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President's Message

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Thank you, to the delegates of this year's Annual General Meeting, for honouring me with another term as your President. The outgoing Board members deserve special recognition for the many and long hours they spent working for the betterment of all Inuit and the newly elected Board deserves congratulations and best wishes for the work that they, too, will do.

The 1989-90 year was a remarkable one and it was marked by the completion of twelve special projects. Although all of our projects were important, the highlight of the year was the ''Ikajurti'' midwifery video which was premiered at our 1990 AGM and broadcast by IBC on June 3, 1990. This video was a major achievement in Pauktuutit's efforts to bring the issue of traditional midwifery and modern child-birthing practices to public and government attention.

Research was a major focus of our projects this year and the reason for this is simple - research is essential to our understanding of the issues confronting Inuit women. The most recent research project, on substance abuse, has cast considerable light on the prevalence and seriousness of a wide variety of health and social issues in our communities. According to this research, problems such as inadequate housing, unemployment and alcohol and drug abuse persist, yet there are many boards and agencies in our communities who are mandated to deal with these issues. Based on the research findings, Pauktuutit is recommending that community service providers begin to work together and we will be asking Health and Welfare Canada for funds to hire a national coordinator who would work with communities to implement community based alcohol, drug and solvent abuse projects.

Our attempts to better understand the serious issues facing us are closely tied to our efforts to communicate information and discoveries to our people across Canada. Throughout the year, we have tried very hard to reach this objective through workshops; translation of public information; videos; radio; and newsletters. It is my hope that the Inuit women of Canada and all other Inuit will help us to be a stronger organization by talking to us, commenting on our projects and providing us with guidance and direction.

For a remarkable year, Pauktuutit has many, many people to thank but those who must be thanked first are the Pauktuutit Board of Directors, the staff and translators-interpreters.

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Pauktuutit's Aims and Objectives

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Pauktuutit Inuit Women's Association of Canada

Pauktuutit, the Inuit Women's Association of Canada, is a national non-profit organization representing all Canadian Inuit women.

Our mandate is to foster a greater awareness of the needs of Inuit women and to encourage their participation in community, regional and national concerns in relation to social, cultural and economic development.

The aims and objectives of Pauktuutit are:

- 1) To unite the Inuit women of Canada;
- 2) To act and be recognized as the official representative for Inuit women:
- To familiarize our children with Inuit values, heritage, culture and language;
- 4) To work towards better conditions for all Inuit women;
- To motivate Inuit women to realize their potential as individuals and as a group;
- 6) To promote self-confidence and self-reliance amongst Inuit women:
- To encourage Inuit women to take their rightful place in society;
- To work for the betterment of individual, family and community conditions through social and economic action;
- 9) To promote the rights of Inuit women and children;
- To promote the equality of Inuit women in all levels of Canadian governmental and non-governmental structures;
- 11) To encourage the involvement of Inuit women in all levels of Canadian society; and
- To encourage communication between Inuit women and all aboriginal peoples.

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Reports on Issues



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Introduction

In 1989-90, with the support of various funding sources, Pauktuutit was able to undertake a number of initiatives on issues of current and longstanding concern to Inuit women. The following reports record Pauktuutit's recent progress in addressing these issues.

1. Health

• Substance Abuse Substance abuse is often associated with other serious social problems, although it remains unclear whether it actually causes other problems or is a further symptom of the social and economic instability of many Inuit communities. Conventional efforts to deal with alcohol, drug and solvent abuse — as with other social issues — have focussed on treating the problem in isolation, even though solutions may often be found in other contributing or resulting problems. Pauktuutit's work over the past year has tended to confirm the opinion that a co-ordinated approach to the problem of substance abuse and other social issues offers hope that these problems may be addressed more effectively in the future.

In December 1989, Pauktuutit received funding from the National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program (NNADAP) to conduct research into community needs regarding substance abuse programs and services. As part of the study, a questionnaire was compiled to gather information on the programs and services available in communities, and to survey residents about the kinds and seriousness of problems facing their communities. One hundred and eighty-six questionnaires were mailed to alcohol and drug committees, hamlet councils, nursing stations, Inuit organizations and individuals involved in health care in the NWT, Northern Quebec and Labrador. A shorter version of the questionnaire was included in a special issue of Pauktuutit's newsletter, *Suvaguuq*, which readers were asked to complete and return to Pauktuutit's office.

