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Statement of Interest

I am extremely honored to have been nominated for the position of Chair-Elect for Region II and I graciously accept the nomination. I am currently an Assistant Director in the Office of Research Administration at the University of Maryland, College Park. I have worked at the University for over 17 years and have been involved with Research Administration from the beginning. At the start of my career, I worked on the departmental side, but have been in central administration on the pre-award side for the majority of my career.

Working in Research Administration has afforded me the ability to be involved with NCURA. I have been a member of NCURA since 2006 and have been involved as a volunteer for the Region since 2011 with various Program Committees. Planning for the Regional meeting as Co-Chair and Chair has provided me with an enormous amount of experience working with colleagues from all different facets within our Region. It has also contributed to my experience of the inner workings of our Region. Being a part of these committees has also given me the opportunity to work directly with previous officers of the Region and I have learned so much from them all. As a member of the Steering Committee, I became aware of many issues the Region has faced and I have seen how the committee works together to address the concerns of the Region. I am currently a Subregion leader in Region II for Subregion 8. This is a new Region II initiative to encourage more volunteerism and participation of our Region. I look forward to planning activities for my Subregion with my committee. I would love to have the opportunity to bring my experience with the various committees I have been involved with to making Region II even more wonderful than it already is. If elected, I would be honored to be Chair-Elect of Region II.

Bio

Katie McKeon has worked in Research Administration for 17 years, and is currently an Assistant Director at the University of Maryland College Park. A member of NCURA since 2006, and a frequent presenter, she has been a part of the Program Committee since 2011, and has also participated in several other committees in support of Regional Meetings, including the Pre-Award, Evaluations, and Fun committees. She was co-chair of the 2016 Regional Meeting in Philadelphia, and chaired the 2017 Regional Meeting in Saratoga Springs, which carried a large financial surplus that Region 2 can use to give back to its members. Katie was further a member of the Steering Committee from 2016-2017. Currently, in addition to supporting the Program Committee, Katie is the leader of Subregion 8, and is working hard to develop programs and events to increase participation and volunteerism by the Region's membership. I believe Katie would succeed as Chair-Elect and Chair for a variety of reasons, not the least of which is the amount of time she commits to Regional activities in spite of her other responsibilities. Through her many efforts on behalf of the Program Committee, and as a member of the Steering Committee, she has first-hand experience with the various moving parts of the Region, including financial, volunteer, and overall logistical issues. Additionally, Katie's experience in establishing the College Park Subregion will mesh perfectly with the duties of the Chair-Elect, which will ensure a continuation of momentum with respect to that initiative.