



3rd Meeting of the Assembly of UArctic

Portland, Maine / 1-3 June 2022

Co-host UArctic members in New England are happy to invite all member representatives to participate in the 3rd annual meeting of the Assembly of UArctic. The UArctic co-host members are University of New Hampshire, University of Maine, University of New England, University of Southern Maine, and Dartmouth College.

Please note, that minor changes to the program are still possible. However, by accessing the online version of this Assembly of UArctic 2022 Program-Agenda you will have the most current and up-to-date information.

Program / Agenda

OVERVIEW OF MEETING SCHEDULE, AGENDA AND VOTING PERIOD

29 April: Assembly meeting Invitation, Program and Agenda

All member representatives* of UArctic Assembly receive the full meeting program and agenda, including all action item proposals and reference documents.

29 April – 8 May: Comments period

During this period, member representatives have opportunity to review and comment on all agenda items, in particular the action item proposals. After the comment period, if needed, the agenda item details will be updated based on comments received.

12-25 May: Pre-voting period

During this period, one representative from each UArctic member institution or organization, who will not participate the meeting on site, will have an opportunity to vote online on all agenda action items. On the 12th of May, an email message with instructions for pre-voting and link to the online voting. Votes given during pre-voting will be counted as equal votes with the ones given during the meeting.

30-31 May: Pre-conference days

Pre-conference event (separate registration) will be organized in New Hampshire, with Pre-meeting session and dinner on Gundalow sunset sail on 30th of May, and Breakfast and tour of Strawberry Banke on the 31st of May. UArctic *New Members and Newcomers session* and *Meet UArctic session* as well as pre-meetings for invited groups will be held on the 31st of May at the University of Southern Maine, Abromson Center. Optional evening reception will be held at New England Ocean Cluster, Hús.

1-3 June: 3rd Meeting of the Assembly of UArctic

The 2022 annual members meeting will be held on the 1st of June at the University of Southern Maine, Abromson Center, and on the 2nd-3rd of June at University of New England, Innovation Hall. The 1st of June program starts with welcome addresses, and continues with business meeting and breakout sessions. In the evening, there will be a reception at the Portland Museum of Art. The 2nd of June will start with business meeting section, and continue with New England Arctic Network Research Symposium. The evening program will continue with a traditional Maine Lobster Bake at the University of New England's Biddeford campus (separate registration). The program of the 3rd of June includes the business meeting, a high-level discussion "The New Future of the Arctic" moderated by Maine Senator Angus S. King Jr., and closing.

* Assembly member representatives are contacted directly (by email) during key stages of the meeting preparation process. To see who the representatives are for a given member institution, go to our [Member Profile page](#) and select the country and the member in question. The Assembly member representatives are listed under Contact information (on the right). To change your institution's contact person and/or contact information, please send us an email with details to secretariat@uarctic.org.



PRE-MEETING DAYS

(all times are EDT / UTC -4, Maine local time)

30 May (Monday)

- 16.00-20.00 Pre-Conference: Pre-meeting session** on small-town coastal resilience (*Kingsbury Hall S145, 33 Academic Way, Durham, NH*)
Light dinner on Gundalow sunset sail (*Gundalow Dock, Prescott Park, 60 Marcy Street, Portsmouth, NH*)
Link: [Pre-Conference Event](#)

31 May (Tuesday)

- 7.30-13.00 Pre-Conference: Breakfast and tour of Strawberry Banke** with focus on “Water Has a Memory exhibit”. (*Strawberry Banke, 14 Hancock St, Portsmouth, NH*)
Lunch and pre-meeting session at University of New Hampshire on sustainability and collaboration. (*Morse Hall, University of New Hampshire, 8 College Road, Durham, NH*)
Link: [Pre-Conference Event](#)

- 12.47-13.55 Pre-Conference: Train to Portland, Maine** (Down’Easter line)

Pre-meetings (*University of Southern Maine, Abromson Center and buildings close by*)

- 8.00-8.30 Breakfast**, *Abromson Center Lobby*

- 8.00-16.15 Registration and information desk**, *Abromson Center Lobby*

- 8.30-12.30 North-American UArctic members**, *Abromson Center, Rooms 109/110 (by invitation)*
Meeting of North American UArctic institutions to talk about how we can best collaborate across the region as well as within Canada and the U.S., and to identify opportunities for funding and programs. The morning will begin with a region-wide conversation and after a coffee break, the U.S. and Canadian institutions will meet separately.
Chair: *Diane Hirshberg, UArctic Vice-President Academic*
Sheila Downer, UArctic Vice-President Finance, Development and Engagement

- 9.00-16.00 Mimir**, *Glickman Library, University Events Room (by invitation)*
Meeting of the Mimir - UArctic Academic Advisory Board.
Chair: *Arja Rautio, UArctic Vice-President Research*

- 9.30-12.00 Avatitsinni Committee**, *Glickman Library, Cohen Center (by invitation)*
Meeting of UArctic Avatitsinni Committee - a consultative body, that provides advice on matters pertaining to Indigenous peoples of the Arctic that relate to the activities of UArctic.
Chair: *Karla Jessen Williamson, Chair of the Avatitsinni Committee*

- 11.00-12.00 Meet the Finnish-American Research & Innovation Accelerator (FARIA)**, *Wishcamper Center, Room 102 (open for all)*
This session is to meet and connect with the FARIA network coordinators and to introduce network activities, and showcase concrete opportunities for collaboration. American and Finnish colleagues are invited to join to explore mutual interests and synergies.
Chair: *Jerome Rickmann, FARIA network coordinator, Aalto University*

- 12.30-13.30 Lunch**, *Abromson Center Lobby*

- 12.00-13.30 north2north National Agencies**, *lunch off-site (by invitation)*
Meeting of the National Agencies of the north2north mobility program.



