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PNGOC elects first female President

Port Moresby, June 29, 2024 – The Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee (PNGOC) has made history by electing Mrs. Emma Waiwai as its first female President during the 2024 Annual General Assembly held at the Gateway Hotel in Port Moresby. This landmark election marks a significant milestone in the organization's history and reflects its commitment to gender equality and progressive leadership.

Mrs. Waiwai, who has been an active member of the PNGOC for several years, brings a wealth of experience and a fresh perspective to the role. Her election is a testament to her dedication and the confidence that the members have in her ability to lead the organization into a new era of growth and success.

In her acceptance speech, Mrs. Waiwai expressed her gratitude to the members for their support and outlined her vision for the future of the PNGOC. "I am deeply honored to be elected as President of the PNGOC. I look forward to working with all stakeholders to further the development of sports in Papua New Guinea and to ensure that our athletes have the support they need to excel on the international stage," she said.

The elections also saw Ms. Elaine Iorive elected as Treasurer, Gomara Gorua as Legal Advisor, and Ryan Pini as Chairman of Fundraising, who was elected unopposed. These appointments are expected to strengthen the leadership team and enhance the operational efficiency of the PNGOC.

The PNGOC also presented its audited financials, annual report and strategic plan update to its members to uphold its good governance and transparency values, and remains committed to its mission of inspiring Papua New Guinea through sporting excellence and success. The election of Mrs. Waiwai and the new executive team is a positive step towards achieving these goals.

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About the Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee

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The Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee (PNGOC) is a non-government, not-for-profit organisation committed to inspire and unite Papua New Guinea through sporting excellence and success. The PNGOC is a believer of sport as an enabler for sustainable and inclusive development. It is our responsibility to select, send and fund Team PNG to the Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games and Pacific Games. This is achieved by working with our member national sports federations and with the support of our sponsors and partners, through fundraising events and with the backing of the Government. To find out more visit our website www.pngolympic.org.pg

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