



NATIONAL WOMEN'S STUDIES ASSOCIATION

A Brief and Incomplete History of the Governing Council¹

by President Heidi R. Lewis

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¹ This information was compiled based on information available in the Association's conference programs. Governing Council members who served one term are marked with an asterisk (*), and those with terms spanning across presidencies are marked with two asterisks (**).

INTRODUCTION

Since its inception in the early 1990s, the composition of the National Women's Studies Association (NWSA or Association) Governing Council (or Board) has changed numerous times, in numerous ways, and for many understandable justifiable reasons. As of 2016, the Board has been comprised of the Executive Committee (or Officers)—the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary, as well as a number of Members-at-Large, the Lesbian Caucus Co-Chairs, and the Women of Color Caucus Co-Chairs. In the past, however, myriad existing and defunct committees were represented, such as Communications, Continuing Education, Development, Conflict Resolution, Elections, Educational Outreach, Student Interests, and Women's Centers. Geographical regions were also represented for a number of years, with their seats eventually replaced by a consolidated Regional Representative that was eventually eliminated. During her term, President Heidi R. Lewis will convene a task force who will assess this history and the current composition of the Board in order to make sound recommendations to be considered by the membership during our annual conference in 2025.

1993-1994

Executive Committee

President Vivien Ng
Secretary Romy Borooah
Treasurer Sue Mansfield

Communications Committee Chair Miriam Harris

Conference Committee Co-Chairs

Kris Anderson and Wendy Kolmar

Constituency Council Representatives

Grace Auyang | Sally Kitch | Barbara Horn |

Pamela Menke | Janice Snook

Continuing Education Committee Chair Nupur Chaudhuri

Development Committee Chair Patrice Caldwell

Elections Committee Chair Margaret Strobel

Ethics and Equity Committee Co-Chairs

Lynette Carpenter and Dottie Painter



President Vivien Ng

Members-at-Large

Diana Scully | Mary Van Voorhees |

Maria Gonzales | Tania Ramalho

Membership Committee Chair Bethania Gonzalez

Personnel Committee Chair Virginia Cyrus

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1994-1995

Executive Committee

President Sandra Coyner

Secretary Myrna Goldenberg

Treasurer Sue Mansfield

Communications Committee Chair Miriam Harris

Conference Committee Chair Kris Anderson

Conflict Resolution Committee Chair Barbara Gerber

Constituency Council Representatives

Barbara Horn | Pamela Glenn Menke | Janice Snook

Continuing Education Committee Chair Nupur Chaudhuri

Development Committee Chair Patrice Caldwell

Elections Committee Chair Margaret Strobel

Ethics and Equity Committee Chair Dottie Palmer

Lesbian Caucus Chair Bette Tallen

Membership Committee Chair Bethania Gonzalez

Personnel Committee Chair Virginia Cyrus

Women of Color Caucus Chair Papusa Molina



President Sandra Coyner

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1995-1996

Executive Committee

President Marjorie Pryse

Secretary Myrna Goldenberg

Treasurer Sue Mansfield

Communications Committee Co-Chairs

Miriam Harris and Debra Beck

Conference Committee Chair Francine Frank

Conflict Resolution Committee Chair Barbara Gerber

Continuing Education Committee Co-Chair



Nupur Chaudhuri and Carol Perkins
 Development Committee Co-Chairs
 Patrice Caldwell and Jean Fei
 Elections Committee Co-Chairs
 Peg Strobel and Gail Cohee
 Ethics and Equity Committee Chair Bette Tallen
 Great Lakes Regional Representative Annette Van Dyke
 Jewish Caucus Elizabeth Ribet
 Lesbian Caucus Chair Bette Tallen
 Members-at-Large
 Pamela Menke | Gina Scuteri Rosabal | Diana Scully |
 Bonnie Zimmerman | Mary Lou Van Voorhies | Mary Davidson
 Membership Committee Co-Chairs
 Bethania Maria and Marjorie Pryse
 Midwest Regional Representative Lisa Spaulding
 Personnel Committee Co-Chairs
 Virginia Cyrus and Maria Gonzalez
 Women of Color Caucus Chair Papusa Molina

