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YEU CONVENTION DELEGATES ELECT NEW LEADERS

WHITEHORSE – Delegates to the 2008 Yukon Employees' Union Triennial Convention met in Whitehorse this weekend to elect a new Executive and establish their agenda for Yukon's largest labour union over the next three years.

The delegates balanced a vote of confidence in the current leadership, with an unmistakable indication that new leaders are emerging. Six of the outgoing 13 member Executive were re-elected, including President Laurie Butterworth, Vice-President Lorelee Kesler and 1st Vice-President Steve Geick. Also returned to office were Equal Opportunities Director Sharleen Patterson, along with Directors Tom Renwick and Julie Docherty.

The remaining seven Executive members are all new to their roles. Maureen Stephens becomes YEU Treasurer, Charles Pugh Secretary, and Jutta Hopkins-Lecheminant Youth Director. They are joined by Blaire Andre, Tracy Foss, Bonnitta Richie and Lisa Vollens.

President Butterworth applauded the participation of so many young members at this convention, and welcomed three young activists to leadership roles on the Executive.

“We have been actively seeking the involvement of a new generation of union members”, Mr. Butterworth said. “The election of so many young members offers both a wonderful training opportunity for them, and a fresh perspective for the Executive as a whole. This election indicates that YEU is in excellent health, and will continue to be in good hands long into the future.”

A full summary of convention activities will be posted on the Yukon Employees' Union website at www.yeu.ca. YEU represents 4000 workers in the Yukon, from Watson Lake to Herschel Island.

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