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I am the Director of Operations and Finance for the Maryland Neuroimaging Center (MNC) at the University of Maryland, College Park. My responsibilities include the financial administration of the MNC, management of the facility, equipment, and operations; administration and management of the Seed Grant Program; and administrative grant support to MNC faculty. I received my Masters in Business Administration from Shepherd University, where I was employed for 32+ years. I joined the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences at UMD in 2013.

In addition to my work at UMD, I am very active in research administration professional organizations. I have been a member of NCURA since 2014 serving in several volunteer positions throughout the years for regional and annual meetings. Most recently, I have had the pleasure of holding the Region II Meeting Chair position in 2020 (postponed), in 2021 (co-hosted virtual meeting with 600+ attendees); and in 2022, our first in-person meeting since the pandemic. I also became a member of the Society of Research Administrators International in 2017 serving on several meeting committees for Joint Section and Annual Meetings. I served as President of the Chesapeake Chapter 2019-2020.

It would be an honor to continue to serve the Region II members as the Region 2023 Co-Chair and 2024 Chair. This organization has given me the opportunity to grow professionally and personally, meet and collaborate with amazing colleagues who quickly became friends, and have fun while growing as a research administrator. I want to continue the work of NCURA and the Region II leadership to provide engaging, exciting and relevant learning and networking opportunities for our research administrator community. It is imperative that we retain and recruit new members to support not only research administration as a whole; but more importantly, each other. Everyone has something to offer!

I believe my 40+ years of experience in leadership, financial management, creative problem-solving; as well as my dedication to commitments, will be beneficial as I continue to work with fellow members to advance the Region II and the profession of research administration.

Professional Experience

University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland 2013 - Present

Director of Operations and Finance

Responsibilities:

- Financial administration of Maryland Neuroimaging Center (MNC)
- Management of MNC personnel, facility, equipment, and operations
- Administer MNC Seed Grant Programs
- Support MNC faculty and grants
- Promote research collaborations for MNC

Shepherd University, Shepherdstown, West Virginia

Assistant Director of Auxiliary Enterprises 2000 – 2013

Responsibilities:

- Director of University Bookstore (sales, marketing, website, personnel)
- Director of ID card (on and off campus vendors, door access, privileges)
- Director of Telecommunications (contracts, personnel, operations)

Education

Master of Business Administration 2007

Shepherd University, Shepherdstown, WV

Bachelor of Science degree 1980

Business Administration with Marketing Concentration

Shepherd University, Shepherdstown, WV

Professional Activities

- National Council of University Research Administrators: Member since 2014. Region II meeting program committee member since 2017 (Fun, keynote, general track, and sponsorship committees); Meeting Chair for 2020, 2021, and 2022; Meeting speaker; 2019 and 2024 site selection committee; Region II Steering Committee 2021, 2022 and 2023
- Society of Research Administrators International: Member since 2017. Chapter, Section, and Annual meeting planning committees' member since 2018; Registration desk and room monitor volunteer; Chesapeake Chapter President 2019-2020; Successfully recruited new members and officer volunteers.
- Shepherd University Classified Employee Council: President for several years
- National Association of Campus Card Users: Session speaker for several regional and national meetings
- Association of College and University Telecommunications Administrators: Session speaker for several national meetings and served as state coordinator for six years
- National Association of College Stores
- National Association of College Auxiliary Services

Personal Activities

- American Youth Soccer League: Served as Regional Commissioner supporting county program; served as Area Director supporting ten regions in five states; and lead facilitator for Area Director National Caucus Group
- Jefferson County Schools: Served as Jefferson High School PTSO President; Shepherdstown Middle School PTO President; JHS Choral Music Booster President; JHS Boys Basketball Booster President