



## 2010 Pauktuutit Annual General Meeting

**March 31, 2010 (Ottawa)** Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada held its Annual General Meeting in Ottawa from March 24 – 26, 2010.

The Board of Directors reported on the organization's activities during the 2008/09 fiscal year. Elections were held for several positions on the Board of Directors. New Board members include Anne Thrasher, Western Arctic; Betsy Eetidloie, Urban (Montreal); Tracy Evans, youth (Nunatsiavut); and Minnie Alaku, youth (Nunavik). The Board of Directors will fill vacancies for two seats from Nunavik and a representative from Winnipeg at their next meeting. Departing directors were Anita Pokiak, Western Arctic; Minnie Etidlui and Leena Metuq, Nunavik; Mary Matoon, Kivalliq; Meeka Enuaraq Otway, urban; and Valerie Taqtu and Jennie Williams, youth. The members were recognized and thanked for their many contributions and commitment to Pauktuutit and its work.

Each year Pauktuutit takes advantage of the opportunity of this national gathering of Inuit women to hold workshops and discussions on timely issues and priorities. This year, delegates participated in workshops and consultations on residential schools initiatives including the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and discussed Inuit women's health research priorities. Fifteen resolutions were passed on a range of current and emerging issues that will guide the organization's work in the coming year.

The Pauktuutit Board and delegates were honoured to receive messages from Her Excellency Michaëlle Jean, Governor General of Canada; the Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada; Mary Simon, President, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami; Michael Ignatieff, Leader, Liberal Party of Canada; Pita Aatami, President, Makivik Corporation and others. Special guests who addressed the delegation in person included Duane Smith, President, Inuit Circumpolar Council (Canada); Todd Russell, MP, Nunatsiavut; Larry Bagnell, MP, Yukon; Jean Crowder, MP, Nanaimo-Cowichan; and Yvon Lévesque, MP, Abitibi – Baie James – Nunavik – Eeyou, Quebec. Audrey Qaminirq was honoured as the Inuit Woman of the Year in recognition of her commitment and many contributions to her community and the well-being of Inuit.