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Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the UArctic Assembly

Held on 1-3 June 2022 in Portland, Maine, USA

The meeting was co-hosted by University of New Hampshire, University of Maine, University of New England, University of Southern Maine, and Dartmouth College.

Minutes: These are the minutes of the 2022 Meeting of UArctic Assembly, which was held on 1-3 June 2022 in Portland, Maine, USA. In these minutes each meeting agenda item is presented in order of the original agenda, even though an item may have been dealt with out of sequence during the meeting. The minutes contain web links to decisions, presentations and background documents. This meeting was held in accordance with UArctic rules and regulations (see introduction to rules in agenda item 2).

Voting on agenda action items was done both online during pre-voting period (for members who could not participate on site) and on site. 34 members (22 Arctic and 12 Non-Arctic) voted during pre-voting and 49 (43 Arctic and 6 Non-Arctic) voted on site. In total, 83 members (65 Arctic and 18 Non-Arctic) voted on Assembly proposals.

Officers of the Meeting: The 3rd Meeting of the UArctic Assembly was led by the Officers: Assembly Chair **Lindsay Whaley**, Meeting Vice-Chair **Karla Jessen Williamson** and Meeting Secretary **Holly Parker**.

Confirmation of Records: The Chair of the Assembly and the two examiners elected in the meeting, confirm that the records for the 2022 Meeting of the UArctic Assembly are complete and correct. Signed confirmation of records.

Participation: 130 registered participants attended the meeting, with 49 UArctic member institutions and organisations represented from 11 different countries.

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

1. **Opening of meeting**
   The Assembly Chair *Lindsay Whaley* opens the meeting.

2. **Introduction to Meeting Rules & Voting Procedures: validity, rights, proposals & voting procedures**
   Presenter: *Janette Peltokorpi*, Director of Governance and Finance Support
   Documents: Introduction to Assembly meeting rules 2022
   Board decision – 2021 and 2022 Assembly meetings
   Links: UArctic Constitution; UArctic Bylaws

3. **Approval of Meeting Agenda and Selection of Meeting Officers** (Action item)
   Presenter: *Lindsay Whaley*, Chair of the Assembly
   Document: Decision 3
   Decision: Members of the Assembly voted in favour, with one abstention vote (Non-Arctic member), to the following:

   a) *The Assembly accepts the proposed agenda for the 2022 Meeting of the Assembly of UArctic (as presented below).*

   b) *The Assembly selects member representative **Karla Jessen Williamson** as the Vice-Chair of the Meeting, and **Holly Parker** as the Secretary of the Meeting.*

c) *The Assembly selects member representatives **Sigrid Ag** and **Ross Hickey** as Examiners of the meeting minutes.*

4. UArctic Reports

4.1 Report from the President (live - aural presentation)

Presenter: *Lars Kullerud*, UArctic President

4.2 Report from the Board of UArctic

Presenter: *Peter Sköld*, Chair of the UArctic Board
Link: Presentation slides

5. UArctic Membership

Presenter: *Lars Kullerud*, UArctic President

5.1 Introduction to New Member Applicants 2022

Presenters: *Frédéric Bouchard*, Université de Sherbrooke
Anna Grönlund, University of Jyväskylä
Kaisa Holloway Cripps, University of Maine at Fort Kent
Christina Viskum Larsen, University of Southern Denmark
Trevor Bell, SmartICE
Sébastien Gadal, Aix-Marseille Université
Alex Poulton, Heriot-Watt University
Sara Bazin, Université de Bretagne Occidentale

Documents: Summary of Current UArctic Members
Summary of New Member Applications 2022
Presentation slides

Links: Mount Royal University – Video Presentation
Nansen Environmental and Remote Sensing Center – Video Presentation
Glasgow School of Art – Video Presentation

5.2 Approval of new Arctic Members of UArctic (Action item)

Document: Decision 5.2
Mount Royal University – Application
Université de Sherbrooke – Application
University of Jyväskylä – Application
University of Maine at Fort Kent – Application
University of Southern Denmark – Application
SmartICE – Application
Nansen Environmental and Remote Sensing Center – Application

Decision: Members of the Assembly voted in favour, with one abstention vote (Non-Arctic member), to the following:

a) *The Assembly accepts **Mount Royal University**, **Université de Sherbrooke**, **University of Jyväskylä**, **University of Maine at Fort Kent** and **University of Southern Denmark** as Arctic / Higher Education Institution members of the University of the Arctic.*

b) *The Assembly accepts **SmartICE** and the **Nansen Environmental and Remote Sensing Center** as Arctic / Other members of the University of the Arctic.*

