UArctic ry

UArctic Assembly Meeting / Quebec City, Canada / May 2023

Agenda item: 5.4

Proposal – Removal of UArctic Membership

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

The Assembly removes the following members from the registry of UArctic members:

- ***Center for Circumpolar Studies**, United States*
- ***Environmental Development Centre – Ministry of Environmental Protection**, China*
- ***Florida SouthWestern State College**, United States*
- ***Polar Research Institute of China**, China*

References: UArctic Constitution / Article 3 – Members

/ Article 4 – Resignation and removal of members

UArctic Bylaws / Section 2.6 – Resignation and Removal of Members

Applicants:

As per UArctic Constitution and Bylaws, the members of UArctic are required to pay an annual membership fee. If a member doesn't pay in two consecutive years, the members shall be recommended for removal from registry of UArctic members. The final decision is taken by the Assembly.

The following four members have not paid their membership fees in two or more consecutive years. The UArctic International Secretariat and the UArctic leadership have tried to reach the members several times through all possible communication channels and connections, but have not received any response. The members have also been provided with a warning about the consequence of not paying their fees, and they have been informed about possibility to apply for a waiver from the membership fee in case they have financial reasons for not paying their membership fees.

The members recommended to be removed:

- Center for Circumpolar Studies, United States
- Environmental Development Centre – Ministry of Environmental Protection, China
- Florida SouthWestern State College, United States
- Polar Research Institute of China, China

Rationale:

UArctic Constitution / 3 Article – Members

Members are required to pay an annual membership fee as determined by the Assembly, and tocomply with UArctic´s reporting requirements.

UArctic Constitution / Article 4 – Resignation and removal of members

The Assembly may expel a member if the member

-has not fulfilled those obligations to which it is committed by joining the association

-through its actions within or outside the association, has caused appreciable damage to the association or

-no longer fulfils the terms of membership stipulated in this Constitution

UArctic Bylaws / Section 2.6 – Resignation and Removal of Members

The UArctic International Secretariat shall provide a warning to any member that fails to meet its obligations during a given year. Failure to comply with UArctic's reporting requirements or paying the annual membership fee for two consecutive years shall lead to the member being recommended for removal from the registry of UArctic members.

The Assembly may remove a member by vote taken during its annual meeting, with the reason for dismissal in accordance with Article 4 of the Constitution and contained in a proposal that must be made available in accordance with Assembly rules of procedure. Prior to action on the proposal, the member must be given the opportunity to respond to the matter.