

The Northern Forum

Resolution # 104

Executive Committee Resolution Regarding the Status of Membership Fee Payment, Inactive Membership

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

The Executive Director of The Northern Forum, in conformance with the Article II, Section D.2 of the Bylaws, has reviewed the status of membership fee payment by both Regional and Partner of the Northern Forum. The following regional members have not paid their annual fee in the past one or more years.

<u>Regional Member</u>	<u>Membership Fees Outstanding (US Dollars)</u>
Magadan Oblast	\$30,000 (3 years)
Kamchatka Oblast	\$20,000 (2 years, letter of request)
Nenets Autonomous Okrug	\$10,000 (2 years, 3 forgiven)
Arkhangelsk Oblast	\$20,000 (2 years)
Dornod Aimag	\$15,000 (1.5 years)
Northern Norway (Landsdelsutvalget)	\$30,000 (3 years, letter of request)

In accordance with the Bylaws, and to ensure that all financial records comply with the Bylaws and standard accounting practices, the Executive Director recommends that the above regions be moved to inactive status.

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

That the Executive Committee, acting on behalf of the Board of Governors, and in accordance with Article II, Section D.2, of the Bylaws, removes the following regions to Inactive Status, due to nonpayment of membership fees. These regions shall, as a result, be ineligible for financial assistance or other subsidies provided to Northern Forum members, and deprived from such other benefits as outlined in the Northern Forum Bylaws: Magadan Oblast, Kamchatka Oblast, Nenets Autonomous Okrug, Arkhangelsk Oblast, Northern Norway (Landsdelsutvalget), and Dornod Aimag.

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