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Yesterday Congressional Hispanic Staff Association (CHSA) Members voted to elect the 2009-2010 CHSA Executive Board. A record-breaking 136 Members voted in this year's elections, almost twice the number that voted last year. The incoming Executive Board will assume its responsibilities on Thursday, March 5, 2009.

Teresa Bravo was elected **CHSA President**. Teresa served as CHSA Treasurer on the 2008-2009 Executive Board. "I am honored to have been elected CHSA President," reacted Teresa, "and I look forward to working with the newly elected Executive Board and all CHSA Members. Together we will take CHSA to the next level, increasing communication, transparency and resources for CHSA Members." Teresa works in the Office of Congressman Raúl Grijalva (AZ-07).

Simon Tafoya was elected **CHSA Vice President**. Simon works in the Office of Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (NV). Simon said, "I look forward to working with all of our Members and Friends to enhance our community's presence on the Hill; and I encourage all of our Members to become and remain active advocates of our mission."

Lucy Ortega was elected **CHSA Treasurer**. Lucy works in the Office of Congressman Ed Pastor (AZ-04). "The outgoing Executive Board did a tremendous job with the implementation of several initiatives. I look forward to continuing their progress and to formulating and implementing the agenda of the new Executive Board," Lucy stated.

Claudia Montelongo was elected **CHSA Secretary**. In response to the election result, Claudia said, "I'm grateful for everyone's support; thank you to everyone who voted for me! I'm really excited to be the next Secretary of CHSA and hope to, with the new Executive Board, build upon the accomplishments of the previous Executive Boards." Claudia works in the Office of the 32nd Congressional District of California, formerly held by The Honorable Hilda Solis who now serves as U.S. Secretary of Labor.

The Executive Board Members-elect all share a deep commitment to CHSA's mission of recruiting, retaining and advancing Latino staffers on Capitol Hill. CHSA Members, Friends of CHSA, and other interested parties may contact the 2009-2010 Executive Board at CHSA.dc@gmail.com.

Javier D. Martinez, the outgoing **CHSA President**, said “Having our first female President is a major milestone for our organization that has doubled in size over the last nine months. I am extremely proud of all of our candidates and look forward to assisting them in any way to ensure another successful year in 2009.”

Adam Arguelles, the outgoing **CHSA Vice President**, offered these thoughts to 2009-2010 Executive Board, "Congratulations on running constructive, thoughtful campaigns for your new positions. Your message and vision for the future resonated with CHSA Members and they voted accordingly. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve CHSA over the past year. I look forward to continuing to advance CHSA's mission in conjunction with the incoming Executive Board."

On behalf of CHSA, we recognize and thank Elections Officer **Kory Vargas Caro** for his diligent work in administering and ensuring the integrity of yesterday's elections.

Sincerely,

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