President Marjorie Pryse

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1996-1997

Executive Committee

President Betty J. Harris
 Secretary Bethania Maria
 Treasurer Sue Mansfield

Members-at-Large

Janet Afary | Wendy Kolmar | Gina Scuteri Rosabal |
 Diana Scully | Bonnie Zimmerman
 Communications Committee Chair Debra Beck
 Conference Committee Co-Chairs
 Catherine Hobbs | Betty Robbins
 Conflict Resolution Committee Chair Kathleen Crowley-Long
 Constituency Council Representatives
 Jacqueline Zita | Annette Van Dyke | Lisa Spaulding
 Continuing Education Committee Chair Carol Perkins
 Development Committee Chair Jean Fei
 Elections Committee Chair Gail Cohee
 Ethics and Equity Committee Chair Bette Tallen
 Lesbian Caucus Chair Dana Shugar



President Betty J. Harris

Membership Committee Chair Marjorie Pryse
 Personnel Committee Chair Maria Gonzalez
 Women of Color Caucus Chair Christina Brinkley

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1997-1998

Executive Committee

President Barbara Gerber
 Secretary Bethania Maria
 Treasurer Diana Scully



*President Barbara Gerber
 (second from right)*

Members-at-Large

Janet Afary | Wendy Kolmar | Mary Davidson |
 Patricia Del Rey | Ines Senna Shaw
 Lesbian Caucus Chair Dana Shugar
 Women of Color Caucus Chair Christina Brinkley
 Program Administrators Representative Jacqueline Zita
 Pacific Southwest Regional Representative Ginnie Gessford
 Southeast Regional Representative Linda Lopez
 Communications Committee Chair Debra Beck
 Conflict Resolution Committee Co-Chairs
 Katheen Crowley-Long | Trisha Franzen | Patsy Schweichart |
 Virginia Cyrus | Marilyn Hoder-Salmon | Judith Fetterley | Robin Powers
 Continuing Education Committee Chair Carol O. Perkins
 Elections Committee Chair Gail Cohee
 Ethics and Equity Committee Chair Bette Tallen
 Membership Committee Chair Marjorie Pryse
 Personnel Committee Chair Maria Gonzalez

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1998-1999

Executive Committee

President Bonnie Zimmerman
 Secretary Kathleen Merchant
 Treasurer Diana Scully



Members-at-Large

Mary Davidson | Patricia Del Rey | Magdalena Garcia-Pinto | Miriam Kalman Harris |
Ines Senna Shaw

Communications Committee Chair Debra Beck

Conflict Resolution Committee Co-Chairs

Katheen Crowley-Long | Trisha Franzen | Patsy
Schweichart | Virginia Cyrus | Marilyn Hoder-Salmon |
Judith Fetterley | Robin Powers

President Bonnie Zimmerman

Continuing Education Committee Chair Carol O. Perkins

Elections Committee Chair Gail Cohee

Ethics and Equity Committee Chair Bette Tallen

Lesbian Caucus Chair Valda Lewis

Member Liaison Annette Van Dyke

Membership Committee Chair Marjorie Pryse

Pacific Southwest Regional Representative Ginnie Gessford

Personnel Committee Chair Maria Gonzalez

Southeast Regional Representative Linda Lopez

Student Caucus Representative Carol Robinson

Women of Color Caucus Co-Chairs

Pat Washington and Bonita Hampton

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1999-2000

Executive Committee

President Berenice Carroll

Secretary Mary Davidson

Treasurer Diana Scully

Members-at-Large

Miriam Kalman Harris | Magdalena Garcia-Pinto | Wendy
Kolmar | Linda Lopez McAlister | Ines Senna Shaw

