

Make sure to be logged into your NCURA member account and click on the link below! You can import information about

yourself from your NCURA member profile
and your LinkedIn account.
<https://collaborate.ncura.edu/home>

Quote of the Month

Out of all my body parts, my eyeballs
are in the best shape, because I roll
them like 342 times a day.

-Anonymous

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