

## TAM WELCOMES NEW DIRECTORS



We are delighted to announce that our two newest directors are long-time TAM member Dr. Nancy K. Ferrell of Dallas and 2017 Annual Conference Presenter Celina C. Shariff of Houston. Nancy has been a TAM member for 22 years and brings a wealth of experience to our Board. She has provided conflict resolution and mediation services to individuals, agencies and communities since 1985. Nancy believes that conflict resolution and mediation skills are 21<sup>st</sup> Century life skills. Her professional objective is to provide effective and affordable services to the largest number of people possible. She started her career as a civil rights mediator for the U. S. Department of Justice, Community Relations Service

for 12 years and has been in private practice since 1997. Nancy mediates cases dealing with a wide variety of issues, including civil rights, family, employment, contract, real estate, community, and faith community disputes. She has provided Basic, Family, Transformative, and other advanced mediation trainings annually since 1985. To find out more about Nancy, go to <http://www.conflicthappens.com>.



TAM Director Celina Charania Shariff has worked for years in a pro bono capacity with the Aga Khan Conciliation and Arbitration Board (CAB) to further the cause of peace-making. A Houston-based attorney and entrepreneur, Celina has held various positions within CAB, including her current role as Chairman of CAB USA. She has directly mediated or otherwise assisted parties and mediators in numerous family and commercial disputes. In 2015, Celina participated on behalf of CAB in a working group conference hosted by the

International Social Service in Switzerland to help draft a Charter on International Family Mediations. Celina has also served on the boards of several non-profit organizations including OPEN Houston (Charter Member), South Asian Chamber of Commerce of Houston (President), and Focus Humanitarian Assistance (Board Member). Celina received a Bachelor's degree from The University of Texas at Austin, a Juris Doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, and a Graduate Certificate in Public Policy and Management from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.