

Resolution #42
Concerning Clarifications in the Definition, Entitlements and Acceptance of
Membership IV

Whereas the Bylaws of the Northern Forum (Article II, Section B3) define Membership IV.

Whereas the intent of the Board of Directors in creating this membership category was to provide a venue for membership to nonprofit and non-governmental organizations with a interest in northern issues which are related to, and in accordance with, the principles and mission of the Northern Forum.

Whereas this intent is not clearly stated in the Bylaws or other official Northern Forum documents.

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

Whereas nonprofit and non-governmental organizations will benefit from contact with Members of the Northern Forum through attendance at some Northern Forum meetings,

Whereas nonprofit and non-governmental organizations 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,

Whereas the procedure for acceptance of Level IV members should differ from those steps for obtaining Membership outlined in Article II, Section C of the Bylaws.

Whereas, in addition to those steps, Level IV Members should be sponsored by a Level I or II Member.

Whereas a procedure for sponsorship of a Level IV Member is not established in the Bylaws.

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

Resolved that Article II, Section B3, be revised as follows:

B4. Membership IV (Advocate). Membership IV shall be open to nonprofit organizations and non-governmental organizations (NGO's) which demonstrate an interest in northern issues relevant to the membership of the Northern Forum.

Resolved that Articles II, Section B4 and Article II, Section C be amended to include "Membership IV" as follows:

B5. Membership IV Entitlements. Level IV members are entitled to attend the General Assembly, Board of Directors and Regional Coordinators Meetings. Membership IV 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 are designated in Article IV of the Bylaws.

Level IV shall be a nonvoting membership.