

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Ian Cook elected President of Sask Sport Inc.**

Ian Cook was elected President of Sask Sport Inc. at the sport federation's annual general meeting today in Regina. Nominated to the board in 2006 by the Saskatchewan Racquetball Association, Cook served as the Vice President of Saskatchewan Lotteries, and served on the Audit Committee, Provincial KidSport™ Committee, Future Best Committee, and the Administration Center Advisory Committee.

Cook replaces outgoing President Gord Lang who will remain on the board as Past President. Lang was elected to the board in 2005 by the Saskatchewan Racquetball Association. Lang served as a member of the Audit and Sport Funding Committees, and was previously elected to the board in 1989.

The other members elected to Sask Sport Inc.'s Executive were:

#### **Ron Cooley, Vice President, Sport**

Elected to the board in 2007 by the Saskatchewan Cycling Association, the Saskatoon resident has served on the Sport Committee, Awards and Recognition Committee, Future Best Committee, and Dispute Resolution Committee. Before joining the Sask Sport Inc. board, he had served as been the Vice President of Development for the Saskatchewan Cycling Association and chaired its Development Committee.

#### **Craig Francis, Vice President, Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation**

Francis was elected to the board in 2007 by the Saskatchewan Rowing Association. He chaired the Sport Funding Committee and served on the Aboriginal Advisory Committee, Trust Committee, and Community Development Fund Committee. He has been an active sport participant and competed in events organized by the Regina Ski Club, Regina Marathon Canoe Club and the Regina Rowing Club.

#### **Dale Holmes, Secretary Treasurer**

Elected to the board in 2007 by Basketball Saskatchewan, Holmes has served on the Lottery Division Committee, Administration Center Advisory Committee, Sport Committee, and Future Best Committee. Previously, he has served as the head coach for the senior boys basketball team at Leboldus High School. He has been involved with Basketball Saskatchewan for more than a decade and played for the University of Regina Cougar Basketball Team.

#### **Morgan Williams, Vice President, Saskatchewan Lotteries**

Williams was elected to the board in 2007 by Boxing Saskatchewan. He was a member of the Sport Funding Committee, Sport Committee, Aboriginal Advisory Committee, and Lottery Division Committee. Williams has been the President of Boxing Saskatchewan, and is a Level 5 International Referee and Judge, and Certified Level 3 Boxing Coach.

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New members elected to the board include:

**Lloyd Howey, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan Athletics**

Howey has been a starter with Saskatchewan Athletics and played a key role in the development of the Run, Jump and Throw program. As a member of Sask Sport Inc.'s Aboriginal Advisory Committee, Howey has helped in the creation of new initiatives to increase Aboriginal participation and volunteers. He has also been a basketball coach and served on the board of directors of various foundations.

**Phyllis Pogany, Arborfield, Saskatchewan Racquetball Association**

Pogany has been a member of the Technical Advisory Committee and the Site Selection Committee for the Saskatchewan Games Council. She served as mission staff for the Canada Winter Games in Cape Breton, was a strategic planning advisor for the Aboriginal Advisory Committee, and has been a sessional lecturer at the University of Regina.

**Kendra Richards, Regina, Saskatchewan Curling Association**

Richards has been the secretary treasurer at the Caledonian Curling Club and is the president of Curl Regina. She has been the co-chair of the CUETS Sandra Schmirler Charity Classic and served on the board of three Scotties Tournaments of Hearts. She previously served on the Sask Sport Inc. board from 1986-89 and was elected Vice President of Sport.

**Audra Young, Regina, Saskatchewan Rowing Association**

Young has served on the Sask Sport Inc. Aboriginal Advisory Committee and is an active volleyball participant in training for the upcoming Can Am Police Fire Games. She has been a board member of the Community Initiatives Fund for the six years, and a board member with the Rainbow Youth Centre for eight years. She was elected to the board of Family Service Regina last year.

The returning board members are: Kelly DuMont nominated to the board in 2006 by the Saskatchewan Amateur Wrestling Association, Marnie Eistetter, nominated to the board in 2006 by Synchro Saskatchewan, and Shirley Kowalski nominated to the board in 2006 by the Coaches Association of Saskatchewan.

Sask Sport Inc. thanks the following members who are retiring this year from the board: Harvey Lavigne, Saskatchewan Handgun Association; Barbara Deets, Saskatchewan Squash Inc.; Trevor Forrest, Special Olympics Saskatchewan; and Don MacAulay, Saskatchewan Racquetball Association.

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