

## **Bill Edmunds Award 2022 - Nomination Form**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Country of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated By: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out the questions below, providing as much detail and specific examples where possible.

Prior to completing this nomination form, please read the attached information sheet about the Award, and the brief biography of Bill Edmunds which provide important background and context for the award.

Please submit the completed nomination form and email directly to [award@inuitcircumpolar.com](mailto:award@inuitcircumpolar.com).

- 1) How has the nominee shown dedication to promoting Inuit rights and interests at the international level? Please provide concrete examples and detail the resulting impact for Inuit.
  
- 2) Please outline how the nominee has demonstrated that he/she has made an impact at the community, regional and national levels.
  
- 3) Please discuss, using specific examples how the nominee has shown through their actions the importance of both individual and collective rights.
  
- 4) Outline how the nominee has demonstrated that he/she leads by example.

## **Bill Edmunds Award Information Sheet**

**The Bill Edmunds Award** was established by the Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC) in 1986 to honor Inuit who have made a selfless contribution to the promotion of Inuit rights and interests, with particular focus on international endeavors.

The award is named after Bill Edmunds of Nunatsiavut, Canada, who was actively engaged in Inuit politics at the community, regional, national and international levels. In 1977 he was a member of the Canadian delegation to the first Inuit Circumpolar Conference meeting in Utqiagvik (Barrow) Alaska. A more detailed biography of Bill Edmunds is attached.

The award, which honors Bill Edmund's memory and his achievements, is presented once every four years at the Inuit Circumpolar Council General Assembly. Past recipients are:

1986 Eben Hopson, Alaska	2002 Aqqaluk Lynge, Greenland
1989 Dalee Sambo, Alaska	2006 Jose Kusugak, Canada
1992 Rosemarie Kuptana, Canada	2010 Mary May Simon, Canada
1995 Robert Petersen, Greenland	2014 Carl Christian Olsen (Puju), Greenland
1995 Andy Carpenter, Canada	2018 Tatiana Archirgina, Chukotka
1998 Ludmilla Ainana, Chukotka	

**The 2022 Bill Edmunds Award** will be announced at the 2022 virtual ICC General Assembly and presented at the in-person ICC General Assembly in Ilulissat, Greenland in July 2023.

### **Selection Process**

ICC has established a selection panel comprised of previous award recipients to review nominations submitted by each country. The 2022 panelists are: Dalee Sambo Dorough (Alaska), Aqqaluk Lynge (Greenland), Rosemarie Kuptana (Canada), Tatiana Archirgina (Chukotka).

### **Criteria**

Nominees must be Inuk.

Nominations are not restricted to individuals residing in the country of the nominator.

Specific categories for evaluating nominations are detailed in the nomination form.

### **Nomination Process**

Each country shall solicit nominations from their respective members and submit the nomination forms to the Bill Edmunds Panel members by June 10, 2022. Nominations from all countries will be provided to the selection committee. The selection panel will inform the ICC Chair of the successful candidate by June 24, 2022.

## Appendix: Bill Edmunds biography

### **William (Bill) Edmunds**

William (Bill) Solomon Edmunds was born on September 08, 1932 in Lake Harbour, Baffin Island, NWT (now Nunavut). He was five years old when his parents, Tom and Rhoda (Ooloota), decided to move back to Hopedale, Labrador and from age 7-11 Bill attended the Moravian Mission School in Makkovik, Labrador. In 1951 he began working at the American Air Force Base in Happy Valley Goose Bay, Labrador as Heavy Equipment Operator. He married and had 4 children.

In 1973 Bill and family returned to Makkovik where he and a few other individuals were informally discussing what could be done about the denial of their basic human rights. He became one of the founders of the Labrador Inuit Association (LIA) as Vice President in the first ever LIA election in 1973 and then served as the second President for six years from 1975 to 1981.

In 1977 he was chosen as one of the Labrador delegates at the inaugural Inuit Circumpolar Conference (now Council) in Barrow, Alaska where he worked closely with Eben Hopson, founder of ICC. Bill was a member of the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada (now Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami) Board of Directors and was a representative on the Canadian delegation when Greenland achieved Home Rule in 1979.

Bill Edmunds passed away on July 6, 1983.

The Labrador Inuk, after whom the award is named, epitomized what ICC represents and aspires to; Inuit unity, at the community, regional, national and circumpolar levels. He was a grassroots advocate who believed in both individual and collective action. In his memory at each ICC General Assembly the Bill Edmunds Award is presented to an Inuk who has shown outstanding leadership, dedication and commitment in promoting Inuit unity and human rights.