5.3 Approval of new Non-Arctic Members of UArctic (Action item)

Document: Decision 5.3
Aix-Marseille Université – Application
Heriot-Watt University – Application
The Glasgow School of Art – Application
Université de Bretagne Occidentale – Application

Decision: Members of the Assembly voted in favour, with two abstention votes (one Arctic, one Non-Arctic member), to the following:

*The Assembly accepts **Aix-Marseille Université**, **Heriot-Watt University**, **The Glasgow School of Art** and **Université de Bretagne Occidentale** as Non-Arctic / Higher Education Institution members of the University of the Arctic*

6. Elections of Board Members

Presenter: *Outi Snellman*, Secretary of the Nominations Committee

6.1 Election of Board Chair (Action item)

Document: Decision 6.1

Decision: Members of the Assembly voted in favour, with two abstention votes (one Arctic, one Non-Arctic member), to the following:

*The Assembly elects Board member **Frederik Paulsen** as the Board Chair for a three-year term (2022-2025).*

Members of the Assembly voted in favour, with one abstention vote, to the following:

*The Assembly acknowledges the contributions made by **Peter Sköld**, and thanks him for his dedication as the Board Chair to guide UArctic through an exciting period of transition and development.*

6.2 Election of Board Members to 2nd and 3rd term (Action item)

Document: Decision 6.2

Decisions: Members of the Assembly voted in favour, with two abstention votes (one Arctic, one Non-Arctic member), to the following:

a) *The Assembly elects **Magnus Tumi Guðmundsson** and **Robert Sauvé** for a 2nd three-year term (2022-2025) on the Board of UArctic.*

b) *The Assembly elects **Jouko Niinimäki** for a 3rd three-year term (2022-2025) on the Board of UArctic.*

6.3 Election of new Board Members (Action item)

Documents: Decision 6.3

Decisions: Members of the Assembly voted in favour, with one abstention vote (Non-Arctic member), to the following:

*The Assembly accepts the nomination and elects **Aaja Chemnitz Larsen** as member of the Board of UArctic for a three-year term (2022-2025).*

Members of the Assembly voted in favour, with two abstention votes (one Non-Arctic, one Arctic member), to the following:

*The Assembly accepts the nomination and elects **Birgitta Bergvall-Kåreborn** as member of the Board of UArctic for a three-year term (2022-2025).*

6.4 Election of Board Student Representative (Action item)

Document: Decision 6.4

Call for Nominations – Board Student Representative

Decisions: Members of the Assembly voted in favour, with one abstention vote (Non-Arctic member), to the following:

a) *The Assembly accepts the nomination and elects **Montana Rose Murphy** as Student Representative on the Board of UArctic for a fixed three-year term (2022-2025).*

b) *The Assembly acknowledges and wishes to thank **Laurie-Ann Lines** for her contributions and time as Student Representative on the Board of UArctic (2019-2022).*

7. Breakout 1: Information sessions

Sessions for the members to learn about key activities and member benefits, as well as recent initiatives of UArctic. Session themes were:

- Developing new Thematic Networks, led by *Diane Hirshberg* and *Outi Snellman*
- Project Funding, led by *Sheila Downer*, *Pirkko Pulkkanen* and *Sigrid Ag*
- Promoting your activities through UArctic, led by *Lars Kullerud*, *Francesca Stoppani* and *Janette Peltokorpi*
- Joining and engaging with UArctic's mobility program north2north, led by *Isabelle Guissard*
- UArctic Chairs and Mimir, led by *Arja Rautio*

8. UArctic Finances

Presenter: *Lars Kullerud*, UArctic President

8.1 Approval of Financial Statements and Auditor Report 2021 (Action item)

Documents: Decision 8.1
Financial Statements and Auditor Report 2021

Decisions: Members of the Assembly voted in favour, with three abstention votes (two Arctic, one Non-Arctic member), to the following:

a) *Assembly approves the UArctic Financial statements and Auditor report for 2021 (as presented), thus concluding the 2021 expenditure cycle.*

b) *Assembly discharges the Board and other responsible persons from liability for the accounts 2021.*

8.2 Approval of UArctic Annual Report 2021 (Action item)

Document: Decision 8.2
UArctic Annual Report 2021

Decision: Members of the Assembly voted in favour, with one abstention vote (Non-Arctic member), to the following:

The Assembly adopts the UArctic Annual Report 2021 as presented.

