



## UArctic Assembly Meeting / Inari, Finland / June 2025

### Agenda item: 13

#### Proposal – Election of Assembly Secretary

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

*Assembly elects **Christina Storm Mienna** as the Assembly Secretary for a three-year term (2025-28), effective following the conclusion of this meeting.*

**References:** [UArctic Constitution](#) / Article 8 – Association Assemblies

[UArctic Bylaws](#) / Sections: 3.1.2 – Officers of the Assembly; 3.1.6 – Nominations Committee

[Christina Storm Mienna – Nomination Letter and CV](#)

#### **Current terms of Assembly Officers:**

<b>Liisa Holmberg</b>	<b>Assembly Chair</b> <a href="#">International Sámi Film Institute</a> , Norway 1 <sup>st</sup> term 2024-27
<b>Jason Young</b>	<b>Assembly Vice-Chair</b> <a href="#">University of Washington</a> , United States 1 <sup>st</sup> term 2024-27
<b>Lena Maria Nilsson</b>	<b>Assembly Secretary</b> <a href="#">Umeå University</a> , Sweden 2 <sup>nd</sup> term 2022- <b>25</b>

#### **Background:**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> term of Assembly Secretary *Lena Maria Nilsson* will end in this Assembly meeting, and she will no longer be eligible for re-election. The Nominations Committee opened an open call to find candidates for the position, targeted to the UArctic member institutions in Sweden and Kingdom of Denmark, as these countries had less representation in UArctic high level positions than other countries.

During the call, one nomination was received. Nominations committee reviewed the nomination documents and propose her to be elected as the Secretary of Assembly Assembly.

**Nominated candidate:** *Christina Storm Mienna* is the Director of Várdduo – Centre for Sámi Research at the Umeå University. She has a long experience in Sámi and Arctic Research, and her academic background is in clinical and population-based health research.

#### **Rationale:**

UArctic Constitution, 8 Article – Association Assemblies:



*The Assembly shall have three officers (Officers of the Assembly), a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary. The Assembly elects the officers for a three-year term, renewable once, and each term continues until the third annual Assembly after the election.*

UArctic Bylaws, section 3.1.2 – Officers of the Assembly:

*The officers of the Assembly are the Chair, the Vice-Chair, and the Secretary.*

*The officers are elected by the Assembly from slates of nominees prepared by the Nominations Committee. Nominations may also be made by any member of the Assembly at any meeting in which an election takes place. Candidates must come from the ranks of member representatives and alternate representatives. Officers are elected for a three-year term, renewable once. The officers of the Assembly are responsible for preparing action items for the Assembly and overseeing that decisions made by the Assembly are implemented.*

*The Assembly Chair*

*The Assembly Chair shall preside over meetings of the Assembly. The Chair works with the Executive Director of UArctic (henceforth President) to ensure that the UArctic International Secretariat circulates the agenda and the texts of proposals at least one month prior to regular Assembly meetings.*

*The Assembly Vice-Chair*

*The Assembly Vice-Chair is authorized to act on behalf of the Assembly Chair whenever the Chair is unable to represent UArctic.*

*The Assembly Secretary*

*The Assembly Secretary participates in the preparations of Assembly proposals. Should both the Assembly Chair and the Assembly Vice-Chair be unable to assume a duty, the Secretary is authorized to act on behalf of the Chair.*

UArctic Bylaws, section 3.1.6 – Nominations Committee:

*The main responsibility of the Committee is to oversee UArctic's key nominations processes, including: - -*

*Nominating member representatives or alternates for Assembly officer positions, and for committee chairs and members, for election by the Assembly; - -*

*The Nominations Committee operates independently from other core bodies of UArctic, namely, the Officers of the Assembly, the President, and the Board.*