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I became a member of NCURA in 2006 and have been an active member. I have attended both Regional and National meetings, and many of the traveling workshops. I hold a volunteer position on the Departmental Neighborhood Committee and the Region II program committee. I presented at the Region II meeting (*The Human Subject Review Process: a Guide for Research Administrators*) held in Annapolis Maryland, and have published in the NCURA magazine (*IRB Principles for Research Administrators. NCURA Magazine, November/December, Vol. XLI (5) page 12.*) I was a recipient of the Region II travel award, have been a workshop evaluator for NCURA, and will be a graduate of the NCURA Leadership Development Institute class of 2010.

The many ways I have benefitted from NCURA are numerous to mention. The resources NCURA provides to research administrators enhance our professional development and allow members of our profession to learn from the best in the business. The conferences and workshops that I have attended provided me with a plethora of knowledge to use in my current position and share with my staff. I have been able to develop valuable networking opportunities that have been beneficial in my position. Being a member of the LD program has given me the knowledge to recognize not only the value of who I am and what type of leader I want to be, but more importantly what leadership means and how it can be achieved.

I have been a research administrator since 1998 and am currently the Departmental Senior Research Administrator for the Buffalo Center for Social Research at the University at Buffalo where I am responsible for the fiscal and research administrative functions of all research projects. In pre-award I am the administrator for all aspects of the proposal submission process; and in post award I oversee the tracking, reporting, and administration of all funded projects, monitor fiscal and grant compliance issues; prepare and monitor budgets, provide short and long range planning and forecasting, and work with faculty preparing documents for the IRB. In addition, I have sat for and passed my CRA exam, am a member of the Social and Behavioral Science IRB at the University at Buffalo, the Grants Review Committee at the Buffalo Center for Social Research, co-chair of the UB CRA study group, and spearheaded and organized the first Departmental and Research Administrators Workshop at the University at Buffalo which is now an on-going program.

Along with the above roles and responsibilities, I was the conference coordinator for five years for the "International Clinical Supervision Conference (funded by NIAAA 5 R13 DA018546-05) held at the University at Buffalo. In my role I was responsible for the conference budget, registration fees, securing the conference location, and reviewing of all expenditures.

Armed with my experience in my role as a Departmental Research Administrator, the Conference Coordinator for the NIH funded project, and the knowledge I have gained from the NCURA LDI program; I believe I have the commitment, leadership, professional awareness, accuracy, intellect and honesty necessary to carry out the role of Treasurer Elect of Region II.