Communications Committee Chair Mary Davidson

Community College Caucus Barbara Horn

Conference Committee Chair Christina Brinkley

Conflict Resolution Committee Co-Chairs

Katheen Crowley-Long | Trisha Franzen | Patsy Schweichart
|

Virginia Cyrus | Marilyn Hoder-Salmon | Judith Fetterley | Robin Powers

Continuing Education Committee Chair Helen Bannan

Elections Committee Chair Gail Cohee

Ethics and Equity Committee Chair Bette Tallen



President Berenice Carroll

Lesbian Caucus Chair Valda Lewis
 Membership Committee Chair Dorothy Miller
 New England Regional Representative Pamela Menke
 Personnel Committee Chair Maria Gonzalez
 Student Caucus Representative Carol Robinson
 Women of Color Caucus Co-Chair Pat Washington

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2000-2001

Executive Committee

President Annette Van Dyke
 Secretary Mary Davidson
 Treasurer Diana Scully

Members-at-Large

Wendy Kolmar | Ines Shaw | Linda Lopez McAlister
 Communications Committee Chair Mary Davidson
 Community College Caucus Chair Barbara Horn
 Conference Committee Chair Jacquelyn Zita
 Conflict Resolution Committee Co-Chairs
 Katheen Crowley-Long | Trisha Franzen | Patsy
 Schweichart | Virginia Cyrus | Marilyn Hoder-Salmon |
 Judith Fetterley | Robin Powers
 Disability Caucus Chair Sharon Stonekey
 Educational Outreach Committee Chair Helen Bannan
 Elections Committee Chair Gail Cohee
 Ethics and Equity Committee Chair Bette Tallen
 Lesbian Caucus Chair Valda Lewis
 Membership Committee Chair Dorothy Miller
 New England Regional Representative Pamela Menke
 Program Administration & Development Committee Co-Chairs
 Jacquelyn Zita and Ann Schonberger
 Personnel Committee Chair Maria Gonzalez
 Women of Color Caucus Chair Gina Kozik-Rosabal



*President Annette Van Dyke
(middle)*

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2001-2002

Executive Committee

President Magdalena Garcia-Pinto

Secretary Mary Davidson
Treasurer Diana Scully

Members-at-Large

Bonita Hampton | Loretta Kensinger | Isa Williams
Communications Committee Chair Mary Davidson
Conflict Resolution Committee Co-Chairs
Kathleen Crowley-Long | Trisha Franzen | Patsy Schweichart | Marilyn
Hoder-Salmon | Judith Fetterley | Robin Powers
Disability Caucus Co-Chairs
Sharon Stonekey | Margaret Howe | Virginia Bemis
Educational Outreach Committee Chair Helen Bannan
Elections Committee Chair Gail Cohee
Ethics and Equity Committee Chair Bette Tallen
Lesbian Caucus Chair Eileen Bresnahan
Membership Committee Chair Dorothy Miller
New England Regional Representative Jo Trigilio
Program Administration & Development Committee Co-Chairs
Jacquelyn Zita and Ann Schonberger
Personnel Committee Chair Bonnie Zimmerman
Women of Color Caucus Co-Chairs
Gina Rosabal and Pat Washington
Women's Center Caucus Chair Juli Parker

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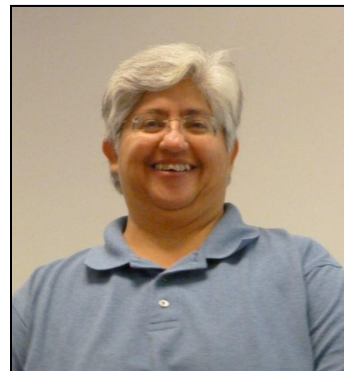
2002-2003

Executive Committee

President Maria Gonzalez
Secretary Pat Washington
Treasurer Diana Scully

Members-at-Large

Bonita Hampton | Loretta Kensinger | Isa Williams
Aging and Ageism Caucus Chair Leni Marshall
Communications Committee Chair Pat Washington
Conflict Resolution Committee Co-Chair
Kathleen Crowley-Long | Trisha Franzen |
Patsy Schweichart | Marilyn Hoder-Salmon |
Judith Fetterley | Robin Powers | Jill Bystydzienski
Educational Outreach Committee Chair Helen Klebedsadel



