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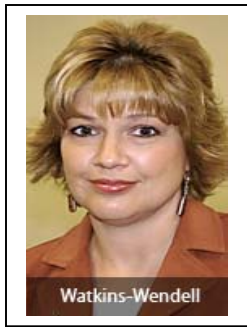


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# CRA IN *focus*

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUAL CERTIFIED RESEARCH ADMINISTRATORS AND PLANTING THE SEEDS FOR A SECURE FUTURE.



Watkins-Wendell

Welcome to the second edition of CRA In Focus, the official publication of the Research Administrator's Certification Council.

Last issue we told you about the role delineation study that the Professional Testing Corporation was to perform in order to obtain information on the professional activities and knowledge areas of research and sponsored programs administration professionals. I am pleased to tell you that the survey results are now in. Look for publication of a complete review of the survey and its results in the near future. In the meantime, you'll find an article that provides more detail about the results of the study in the pages of this newsletter.

You'll also find the names of those who have recently been certified or recertified.

Congratulations to those of you who are on that list! Be sure to call or email congratulations to your friends or colleagues if you see their name. For those who are already certified, be sure to take notice of the article on upcoming changes to recertification requirements.

This has been a very productive year for the RACC and I am honored to have served as its Chair. Our accomplishments could not have been possible without such a great Board of Directors. The wealth of experience, enthusiasm and willingness to go above-and-beyond the call of duty this Board has shown is amazing. I also want to give kudos to our Executive Director, Joan Campbell, the driving force behind much of what the RACC accomplishes.

At the upcoming October Board meeting, a new Chair will be named who will take over this column. It has been my pleasure to communicate with you as we have launched this new publication. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Best wishes,

*Katie Watkins-Wendell, M.Ed., CRA*  
Chair, Research Administrator's  
Certification Council

**Next Exam period is December 6-20, 2008.**

**Upcoming 2008 review sessions:**  
**Sept. 20, Miss. State Univ.;**  
**Sept. 22, Oklahoma State Univ.;**  
**Oct. 8, SRA Int'l - National Harbour;**  
**Nov. 1, NCURA - Wash., D.C .**



## New Recertification Requirements

The Board of Directors of RACC has recently clarified the continuing educational requirements for recertification. First, all education which is used for the purposes of recertification must be in topics directly pertaining to the profession of research and sponsored programs administration. Second, a continuing education unit is defined as one contact hour; so each contact hour of an educational offering will count as one contact hour for recertification purposes. Last, the number of contact hours required for recertification is being increased and phased in gradually. For those who recertify at June 30 or December 31 through 2009, 40 contact hours within the preceding 5 years will continue to be the requirement. However, after 2009 the contact hours will be as follows:

June 30 and December 31, 2010	60 contact hours
June 30 and December 31, 2011	70 contact hours
June 30 and December 31, 2012	80 contact hours
<b>After 2012</b>	<b>80 contact hours</b>



*"Knowing that I have been certified gives our business clients a comfort zone." D.R., Utah*

### RECERTIFICATION

Congratulations to the following individuals who successfully recertified:

Antolin, Lydia T., CRA  
 Barton, Cathy, CRA  
 Boyd, Sharon, CRA  
 Brearley, Ellen, CRA  
 Brekke, Alice C., CRA  
 Buennemeyer, Patricia D., CRA  
 Cardona, Margarita, CRA  
 Chaffee, John, CRA  
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 Claycamp, Rebecca D., CRA  
 Crutchfield, Donna, CRA  
 Davis, Bryan Stewart, CRA  
 Davis, Patricia, CRA  
 Davis, Scott, CRA  
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 Dillon, Judith B., CRA  
 Fogg, Kim A., CRA  
 Gilje, Stephen A., CRA  
 Godoy, Gustavo A., CRA  
 Gray, Betsy, CRA  
 Grosshans, Phillip, CRA  
 Harris, Husher L., CRA  
 Hartell, Patricia, CRA  
 Hass, Kathleen, CRA  
 Hupp, Elizabeth, CRA  
 Hurka-Owen, Keith, CRA  
 Idyll, Janice, Ed.D., CRA  
 Johnson, Diane, CRA  
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 Kilpatrick, Catherine, CRA  
 Kong, Mary, CRA  
 Kozell, Cheryl A., CRA  
 Lancaster, Linda, CRA  
 Lanner, Michael, CRA  
 Lasley, Susan, CRA  
 Macdonald, Kenneth, CRA  
 Marcel, Geneva C., CRA  
 McLaurin, PhD, Jan W., CRA  
 Moser, Virginia, CRA  
 Osterhage, Keith, CRA  
 Parker, Paul C., CRA  
 Patton, Linda W., CRA  
 Pheil, William Walker, Jr., CRA  
 Ronning, Matthew, CRA  
 Ryan, Debra J., CRA  
 Schmidt, David, CRA  
 Scripa, Maria, CRA  
 Shaw, Diane, CRA  
 Sidorovich, Kathleen, CRA  
 Smith, Sarah, CRA  
 Soronson, Bryan M., CRA  
 Spina, Philip V., CRA  
 Srinagesh, Sudha, CRA  
 Streharsky, Charmaine, CRA  
 Taggart, Kathleen Diaz, CRA  
 Tran, John K. T., CRA  
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### NEWLY CERTIFIED CRAs!!

Kudos to new CRAs:  
 Sameera Ali  
 Jill Allen

Connie Barton  
 Nancy Bove  
 Ann Brasile.Mejac  
 Linda Campbell  
 Catherine Cassidy  
 Gimel Chan  
 Carrie Chiaro  
 Ken Clark  
 Darlene Coley-Bing  
 Patricia Cornette  
 Jerry Creel, Jr  
 Thomas Cruise  
 Heather Davids  
 Jacqueline Dejean  
 Timothy Edgerton  
 Tracy Eisenhower  
 Jerry Fink  
 Mary Ford  
 Kelly Gloster-Fadden  
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 Hortensia Hale  
 Leslie Harper  
 Shannon Harr  
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 Margarita Jimenez  
 Melissa Kelley  
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 Emeka Madubuike  
 Virginia Maerz  
 Paul Matherny  
 Margare Matkins  
 Lisa Mckethan  
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 Leslie Montgomery  
 Stacey Moya  
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 Kim Sammarco  
 Shannon Satterwhite  
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 Tracey Schroeder  
 Sean Scott  
 Lisa Scott-Morring  
 Kelly Seekatz  
 Thomasina Stith  
 Carlette Thompson  
 Sara Turk  
 Maria Valero-Martinez  
 Jean Valk  
 Grace Wang  
 Cory Welch  
 Punsom Whitney  
 Lisa Wiedemer  
 Alice Wong  
 Danielle Woodman  
 Crystal Wynne  
 Qi Yang  
 Susan Zipkin

### Research Administrators Role Delineation

In early 2008 the RACC conducted a role delineation of the job tasks and knowledge areas which were identified as performed by research and sponsored programs administrators. The survey was distributed in an electronic format by way of email and listservs and 240 fully completed surveys were received. The responses were analyzed and were found to be representative of the profession.

A complete report on the findings of the survey will appear in the future, but an important conclusion was that the current body of knowledge for the certification examination closely mirrors in both content and weighting the actual work being performed in the profession. Therefore, the role delineation supported the validity of the current examination for Certified Research Administrators.



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