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## NEWLY ELECTED NAMIC NATIONAL BOARD DIRECTORS ANNOUNCED

### Carlsen, Lambert, Lee, Philpott, Pillai And Snowden To Serve Three-Year Terms

**NEW YORK, NY - January 4, 2017 -- The National Association for Multi-ethnicity in Communications (NAMIC)** today announced the addition of six Directors to its Board. Now serving three-year terms as of January 1, 2017, the newly elected board members are:

- **Ann Carlsen**, founder and chief executive officer, Carlsen Resources, Inc.
- **Jerold Lambert**, group vice president, Legal Affairs, Mediacom Communications Corp.
- **Bill Lee**, vice president, Sales Professional Services, ARRIS
- **Joiava Philpott**, vice president, Regulatory Affairs, Cox
- **Pragash Pillai**, executive vice president, Operations, Optimum Region, Altice USA
- **K. Dane Snowden**, chief of staff, NCTA

"As NAMIC works to advance diversity and inclusion in this era of shifting business models and consolidation, we welcome these outstanding new board members," said **Michelle L. Rice**, chair, NAMIC National Board of Directors and executive vice president, Content Distribution & Marketing, TV One. "Their leadership and expertise in strategic business management will be invaluable as we move NAMIC's mission forward."

The **Executive Committee** of NAMIC's National Board of Directors comprises the following: **Chair - Michelle L. Rice**, executive vice president, Content Distribution and Marketing, TV One; **Vice Chair - Kevin Stephens**, executive vice president, Business Services, Altice USA; **Treasurer - Mark DePietro**, senior vice president, Marketing, Vecima Networks; **Secretary - Ebonne Ruffins**, vice president, Local Media Development, Comcast Corporation; **Immediate Past Chair - Michael D. Armstrong**, executive vice president and general manager, International Brand Development, Viacom; and **Eglon E. Simons**, president and CEO, NAMIC.

The NAMIC National Board Directors also serving current terms include: **James L. Anderson**, senior vice president, Communications, Turner Broadcasting System, Inc.; **James Brown**, executive vice president, Content Distribution, Talent and Marketing Groups, Revolt TV; **Michael Cooper**, vice president, Distribution Marketing, FOX Networks Group; **Oliver Dizon**, senior vice president, Asset Management, ESPN; **Lisa Williams-Fautroy**, senior vice president, Business & Legal Affairs, Discovery Communications; **Jay R. Grant**, senior vice president, General Counsel of Fusion Media Group, Univision Communications Inc.; **P. Sean Gupta**, vice president, Strategy and Operations, BET Networks (a Viacom Network); **Mark Kang**, senior vice president, Worldwide Distribution, INSP; **Carla Moore**, vice president, POS Strategy and Education, HBO; **Yasmine M. Ndassa, Ph.D.**, senior director, Business Process Analytics, Comcast; **Jaime J. Rodriguez**, vice president, Business & Legal Affairs, NBCUniversal;

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**Michelle Strong**, senior vice president, Distribution, A+E Networks; **Danielle Wade**, area vice president, Pacific Northwest, Charter Communications; **Crystal B. Washington**, senior vice president, External Relations & Vendor Management, Scripps Network Interactive; **Donna Rattley Washington**, regional vice president, Government & Regulatory Affairs, Washington Metro Area, Comcast Cable; and **Ninoska Zucconi**, vice president, Distribution Marketing, Univision Communications Inc.

For more information on the National Association for Multi-ethnicity in Communications and its Board of Directors visit [www.namic.com](http://www.namic.com) or contact the NAMIC National headquarters at 212-594-5985.

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### **ABOUT NAMIC**

NAMIC (National Association for Multi-Ethnicity in Communications) is the premier organization focusing on multi-ethnic diversity in the communications industry. Founded in 1980 as a non-profit trade association, today NAMIC comprises over 3,000 professionals belonging to a network of chapters nationwide. Through initiatives that focus on education, advocacy and empowerment, NAMIC champions equity and inclusion in the workforce, with special attention given to ensuring that the leadership cadres of our nation's communications industry giants reflect the multi-ethnic richness of the populations they serve. For more information, please visit [www.namic.com](http://www.namic.com) and stay connected to NAMIC on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

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