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MEDIA ADVISORY

Pauktuutit Announces Woman of the Year And New Board of Directors

Ottawa, Immediate: Pauktuutit Inuit Women's Association held its 20th Anniversary Annual General Meeting in Ottawa this week. Many special guests and presenters attended, including Jose Kusugak, President, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami; Anna Tyres, Partner Earthlore; Wayne Darling, KPMG; Teresa Doré, Director, Aboriginal Programs, Canadian Heritage, Marg Shawana, Senior Policy Advisor, Intergovernmental Relations Indian and Northern Affairs Canada; Howard Green, Director General, Aboriginal Affairs, Privy Council Office; Shawn Tupper – Director General, Residential Schools Resolution Canada and Huguette LeClerc, Chief, program and development Status of Women Canada.

Two workshops were featured during the four day of meetings. The first was *Understanding the Choices: Inuit women's participation in the work of Canada's Nuclear Waste Management Organization*. The second workshop was *SIVUMUAPALLIANIQ – JOURNEY FORWARD* - designed to increase awareness of the intergenerational impacts of residential schools and to enhance participants' capacity to heal.

At the end of the AGM President Mary Palliser announced the names of the Board of Directors elected during the meeting. These directors, who will represent their regions for the period of November 2004 to November 2006, are:

Labrador Region	Ataomie Blake from Northwest River
Ungava Region	Minnie Etidloie from Kangirsuijuaq
Hudson Region	Leana Metuq from Inukjuak
Baffin South Region	Akeego Ikidluak from Kimmirut
Baffin North Region	Mary Qulittalik from Igloolik

Kivalliq Region	Rhoda Paliak-Angootialuk from Coral Harbour
Kitikmeot Region	Jeannie Evalik from Cambridge Bay
Inuvialuit Region	Anita Pokiak from Tuktoyaktuk
Non-northern director	Ovilu Goo-Doyle from Ottawa
Youth director	April Andersen from Nain

The Board Executive consists of President, Mary Palliser from Inukjuak, Vice President, Mary Matoo from Coral Harbour, and Secretary/Treasurer, Annie Buchan from Taloyoak. Their mandates continue until the fall of 2005.

President Palliser also announced the 2004 Woman of the Year. She is Elisapee Davidee from Iqaluit. Elisapee is committed to empowering single mothers to gain self confidence and traditional knowledge by organising 'on the land' experiences.

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