



SOCIETY OF CLINICAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATES

ON LINE - Election of Officers and Directors

Dear SoCRA member:

The mechanism for election this year is “on line” via the Internet. You will need to log in using your ID number and your last name as shown on the accompanying insert. Please type your name exactly as shown (imbedded blanks or special characters included). Please log on to the SoCRA home page at www.SoCRA.org and click on “Election;” and you will be directed to the 2005 ON LINE ballot. Please do this as soon as possible and by April 30, 2005. The election process will be closed at the end of the day on April 30, 2005.

SoCRA sincerely appreciates the consideration given by the candidates regarding their nomination as officers and directors of the Society. Please review the candidate profiles included within the following pages.

Duties of President: The President shall preside at all meetings, shall in general supervise all of the affairs of the corporation, may sign documents required to be signed for the Board, shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees, and shall have such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board. The President will serve as the primary staff or management company liaison person.

Duties of Treasurer: The Treasurer shall supervise custody and be responsible for all funds and securities of the corporation, the keeping of accurate books of account of the corporation’s transactions which shall be the property of the corporation and, together with all of its property in his or her possession, shall be subject at all times to the inspection and control of the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall oversee the disbursement of the funds of the corporation in payment of just demands against the corporation or as may be ordered by the Board of Directors from time to time. The Treasurer shall provide, upon request of the Board, an account of all actions taken as Treasurer and all of the financial condition of the corporation. The Treasurer shall perform all other duties incident to this office or which are properly required by the Board of Directors.

Duties of Director: Directors provide representation, support, oversight and development for the membership of the Society.

Membership on the SoCRA Board of Directors is intended to offer the society oversight and leadership based on the individual’s experience in clinical research and based on their expertise in health care.

Board members are asked:

- To contribute their experience and expertise to discussions related to issues important to the clinical research community that would enhance SoCRA educational programming,
- To encourage and develop relationships with organizations that may contribute to SoCRA’s educational programming through educational grants,
- To encourage potential sponsors and contributors to support our publications and exhibit at our conferences,
- To develop membership through contacts and presentations to the health care community, and
- To volunteer to participate in SoCRA educational programming as a speaker, session chairperson or program chairperson in order to utilize their expertise to further the mission of the Society.

Information for ON LINE Election of Officers and Directors - Click on “Election” at www.SoCRA.org

President Elect - Vote for One (1) ON LINE	Treasurer - Vote for One (1) ON LINE
Gayla B. Herschler, MSN,CCRP,RNC,CCRC	Linda C. Higgins, CCRP
Robert W. Yon, MS, CCRP	Yuka Sato, MS, B Pharm, CCRP
Director - Vote for no more than three candidates (Vote for 1 or 2 or 3 candidates) ON LINE	
Susan I. Devine, CCRP	Kathi Durdon, MA, CCRP
Diane M. Honighan, CCRP, CCHRA(C)	Stuart R. Pratt, MS, CCRP

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Candidate for President Elect: Gayla B. Herschler, MSN, RN.C, CCRC, CCRP

Current Position: Clinical Research Manager
Research and Education
Scott and White Hospital
Temple, Texas

Other Positions: Manager Clinical Studies Unit 1998-Current
SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) nurse 2001-Current

Academic and Professional Certifications:

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Texas
Masters of Science in Nursing 1993
SoCRA Certified Clinical Research Professional 2004
ACRP Certified Clinical Research Coordinator 2000

Professional Activities: Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner
Clinical Instructor of Nursing at Temple College

SoCRA Activities: Board member of SoCRA 2003-present
Speaker, Annual Conference 2000, 2003, 2004
Speaker, SOP Workshop for Senior Site Managers 2004

Vision Statement: SoCRA is dedicated to “the continuing education and development of clinical research professionals.” This goal provides an ever-increasing challenge to the organization. The certification exam is now offered in three different languages. The educational offerings are constantly expanding to meet the needs of our membership. This is a very exciting and stimulating time for SoCRA and I am pleased to be involved in this time of change. Together we face endless opportunities for growth and influence. While we will never lose sight of the importance of a solid foundation in the basics of research we can look forward to the challenges of the future with changing regulations and ever increasing technology.



