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Hello again Region VIII members,

What an actioned packed few months we have seen in the profession. Members of our region have been busy attending the 67th Annual Meeting (always so much fun), submitting abstracts for the PRA/FRA meeting and helping shape the future direction and activities of NCURA. We hope that you were able to reflect and celebrate your achievements recently on International Research Administrators' Day (25 September)

Warm Regards,
The Executive Committee

UPCOMING EVENTS

Region VIII NOT-OD-25-155 Drop-in

January 27, 2026

Online discussion. More info will follow shortly.

NCURA FRA & PRA

March 19-20 (FRA) and March 22-23 (PRA)

San Juan, Puerto Rico. [More info.](#)

UPDATES FROM OUR REGION

Region VIII Elections

Congratulations to our newly elected Region VIII representatives, and thank you to everyone who voted. Welcome to:

- Chair-elect: Connie Killey
- Treasurer-elect: Declan McGrath
- Secretary: Patricia Gigliuto
- Board member: Elly Pineda

And many thanks to our members who will stepping down at the end of the year. Learn about your new representatives on the Region VIII website.

AM68 abstract submission now open

Abstract submission for the NCURA 68th Annual Meeting (1-4 Aug 2026, NYC) is open until 21 November. [More info](#)

Re-imagining Community Summit

NCURA leadership including Region VIII board members met on 8-10 September to discuss how to best meet the needs of our evolving community in the years to come. Further info to be shared for feedback in due course.

QUESTIONS AND IDEAS?

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - DR ALAN YEE

Program Coordinator, WPI - Advanced Institute for Marine Ecosystem Change, Tohoku University

Alan has two years of experience as a research administrator, specializing in pre-award grant management and research development. Prior to entering the profession, he earned a PhD at the University of Waterloo and completed a 2-year postdoctoral fellowship in Japan.

Transitioning into research administration, Alan Yee served as the International Grants Coordinator at the Okinawa Institute for Science and Technology before joining AIMEC. They are an active member of the Research Manager and Administrator Network Japan (RMAN-J) and set to join the International Expert Committee this year.

Q. You recently joined NCURA as the Region VIII Young Professional representative. What attracted you to NCURA?

NCURA offers a wealth of knowledge about the US funding landscape. As an international organization, it is important to understand the processes and regulations when working with US organizations. This helps streamline the process between researchers and partner administrators.

Q. What have you enjoyed most through Region VIII engagement?

The people and camaraderie considering we are such a vast region, and the educational webinars on funding models and grant opportunities in various countries. Volunteering in Region VIII offers both professional and personal development. Increasing your network opens opportunities to new roles around the World. Happy to chat!

Q. What are you looking forward to doing in the the next 12 months with NCURA?

I'm looking forward to increasing participation from the APAC region and across the NCURA community. In the next 12 months I'd like host a workshop between RMAN-J and Region VIII, and further strengthen international collaborations.

DID YOU KNOW?



New Application Structure for NIH Funded International Collaborations

Policy notice [NOT-OD-25-155](#) outlines the proposed structure, with the forecast [PF5](#) and [UF5](#) funding opportunities expected to open in November for January submissions. [More info](#). Region VIII will hold a drop-in session on the topic. Stay tuned for more details.

The NIH also released [NOT-OD-25-133](#) outlining institutional requirements to train staff in completing biosketch and other support disclosures.

NCURA seeks experienced research administrators from Region VIII to join the **NCURA Global Faculty** to deliver workshops, trainings, and capacity-building programs that strengthen research administration across regions and institutions. [Apply](#) before Nov. 10th.

VOLUNTEERING

Have you considered being more active in NCURA as a volunteer? Our region always welcomes member contributions.

Visit the NCURA website – [Membership and volunteering](#) for all available opportunities or send us an [email](#).

ARE YOU IN THE LOOP?

We understand that some Region VIII members are not receiving important communications from NCURA National. If you did not receive information on how to vote in the recent Region VIII elections, can you please let us know.