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The 2018 IPAC Vanier Medal awarded to Douglas Edward Moen



Québec, August 20, 2018 - Today at the IPAC Annual Conference the President, Lucie Robitaille, announced the 2018 IPAC Vanier Medal will be awarded to Douglas Moen, who is currently Interim Executive Director at the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy at the Universities of Regina and Saskatchewan, for his contribution to Canadian public service.

His nominator, Honourable Brad Wall, former Premier of Saskatchewan, noted "It is difficult to imagine a candidate more deserving than Mr. Moen. As Deputy Minister to the Premier he led our efforts to renew and revitalize the Saskatchewan public service by embarking on an ambitious plan of public service renewal. These efforts enhanced the abilities of our public service to work as one team, support innovation and continuous improvement, and to increase our focus on serving our citizens. These improvements in public service delivery were achieved at a time when the size of the provincial public service was reduced by 15 per cent over four years. The legacy of his leadership will have lasting positive impacts on the people of Saskatchewan."

Mr. Moen joined the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy in November 2016, where he teaches graduate students and public servants about the workings of the public sector. From 2009 to 2016, Mr. Moen served as Deputy Minister to the Premier of Saskatchewan in Executive Council. Prior to that, he served for 7 years as Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Attorney General in Saskatchewan.

Graduating from the College of Law, University of Saskatchewan in 1979, he then articulated and practiced with the Harradence, Longworth and Zatlun law firm in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. After spending two years working as Executive Assistant to the Honourable Ray Hnatyshyn at the House of Commons in Ottawa, Mr. Moen returned to Saskatchewan and started his career with the Saskatchewan Department of Justice in 1983 holding positions of increasing responsibility and accountability in the legislative services, public law and community justice areas.

Mr. Moen served as President of the Uniform Law Conference of Canada, was a member of the Executive of the Canadian Bar Association - Saskatchewan Branch, was a board member of the Information Services Corporation of Saskatchewan and was a commissioner with the Regina Crime Prevention Commission. He has been a member of the Boards of the Saskatchewan Trade and Export

Partnership, the Saskatchewan Law Foundation and the Saskatchewan Justice Institute. He is currently the Chair of the Global Transportation Hub, is a member and past Chair of the Board of the Phoenix Residential Society and is a member of the Canada West Foundation Board. He is also a member of the Saskatchewan Honours Advisory Council, the Saskatchewan Health Quality Council and the Max Bell Foundation Board. From December 2016 to February 2017, he served as a member of the Advisory Panel on Education Governance in Saskatchewan.

Mr. Moen has a keen interest in Indigenous and restorative justice and in community-based approaches to justice services. He was involved in the formation of the Community Justice Division in 1997, and worked to establish the Saskatchewan Commission on First Nations and Métis Peoples and Justice Reform. In 2009, Mr. Moen was a member of the Canadian Delegation to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, when Canada's Human Rights Record was under review.

Mr. Moen has been a leader in Saskatchewan public service and an exemplar of the professional public servant. His distinguished public service has been recognized by many awards, including, John Tait Award of Excellence in 2013 from the Canadian Bar Association; Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012 from the Government of Canada; Lieutenant Governor's Gold Medal for Distinguished Public Service in 2010, sponsored by IPAC Saskatchewan; Saskatchewan Centennial Medal in 2005 from the Government of Saskatchewan; Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal in 2002 from the Government of Canada; and, Queen's Counsel designation in 1995 by the Government of Saskatchewan.

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The IPAC Vanier Medal is IPAC's highest form of recognition for Canadian public administrators. It was created in 1962, in honour of then-Governor General the Right Honourable Georges P. Vanier. The medal is awarded annually to a person who has made significant contributions to and has shown distinctive leadership in the fields of public administration and public service in Canada.

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