Responses were received from most Inuit communities, an indication of the deep concern felt by many about the current health and well-being of their communities. While the final report noted many regional differences and confirms that, to many people, substance abuse is the *most serious* problem facing their community (44.4%), it also records that other problems such as inadequate housing (72.5%) and unemployment (69.2%) are persistently *serious* problems in the majority of Inuit communities. Poverty, family violence and lack of recreational activities continue to be considerable problems in many communities.

The findings have prompted Pauktuutit to recommend that the NNADAP and its NWT counterpart begin to fund pilot projects aimed at co-ordinating existing community services

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and developing a co-operative approach among all community organizations, agencies, boards and committees in combatting substance abuse and other social problems. Pauktuutit is taking the further step of preparing a funding proposal for submission to the NNADAP for a National Substance Abuse Co-ordinator who would facilitate the proposed community projects.

· AIDS Providing AIDS information to northern communities and individuals has been a priority for Pauktuutit over the past year. The danger which AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) poses is considerable and regular efforts have been made through radio and Pauktuutit's newsletter Suvaguuq to inform individuals and communities of the nature of the disease, its symptoms, what preventative measures ought to be taken, as well as how AIDS is and is not transmitted.

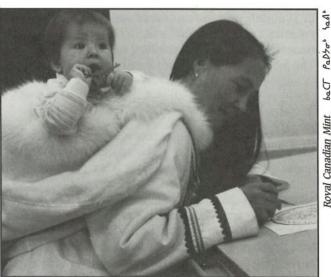
2. Suicide

Suicide, particularly among Inuit youth, is a growing problem in the North today. Last summer Pauktuutit produced a research paper titled "The Problem of Suicide Among Inuit Youth" in an effort to better understand the nature and dimensions of the problem in Inuit communities. The paper records a dramatic increase in the rate of suicide among Inuit over the past 20 years, occurring mostly among young males and often involving other social problems such as substance abuse and family violence. The suicide rate among Inuit today is over three times that of the national rate. The paper suggests that the "harsher" life experience of Inuit society over the past 20 years has increased the likelihood of Inuit suicide, and concludes that the solution "may lie in understanding and then changing those conditions which are 'harsher' than those facing non-Inuit society". Such an approach requires that suicide be seen not as a isolated issue but as a problem influenced by the many social, political and economic realities of the North, and that solutions be sought through collective action at the community and national levels.

A recent special issue of Pauktuutit's newsletter Suvaguuq featured a summary of the research paper's findings as well as advice on detecting and helping suicidal persons. In addition, Pauktuutit has received direction from its 1990 AGM to work with other Inuit organizations in an effort to produce a video on the problem of suicide in the North.

3. Family Violence and Child Sexual Abuse

Following the success of the workshop on family violence held at last year's AGM, Pauktuutit received funding from the Women's Program of the Department of the Secretary of State to hold a second family violence workshop at the 1990 AGM. (see Report on AGM) Family violence encompasses all forms of domestic abuse including spousal assault, abuse of elders, adult sexual and child sexual abuse. The issue of child sexual abuse has been of particular concern to Pauktuutit and, as a follow-up to the extensive work already undertaken, funding has been received from the CLa bAgaDLable d.S.A. (gb) scas of gpons (DD) こくらいしょくしょうしょくしょくしょくしょくしょうしゃくしゃしん LCUP-2041/C PODDOD OF OF DP1/DPC-40-1 CLa $4.4.\Lambda$. $b\sigma La 50\%$, $b\Delta D\sigma M^{\circ}$, $b\Delta^{\circ}$ $C\Delta L\Delta D^{\circ}\dot{C}$ - $C\Delta \subset \mathcal{C}_{0}$, \mathcal{C}_{0} $\Delta D \subset \mathcal{C}_{0}$ $\Delta D \subset \mathcal{C}$



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In addition, Pauktuutit has begun to conduct research into the prevalence of child sexual abuse in Inuit communities. The research findings will form part of a planned publication which will include advice on how to detect if a child has been sexually abused and information on what assistance is available in communities. The publication is expected to be completed and translated in time for the 1991 AGM.

4. Midwifery

The premiere showing of the video *Ikajurti* at this year's annual general meeting marked a major accomplishment for Pauktuutit. The hour-long video, co-produced by Pauktuutit and Inuit Broadcasting Corporation (IBC), is the first television documentary ever made on the subject of traditional Inuit midwifery and modern childbirthing practices. *Ikajurti* was broadcast by IBC on June 3 and received overwhelming response from viewers who called in their concerns and opinions during a live phone-in segment following the broadcast.

