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PUBLIC VOTING NOW OPEN FOR ALASKA SPORTS HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2010

Induction Ceremony to be held February 2010

ANCHORAGE, AK – Alaska Sports Hall of Fame President Harlow Robinson and the Board of Directors are pleased to announce that the voting is open to the public for selection of the Class of 2010. The public can vote through November 25, 2009 and can submit ballots online at www.alaskasportshall.org.

The accumulative public vote is the equivalent to the vote of one Selection Panel member vote. Public vote results are reviewed by Selection Panel members before they complete their ballots.

The Class of 2010 will be announced on November 30, 2009. The induction ceremony will take place at the ConocoPhillips atrium in Anchorage in February 2010.

"This is an opportunity for Alaskans to participate in deciding who will be enshrined in February," said Harlow Robinson. "The public has played an important role in the selection process each year and I expect this trend will continue." Last year 1,559 people completed a ballot, up from 1,171 in 2007 and 634 in 2006.

Selection Process

The Selection Panel will meet November 29, 2009 to make their selections based on three categories: people, moments and events. Each Selection Panel member will rank candidates from one to ten based solely on how each candidate meets induction criteria. A graduated scale will be used by which the nominee ranked first on the list will receive ten points, the nominee ranked second will receive nine points, and continuing in such a manner so that the nominee ranked tenth will receive one point. In addition, Panel members will each rank five moments and five events.

A graduated scale will be used where a first place vote will be worth five points and a fifth place vote will be worth one point. The people, moments and events with the most points will be inducted into the Alaska Sports Hall of Fame.

The Selection Panel includes: Beth Bragg, Columnist, Anchorage Daily News; Bob Eley,

Sports Editor, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner; Mike Sica, longtime sports broadcaster and sports editor in Southeast Alaska; Lew Freedman, Sportswriter, Chicago Tribune; Mike Janecek, longtime sports administrator and coach in the Mat-Su Valley; Danny Martin, Sportswriter, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner and Steve Nerland, longtime Anchorage coach and sports administrator.

Public Vote

Public vote for the 2010 Hall of Fame class can be submitted on the Alaska Sports Hall of Fame website at www.alaskasportshall.org. The deadline to submit a vote is November 25, 2009. The public vote total will be the equivalent to one Selection Panel member vote.

2010 Inductees

Following the Induction Ceremony, the Class of 2010 portraits and video biographies will be displayed with previous classes at the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport. The Alaska Sports Hall of Fame website will also display inductee biographies.

“Our partnership with the airport ensures that Alaskans and visitors to the state have an opportunity to celebrate icons of our state’s sports heritage,” said Robinson. “As the crossroads of Alaska, it is an ideal location for the Hall.”

The Alaska Sports Hall of Fame is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization established in 2006. The mission of the Alaska Sports Hall of Fame is to teach, to honor and to inspire.

The Alaska Sports Hall of Fame Board of Directors includes: Jim Balamaci, President/CEO Special Olympics Alaska; Chuck Homan, University of Alaska Anchorage Seawolf Hall of Fame Member; Reggie Joule, Alaska State Representative and ten-time World Eskimo-Indian Olympics Gold Medal Winner; Gina Luckey, External Affairs Specialist for ConocoPhillips; Chris Myers, Vice President of Investments Wedbush Morgan; Rick Mystrom, Former Mayor of Anchorage and Owner of American Multiplex Property Securities; Eric Ohlson, Owner of Ohlson and Associates; Brad Precosky, Owner of Wytout Snowplowing & Landscaping and six-time Mount Marathon Champion and Harlow Robinson, Alaska Children's Services Human Resource Development Manager and six-time Matanuska Peak Challenge Champion.

For additional information about the Alaska Sports Hall of Fame, visit www.alaskasportshall.org. For further inquiries, contact Denise Brown Robinson at (907) 360-1832 or Harlow Robinson at (907) 240.3684.

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