



# NACRO

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CORPORATE RELATIONS OFFICERS

## Co-Vice President Nominee

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As we approach NACRO's 20th anniversary in 2027, I am inspired to take on a leadership role to help the organization evolve and meet new challenges. The continued professionalization of NACRO presents exciting opportunities to enhance membership offerings, explore new revenue streams, and expand the role of professional staff to sustain core functions. By doing so, we can allow volunteers to focus their efforts on areas where their expertise has the greatest impact.

Since joining NACRO in 2018, I have found a professional community that truly resonates with me. With 15 years in industry and 5 years at a global nonprofit, transitioning to my first corporate relations role was both exciting and daunting. NACRO played a key role in my smooth transition into higher education, and I quickly became an active volunteer.

My involvement began with the Professional Development Committee, where I helped shape programming on topics that intrigued me and benefited my peers. I have enjoyed serving as an educator and mentor and contributing to Bootcamp presentations, virtual events, and in-person national conferences. From 2021 to 2023, I expanded my impact as a Board member through my leadership role in Professional Development. I then joined the Membership Committee, where I have been engaged in New Member Outreach, sharing how valuable this network has been in my own journey. This year, I also returned to the Advanced Career Track subcommittee within Professional Education.

I would be honored to serve as Co-Vice President alongside any of my fellow nominees. My experience across two key NACRO committees has provided me with a broad perspective on the organization, and I am eager to leverage that insight to help lead NACRO into the future.