President Maria Gonzalez

Elections Committee Chair Betsy Eudey
 Ethics and Equity Committee Chair Angela Bowen
 Lesbian Caucus Chair Eileen Bresnahan
 Membership Committee Chair Jane Olmsted
 New England Regional Representative Jo Trigilio
 Personnel Committee Chair Bonnie Zimmerman
 Program Administration & Development Committee Co-Chairs
 Jacquelyn Zita and Ann Schonberger
 Women of Color Caucus Co-Chairs
 Layli Maparyan and Liza Fiol Matta
 Women's Center Caucus Chair Juli Parker

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2003-2004

Executive Committee

President Colette Morrow
 Secretary Pat Washington
 Treasurer Diana Scully

Members-at-Large

Chithra KarunaKaran | Loretta Kensinger | Ann Russo
 Aging and Ageism Caucus Chair Leni Marshall
 Communications Committee Chair Pat Washington
 Conflict Resolution Committee Co-Chair
 Trisha Franzen | Marilyn Hoder-Salmon | Robin Powers |
 Jill Bystydzienski | Carrie Baker | Julia Balen | Phoebe Farris
 Educational Outreach Committee Chair Helen Klebesadel
 Elections Committee Chair Betsy Eudey
 Finance Committee Chair Diana Scully
 Lesbian Caucus Chair Lisa Burke
 Membership Committee Chair Jane Olmsted
 Personnel Committee Chair Elizabeth Say
 Program Administration & Development Co-Chairs
 Barb Howe | Catherine Orr
 Regional Representative Jo Trigilio
 Student Caucus Co-Chairs
 Sarah Tillery | Andre Dottolo
 Women of Color Caucus Co-Chairs
 Layli Maparyan and Liza Fiol Matta
 Women's Centers Committee Chair Yvette Upton



President Colette Morrow

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2004-2005

Executive Committee

President Jacquelyn Zita
Secretary Pat Washington
Treasurer Diana Scully

Members-at-Large

Chithra KarunaKaran | Loretta Kensinger | Ann Russo
Girls Caucus Chair Rebecca Hains
Communication Committee Chair Pat Washington
Conference Program Committee Chair Gill Wright Miller
Educational Outreach Committee Chair Helen Klebesadel
Elections Committee Chair Betsy Eudey
Ethics and Equity Committee Chair Lourdes Torres
Finance Committee Chair Diana Scully
Lesbian Caucus Chair Lisa Burke
Membership Committee Chair Jane Olmsted
Personnel Committee Chair Jill Bystydzienski
Program Administration & Development Co-Chairs
Barb Howe | Catherine Orr
Regional Representative Jo Trigilio
Undergraduate Student Caucus Chair Sarah Tillery
Women of Color Caucus Chair Shu-Ju Ada Cheng
Women's Centers Committee Chair Brenda Bethman



President Jacquelyn Zita

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2005-2006

Executive Committee

President Judith Roy
Vice President Liza Fiol Matta
Secretary Pat Washington
Treasurer Jo Trigilio

Member-at-Large Maria Bevacqua
Accessibility Committee Chair Wendelin Hume
Caucus Representative Leni Marshall
Elections Committee Chair Peggy Rivage-Seul



Ethics, Equity, and Diversity Committee Chair Lourdes Torres
 Finance Committee Chair Jo Trigilio
 Fundraising Committee Chair Maurice Hammington
 Interest Group Co-Representatives
 Rebecca Hains | Rebekah Buchanan
 Regional Representative Karlyn Crowley
 Internal Communications Chair Pat Washington
 Membership Committee Chair Dorothy Miller
 Personnel Committee Chair Jill Bystydzienski
 Program Administration & Development Co-Chairs
 Barb Howe | Catherine Orr
 Task Force Representative Laura Gillman
 Women's Centers Committee Chair Brenda Bethman