8.3 Verification of UArctic Operating Budget 2022 (Action item)

Document: Decision 8.3
UArctic Operating Budget 2022

Decision: Members of the Assembly voted in favour, with one abstention vote (Non-Arctic member), to the following:

The Assembly verifies and supports the UArctic Operating Budget 2022 as presented.

8.4 Approval of UArctic Membership fees 2023 (Action item)

Document: Decision 8.4

Decisions: Members of the Assembly voted in favour, with two abstention votes (one Arctic, one Non-Arctic member), to the following:

a) *Assembly approves the membership fee of EUR 500 for Arctic and Non-Arctic members with an annual operating budget of less than EUR 10 million.*

b) *Assembly approves the membership fee of EUR 1000 for Arctic and Non-Arctic members with an annual operating budget of greater than EUR 10 million, but less than EUR 100 million.*

c) *Assembly approves the membership fee of EUR 3000 for Arctic and Non-Arctic members with an annual operating budget of greater than EUR 100 million.*

8.5 Approval of Establishment of Other Restricted Reserves (Action item)

Document: Decision 8.5
Draft Policy – Other Restricted Reserves

Decisions: Members of the Assembly voted in favour, with three abstention votes (two Arctic, one Non-Arctic member), to the following:

The Assembly approves the establishment of Other Restricted Reserves.

9. Endorsement of UArctic Thematic Networks

Presenter: *Diane Hirshberg*, UArctic Vice-President Academic

9.1 Introduction to New Thematic Network Applications

Links: UArctic Thematic Networks webpages
Guidelines for Establishing New Thematic Networks
Decolonization of Arctic Library and Archives Metadata (DALAM) – Video presentation
Digital North: Three-Dimensional Technologies and Arctic Education – Video presentation
Frozen Arctic Conservation – Video presentation
Northern and Arctic Island Studies Research – Video presentation

9.2 Approval of new Thematic Networks 2022 (Action item)

Document: Decision 9.2
Decolonization of Arctic Library and Archives Metadata (DALAM)– Application
Digital North: Three-Dimensional Technologies and Arctic Education – Application
Frozen Arctic Conservation – Application
Northern and Arctic Island Studies Research – Application

Decisions: Members of the Assembly voted in favour, with two abstention votes (one Arctic, one Non-Arctic member), to the following:

Assembly approves the provisional establishment of the following network: ***Thematic Network on Decolonization of Arctic Library and Archives Metadata (DALAM)****, hosted by Polar Libraries Colloquy, Canada*

Members of the Assembly voted in favour, with two abstention votes (one Arctic, one Non-Arctic member), to the following:

Assembly approves the provisional establishment of the following network: ***Thematic Network on Digital North: Three-Dimensional Technologies and Arctic Education****, hosted by UiT The Arctic University of Norway, Norway*

Members of the Assembly voted in favour, with three abstention votes (two Arctic, one Non-Arctic member) and one vote against (Arctic member), to the following:

Assembly approves the provisional establishment of the following network: ***Thematic Network on Frozen Arctic Conservation, hosted by University of Lapland****, Finland*

Members of the Assembly voted in favour, with two abstention votes (one Arctic, one Non-Arctic member), to the following:

Assembly approves the provisional establishment of the following network: ***Thematic Network on Northern and Arctic Island Studies Research, hosted by University of the Highlands and Islands****, Scotland*

9.3 Approval of provisional Thematic Networks 2021 (Action item)

Document: Decision 9.3
Report – TN Arctic Indigenous Film
Report – TN Arctic Space Hub
Report – TN Arctic Urban Planning and Design
Report – TN Bioregional Planning for Resilient Rural Communities
Report – TN Children of the Arctic
Report – TN Circular Economy
Report – TN Critical Arctic Studies

Decision: Members of the Assembly voted in favour, with two abstention votes (one Arctic, one Non-Arctic member), to the following:

Assembly approves the granting of full network status to the:

