



UARctic Assembly Meeting / Quebec City, Canada / May 2023

Agenda item: 6.1

Proposal – Election of New Board Member

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

*The Assembly accepts the nomination and elects **Lesley Brown** as member of the Board of UARctic for a three-year term (2023-2026).*

References: [UARctic Constitution](#) / Article 5 – Governance and Administration

/ Article 10 – Annual Assembly

[UARctic Bylaws](#) / Section 4 – UARctic Board

/ Section 4.2 – Election of the Board

[Nomination documents – Lesley Brown](#)

Background:

The members of the Board are elected by the Assembly from slates of nominees prepared by the Nominations Committee. Nominations may also be made by any member representative at any Assembly in which a Board election takes place. In Board elections, the aim shall be to seek a gender balance and a regional distribution of members, where at least one member shall be from an Arctic Indigenous people within the Circumpolar North.

On candidate evaluations: UARctic's Nominations Committee members discussed strategies for filling vacancies, identified existing gaps and needs, and invited identified individuals. Following an evaluation of potential candidates, Committee members prepared a final slate of the following nomination candidate. The Nominations Committee decided to leave three vacancies open in the Board.

Nominated Candidate:

Lesley Brown

Dr. Lesley Brown is the President and Vice-Chancellor of Yukon University. She holds an extensive experience from administrative and leadership positions in academic and research operations of Canadian universities, and as an accomplished scholar in the field of kinesiology.

Current members on the Board of UARctic:

Frederik Paulsen (Chair)	Switzerland	1 st term as Chair (2022-25), Board member 2017-22
Jouko Niinimäki (Vice-Chair I)	Finland	3 rd term 2022-25
Anne Husebekk (Vice-Chair II)	Norway	2 nd term 2021-24
Gary Kachanoski	Canada	3 rd term 2020-23
Birgitta Bergvall-Kåreborn	Sweden	1 st term 2022-25
Aaja Chemnitz	Greenland	1 st term 2022-25
Tore Furevik	Norway	1 st term 2021-24
Magnús Tumi Guðmundsson	Iceland	2 nd term 2022-25



Johanna Ikäheimo	Finland	1 st term 2021-24
Pat Pitney	USA	1 st term 2021-24
Robert Sauvé	Canada	2 nd term 2022-25
Ross Virginia	USA	2 nd term 2021-24