Regional Election Candidate Statement for Sharon Elenbaas

Statement of Interest
My interest in running for Treasurer on NCURA’s Region VI results from wanting to give back to the organization that has given me so much.

My background qualifications include 30 years as a certified public accountant working in public accounting, healthcare administration and for the past ten years in research administration. I also have a Master of Health Administration from the University of Southern California.

In my first two years of research administration, I was fortunate to serve at California Institute of Technology where I was introduced to the field, and I have been with Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles as their Director of Post Award Administration and Accounting for the past eight years.

I would very much like to be nominated for the Treasurer – Region VI position because it is not only a way to put my skills and abilities to the best use for NCURA, but also as a way for me to continue to grow and learn as a member of the organization.

Brief Bio
Sharon Elenbaas heads the Post Award Administration and Accounting Department, which assists faculty and staff in administering, accounting for, and reporting on their externally funded research and programmatic projects and is located within the Controller’s Office at Loyola Marymount University. She is a Certified Public Accountant, responsible for financial reporting of the university’s federal funding through the annual audited Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards. The thing she enjoys most about her work is helping faculty navigate successfully through the myriad of administrivia necessary to accomplish their projects.

From December 2002 to July 2006 Sharon was the Director of Finance for Verbum Dei High School in South Los Angeles where she established the school’s financial accounting system for their Corporate Work Study Program.

Prior to 2002, Sharon spent 10 years working in healthcare administration at Huntington Memorial Hospital, in Pasadena, California, and obtained her Master of Health Administration degree from USC during that time. She then transferred her healthcare administration background to research administration and joined the central project accounting office at California Institute of Technology as Associate Director for the divisions of biology and chemistry.