- ***Thematic Network on Arctic Indigenous Film****, hosted by the International Sámi Film Institute, Norway*
- ***Thematic Network on Arctic Space Hub****, hosted by the Sodankylä Geophysical Observatory, University of Oulu, Finland*
- ***Thematic Network on Arctic Urban Planning and Design****, hosted by UiT The Arctic University of Norway, Norway*
- ***Thematic Network on Bioregional Planning for Resilient Rural Communities****, hosted by the University of New England, USA*
- ***Thematic Network on Children of the Arctic****, hosted by the Ilisimatusarfik / University of Greenland, Greenland*
- ***Thematic Network on Circular Economy****, hosted by Lapland University of Applied Sciences, Finland*
- ***Thematic Network on Critical Arctic Studies****, hosted by the Arctic Centre, University of Lapland, Finland*

10. Breakout 2: Networking and development sessions

Sessions for the members to gather together to discuss current topics of UArctic. The second set of breakout sessions focused on networking and developing UArctic from the members' perspective. Session themes are:

- **Indigenization in Higher Education and Research**, led by *Karla Jessen Williamson* & Avatitsinni Committee
- **UArctic actions on Sustainability**, led by *Melody Brown Burkins* & *Outi Snellman*
- **The "New-Normal/Post-COVID" landscape in higher education and research**, led by *Diane Hirshberg*
- **Internships and Skills Training**, led by *Sheila Downer* & *Isabelle Guissard*
- **How to improve member engagement in UArctic meetings?**, led by *Janette Peltokorpi* & *Francesca Stoppani*
- **UN SDG's Card game**, led by *Lars Kullerud*

11. Roundtable discussion: The New Future of the Arctic

Speakers: *Angus S. King Jr.*, U.S. Senator for Maine (Session chair)
Lars Kullerud, President of UArctic
Drew Horn, Founder and CEO of GreenMet
Karla J. Williamson, Assistant Professor, University of Saskatchewan
Kjell Stokvik, Manager of Nord University's Centre for High North Logistics
Melody Brown Burkins, Director of the Institute of Arctic Studies, Dartmouth College
Justin Milton, Mittimatalik (Pond Inlet), Nunavut
James DeHart, U.S. Coordinator for the Arctic Region, U.S. State Department
Catherina Hvistendahl, First Secretary / Greenland Representation in Washington, D.C
Link: Roundtable discussion: The New Future of the Arctic
The New Future for the Arctic panel discussion at the UArctic Assembly 2022

12. Election of Assembly Officers (Action item)

Presenter: *Outi Snellman*, Secretary of the Nominations Committee
Document: Decision 12
Decisions: Members of the Assembly voted in favour, with one abstention vote (Non-Arctic member), to the following:

a) *The Assembly endorses the Toyon decision to elect **Liisa Holmberg** as the Vice-Chair of the Assembly of UArctic until the pause of the Russian membership shall be lifted, or for the remainder of the current officer's term (until 2024).*

b) *The Assembly elects **Lena Maria Nilsson** as Secretary of the Assembly of UArctic for a 2nd three-year term (2022-2025).*

13. Election of Nominations Committee Member (Action item)

Presenter: *Outi Snellman*, Secretary of the Nominations Committee
Document: Decision 13
Decisions: Members of the Assembly voted in favour, with one abstention vote (Non-Arctic member), to the following:

*The Assembly accepts the Board nomination and re-elects **Mauri Ylä-Kotola** as member of the UArctic's Nominations Committee for a 2nd three-year term (2022-2025).*

14. Election of Avatitsinni Committee Member (Action item)

Presenter: *Outi Snellman*, Secretary of the Nominations Committee
Documents: Decision 14
Decisions: Members of the Assembly voted in favour, with one abstention vote (Non-Arctic member), to the following:

a) *The Assembly accepts the Nominations Committee's nomination and elects **Janne Näkkäläjärvi** as member of the UArctic Avatitsinni Committee for a three-year term (2022- 2025).*

b) *The Assembly acknowledges the contributions of **Eeva-Liisa Rasmus-Moilanen** and **Johan Mathis Turi** and thanks them for their work as members of the UArctic Avatitsinni Committee.*

15. Invitation to join the Friends of UArctic (Action item)

Presenter: *Outi Snellman*, Secretary of the UArctic Board
Document: Decision 15
Decisions: Members of the Assembly voted unanimously in favour to the following:

a) *The Assembly acknowledges the contributions of **Johan Mathis Turi**, and thanked him for his dedicated engagement with the UArctic Indigenous Issues Committee.*

b) *The Assembly acknowledges the contributions of **Pål Markusson**, and thanked him for his dedicated engagement as the Vice-Chair and Chair of the Council of UArctic and Vice-President Mobility.*

c) *The Assembly joins the Board of UArctic in inviting **Johan Mathis Turi** and **Pål Markusson** to the Friends of UArctic.*