Candidate for President Elect: Robert W. Yon, MS, CCRP

Current Position: Senior Project Manager, i3 Research, Cary, NC 11/01-present

Other Positions: Director, Sales, invivodata 5/01-10/01
Project Director, Aracel Corporation 9/00-5/01
Project Director, MiniDoc 6/98-9/00
CRA and Project Manager, NCGS and Associates 5/94-6/98
Instructor-Biology, Garner-Webb University 8/92-5/94

Academic Degrees and Professional Certifications

Bachelor of Science, Clemson University
Clemson, SC 1989
Master of Science, Microbiology and Immunology
Medical University of South Carolina 1992
Certified Clinical Research Professional, SoCRA 1996

SoCRA Activities and Positions:

Member 1996
North Carolina Chapter Chairperson 6/01-6/02
Board Member 6/03-present
Secretary, Board of Directors 9/03-present

Vision Statement: SoCRA is an organization that is committed to the continuing education of the membership. This commitment is what drew my interest almost 10 years ago, and it keeps me involved today. I have seen few professional organizations maintain such a consistently high level of programs designed specifically for its members. SoCRA is now gaining momentum within the industry as indicated by a growing list of accolades, which now includes international chapters, certification programs in multiple languages and FDA co-sponsored events. It is my goal to advance the mission of SoCRA through active participation in the following ways: completion of my role as Board Secretary; promoting a member-oriented organization; and fostering a culture of learning through the continued development and implementation of diverse, challenging and relevant educational programs. I encourage all of you to take full advantage of the opportunities provided by SoCRA. Visit the SoCRA home page and find a program suited for you. Or contact a Board Member to find out how you can support SoCRA in a hands-on way.



Candidate for Treasurer: **Linda C. Higgins, CCRP**

1996-Present	Scott Department of Urology, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX Manager, Regulatory Affairs	2000-Present
	Regulatory Affairs Specialist	1998-2000
	1. Regulatory Affairs	1996 to 1998
	2. NIH/NCI funded SPORE in Prostate Cancer (Specialized Program of Research Excellence) coordinator	1996 to 1998
	3. Administrative Coordinator for a biostatistician Ph.D.	1996 to 1998
Certifications:	Certified Clinical Research Professional, SoCRA Protection of Human Research Subjects Baylor College of Medicine	10/98
	Recertification: Clinical Research Professional, SoCRA	10/00, 03, 04
	HIPAA web-based training, Baylor College of Medicine	10/01, 04
	a. HIPAA 101: An Introduction	3/03
	b. Code of Conduct	
	c. Security Fundamentals	
	EEOC web-based training, Baylor College of Medicine	1/04
SoCRA Activities and Positions Held:	Member since	1997
	Chapter Secretary	4/99- 10/00
	Board of Directors	9/02 to 9/05
	Greater Houston/Galveston Chapter Chair	9/03 – Present
	Recertification Audit Chair	1/04 - Present



Committees:

Quality Assurance/Quality Control Committee, Scott Department of Urology Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX	5/01
Vestry (Board) Secretary, Church of the Ascension, Houston, TX	1/02 – 1/04
Clinical Research Coordinator Advisory Group, Office of Research Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX	12/03-Present

Vision Statement: As a Board member for the past 2 ½ years, I have been part of a growing and changing SoCRA and I would like to continue to be a part of the dynamic future of SoCRA. I have held the position of treasurer in many organizations; therefore, I feel that I am well qualified for this position and my desire is to do an outstanding job for SoCRA.

Candidate for Treasurer: **Yuka Sato, BPharm, MS, CCRP**

Current Position:	Clinical Research Associate, Sankyo Pharma Development	2003- present
Other Positions:	QA Auditor, Theradex Systems, Inc.	2003
	University of Michigan	1999- 2002
	Senior Research Associate, Department of Anesthesiology Manager, University of Michigan Cancer Center Network	
	Research Associate II, University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center	
	Research Coordinator, Wayne State University/ Karmanos Cancer Institute	1998- 1999
	Clinical Research Associate, U. of Hawaii, Cancer Research Center of Hawai'i	1992- 1998
	Showa University Toyosu Hospital Department of Gastroenterology Research Assistant	1984-1985



Academic and Professional Degrees

Master of Science, Biomedical Science (Pharmacology), University of Hawai'i (Honolulu, HI)	1991
Bachelor of Pharmacy, Toho University School of Pharmaceutical Science (Chiba, Japan)	1984

Professional licensure and certifications

Registered Pharmacist, Japan	1985- current
Certified Clinical Research Professional, Society of Clinical Research Associates	1998- current

SoCRA Activities and Positions Held:

Member	1998-current
Contact liaison, SoCRA Japanese Chapter	2001- 2005
Translation and initiation of SoCRA certification program in Japan	2001- current
Director	2002- 2005
Certification Committee	2002- current
Course faculty SoCRA FDA Regulations workshop	2002- current
Clinical Investigator workshop	2002- current

Vision statement: During the past three years, I received tremendous opportunities through the activities that I engaged in as a member of SoCRA's board of directors. Only with the support from each one of you, I was able to play an active role in the organization's expansion to global regions and to the initiation of a multilingual certification program. I believe in the future of SoCRA; we can continue to provide educational opportunities and the support of career growth to clinical research professionals. As SoCRA continues to grow as a major international clinical research organization, I would like to keep an active role to support each member's needs. As Treasurer, I am strongly committed to liaise between the SoCRA members, administrative office, and the board of directors in order to manage the organization's domestic and international financial activities. Please join me in this journey as SoCRA continues on to further and greater achievements in the upcoming years.

