



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Vologda, Russia  
November 17, 2008

### RESOLUTION NUMBER 132

The Executive Committee of the Northern Forum Board of Governors met in Vologda, Russia on November 17, 2008, in their capacity to represent the Board of Governors. Present were Khanty-Mansiysk, Sakha Republic, Akureyri, and Alberta Province, by Proxy. Also present were representatives of the host region of Vologda Oblast.

Having received and reviewed a report to the Executive Committee from the Executive Director of the Northern Forum Secretariat, which included information about the Bylaws and Rules of Procedure for the Northern Forum; information about projects and program activities; information about regional and business membership in the NF; a financial report; and information about a proposal to move the Secretariat.

#### Hereby:

1. **Approve** the Bylaws and Rules of Procedure, dated September 2008;
2. **Approve** the recommendations from the Regional Coordinators regarding project status; and approve **in principle** the proposed international conference on the "Role of Oil and Gas producing regions in achieving the Millenium Development Goals", and the project on the regional approach to climate change. Authorize the Secretariat to move forward on the implementation of all NF approved projects, and instruct the Secretariat to provide additional information and avenues for discussion of the climate change project prior to any formal approval of a Memorandum of Understanding on this project;
3. **Approve** the Membership of Nunavut Canada and Magadan Oblast, Russia, as regional members, and the Khanty-Mansiysk international airport "Yugravia" as a Business member of the Northern Forum;
4. **Note the serious nature of the NF financial situation and voice concern that more regions did not provide supplementary funding as requested in 2008. Therefore Approve** an increase in regional membership starting in January 2009 in accordance with the following table, which will result in annual income from membership dues of \$354,000.
  - Small Population Regions (50,000 or fewer residents) \$6,000
  - Medium Population Regions (50,001 to 500,000 residents) \$15,000
  - Large Population Regions (above 500,000) \$25,000
5. **Direct** the Secretariat and the Regional Coordinators to continue the evaluation process of moving the Secretariat to Akureyri, Iceland, and make a recommendation to the Board of Governors after the Regional Coordinators meeting in May, 2009.
6. **Direct** the Secretariat and the RCC to review the Strategic Plan of the Northern Forum.
7. **Approve** the dates and location for the Regional Coordinators meeting and the General Assembly as follows:
  - Regional Coordinators meeting – Gangwon Province, Republic of Korea, 5-7 May 2009.
  - General Assembly – Yukon, Canada, 2-4 September 2009

**Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November 2008, in Vologda, Vologda Oblast, Russia**

**Executive Committee Members**

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**Khanty-Mansiysk AO, Russia**

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Gennady Dmitrievich Oleynik  
KMAO Senator in the Russian Council of the Federation

**City of Akureyri, Iceland**

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Sigrun Björk Jacobsdottir  
Mayor

**Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), Russia**

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Faina Nikolaevna Sokolova  
Head of Division, Ministry of Foreign Relations

**Province of Alberta, Canada**

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Dan Dibbelt  
Executive Director, Northern Alberta Development Council

**The Northern Forum Secretariat**

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Priscilla Wohl  
Executive Director

**Northern Forum Member Region in attendance**

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**Vologda Oblast', Russia**

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Nikolai Leonidovich Vinogradov  
Vice-Governor