More recently, Pauktuutit has begun work on a planned booklet which will incorporate Inuit oral history and traditional midwifery knowledge. It is hoped that the publication will provide a solid base of traditional midwifery knowledge before further efforts are taken to determine what changes are desired for the future. Funding for the initial research phase of the project has already been provided by Health and Welfare and fund raising efforts are underway for the next stage which will involve interviews with Inuit elders and midwives.

5. Day Care

With more and more mothers working outside the home the need for alternative child care in the North has grown correspondingly. The scarcity of child care centres in the North has been a special concern to Pauktuutit. During a day care workshop held at last year's AGM, delegates agreed that more information was needed on the operation and funding of day care centres in the North. At the request of its membership, Pauktuutit produced in 1989 the booklet How to Start Day Care in Inuit Communities, a guide to day care operation and program funding. In addition, funding provided by Health and Welfare Canada's Child Care Initiatives Fund will enable Pauktuutit to hold a series of day care workshops in four communities in 1990, to which every community can send a representative. The workshops will be held in Nain, Labrador (August), Inuvik, NWT (September), Igaluit, NWT (November), and Kuujjuag, Northern Quebec (January).

6. Communications

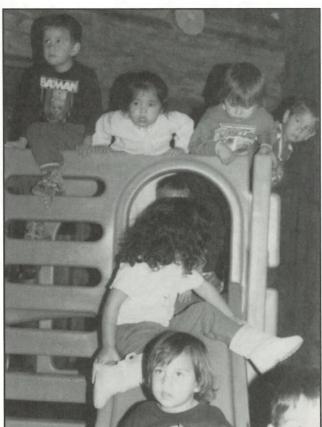
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1989 also saw the production of Pauktuutit's publication *The Inuit Way*, an information guide written to help non-Inuit working in Inuit communities better appreciate and understand Inuit culture. Demand for *The Inuit Way*, which is translated in both Inuktitut writing systems, has been so great that a reprint has already been made.



Mary Sillett in Nain, Labrador location for the regional day care workshop

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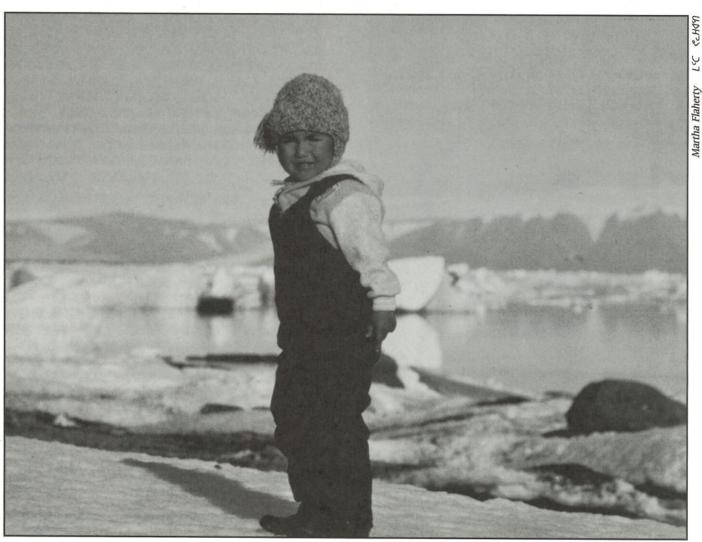
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Introduction

Pauktuutit's Annual General Meeting brings together Inuit women from across the North to discuss issues of local and national concern. In addition to reviewing the organization's work over the past year, delegates to the AGM give direction for the upcoming year.

The Sixth Annual General Meeting took place in Iqaluit, NWT from March 27-29, 1990. Delegates to the meeting participated in discussions and workshops on a range of current and long-standing issues including, health and social services, the judicial system in the North, midwifery, day care, family violence, child sexual abuse and suicide.

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Health

Pauktuutit's Health Co-ordinator, Martha Greig, spoke to the assembly about current health issues in the North — in particular AIDS (see Report on Issues) — and outlined recent initiatives undertaken by the organization. Annie Nattaq, a member of the Baffin Regional Health Board, was also invited to address the AGM on health issues. Due to the numerous health concerns expressed by delegates it was decided that the AGM's resolution committee should take note of the major concerns, and that Martha Greig and Annie Nattaq would meet individually with community representatives to examine ways of addressing specific concerns.

