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TIA Yukon announces new board and award winners

May 5, 2009 (Whitehorse, YK) – TIA Yukon is pleased to announce its new board of directors and also congratulates the winners of the 2009 Yukon Tourism Industry Awards of Excellence. Both were officially announced at this year's spring conference & annual general meeting in Dawson City, April 30th – May 2nd.

2009/10 Board of Directors

Sector Seats

Rod Taylor, Adventure – Chair

Dee Enright, Travel Trade/Services – 1st Vice Chair

Mary-Ann Ferguson, Food & Beverage/ Accommodation – 2nd Vice Chair

Garry Umbrich, Meetings/Conventions – Treasurer/Secretary

Tammy Beese, Attractions/Culture

Spence Hill, Transportation

Designated Organizations

Maureen Bundgaard, Yukon Convention Bureau

Neil Hartling, Wilderness Tourism Association of Yukon

Meta Williams, Yukon First Nations Tourism Association

Erin Wall, Yukon Historical & Museums Association

Teena Dickson, Yukon Outfitters Association

Wendy Morrison, Yukon Quest International Association (Canada)

Gary Parker, Klondike Visitors Association

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The Yukon Tourism Industry Awards of Excellence are awarded to tourism businesses and people who help put the Yukon on the map by providing exceptional experiences for our visitors and promoting the territory to the world. Congratulations to the winners for 2009.

Sustainable Tourism Leadership - Coast Mountain Sports (Mary Jane Warshawski and Craig Hougen)

Yukon Marketing Innovation - Yukon Wide Adventures (Thomas and Kelly De Jager)

Outstanding Tourism Volunteer - Dee Enright, Outside the Cube

Creative Travel Media Implementation - Yukon Quest

Tourism Ambassador - Josee Savard, Klondike Kate's

Human Resource Excellence - Air North, Yukon's Airline

Elaine Taylor Minister of Tourism and Culture and Rod Taylor Chair of TIA Yukon presented the awards at a gala dinner on Saturday night. Over 100 delegates attended the conference and dinner.

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