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## MANA Elects New National Board Members

December 17, 2015, Washington, DC - MANA, A National Latina Organization has elected three new 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 by Mexican-American women. 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:

Michelle Cuevas-Stubblefield, Topeka, KS – North Central Region Clara Padilla Andrews, Santa Fe, NM – South Central Region Dr. Danna Diaz, Friday Harbor, WA – Western Region

They join the continuing members of the MANA National Board:

Veronica "Ronnie" Padilla, Chair, Topeka, KS North Central Region
Eva Bonilla, Vice Chair, Fort Worth, TX – South Central Region
Celina Caprio, San Diego, CA – Western Region
Michelle De La Isla, Topeka, KS – North Central Region
Delia Talamantez, Secretary, San Diego, CA – Western Region
Cindy Hounsell, Treasurer, Washington, DC – Eastern Region
Jennifer Manzanares, Santa Fe, NM – South Central Region

Chair of the MANA National Board of Directors, Ronnie Padilla said, "Once again, the MANA national membership has nominated and elected a talented group of professionals with the knowledge and experience to contribute positively to the organization. It is an honor to welcome them to the leadership of MANA, A National Latina Organization, and I look forward to our work together."

The new MANA Board Members will be sworn in for their term beginning in January 2016 and ending in December 2018.