

LSN Executive Committee Public Representative Appointment

The Executive is pleased to announce that Mrs. Koovian Flanagan was appointed in July for a 3 year term.

Koovian was born and raised in Iqaluit. She brings a wealth of diverse experience and skills and strong leadership abilities gained over the past 20 years in justice and justice-related fields. Her career began as a correctional officer and she then moved into leadership positions within the Government of Nunavut. First as the Assistant Director at Community Justice; then as an Assistant Deputy Minister (Justice; Human Resources); and in 2008, she became Deputy Minister (Human Resources; Justice). Her knowledge and understanding of Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit will no doubt make an important contribution when addressing the many challenges and issues that arise from the role of the Executive to regulate the profession in the public interest.

In 2010, Koovian took on the role of Senior Advisor, Inuit Community Relations, for the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency. In this capacity, she develops frameworks of policies, processes and procedures to support the development of objectives for a consultative program with Aboriginal groups, in order to collect intelligence on cultural and economic requirements of communities in the regions. As the Senior Advisor, Koovian provides strategic advice and leadership on organizational efforts to engage Northern Communities including the establishment of strong linkages and consultations with communities, Northern Governments, Aboriginal and Private organizations.

Some of you might recognize Koovian's name from a few weeks ago! On August 14th, Koovian (and the rest of the Iqaluit hand-picked hunting team) successfully harvested a 39 tonne Bowhead whale. To hear more about this wonderful experience feel free to ask her, as she is making it her personal mission to share this story with whomever is willing to learn about this 'almost' lost tradition.

Koovian is a member of the Iqaluit Royal Purple, is a qualified Civil Air Search and Rescue volunteer, and is a member of the Board of Directors for the Iqaluit Housing Association.

Koovian is happily married to husband Darrin for 28 years, and together they have two children, Joey Flanagan 22 years old (who is coincidentally following in her mother's footsteps, and is starting his career at the Baffin Correctional Center as a case worker), and daughter Hannah who is 15 years old and just started grade 10 at the Inuksuk High School.

Please join us in welcoming Koovian Flanagan to the Executive Committee!