Social Services

Representatives from the Social Services departments of the NWT, Newfoundland/Labrador and Quebec governments were invited to speak to this year's AGM delegates about their work and about recent developments affecting social services in each of the three provincial and territorial areas. Pauktuutit President Mary Sillett commented that over the years there have been many complaints about social services and social workers in Inuit communities, and remarked that communication between Social Services departments and Inuit organizations needs to be improved.

Delegates discussed a variety of concerns regarding Social Services policy and practices in the North. It was agreed that social assistance rates for single mothers should be increased to raise the living standard of single-parent families to an appropriate level. In addition to hiring more Inuit



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social workers and translators, it was felt that social workers from the south should be given cultural training sessions before working in Inuit communities. Delegates also discussed the need for more Inuit foster homes to help resolve the issue of Inuit children who are adopted by non-Inuit

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families and in the process lose their language and culture. It was felt that the adoption/fostering criteria used by Social Services is unduly strict and in too many cases eliminates the opportunity for Inuit to become adoptive parents. The question of Inuit who find themselves stranded in the south and unable to obtain social assistance because they have no fixed address was also discussed. Delegates agreed that under such circumstances Social Services should at least provide Inuit with return airfare to their home communities.

Midwifery

Delegates to the sixth AGM viewed the premiere of *Ikajurti*, a video on midwifery practices in the North, co-produced by Pauktuutit and Inuit Broadcasting Corporation (IBC). The Hon. Barbara McDougall, Minister of Canada Employment and Immigration, who mobilized federal funding sources for the video's production while she was Minister Responsible for the Status of Women, also attended the video's premiere and was presented with an Inuit print by Pauktuutit Board member Enooya Enook. Following the viewing, delegates discussed the production of *Ikajurti* and the issue of midwifery in the North with *Ikajurti*'s producer, George Hargrave, and Ruby Arngna'naaq, who also worked on the production. Delegates concluded their discussion by agreeing that a resolution be written demanding the recognition of Inuit midwifery practices in the North.

Family Violence and Child Sexual Abuse

Through funding from the Women's Program of the Department of the Secretary of State, Pauktuutit was able to hold a very successful workshop on family violence at this year's AGM.

Delegates began the workshop by previewing three public service announcements (PSAs) on child sexual abuse produced by Inuit Broadcasting Corporation. Tony Martens, principal author of the *The Spirit Weeps*, a book about child sexual abuse in Canadian native communities, and a specialist in the treatment of families, victims and offenders of family violence and sexual abuse, spoke to delegates about the need for solutions beyond imprisonment to the behavioural problems of offenders. Delegates expressed concern, on the one hand, that the sentencing of offenders reflect adequately society's intolerance of violence against women and children; and, on the other, that judicial redress be accompanied by appropriate treatment for offenders — particularly sexual offenders.

Mr. Martens noted that while the treatment of sexual offenders needs to be an integral part of sentencing most jails do not have treatment programs; that some sexual offenders are untreatable; and that the most effective treatment program in cases of sexual assault must involve all the affected parties.

It was suggested that elders and other Inuit within the communities be trained to counsel offenders and victims. Such counselling would serve as a counterbalance to the uncer-

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James Igloliorte and Rosemarie Kuptana, invited guest speaker and resource person

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tain advantages of imprisonment which many delegates felt only produces more dangerous people and often exposes convicted offenders to other problems such as drug and solvent abuse.

Delegates concluded the workshop by discussing what community action could be taken to deal with the issue of child sexual abuse. It was reported that Baker Lake parents have formed a group to examine ways of combatting the problem and are applying to the GNWT Department of Social Services for project funds to assist them in this work. It was recommended that more communities set up child sexual abuse workshops and that demand be further made for community treatment facilities for offenders, victims and families.

Judicial Process

Judge James Igloliorte, the only Inuk magistrate in Canada, spoke to the assembly. After commenting on the judicial process in Labrador and his own responsibilities as magistrate, he concluded by saying that the justice system had to change to be more responsive to the needs of Inuit.

Delegates discussed the issue of a territorial court judge who recently received widespread criticism from both native and non-native women's groups for his derogatory comments about the nature of sexual assault in the north and his light sentencing of sexual offenders. Judge Igloliorte acknowledged that he would have handled the situation differently.

In answer to one delegate's concern that people in Northern Quebec often do not have the money to travel to court, it was announced that new travelling court circuits have been established.

