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Press Release

WOMEN OF THE MÉTIS NATION GENERAL ASSEMBLY: *Melanie Omeniho re-elected to her 3rd term as WMN President*

Fifty Métis Women delegates from across the Métis homeland came together to the National General Assembly from May 22-24, 2015. Metis Nation British Columbia President Bruce Dumont and British Columbia Metis Women President Clara Morin DalCol welcomed the delegates to their territory and wished a productive assembly.

The 3rd Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak election was held in the Assembly. The reelected President Omeniho addressed in her speech that, “We will continue to pursue project funding in a number of areas including economic development, violence against women, residential schools, Michif Language, health and wellness, traditional knowledge, housing and education. “

Métis National Council President Clément Chartier said: *“On behalf of the Métis Nation, I congratulate Women of the Métis Nation President Melanie Omeniho on her re-election. I’m pleased that delegates at the Women of the Métis Nation Annual General Assembly have endorsed Melanie. She brings a wealth of experience and confidence to the position and I believe President Omeniho will build the relationships necessary to advance the interests and relations of our constituents.”*

In her annual report, President Omeniho presented the WMN development on strengthening governance, corporate governance, strategic plan and policy perspectives” and emphasized, “The Women of the Metis Nation (WMN) is the only recognized

representative body to speak on behalf of Métis women.”

The Assembly discussed issues on child welfare, food security, missing and murdered indigenous women and election of provincial spokesperson. Delegates from the five provinces presented their regional



From left to right: Tammy Mah, Sharon McBride, Melanie Omeniho, Marilyn Lizee, Clara Morin Dal Col, Anita Campbell.

updates, shared their experience and best practices in the Assembly. Dr. Marie Delmorme from The Imagination Group of Companies delivered her keynote speech on “The Economic Power of Women” and Ms. Jasmin Thomas from Centre for the Study of Living presented “Benchmarking Metis Economic & Social Development: Gender Imbalances”. Policy Advisor Marc LeClair & Wei Xie presented WMN communication and implementation strategies, current development and working plan for WMN communication channels, including WMN official website, Metis Women Entrepreneurs portal and WMN facebook page.