

The Northern Forum

Resolution # 102

Executive Committee Resolution Regarding New Regional Members of the Northern Forum

Issue:

Article II of the Northern Forum Bylaws provides for membership in the Northern Forum for both Regional Governments and Business Partners. The Board of Governors has stated their interest in developing partnerships with businesses with an interest in the activities of the Northern Forum. Additionally, the Bylaws provide specific guidance regarding membership when regions do not pay their annual membership fees.

Recommendation:

In recent months the Associate Secretariats in Lapland, St. Petersburg and Yakutsk have been communicating with regional governments in the north that are not currently Northern Forum members. Due to this activity the City of Akureyri, Iceland and the Krasnoyarsk Krai, Russia, have both indicated an interest in membership in the Northern Forum. The Board of Governors has previously amended the Bylaws of the Northern Forum to accept City or Municipal administrations in situations where no regional structure exists in a nation.

A. The Executive Committee, in accordance with Article II, Section A of the Bylaws, and acting on behalf of the Board of Governors, is requested to approve as full voting Regional Members the following regional governments:

- The City of Akureyri, Iceland (pending receipt of completed membership documents at the Secretariat);
- The Krasnoyarsk Krai, Russia (pending receipt of completed membership documents at the Secretariat, and resolution of Evenk membership as either a separate member or as part of the Krasnoyarsk Krai membership); and
- The Province of Oulu, Finland (pending receipt of completed membership documents at the Secretariat).

Be It Resolved, by the Board of Governors of the Northern Forum:

That the Executive Committee, acting on behalf of the Board of the Governors has reviewed, and with great pleasure extends Regional Membership to the City of Akureyri, Iceland, Province of Oulu, Finland, and the Krasnoyarsk Krai, Russia.

Signed and Approved this 17th day of May, 2002, in Oulu, Finland.