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Concern was also expressed about the actual effectiveness of imprisonment. The comment was made that inmates often do not see jail terms as punishment since they are given shelter, food, clothing and other privileges.

The case of a woman from Nain wishing to regain custody of her children was addressed by Judge Igloliorte. It was reported that the Department of Social Services had advised the woman she would be unable to regain custody until the children were 18 years old. Judge Igloliorte replied that under the law the children are free to return to their parents at age 16 in Labrador.

Suicide

Pauktuutit's Health Co-ordinator, Martha Greig, presented to the assembly the results of a recent research paper conducted by the organization on the issue of suicide among Inuit youth. (see Report on Issues) Following the presentation delegates engaged in an emotional discussion about the effects of suicide both personally and on Inuit society in general. The issue was deferred to the regional delegates workshops for more detailed discussion.

Regional Reports

In addition to discussing ways of resolving the problem of youth suicide, delegates addressed a wide range of local and regional issues during the time set aside at the AGM for regional meetings.

Kitikmeot

Kitikmeot delegates noted the need in their region for more Inuit helpers to assist with the many social problems experienced 'by people in the communities. Delegates also remarked on the need for funding for women's shelters, an elders home in the region, a day care facility, and more services for elders and children who have been the victims of abuse. The shortage of adequate housing was acknowledged to be a serious problem in the region.

Western Arctic

Western Arctic delegates expressed their support for the reintroduction of traditional Inuit midwifery. They stated that professional therapy should be made available to children who have been sexually abused. In addition, it was felt that there should be trained Inuit counsellors to deal with suicide, as well as detoxification centres in smaller communities to give ongoing support to those treated for drinking problems. The delegates agreed that more day care centres are needed in the region.

Keewatin

Keewatin delegates concluded that committees should be established to bring together representatives from among both older and younger people in order to encourage better understanding and communication between different generations. Such committees would meet regularly and enable

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From left to right: Mary Sillett, Martha Greig, Leah Nutaraq and Caroline Niviaxie

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Baffin

Delegates from the Baffin region agreed on the need for more trained Inuit counsellors, especially in schools where counselling should be made available to students experiencing problems. It was felt that more effort needed to be made to understand the reasons behind suicide as well as how to detect and treat suicidal persons. In addition, the delegates stated inmates should be monitored more closely and that in the event of a suicide a full investigation by the RCMP should be undertaken.

Baffin delegates also agreed on the need for more measures to help curb the impact of alcoholism on families; to avoid unnecessary delays in court appearances; and to provide the needed emotional support to any child whose mother has died. Concern was expressed that teachers be better trained in asking students about possible abuse by their parents since parents who are not guilty of such abuse may nevertheless suffer from the experience. It was felt that Pauktuutit should continue to provide information on issues such as suicide and child sexual abuse.

Nunavik (Northern Quebec)

Northern Quebec delegates agreed that women's groups should take the initiative in helping young people form their own groups. Youth groups would be recognized by the community and would enable young Inuit to talk to each other about their problems. It was also felt that training should be provided to local women's groups to allow them to cope with, and provide counselling for, sexual abuse.

Labrador

Labrador delegates discussed the need for better communication between parents and children. It was agreed that elders should resume their traditional role as teachers of the young, to instill in them fundamental values and to help discourage suicide.

Abortion

Special Projects Co-ordinator Linda Archibald presented to the assembly a research paper on abortion outlining the views of both pro-choice and anti-abortion proponents. The research paper was undertaken at the direction of the 1989 AGM to provide individuals and communities with more information on the issue.

Following the presentation, Keewatin delegate Annie Napayok read from a letter by Louis Pilakapsi, President of the Keewatin Inuit Association, which outlined the position formally adopted by KIA that abortion only be considered acceptable if the mother's life or health is at risk. Concern was expressed that many young girls undergo abortions without the knowledge or consent of parents or other rela-

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tives. The opinion was put forth that abortion was not necessary since there are many good and willing adoptive parents. The delegates concluded that discussions on the issue of abortion should continue.

ATII

ATII Co-ordinator Simona Arnatsiaq-Barnes presented delegates with information on Inuit management training programs currently offered through ATII. She invited delegates and anyone interested in attending courses in the future to contact her.

