



UArctic Assembly Meeting / Inari, Finland / June 2025

Agenda item: 15

Proposal – Invitation to join the Friends of UArctic

Proposal: The Executive Committee (Toyon) proposes that the Assembly makes the following decisions:

- a) *The Assembly acknowledges the contributions of **Robert Sauvé** and thanks him for his dedicated engagement as member of the Board*
- b) *The Assembly acknowledges the contributions of **Lena Maria Nilsson** and thanks her for her dedicated engagement as the Assembly Secretary and Chair of Nominations Committee.*
- c) *The Assembly joins the Board in inviting Robert Sauvé and Lena Maria Nilsson to the Friends of UArctic.*

References: [UArctic Bylaws](#) / Section 6 – Friends of UArctic

[The current list of Friends of UArctic](#)

Background:

The Board and Assembly may invite distinguished individuals to serve as the Friends of UArctic. Between 2001 and 2024, total of 63 individuals have joined the Friends of UArctic.

In their meeting in April 2025, the Board decided to propose inviting the following individual to the Friends of UArctic.

Robert Sauvé has served as the member of the Board for two three-year terms, from 2019 to 2025. He has been an active member of the Board, and has contributed to the development of UArctic association.

Lena Maria Nilsson has served as the Chair of Nominations Committee for two three-year terms in 2015-2021, and as the Assembly Secretary for four years in 2021-2025, and contributed to the work of Assembly significantly during her years of service.

Rationale:

UArctic Bylaws, section 6 – Friends of UArctic

The Assembly and the Board, acting together, may invite distinguished individuals to serve as a Friend of UArctic. A Friend of UArctic has no fixed term of office. The function of the Friends of UArctic is advisory: a Friend of UArctic may be asked to serve as a special advisor for program areas in which his or her special competence may be relevant. In offering advice, Friends are not responsible individually or collectively for the operation of corresponding UArctic activities.