President Judith Roy

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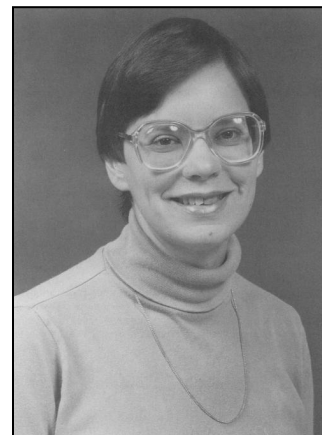
2006-2008

Executive Committee

President Barbara Howe

Program Administration & Development Chair Sherry Shapiro
 Women's Centers Committee Chair Brenda Bethman

*Other Board members are not listed for 2007 or 2008.



President Barbara Howe

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2008-2010

Executive Committee

President Beverly Guy-Sheftall
 Vice President Yi-Chun Tricia Lin
 Secretary Astrid Henry
 Treasurer Vivien Ng

Caucus Representative Adriane Brown
 Education Outreach Committee Chair Nupur Chaudhuri



Elections Committee Chair Michele Berger
 Ethics, Equity, Diversity, and Accessibility Chair Barbara Scott
 Lesbian Caucus Chair Lisa Burke
 Personnel Committee Chair Betty Harris
 Program Administration & Development Committee Co-Chairs
 Phyllis Baker and Susan Shaw
 Regional Representative Alison Piepmeier
 Student Interests Committee Co-Chairs
 Karlyn Crowley and Jennifer Mata
 Women of Color Caucus Chair Annette Madlock
 Women's Centers Committee Co-Chairs
 Candace Rosovsky and Rebecca Morrow

President Beverly Guy-Sheftall

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2010-2012

Executive Committee

President Bonnie Thornton Dill
 Vice President Michele Berger
 Secretary Astrid Henry
 Treasurer Vivien Ng

Member-at-Large Stephanie Troutman Robbins
 Caucus Representatives

Jill Adams* and Donna Thompson

Education Outreach Committee Chair Nupur Chaudhuri
 Elections Committee Chair Alison Piepmeier*
 Ethics, Equity, Diversity, and Accessibility Committee Chair
 Barbara Scott

Lesbian Caucus Chair Mel Michelle Lewis

Parliamentarian Carrie Baker

Program Administration & Development Committee Co-Chairs
 Phyllis Baker and Amy Levin

Regional Representatives

Alison Piepmeier* and Kathleen Underwood*

Student Interests Committee Co-Chairs

Holly Blake and Ruth Nicole Brown

Women of Color Caucus Co-Chairs

Annette Madlock* | Stephanie Troutman Robbins | Aisha Durham*

Women's Centers Committee Co-Chairs



President Bonnie Thornton Dill

Michelle Isadore and Colleen Riggle

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2012-2014

Executive Committee

President Yi-Chun Tricia Lin
 Vice President Michele Berger
 Secretary Betsy Eudey
 Treasurer Diane Harriford

Member-at-Large Judy Bertonazzi*
 Caucus Representative Fawzia Afzal-Khan*
 Elections Committee Chair Stephanie Troutman Robbins
 Ethics, Equity, Diversity, and Accessibility Committee
 Chair Donna Thompson
 Lesbian Caucus Chair Mel Michelle Lewis
 Membership, Educational Outreach, and Programs
 Committee Chair Seung-kyung Kim
 Program Administration & Development Co-Chairs
 Amy Levin* | LeeRay Costa* | Ann Burnett
 Regional Representative Kathleen Underwood
 Student Interests Committee Co-Chairs
 Holly Blake and Ruth Nicole Brown
 Women of Color Caucus Co-Chairs
 Lydia Kelow-Bennett* and Nana Osei-Kofi*
 Women's Centers Committee Co-Chairs
 Michelle Isadore* | Colleen Riggle* | Gina Helfrich* | Adale Sholock*



President Yi-Chun Tricia Lin

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2014-2016

Executive Committee

President Vivian May
 Vice President Nana Osei-Kofi
 Secretary Betsy Eudey*
 Secretary Carrie Baker*
 Treasurer Diane Harriford

