

Megan Dietrich
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Candidate Statement – Region VI Secretary-elect

Dear NCURA Region 6 Electorate,

I have had the privilege and pleasure of being a member of NCURA since 2015. In that time, I have gained invaluable knowledge from and made what I foresee will be career, if not life-long, connections with members across the NCURA Region 6 community and beyond. I hope now to garner your support to serve as your secretary to help further foster the Region 6 mission of knowledge sharing and community building.

Region 6 is comprised of a wealth of diversity in terms of individuals, institutions, perspectives, and approaches to addressing the many and ever evolving opportunities and challenges we encounter in the research administration space. As your Region 6 secretary I would work to further engage with all corners and cohorts of our fabulous region to help elevate, highlight, and record the voices, ideas, and challenges, both old and new through which folks are working. I would also seek to help the region make connections such that where solutions identified by an individual, group, or institution could be shared and reasonably transferred to others. For those challenges where solutions have yet to be identified, I would be eager to assist with bringing together individuals and institutions with common challenges to collaboratively brainstorm solutions.

As someone who hails from Silicon Valley, I embrace the use of technology and exploring where it can be leveraged in new and previously unthought of ways to assist with accomplishing goals and action items more efficiently and with less administrative burden. At the same time, I also recognize the priceless value-add of human connections and relationship development that often flourishes best outside of the confines of a purely virtual space. Moreover, I firmly believe our greatest accomplishments are those we achieve when all members of our community are engaged, irrespective of gender, ethnicity, experience, institution size and type etc. Thus, I fully support and embrace NCURA's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI).

I thank you in advance for your consideration of my serving as your secretary and pledge that if entrusted with this role, I will commit to serving it and the Region 6 to the best of my abilities.

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Education:

University of California, Berkeley, BA. May 2006

Work experience:

Stanford University, Assistant Director, Client Advocacy & Education, Office of Sponsored Research
(10/20-present)

Plans, designs, implements, and maintains a broad array of research administration education, outreach, and advocacy initiatives on behalf of OSR for the Stanford research administration community utilizing detailed and thorough knowledge of day-to-day department functions, the sponsored projects lifecycle, research administration policies, systems (both internal and external) and procedures.

Stanford University, Interim Managing Director, Hansen Experimental Physics Laboratory (HEPL), Office of the Vice Provost and Dean of Research (01/20-7/20*) *This was a six-month special assignment

Stanford University, Client Advocacy & Education Specialist, Office of Sponsored Research (05/17-09/20)

Stanford University, Department Manager, Aeronautics and Astronautics Department (10/16-05/17)

Stanford University, Engineering Research Administration Team Lead (03/12-10/16)

Stanford University, Engineering Research Administration Research Administrator (04/11-03/12)

UC Berkeley, Molecular & Cell Biology Research Administrator III (11/08 –04/11)

UC Berkeley, Molecular & Cell Biology Human Resources Specialist (10/07 – 11/08)

UC Berkeley, Molecular & Cell Biology Payroll/Personnel Assistant (08/06 – 10/07)

Professional Organization:

Member of NCURA since 2015

- Presenter at NCURA Annual Meetings 2015-2022
- Presenter at NCURA FRA and/or PRA Meetings 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2022
- Presenter at NCURA Reg 6/7 Meetings 2015, 2016, 2017, 2020, and 2022
- Member of NCURA Region 6 Program Planning Committee for 2020 Regional Meeting – Dept/PUI track
- Member of NCURA Region 6 Social Media Committee since 2017