16. Approval of Amendments to UArctic Bylaws (Action item)

Presenter: *Outi Snellman*, Head of UArctic International Secretariat
Documents: Decision 16
UArctic Bylaws Amendments
Decision: Members of the Assembly voted in favour, with two abstention votes (one Arctic, one Non-Arctic member), to the following:

a) *The Assembly approves the proposed amendments to the UArctic Bylaws [sections 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.5, 3.1.2, 3.1.3 and 4.4] as presented.*

b) *The Assembly calls on the Head of the UArctic International Secretariat to implement the amendment to the UArctic Bylaws as presented, and to update any operation guidelines accordingly.*

17. UArctic Endorsement: UArctic Avatitsinni Committee (Action item)

Presenter: *Karla Jessen Williamson*, Chair of the Avatitsinni Committee
Document: Decision 17
UArctic Avatitsinni Committee - Terms of Reference
Decisions: Members of the Assembly voted in favour, with one abstention vote (Non-Arctic member), to the following:

a) *The Assembly endorses the UArctic Avatitsinni Committee.*

b) *The Assembly accepts the Terms of Reference of the Avatitsinni Committee.*

18. UArctic Endorsement: United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) (Action item)

Presenter: *Karla Jessen Williamson*, Chair of the Avatitsinni Committee
Document: Decision 18
Decisions: Members of the Assembly voted unanimously in favour to the following:

The Assembly endorses the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).

19. Indigenous Youth session (live discussion)

Presenters: *Wambli Martinez* – Maine: Lakota & Apache
Keyana Pardilla – Maine: Penobscot / Passamaquoddy
Cassidy Kramer – Alaska: Inupiaq
Natuk Petrussen Lyberth – Greenland: Inuit
Linda Lyberth Kirstiansen – Greenland: Inuit
Piibe Margget Aikio – Finland: Sami
Justin Milton – Canada: Inuit
Carter Price – Alaska: Unangax
Tysonnae Aiguier-Bolling – Massachusetts: Aquinnah Wampanoag
NaDaizja Aiguier-Bolling – Massachusetts: Aquinnah Wampanoag
Nolan Altvater – Maine: Passamaquoddy & Penobscot
Link: Indigenous Youth Gathering 2022

20. Update on Plans for the next Assembly Meeting 2023 (Action item)

Presenter: *Robert Sauvé*, Member of UArctic Board, Université Laval
Document: Decision 20
Links: Welcome – Rector Sophie D'Amours - Video
Université Laval - Video
Quebec City - Video
Decisions: Members of the Assembly voted in favour, with one abstention vote (Non-Arctic member), to the following:

a) *The Assembly welcomes the invitation and endorses the Board decision to organize the next Assembly meeting on 29 May – 2 June 2023 in Quebec City, Canada. (The Assembly asked the International Secretariat to investigate if alternative dates to avoid overlap with NAFSA could be found. No other dates were possible within the possible time window.)*

b) *The Assembly requests that the local planning committee work closely with the UArctic International Secretariat on define a program for the 4th annual meeting of the Assembly.*

21. Update on Plans for the Assembly and Congress 2024 (Action item)

Presenter: *Hanne Solheim Hansen*, Rector, Nord University
Kjell Stokvik, Director, Center of High North Logistics
Document: Decision 21
Link: Video presentation
Decision: Members of the Assembly voted in favour, with two abstention votes (one Arctic, one Non-Arctic member), to the following:

a) *The Assembly welcomes the invitation and endorses the Board decision to organize the Assembly meeting and UArctic Congress in Bodø, Norway on May 30 – June 3 2024 as part of the Norwegian chairmanship program of the Arctic Council.*

b) *The Assembly requests that the local planning committee work closely with the UArctic International Secretariat on defining the program for the 5th annual meeting of the Assembly and the UArctic Congress 2024.*

22. Other Business and Announcements

No other business items or announcements made.

23. Closing of meeting

The Assembly Chair *Lindsay Whaley* closed the meeting. The representatives of the meeting hosts also gave closing remarks.