



UARctic Assembly Meeting / Quebec City, Canada / May 2023

Agenda item: 10

Proposal – Invitation to join the Friends of UARctic

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

- a) *The Assembly acknowledges the contributions of **Gary Kachanoski**, and thanks him for his dedicated engagement and leadership as member of UARctic Board and Chair of the Finance Policy Advisory Group.*
- b) *The Assembly acknowledges the contributions of **Peter Sköld**, and thanks him for his dedicated engagement and leadership through organizational changes as member and Chair of UARctic Board.*
- c) *The Assembly acknowledges the contributions of **Karen Barnes**, and thanks her for her dedicated engagement as member of UARctic Board.*
- d) *The Assembly acknowledges the contributions of **Evon Peter**, and thanks him for his dedicated engagement as member of UARctic Board.*
- e) *The Assembly acknowledges the contributions of **Mona Johnson**, and thanks her for her dedicated engagement to development of UARctic's mobility activities.*
- f) *The joins the Board of UARctic in inviting **Gary Kachanoski**, **Peter Sköld**, **Karen Barnes**, **Evon Peter**, and **Mona Johnson** to join the Friends of UARctic.*

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

[Current list of Friends of UARctic](#)

Rationale:

UARctic Bylaws, section 6 - Friends of UARctic:

The Assembly and the Board, acting together, may invite distinguished individuals to serve as 'Friends of the UARctic'.

The function of the Friends of the 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. A Friend of UARctic has no fixed terms of office.

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Background:

The Board and Assembly may invite distinguished individuals to serve as the Friends of UARctic. Between 2001 and 2022, total of 57 individuals have joined the Friends of UARctic.

In their meeting in April 2023, the Board unanimously decided to support the invitation the following individuals to serve as the Friends of UARctic, and to ask the Assembly to endorse the invitation.

Gary Kachanoski has served as a Board member for three terms, since 2014. Since October 2014, he has also acted as the Chair of the Board's Finance Policy Advisory Group. His third term will end in the Assembly meeting in May 2023.



Peter Sköld started as a Board member in 2016, and in December 2018 he became the Chair of the Board of UARctic. His third term in the Board ended in 2022.

Karen Barnes served as a Board member in 2018-2021. She was also a member of the Board's Finance Policy Advisory Group in 2019-2021.

Evon Peter was a member of UARctic Board in 2018-2021.

Mona Johnson was working in development of the UARctic's mobility activities and the mobility programme north2north in 2001-2019.