

4.4 The NABE Board Election

The NABE Board will hold its elections in March 2017 and the position of Western Region representative is one of the open positions. Two members of CABE have expressed interest in running for this position—Anaiada Colon-Muñiz and Francisca Sanchez. NABE requires that candidates are endorsed by their state affiliate to be able to be included on the ballot.

Candidate #1

Francisca Sánchez, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Provocative Practice

Francisca Sánchez recently retired as Associate Superintendent for Educational Services with Hayward Unified School District. She has served in a variety of leadership, administrative, and teaching positions at the district, county office, regional, and state levels, including as Chief Academic Officer for San Francisco Unified School District and Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction with the San Bernardino County Office of Education. She also served as president of the California Association for Bilingual Education for two years, and was again selected as President Elect this year.



In recognition of her continuing contributions to education, she was awarded a Presidential Excellence Medallion from CSU, San Bernardino in 2002, named as 2002 Inland Empire Educator of the Year, and inducted into the East Side Union High School District Hall of Fame in 2003. Francisca has been named to a number of influential national and state task forces and served for many years as a member of the statewide Curriculum & Instruction Steering Committee, where she was the chair for the Visual and Performing Arts Subcommittee. She was selected as the recipient of ACSA's 2005 State Valuing Diversity Award and CABE's 2006 Vision Award.

Passionate about her work, Francisca strives to be an advocate for equity and justice. She has authored a number of publications and articles and focuses her work to support schools and communities in creating and sustaining 21st century learning environments of deep engagement and high intellectual performance where every student is able to graduate college, career, and 21st century ready.

Candidate #2

Dr. Anaida Colon Muñiz, Associate Professor, Of Scholarly Practice , College of Educational Studies, Chapman University

Anaida Colón-Muñiz is currently an associate professor at Chapman University, Orange. For the last 18 years, she has served in various roles for the College of Educational Studies. She is currently Director of Community Education, at a community based education center run by the College of Educational Studies in Downtown, Santa Ana, CA. She coordinated the Multiple Subject and the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) programs for 14 years and teaches in these programs. She also serves on the faculty and doctoral committees for the Culture and Curriculum Studies Doctoral Program.



Dr. Colón-Muñiz received a Bachelor of Science degree from Binghamton University and a Master of Science from Bank Street College of Education in New York City. She became a bilingual teacher and teacher trainer for the New York City School District before pursuing a doctorate at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. In 1982, she became a faculty member for California State University, Fullerton, and later worked at San Diego State University Foundations. She returned to the public schools, serving as program administrator for bilingual education, foreign languages, English language development and curriculum for three urban school districts in California, Rowland, Orange and Santa Ana, before returning to higher education at Chapman University.

Her research and broad interests include bilingual education, transfer and maintenance of heritage languages and English language development. She also focuses her work on language policy in education here and abroad, and the language and culture of Puerto Rico. In addition, she continues to pursue issues of civil rights in education, literacy and biliteracy affecting Latino youth.

Dr. Colon-Muniz dedicates her life's work to the improvement of educational opportunities for language diverse and poor children, with a special emphasis in on the role of teachers and teacher educators. She has served as National President for the National Conference of Puerto Rican Women and is currently the SoCal Chapter President. She also served and State President for the California Association for Bilingual Education. She is currently on the Education Committee of the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda and is a Fellow for the Institute for Educational Leadership: Education Policy Fellowship Program. She also served as a key consultant in the development of El Sol Science and Arts Academy Charter in Santa Ana, California, an award winning public charter.

Teaching Experience

Dr. Colon-Muniz began her 40 year career as an Elementary Bilingual Teacher and later as a Bilingual Teacher Educator for a federally funded Trilingual Education Professional Development Grant in The City School District of New York. She worked for two State Departments of Education: New York and Massachusetts, and for Holyoke School District as a Bilingual Resource Teacher in Massachusetts. In California, she prepared teachers, administrators and parents as a Consultant for the federal Title VII Multifunctional Resource Center at San Diego State University and Cal State University, Fullerton, where she also served as faculty. She also served as bilingual administrator for three Southern California Districts including Rowland Heights, Orange Unified and Santa Ana Unified, developing bilingual programs of excellence, providing state of the art professional development, attaining millions in grants, monitoring program quality, and ensuring that students, teachers, administrators and parents were supported.

Books

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