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Press Release

The Saint Lucia National Trust 33rd Annual General Meeting Comes to a Close

A new Council has been selected to guide the affairs of the Saint Lucia National Trust (SLNT) over the next year. The seven members elected at the SLNT's 33rd Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on Saturday, October 10, 2009 are Brian Evans, Cyril Saltibus, Diana Theodore, Lydia Cox, Simone Mondesir, Maureen Louis and Richard Jn. Marie.

The meeting organized by the Trust's Southern Chapter, with support from staff and generous sponsors was held under the distinguished patronage of the Governor General of Saint Lucia, Her Excellency Dame Pearlette Louisy at the Coconut Bay Beach Resort in Vieux Fort. The event was divided into three parts; an opening ceremony, the AGM and an afternoon conference. The AGM's theme was "Preserving Saint Lucia's Patrimony for Future Generation".



Figure 1 Dame Pearlette Louisy & members at SLNT's 33rd AGM

In his welcome remarks, the Trust's Director, Mr. Bisnu Tulsie used the opportunity to inform the 83 members present and specially invited guests about the recently approved Strategic Plan which is expected to chart a new way forward for the Trust. He also called on the general membership to become more involved in the work of the Trust as we seek to become "a movement and not just an organization", with a greater focus on conservation through advocacy and volunteerism. This Strategic Plan is expected to be implemented during the period 2010 to 2020.

Subsequently, the SLNT's patron, Dame Pearlette Louisy officially declared the AGM open. However, before that task was executed Her Excellency expressed her satisfaction with the turn out and her hope that the Trust will improve its operation over the next fiscal year and over the next 10 years of the Strategic Plan. "Saint Lucia has been put in your care or trust and it's up to you, the membership to ensure that we have something to give to those who will come after us".

The afternoon conference gave members an opportunity to participate in a panel discussion entitled "The future of our World Heritage Site". In addition, a new SLNT ID Card was also unveiled and plaques were presented to corporate donors who had assisted the Trust to undertake various projects over the last year.

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