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Washington Women's Foundation Elects Three New Directors to Board

SEATTLE—(October 30, 2012)—At its annual meeting last week, Washington Women's Foundation members elected three new board directors and re-elected five current directors to three-year terms beginning January 1, 2013.

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

Cassandra Manuelito-Kerkvliet, Ph.D. became President of Antioch University Seattle in July 2007. Dr. Manuelito-Kerkvliet is the first Native American woman to ascend to the presidency of an accredited university outside the tribal college system. She previously founded and directed the Indian Education Office at Oregon State University, and has worked in various student service and counseling positions at several universities throughout the West. She now serves on the Seattle Community Colleges Chancellor's Advisory Council. Cassandra is a member of the executive Board of Washington State Campus Compact and the Board of Directors of the Higher Education Resource Services. She is a member of the Rotary Club of Seattle, and has been a member of the Washington Women's Foundation since 2009.

N. Elizabeth (Beth) McCaw is an attorney who retired in 2011 from Stokes Lawrence, P.S., where she was a shareholder in the firm's estate planning group. Beth is a Fellow in the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and, from 2008 through 2011, was recognized by The Best Lawyers in America® in Non-Profit/Charities. She is now the President of the Board of Trustees of The Rainier Club and serves on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the YWCA of Seattle-King County-Snohomish County. She also serves on advisory committees for The Seattle Foundation, Book-It Repertory, and the Seattle Humane Society. Beth has been a member of Washington Women's Foundation since 2009.

Mary K. Stevens is a community volunteer who has been an active member of the Washington Women's Foundation since 2002, chairing the Pooled Fund Grant Committee, leading the Committee Cabinet and the Innovation Grant Committee in 2012. Mary is currently is Vice President of the Board of Casa Latina, and is a past Board member of Plymouth Housing Group and University Prep, where she co-chaired their

first-ever Endowment Campaign. She has professional experience in fundraising at organizations dedicated to education and the arts, including ACT Theatre.

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

Grace Chien recently retired as Chief Executive Officer of Girl Scouts of Western Washington. She has served on the Boards of Directors for the Alliance of Nonprofits, Seattle Rotary #4, and is a past appointee of the Governor on the Washington State Commission for National and Community Service. Grace is an alumna of Leadership Tomorrow, for which she currently serves as a member of the Curriculum Committee and the Executive Development Institute. Grace joined the Foundation in 2009 and is now chair of the Governance Committee.

Mary Ann Ekman is an attorney and a Managing Member of Ekman Law P.L.L.C. in Seattle. She is a former tax partner of Deloitte & Touche and a former partner of Karr Tuttle Campbell, P.S. Mary Ann has served as Board president for both the University of Washington Law School Foundation and the Pocock Rowing Foundation. She is a founding member of the Foundation and is currently Treasurer of the Board.

Anne V. Farrell is President Emerita of the Seattle Foundation, where she was President and Chief Executive Officer for more than 20 years. She currently serves as Chair of the Board of Directors for KCTS9 Television, and sits on the Boards of the University of Washington Foundation and the Seattle Symphony Foundation, as well as REI and Cornerstone Advisors. She has served in the past on the boards of many institutions including Seattle University, Children's Hospital, Leadership Tomorrow, the Alliance for Education, the Council on Foundations, the Seattle Public Library Foundation, and Philanthropy Northwest. She is a founding Board member of the Foundation, and was Chair of the Board 2009-2011.

Carol Lewis serves as CEO of Philanthropy Northwest, a nonprofit membership association for foundations and corporate giving offices in six Northwest states. Carol previously served as Corporate Secretary and CAO for Coinstar, Inc. Prior to that, she was Executive Director of Pacific Northwest Ballet, Senior Vice President for Egghead Software and Deputy Mayor for former Seattle Mayor Charles Royer. She is currently on the Boards of Seattle Parks Foundation, Nesholm Family Foundation, and the national Board of the Forum of Regional Associations of Grantmakers. Carol is a founding member of WWF and is currently the Vice Chair of the Board.

Laura Midgley is a community volunteer who has been an active member of the Foundation since 2002, having served as Committee Chair for Grants, Cabinet, Discovery Days, and the Innovation Grant. Laura is the immediate past President of the Board for

Child Care Resources where she has served on the Board for 11 years. Laura has also served on the Board of Directors of University Prep, is a former Board Chair for Program for Early Parent Support (PEPS), and a founding Board member of Rebuilding Together Seattle.

These Board members join the following current members: Rhoda Altom, Cherry McGee Banks, Kathleen Edwards, Carrie George, Kate Janeway, Martha Kongsgaard, Kaycee Krysty, Donna Lou, Pamela McCabe, Gail Ransom, Judy Runstad, Iyabo Tinubu-Karch, Susanna Tull and Alison Oresman Wilson.

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 at the Annual Meeting. For a complete listing of board members, visit the Foundation's website (<http://www.wawomensfoundation.org/Board>).

Also at the annual meeting, President Carla Lewis presented an overview of the organization's 2011 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 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 \$12.3 million. The Foundation is open to all women interested in philanthropy.

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