

The Northern Forum

Resolution # 106

Executive Committee Resolution Approving Revisions to the Northern Forum Bylaws

Issue:

During the past 3 years resolutions have been approved by the Board of Governors and the Executive Committee that require changes to the Bylaws. In addition, the Management Committee has recommended changes to the Bylaws to reflect the focus of partnering with business, industry, education institutions and other organizations.

Following is a summary of changes that have been recommended:

- Housekeeping changes to reflect actions previously taken by the Board of Governors or the Executive Committee in previous years;
- Streamlining the membership category to reflect 2 categories for membership - full regional government member (including Russian Federal cities, and Municipal governments where no regional structure exists) - and Partners, which include businesses, Chambers of Commerce, NGO's, and others with an interest to work in cooperation with the Northern Forum to achieve our goals.
- Changing membership dues to only 2 categories - \$10,000 for all membership categories, except for regions with small populations less than 100,000 people, which will pay \$5,000 USD per year. This eliminates the alternate structure for Russian regions, which can no longer be justified.
- Changing the allocation of Partner dues to allow the Partner to designate how their dues are spent; in an unrestricted manner, specific to one Associate Secretariat, specific to a general project theme, or allocated to a specific project.

Recommendation:

The Management Committee recommends the approval of the changes to the Bylaws of the Northern Forum, as shown on attached version dated April 29, 2002.

Be It Resolved, by the Executive Committee of the Northern Forum, acting on behalf of the Board of Governors of the Northern Forum: that the changes to the Bylaws are approved as presented.

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