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MANA Elects New National Board Members

December 19, 2016, Washington, DC - MANA, A National Latina Organization has elected two new members and two returning members to serve on the Board of Directors for a three-year term. The MANA National Board is responsible for the policy and strategic direction of the organization, founded in 1974. As the oldest and largest national Latina membership organization in the country with Chapters, Affiliates, Lifetime and individual members nationwide, MANA represents the interests of Latina women, youth and families on issues that impact our communities. MANA contributes the leading Latina voice on many of the major issues in the public sphere, and has developed initiatives aimed at both adults and students to cultivate an environment of learning and sharing of information across generations, to build sustainable communities.

The MANA national membership elected the following new Directors:

Kelly Samora, Baytown, TX - South Central Region
Catherine M. Arambula, San Diego, CA - Western Region

The following Directors were re-elected:

Veronica "Ronnie" Padilla, Topeka, KS - North Central Region
M. Cindy Hounsell, JD, Washington, DC - Eastern Region

They join the continuing members of the MANA National Board:

Celina Caprio, San Diego, CA - Western Region
Michelle De La Isla, Topeka, KS - North Central Region
Jennifer Manzanares, Santa Fe, NM - South Central Region
Michelle Cuevas-Stubblefield, Topeka, KS - North Central Region
Dr. Danna Diaz, Friday Harbor, WA - Western Region
Clara Padilla Andrews, Santa Fe, NM - South Central Region

The organization would also like to give thanks and acknowledge Board Members with terms expiring on December 31st: Delia Talamantez of San Diego, CA, current MANA National Board Secretary; and Eva Sandoval Bonilla of Ft. Worth, TX, current MANA National Board Vice Chair. On behalf of the MANA membership nationwide, these Board Members leave with our gratitude for their dedication to Latina leadership development, community service and advocacy.

The new MANA Board Members will be sworn in for their term beginning in January 2017 and ending in December 2019.