



UArctic Assembly Meeting / Inari, Finland / June 2025

Agenda item: 12

Proposal – Approval of Amendments to UArctic Bylaws

Proposal: The Executive Committee (Toyon) proposes that the Assembly makes the following decision:
Assembly approves the amendments to UArctic Bylaws as presented.

References: [UArctic Constitution](#) / Article 10 – Annual Assembly
[UArctic Bylaws](#) / Section 8 – Amendments to the Bylaws
[UArctic Bylaws – Draft amendments 2025](#)

Background:

In their meeting in April 2025, the Board decided to propose amendments to the UArctic Bylaws. The proposed amendments are mostly to clarify procedures. The proposed changes are marked in the version linked above with red colour. The amendments are the following:

Sections 3.1.4 and 3.1.5: Merging the Membership Committee section with the Assembly Executive Committee (Toyon) section. This is to clarify the committee roles – UArctic does not have separate Membership Committee, and all roles of of Membership Committee are handled by Toyon.

Sections 2.1, 2.1.4 and 3.1.3: Changing references from Membership Committee to the Assembly Executive Committee (Toyon). In line with previous point, clarifying the committee roles.

Section 4: Clarification on the Board student representation.

Section 7: Renaming the Friends of UArctic to Stewards of UArctic. This is due to the Fundraising team's wish to use the name Friends for fundraising purposes.

Rationale:

UArctic Constitution, Article 10 – Annual Assembly

The annual Assembly approves the Bylaws of the association and their amendments, in which detailed provisions and guidelines regarding the activities of the association are issued. The Bylaws and any amendments thereto shall be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.

UArctic Bylaws, Section 8 – Amendments to the Bylaws

Any decision to amend the UArctic Bylaws must be taken during a meeting of the Assembly.



Amendments to these bylaws can be proposed by members of the Assembly or members of the Board. Notices of proposed amendments are circulated to all members at least thirty days prior to the meeting of the Assembly at which they are to be acted on.

Amendments to the UArctic Bylaws, which directly lead to amendments in the UArctic Constitution, would only come into force after the proposed constitutional change has been included in the official registry of associations.

Decisions on these bylaws and any proposed amendment shall be approved by a two-thirds majority vote.