Elections

The following people were elected to Pauktuutit's Board of Directors:

Executive

Mary Sillett	 . (acclaimed) President
Caroline Niviaxie	 Vice-President
Martha Flaherty	 Secretary-Treasurer

Regional Board Members

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Maggie Annanack (alternate)
Lizzie Palliser (Hudson's Coast) Northern Quebec
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1990 Resolutions



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90-01: resolves that midwifery practices be recognized and supported by both government and the medical profession; that training in traditional and contemporary midwifery practices be made available in communities; and that Pauktuutit work with other organizations to make midwifery services (including comprehensive pre- and post-natal care) available in all communities.

90-02: directs Pauktuutit to urge the governments of the Northwest Territories, Quebec and Newfoundland to undertake, with the full involvement of Inuit, a complete review of social service policies and programs and their delivery in Inuit communities with the view to making these policies and programs more responsive to the needs of Inuit.

90-03: urges the Government of the Northwest Territories to commission a full public inquiry into the treatment of women and children as victims of violence and offer recommendations on, among other things, judicial recruitment and appointment practices, sentencing practices and victims' services. The commission should include representation from all northern native groups, be made up of at least 50 per cent women, and be chaired by a woman.

90-04: resolves that community-based programs for family violence and child sexual abuse offenders be established, and that members of the criminal justice system ensure that offenders be referred to these programs as part of their sentencing.

90-05: directs Pauktuutit to urge that a full inquiry be made into the reasons and circumstances surrounding all suicides and attempted suicides in correctional institutions.

90-06: directs Pauktuutit to lobby the governments of the Northwest Territories, Quebec and Newfoundland for regional and/or community suicide-prevention crisis lines; and resolves that Pauktuutit work with other organizations to produce a video dealing with the problem of suicide in the North.

90-07: commends the efforts of circumpolar Inuit youth in addressing the problem of suicide among young Inuit, and resolves that Pauktuutit fully support all co-operative efforts to promote suicide prevention in the North.

90-08: resolves that Pauktuutit urge those responsible for arrangements in medical travel ensure that patients (particularly elders, pregnant women and women travelling with young children) not be inconvenienced or distressed by ticket, scheduling or accommodation difficulties, and ensure that patients be allowed to return home without delay when they are well.

90-09: directs Pauktuutit to lobby all levels of government, the judicial system and communities to initiate treatment

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services and programs for child sexual abuse offenders, victims, their families and communities, which will be culturally relevant, community-based, involve elders and be available in Inuktitut.

90-10: resolves that Pauktuutit urge governments to raise social assistance rates in the Northwest Territories, Quebec and Labrador to adequate levels, particularly for single mothers, and which will further take account of such special needs as health problems, food allergies and the increasingly high cost of living in the North.

90-11: directs Pauktuutit to research the current unavailability of travel assistance to people who are required to appear in court outside their home community, and to urge the appropriate authorities to provide such assistance when necessary.

90-12: urges that the Secretary of State implement a permanent, adequately-funded program to promote Inuit language and culture; that an Aboriginal Languages Act be instituted with the full participation of aboriginal organizations; and that the Government of Canada recognize Inuktitut as an official language.

90-13: calls upon the federal government to reinstate the Native Communications Program and to restore the 16 per cent cut to the Northern Native Broadcast Access Program's budget.

90-14: directs Pauktuutit to urge community police officers to keep the families of inmates held in correctional institutions informed of any changes in the condition or location of these inmates.

90-15: requests that the departments of Social Services in the Northwest Territories, Quebec and Labrador provide Inuit who are stranded in the south without access to social assistance airfare to return to their home communities.

90-12: \mbox{LCL}° $\mbox{BDPN/c}^{\circ}$ \mbox{CPD}° $\mbox{BDPN/c}^{\circ}$ \mbox{CPD}° \mbox{DSDPN}° \mbox{DSDPN}°



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Financial Summary

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Annual General Meeting (AGM)	\$ 70,000	\$ 51,103	\$ 18,897

* Office operations and AGM combined result in a \$7,073 net expense position for the year.

Total government contributions to special projects were \$299,642 for the fiscal year 1989/90, offset by total expenses of \$272,915. This resulted in a net revenue position of \$26,727 on special project activities for the year. Deferred revenue of \$18,411 is excluded from this account - to be recorded as income in 1990/91.

There was an overall net equity surplus position of \$15,649 as at March 31, 1990.

Funding by the Department of the Secretary of State for the fiscal year 1989/90 is at \$333,000, held constant from the prior year.

This represents a summary of the 1989/90 financial statements as provided to the Association by the auditors. These financial statements will be made available to the members of the Association at the next Annual General Meeting.

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