

Resolution #41
Concerning Clarifications in the Entitlements and Acceptance of
Membership III

Whereas the Bylaws of the Northern Forum (Article II, Section B2) defines Membership III,

Whereas Entitlements of Membership III are not established in the Bylaws,

Whereas business and corporate institutions will benefit from contact with Members of the Northern Forum through attendance at some Northern Forum meetings,

Whereas business and corporate institutions will benefit from information available to Northern Forum Membership I and II entities,

Whereas such benefits should not interfere with the regular activities of the Northern Forum or its Members,

and

Whereas the procedure for acceptance of Membership III and Membership IV entities should differ from those steps for obtaining Membership outlined in Article II, Section C of the Bylaws,

Whereas, in addition to those steps, Membership III and IV entities should be sponsored by a Level I or II Member,

Whereas a procedure for sponsorship of Membership III and IV entities is not clearly established in the Bylaws,

Therefore the Board of Directors hereby resolves to amend the Bylaws to include the following definition for entitlements of Membership III, and for acceptance of Membership III and IV:

Resolved that Article II, Section B4 be added as follows:

B3. Membership III Entitlements. Level III members are entitled to attend the General Assembly, Board of Directors and Regional Coordinators Meetings. Membership III entities may participate in other Northern Forum meetings and projects with the concurrence of the Sponsoring Region and a majority of all participating regions. Requests for such participation shall be submitted in writing to

the Executive Director. Rules for participation in study projects is designated in Article IV of the Bylaws. Level III shall be a nonvoting membership.

Resolved that Article II, Section C be replaced by the following:

An application for Membership Levels I and II shall be submitted to the Northern Forum on a form supplied by the Secretariat, accompanied by the annual membership fee. Upon the approval of 2/3 of the voting members in a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors, the applicant shall be admitted to membership. The Executive Director, with the concurrence of the Chairman, may admit an eligible applicant paying the membership fee to a provisional membership, pending the next Board of Directors meeting.

An application for Membership III must be sponsored by a Membership I or II entity. Such sponsorship may be indicated by official recommendation from a Board member or his official designee. Upon receipt of written acknowledgement of sponsorship from the sponsoring region and receipt of the membership fees required, the Executive Director may admit the applicant to Level III membership without further requirements. The Executive Director may, at his discretion, refer the application to the Board of Directors for a full vote, in which case a 2/3 majority of voting members is required for approval. By a vote of a majority of those Level I and II members attending a regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting, any Level III membership may be terminated, in which case a prorated portion of membership fees shall be returned to the terminated Level III member.

An application for Membership IV must be sponsored by a Level I or II entity. Such sponsorship may be indicated by official recommendation from a Board member or his official designee. Upon receipt of written acknowledgement of sponsorship from the sponsoring region and receipt of the membership fees required, the Executive Director may admit the applicant to Level IV membership without further requirements. The Executive Director may, at his discretion, refer the application to the Board of Directors for a full vote, in which case a 2/3 majority of voting members is required for approval. By a vote of a majority of those Level I and II members attending a regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting, any Level IV membership may be terminated, in which case a prorated portion of membership fees shall be returned to the terminated Level IV member.