Candidate for Director: Susan Devine, CCRP

Current Positions:

Manager, Clinical Trial Support Unit, Sick Kids Hospital, Toronto	1999 - present
Project Director, Sick Kids Research Institute, Toronto	2000 - present
Chair, CRA Discipline, Children's Oncology Group	2001 - present

Other Positions:

Clinical Trials Manager, McGill University, MCH, Montreal	1983 - 1999
Chair, CRA Discipline, Pediatric Oncology Group	1996 - 2001
Phase I Group Administrator, Pediatric Oncology Group	1994 - 1999

Academic Degrees and Professional Certifications:

DCS, Graham's Business College, Montreal, Quebec	1971
CCRP	1995/1998/2001/2004

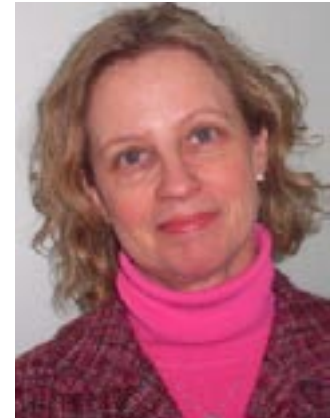
SoCRA Activities and Positions:

Member since	1992
Speaker - Project Management - Managing Multiple Projects	2005

Vision Statement:

I am honored to have been nominated for the SoCRA Board of Directors. As a charter member of SoCRA I have watched in admiration the excellent advancement that has been made on behalf of our profession and would appreciate the opportunity to contribute to that progress. I am a firm believer that without the individuals who facilitate clinical research the best scientific discoveries could not be brought forward to the people who need them.

My career has provided a unique view of clinical research. As CTSU Manager I am involved in trials initiated from various pathways; academia, multi-center, investigator-initiated and industry-sponsored. While most of my experience is in the areas of Oncology and Hematology, through a joint appointment in Sick Kids Research Institute, I have also gained rudimentary knowledge in other areas of research interest. Through 10 years in leadership roles within multi-centre cooperative trial groups I have acquired an understanding of various sizes and types of clinical research operations from large academic centers to private practice physician offices in sites worldwide. One of the most important lessons I've learned is that problems we face as research facilitators are rarely unique to one method of clinical research, one area of clinical expertise or one type of location. Imperative to success in our field is communication; understanding and sharing our various skills and knowledge so that it can be applied to all types of research. My vision for SoCRA is to heighten the awareness of our differences and use that as an opportunity to further contribute to our professional development.



Candidate for Director: Kathi Durdon, MA, CCRP

Current Position: Director, Clinical Trials Office, Research Administration
SUNY Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, NY

Other Positions: SUNY Upstate Medical University
Project Staff Associate, Dept. of Medicine/Cardiology 1995 - 1999
Senior Staff Assistant, Department of Radiology 1991 - 1995

Academic and Professional Degrees/Certifications:

State University of New York Empire State College	
Master of Arts, Business Policy/Health Administration	2005
State University of New York at Potsdam, Potsdam, NY	
Bachelor of Arts in English and Anthropology	1991
SoCRA Certified Clinical Research Professional	2001

SoCRA Activities and Positions Held:

Member	2000 - present
National Meeting Speaker	2003, 2004, 2005
New York State Chapter Chair	2004 - present

Other Organization Activities and Positions Held:

Academic Health Centers (AHC) Best Practice Committee Coordinator	2004 - present
Program Chair, SUNY Upstate Translational Research Conference	2002 - present
Drug Information Association (DIA) Member	2000 - present
Society of Research Administrators (SRA) Member	2000 - present
Speaker, SRA	2002, 2003, 2004
Speaker and Session Chair, DIA	2003
Speaker, International Contracting & Negotiating Clinical Trials	2001
Honored Member, Empire Who's Who	2004-2005

Vision Statement:

To expect anyone to come into any clinical research position (particularly those of us who found our way through non-clinical routes) without availability of training, mentorship, standard operating procedures, and ongoing education programs is dooming them to a very difficult road ahead. Education promotes employee retention, generates networking and collaboration opportunities and brings everyone's perspectives to the forefront. We need to recognize all the various positions that make up the clinical research profession and reach out to those that do not have clinical research resources, education and networking accessibility. My goal and vision of promoting clinical research education and training will be foremost in my activity as a SoCRA Board Member. I value all of our diverse backgrounds, which is what makes SoCRA unique from other clinical research associations. I will strive, as a SoCRA Board Member, to promote our differences, our strengths and our perspectives and help to encourage development of resources and programs to meet your needs.



