NCURA AWARD RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

ROBERT KILLOREN, ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH FOUNDATION, IS THE FOURTEENTH RECIPIENT OF NCURA'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION, NCURA'S MOST PRESTIGIOUS AWARD. BOB HAS BEEN IN RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION AND AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF NCURA FOR OVER 30 YEARS.

Bob is an extremely knowledgeable and inspired leader in the research administration community. He has served as President, Board Member, Research Management Review Editor and Region II Chair of NCURA and is last year's recipient of the organization's Distinguished Service Award. He has also served as President of the University-Industry Demonstration Partnership, an Institutional Representative for the Federal Demonstration Partnership and a Committee Member for Council of Governmental Relations. His contributions to the field include efforts to improve the climate for industry-sponsored research at universities and significant involvement in development and dissemination of the FDP model subaward. Bob also servedon the joint AAU-COGR task force on publication restrictions and their impact on export controls.

Susan Butts, of The Dow Chemical Company, is a frequent collaborator with Bob and stresses how "He consistently demonstrates professionalism and integrity and seeks constructive approaches to problems. His expertise in research administration is evident- he is obviously respected by his peers at other institutions. He sees the big picture and is able to clearly articulate the university perspective and also understand the concerns of industry. He has a wonderful ability to bridge gaps, to find the common ground, and to help people with different opinions reach consensus."

What stands out most about Bob Killoren is his approach to leadership. Garrett Sanders of Ordway Research Institute notes how Bob "has always led…with his heart, and has been an innovator, leading by example and making everyone feel welcome as a valued and contributing member." Kenneth Forstmeier, Pennsylvania State University, further elaborates on Bob's dedication to leadership and progress with his observation that "it is unusual that someone who has spearheaded so many, sometimes contentious, innovations is universally respected and liked. It is clear to me that the research administration community (correctly) recognizes that Bob places advancing the field above advancing his own interests—he is selfless."

The Award for Outstanding Achievement in Research Administration will be presented November 5, 2007 at the 49th Annual Meeting morning's Keynote Address.

IN 2003, THE NCURA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ESTABLISHED THE JOSEPH F. CARRABINO AWARD. THE AWARD RECOGNIZES A FEDERAL PARTNER WHO HAS MADE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION, EITHER BY A SINGULAR INNOVATION OR BY A LIFETIME OF SERVICE. NCURA'S NOMINATING AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (N&LDC) SELECTED **DEBORAH RAFI** TO RECEIVE THE 2007 JOSEPH CARRABINO AWARD.

Debbie is the Director of the Indirect Cost Branch at the Office of Naval Research (ONR). She began her career in 1986 performing contract audits for the Defense Contract Audit Agency in southern California. In 1992 she relocated to Washington D.C. where she accepted an audit assignment at the National Academy of Sciences (NAS). This move presented Debbie with the opportunity to learn the world of "research grants and assistance" and nonprofit cost principles (OMB Circulars), and eventually led to her current position at ONR as Director of the Indirect Cost Branch. Patrick Fitzgerald, Harvard University, states, "Debbie has made a substantial contribution to research administration through her leadership in the Federal Demonstration Partnership (FDP), her participation in NCURA programs and her contribution to the regional cost accounting conferences (NECA, SECA, WECA). Debbie's commitment to working with higher education institutions to streamline research administration has contributed to tangible progress in several areas, including subrecipient monitoring." Dick Seligman, California Institute of Technology, further reveals her merits as a federal partner by stressing that "What makes Debbie Rafi stand apart from other government officials in the sponsored research enterprise is her thorough knowledge of the regulations and requirements for accountability and proper stewardship of Federal funds, coupled with a recognition that "accounting" and "accountability" are not necessarily synonymous." Tim Reuter, Boston University, sums up Debbie's invaluable contributions and dedication to the Research Administration by referring to Debbie as "the face of the federal audit community" and someone who "is not just an excellent federal colleague, but truly a champion of the federal research mission."

Debbie will be honored at the 49th Annual Meeting during a special recognition luncheon on November 5, 2007.