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**UM DIRECTOR ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT OF RESEARCH ORGANIZATION
MISSOULA —**

Judy Fredenberg, director of The University of Montana's Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, recently was elected vice president/president-elect of the National Council of University Research Administrators.

As vice president of NCURA, Fredenberg will coordinate the 2010 annual meeting for the organization, which aims to advance the field of research administration through education and professional development programs. She will assume the role of president in 2011.

An active member of NCURA since 1992, Fredenberg served on various committees and boards before being elected vice president/president-elect. She's looking forward to the challenges and opportunities her new position will provide.

"There's a saying, 'We all drink water from wells we did not dig,'" Fredenberg said. "Through NCURA, I drink every day from existing 'wells' of knowledge, commitment, camaraderie and volunteerism. In a time where 'shovel-ready' is a common catchphrase, I'm honored and excited to take up my own pick and shovel and join my colleagues in maintaining those existing wells, and perhaps even in digging a few more."

Fredenberg earned a bachelor's degree in English and a master's degree in public administration from UM. She has worked at the University in a variety of research- and development-related positions since 1981.

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