Candidate for Director: **Diane M. Honighan, CRA, CCRP, CCHRA**

Current Position: Clinical Research Consultant

Other Positions:

Clinical Research Associate, Juravinski Cancer Centre, Hamilton Ontario Canada	2004-2005
Data Manager - Boehringer Ingelheim Canada Ltd Burlington, Ontario Canada	2002-2004
Data Manager – Hamilton Regional Cancer Centre, Hamilton, Ontario Canada	1998-2002
Health Record Technician – Hamilton Regional Cancer Centre, Hamilton, Ontario Canada	1994-98
Monitor – Intelligence Department Hamilton Wentworth Regional Police Service	1993-1995
Health Record Technician Supervisor – King Edward VII Memorial Hospital, Bermuda	1987-1992
Health Record Technician – St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada	1980-1987

Academic and Professional Degrees/Certifications:

Clinical Trial Research Coordinator Certification Course	1999
How to Write and Utilize SOP's	1999
Applied Management Skill Development Series 1 & 2	1993 & 94
Niagara College of Applied Arts & Technology Diploma in Health Records Technician	1980

SoCRA Activities:

SoCRA Board of Directors 2002 – present, SoCRA Member 1998 – present
SoCRA Certified 2001 – present, Poster Presentation 12th Annual SoCRA Conference “Understanding Clinical Trials from a Patients Perspective”, 13th Annual SoCRA Conference – Implemented and developed a Data Management Track including speakers, Facilitator of 10 SoCRA Certification Exams over the last year, and 14th Annual SoCRA Conference – Implemented a New Pre-Workshop – Critical Appraisal Applying Evidence based Medicine” to Clinical Nursing Practice.

Activities and Positions Held:

Board of Directors, Hamilton & District Chapter of the Kidney Foundation of Canada 1996- present, OCFR Technical Coding Committee 1995-1998, Member of the Executive Committee of the OHRA 1995 -1998, Chairperson for Region #5 of the OHRA 1995 - 1998 & 1982 – 1986, Editor-” PULSE” King Edward VII Memorial Hospital 1990 – 1992, Editor-” News & View” of the OHRA 1995 – 1998, Canadian College of Health Record Administrators 1980 – present, Hamilton Wentworth District Health Council 1985.

Vision Statement:

Having served on the Board of Directors for the past 2 years I have gained considerable insight into the workings of the Society by contributing to the various workshops, conferences, and facilitating many of the certification exams. I have met many people within the organization from the various places I have traveled. I have learned a great deal about the needs of the membership and have gained considerable knowledge in the clinical research area. It would be honored to serve another term and contribute to SoCRA's mission: To provide excellent and relevant educational and supportive resources in an effort to develop, to strengthen professional growth, and to gain insight and innovative ideas. Additionally, my affiliation with SoCRA allows me to bring the members a unique perspective with confidence and integrity.



Candidate for Director: **Stuart R. Pratt, MS, CCRP**

Current Position: Affiliate Research Monitor, Domestic Affiliate Program
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee

Other Affiliations and Positions held:

Clinical Research Monitor, Central Protocol and Data Monitoring Office St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee	2001-2003
Study Manager, Health Studies Section Westat, Rockville, Maryland,	2000-2001
Consultant, Practice of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Washington, DC	1997-2000

Academic Degrees and Professional Designations

Master of Science, Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine University of Maryland at Baltimore	1997
Bachelor of Science, Biology, University of Memphis	1995
Bachelor of Arts, History, Washington and Lee University	1990
SoCRA Certified Clinical Research Professional	2002

Professional Activities

Member, SoCRA	2002
Poster Presenter, SoCRA Annual Conference	2003
Special Recognition Award Recipient, Poster Program, SoCRA Annual Conference	2004
Speaker, SoCRA Annual Conference	2005

Subject - *The Creation of a Clinical Research Advancement Ladder*

Vision Statement:

My SoCRA involvement has been an extremely influential factor in my professional growth by providing educational opportunities that are not available through other avenues. I have benefited greatly from the SoCRA certification program and annual conferences. Additionally, workshops covering policies on human research subject protection, plus regulations and guidelines governing clinical research have been extremely beneficial. Because I recognize the value of SoCRA's contribution to my professional growth, I view this candidacy as an opportunity to repay the organization through service. As with any organization, SoCRA will need to adapt and grow in order to remain successful in the years ahead. I believe that the keys to maintaining the success that SoCRA has achieved are through increased awareness of the certification process among clinical research professionals, emphasis on boosting participation in the annual conference and workshops through greater diversity in both speakers and subject matter, and emphasis on increased participation at the local level. As an at-large member of the Board of Directors, I can bring a fresh perspective to these issues, as well as others that the Board faces.

