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Conference of Minority Public Administrators (COMPA) Announces New Leadership Team

ATLANTA, Georgia– The Conference of Minority Public Administrators (COMPA), a Section of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) that focuses on issues facing minorities in public administration, introduced its new leadership team during the 2019 ASPA Annual Conference. The new leadership team is comprised of practitioners and academics in the field of public administration representing a range of experience from graduate students to professionals who have established themselves as proven leaders in their respective fields.

The 2019 -2020 COMPA Board includes:

- President, Dr. Kristie Roberts-Lewis (MPA Coordinator/Professor of Public Administration, Point University)
- President-Elect, Dr. James Agbodzakey, (Director Urban SERCH Institute, Associate Professor of Public Leadership, University of North Texas at Dallas) ;
- Vice-President, Dr. Patricia Robertson (Assistant Professor, Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO))
- Secretary, Dr. Debra Monroe-Lax, Performance Research Analyst, MS Joint Legislative Oversight Committee
- Treasurer, Dr. Charles Menifield (Charles E. Menifield as Dean of the School of Public Affairs and Administration (SPAA) at Rutgers University-Newark)
- Immediate Past President, Loretta Tillery, CPM (Office of the County Executive, Prince George's County Government)

Five regional representatives representing the five ASPA regions were also elected to serve over the next couple of years:

- Region 1 Representative, Dr. Karina Moreno (Associate Professor, Urban Policy & Planning, Hunter College)
- Region 2 Representative, Jacqueline Greeley (U.S. Department of Homeland Security)
- Region 3 Representative, Dr. Talya Thomas, (Associate Professor, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Jackson State University)



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- Region 4 Representative, Earl Key, (Washington State Department of Transportation, Director of Office of Equal Opportunity)
- Region 5 Representative, LaKeisha Rivers
- At-Large Representative, Dr. Catherine Foster Rowell (Councilwoman, City of South Fulton, District 1)
- At-Large Representative, Dr. Veronica Adams Cooper (Professor, Albany State University)

About the Conference of Minority Public Administrators

The Conference of Minority Public Administrators (COMPAs) based in Washington, DC, was established in 1971. It is a section of the American Society for Public Administration. Our mission is to serve and assist public administrators, students and other professionals involved in public service. COMPAs is dedicated to achieving and supporting the following goals: strengthening and increasing the role minorities play in setting public policy; influencing public managers and executives to insure that the interests and goals of minority employees are served; educating our membership about emerging issues in public sector management by sponsoring conferences and issuing periodicals; nurturing the career aspirations of our membership by identifying employment opportunities; and recognizing outstanding service by public administrators.

About the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA)

Since 1939, ASPA has been the nation's most respected society representing all forums in the public service arena. We are advocates for greater effectiveness in government, agents of goodwill and professionalism, publishers of democratic journalism at its very best, purveyors of progressive theory and practice, and providers of global citizenship. We believe that by embracing new ideas, addressing key public service issues, and promoting change at both the local and international levels, we can enhance the quality of lives worldwide.

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