Members-at-Large
 Treva Lindsey* and Nadia Brown*



Caucus/Task Force Representative Fawzia Afzal-Khan
 Elections Committee Chair Adela Licona
 Ethics, Equity, Diversity, and Accessibility Chair LaMonda Horton-Stallings
 Lesbian Caucus Co-Chairs

Jamie Cantrell and Erin Durban-Albrecht*

President Vivian May

Membership, Educational Outreach, and Programs Chair Mel
 Michelle Lewis

Program Administration and Development Co-Chairs

LeeRay Costa and Christa Craven

Regional Representative Kathleen Underwood

Women of Color Caucus Co-Chairs

Lydia Kelow-Bennett* and Karsonya Wise Whitehead*

Women's Centers Committee Co-Chairs

Gina Helfrich* and Adale Sholock*

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2016-2018

Executive Committee

President Barbara Ransby

Vice President Elora Chowdhury

Secretary

Carrie Baker* | Patti Duncan*

Treasurer Karma Chávez

Members-at-Large

Gwendolyn Beetham | LaMonda Horton-Stallings | Mel

Michelle Lewis | Adela Licona

Lesbian Caucus Chair

Jaime Cantrell | Elise Chenier*

Women of Color Caucus Co-Chairs

Karsonya Wise Whitehead | Lydia Kelow-Bennett* | Whitney Peoples*



President Barbara Ransby

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2018-2020

Executive Committee

President Premilla Nadasen

Vice President Diane Harriford

Secretary

Patti Duncan* | Karsonya Wise Whitehead*



Treasurer

Karma Chávez* | Natali Valdez*

Members-at-Large

Marlon M. Bailey* | Mecca Jamilah Sullivan* | M. Billye

Sankofa Waters | Mahruq Khan | Valerie

Francisco-Menchavez* | Sekile Nzinga-Johnson*

President Premilla Nadasen

Lesbian Caucus Co-Chairs

Sasha Goldberg and Ann Savage* | Briona S. Jones and Montiniquë McEachern

Women of Color Caucus Co-Chairs

Whitney Peoples* | Karsonya Wise Whitehead* | Lisa Covington*

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2020-2023

Executive Committee

President

Karsonya Wise Whitehead

Vice President

Ariella Rotramel

Secretary

Sonja Thomas* | Heidi R. Lewis* | Erica Williams*

Treasurer

Angela Clark-Taylor | Karma Chávez*

Members-at-Large

Valerie Francisco-Menchavez* | Sekile Nzinga-Johnson* | Erica Williams* | Qiana

Cutts* | Gina Velasco | Karma Chávez* | Yi-Chun Tricia Lin | Stephanie Troutman

Robbins | PrathimMaya Dora-Laskey | Dominique C. Hill | Jessica Pabón-Colón

Lesbian Caucus

Briona S. Jones* and Montiniquë McEachern*

Women of Color Caucus

Whitney Peoples* | Lisa Covington | Valerie Taylor

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2024-2025

Executive Committee

President

Heidi R. Lewis

Vice President

Stephanie Troutman Robbins

Secretary

Erica Williams** | Umme Al-wazedi

Treasurer

Karma Chávez** | Hiram Ramirez



Members-at-Large

Kristina Gupta | Dominique C. Hill* | Latoya Lee | Jessica Pabón-Colón* | Dana Olwan

Lesbian Caucus

Dominique C. Hill*

Women of Color Caucus

Lisa Covington** | Valerie Taylor** | Stephanie Andre Allen | Sabah Uddin

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2025-2027

Executive Committee

President

Jessica N. Pabón

Vice President

Kristina Gupta

Secretary

Umme Al-wazedi

Treasurer

Hiram Ramirez



Members-at-Large

Melinda Chen | Laurie Essig

Victoria Reyes | Maria Rovito

Lesbian Caucus

Dominique C. Hill

Women of Color Caucus

Stephanie Andrea Allen

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