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Washington Women's Foundation Elects New Director to Board

SEATTLE—(October 27, 2011)—At its annual meeting yesterday, Washington Women's Foundation members elected one new board director and re-elected four current directors to a new term beginning January 1, 2012.

Joining the Washington Women's Foundation board in January as a new director will be:

Cherry McGee Banks, Ed.D., is a professor of education at the University of Washington-Bothell. Professor Banks is the associate editor of the *Handbook of Research on Multicultural Education*, co-author of *Teaching Strategies for the Social Studies*, and author of *Improving Multicultural Education: Lessons From the Intergroup Education Movement*. She also serves on several national committees and boards including the *American Education Research Journal's* editorial board and the Board of Examiners for the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education. She has been a member of the Foundation since 2008 and is involved with the Grants and Discovery Days Committees.

Re-elected to new three-year terms are the following four current directors:

Kate Janeway is the current Vice Chair of the Board of Directors and serves on the Governance and Planning Committees; she previously chaired the Foundation's 2010-2013 Strategic Plan Steering Committee. She is a certified Hudson Institute Coach, focusing on building capacity in closely held and mission driven companies.

Donna Lou has been a member of the Foundation since 2005 and is now the board liaison to the Diversity Grant Committee. She is a member of Social Venture Partners and also serves on the board of College Access Now; Donna was a member of The Seattle Foundation Board of Directors from 2005 - 2010.

Pamela McCabe is the board liaison to the International Grant Committee and has served in the past as chair of the Communications, Grants, and Impact Assessment Committees as well as the Committee Cabinet. She is also an active community volunteer, currently serving on the Seattle Parks Foundation Board and the Lopez Island Family Resource Board.

Alison Oresman Wilson, a founding member, is serving on the Planning and Governance Committees and is a past chair of the board. A journalist and award-winning food writer, she had her third cookbook published in 2009. Alison serves on the boards of Pomegranate Center and The Children's Garden and is currently an advisory board member for UW's Center on Infant Mental Health and Development.

Washington Women's Foundation members submitted nominations for the new directors earlier in the year; a slate of nominees was approved by the board in September and voted on by the membership yesterday. Nineteen directors will serve on the Foundation board in 2012. For a complete listing of board members, visit the Foundation's website.

Also at the annual meeting, President Carla Lewis presented an overview of the organization's 2010 financial performance, community impact and key milestones. "We are in solid financial position and poised for the future with several new grant making initiatives, new educational offerings, and new community partnerships," she told members. "This allows us to provide more for our members, more for women's leadership in philanthropy and more for our community."

About Washington Women's Foundation

Washington Women's Foundation is an organization of more than 500 women who pool their financial and intellectual resources to make large impact grants to improve our community in Washington State. Through extensive educational programs on grant-making, community issues and other philanthropic topics, members collaborate on solutions and serve as philanthropic leaders. Since 1995, Washington Women's Foundation members together have invested more than \$11 million. The Foundation is open to all women interested in philanthropy.

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