



UArctic Assembly Meeting / Bodø, Norway / June 2024

Agenda item: 5.2

Proposal – Approval of new Arctic Members of UArctic

Proposal: The UArctic Membership Committee proposes that the Assembly makes the following decisions:

- a) *The Assembly accepts the following applicants as Arctic / Higher Education Institution members of the UArctic:*
 - **Conestoga College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning, Canada**
 - **Oslo School of Architecture and Design, Norway**

- b) *The Assembly accepts the following applicants as Arctic / Other members of the UArctic:*
 - **College Nordique, Canada**
 - **Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland (GEUS), Denmark**

- c) *The Assembly confirms the Toyon decision to approve **Department of Geosciences, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Norway, as Arctic / Other member of UArctic.***

References: [UArctic Constitution](#) / Article 3 – Members

[UArctic Bylaws](#) / Sections 2.1 to 2.4 – Membership Structure

[Summary of New Member Applicants 2024](#)

Applicants:

By the membership application deadline in February 2024, the UArctic International Secretariat received eighteen (18) membership applications, including five Arctic member and thirteen Non-Arctic member applications. In addition, one Non-Arctic member application was deferred from last year to this year's vote. One of this year's application was from a former member.

Following an extensive review, the UArctic Membership committee nominated the following four applicants to the category of Arctic Member of UArctic; of which two are Higher Education Institutions and two are Other Institutions. In addition, one applicant was accepted as Arctic / Other member by Toyon, and the decision is now to be confirmed by Assembly.

Below each institutional name is hyperlinked to a copy of the application support letter and member profile received.

2024 Arctic Member applicants – Higher Education Institutions:

1. [Conestoga College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning](#), Canada
2. [Oslo School of Architecture and Design](#), Norway



2023 Non-Arctic Member applicants – Other institutions:

1. [College Nordique](#), Canada
2. [Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland \(GEUS\)](#), Denmark
3. [Department of Geosciences, Norwegian University of Science and Technology \(NTNU\)](#), Norway

Rationale:

UArctic Bylaws, section 2.1 – UArctic Membership:

UArctic has two membership categories:

1. *Arctic Members*
2. *Non-Arctic Members*

Within each membership category, there are two member types:

- i. *Higher Education Institutions*
- ii. *Other Organizations*

Acting on new applications for UArctic membership, the Assembly of UArctic decides on the category and type for each new member, based on recommendations from UArctic's Membership Committee - -.

UArctic Bylaws, section 2.6 – Resignation and Removal of Members:

If a former member organization re-applies for membership, Toyon can make an interim decision on their membership. The decision is to be confirmed by the following Assembly meeting.