Chair: *Isabelle Guissard*, UARctic Vice-President Mobility

14.00-16.00 north2north strategy, Abromson Center, Rooms 109/110 (by invitation)

Meeting of the institutional north2north contact persons and north2north National Agencies to discuss the strategic challenges related to recent developments and the future of north2north and UARctic mobility. Recent developments to be discussed include virtual mobility, new non-Arctic countries (e.g. China, Scotland) and higher number of North-American institutions joining the north2north program.

Chair: *Isabelle Guissard*, UARctic Vice-President Mobility

15.00-16.00 New members and Newcomers session, Abromson Center, Hannaford Hall (open for all)

Welcome session for new members and people who are in their first UARctic Assembly meeting. Introducing UARctic practices and preparing for the meeting.

Speakers: *Lars Kullerud*, UARctic President
Outi Snellman, UARctic Vice-President Organization
Janette Peltokorpi, UARctic Director of Governance and Finance Support

16.00-17.00 Meet UARctic, Abromson Center, Hannaford Hall (open for all)

Meet the UARctic leadership and hear more about what's going on in their areas of responsibility.

Speakers: *Lars Kullerud*, UARctic President
Outi Snellman, UARctic Vice-President Organization
Diane Hirshberg, UARctic Vice-President Academic
Arja Rautio, UARctic Vice-President Research
Sheila Downer, UARctic Vice-President Finance, Development and Engagement
Isabelle Guissard, UARctic Vice-President Mobility

17.30-19.30 Optional Evening Reception, New England Ocean Cluster, Hús (open for all, registration required)

Link: [Reception: New England Ocean Cluster](#)

2022 MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF UARCTIC

(all times are EDT / UTC -4, Maine local time)

1 June (Wednesday)

University of Southern Maine, Abromson Center

8.00-14.15 Registration and information desk

8.00 Breakfast

9.30 Welcome

Dr. *Glenn Cummings*, President, University of Southern Maine

9.45 Assembly Business - session 1

Agenda items:

1. Opening of meeting

The Assembly Chair *Lindsay Whaley* opens the meeting.

2. Introduction to Meeting Rules & Voting Procedures: validity, rights, proposals & voting procedures

Presenter: *Janette Peltokorpi*, Director of Governance and Finance Support

Documents: [Introduction to Assembly meeting rules 2022](#)

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda and Selection of Meeting Officers (Action item)

Presenter: *Lindsay Whaley*, Chair of the Assembly

Document: [Proposal 3](#)

4. UARctic Reports

4.1 Report from the President

Presenter: *Lars Kullerud*, UARctic President

4.2 Report from the Board of UARctic

Presenter: *Peter Sköld*, Chair of the UARctic Board

5. UARctic Membership

Presenter: *Lars Kullerud*, UARctic President

5.1 Introduction to New Member Applicants 2022

Presenters: Presentations by representatives of the new member applicants

Documents: [Summary of Current UARctic Members](#)
[Summary of New Member Applications 2022](#)

11.00 Coffee break

Networking with New Member Applicants

11.30 Assembly Business - session 2

Agenda items:

5.2 Approval of new Arctic Members of UARctic (Action item)

Document: [Proposal 5.2](#)
[Mount Royal University – Application](#)
[Université de Sherbrooke – Application](#)
[University of Jyväskylä – Application](#)
[University of Maine at Fort Kent – Application](#)
[University of Southern Denmark – Application](#)
[SmartICE – Application](#)
[Nansen Environmental and Remote Sensing Center – Application](#)

5.3 Approval of new Non-Arctic Members of UARctic (Action item)

Document: [Proposal 5.3](#)
[Aix-Marseille Université – Application](#)
[Heriot-Watt University – Application](#)
[The Glasgow School of Art – Application](#)
[Université de Bretagne Occidentale – Application](#)

6. Elections of Board Members

Presenter: *Outi Snellman*, Secretary of the Nominations Committee

6.1 Election of Board Chair (Action item)

Document: [Proposal 6.1](#)

6.2 Election of Board Members to 2nd and 3rd term (Action item)

Document: [Proposal 6.2](#)

6.3 Election of new Board Members (Action item)

Documents: [Proposal 6.3](#)
[Aaja Chemnitz Larsen – CV](#)
[Birgitta Bergvall-Kåreborn – CV](#)

6.4 Election of Board Student Representative (Action item)

Document: [Proposal 6.4](#)
[Call for Nominations – Board Student Representative](#)
[Montana Rose Murphy – Nomination document](#)

12.00 **Lunch**

13.00 **Breakout 1: Information sessions**

Sessions for the members to learn about key activities and member benefits, as well as recent initiatives of UArctic. Session themes are:

- **Developing new Thematic Networks** (*Wishcamper Center, Room 133*)
Session lead: *Diane Hirshberg and Outi Snellman*
- **Project Funding** (*Abromson Center, Hannaford Hall*)
Session leads: *Sheila Downer, Pirkko Pulkkanen and Sigrid Ag*
- **Promoting your activities through UArctic** (*Wishcamper Center, Room 211/211A*)
Session leads: *Lars Kullerud, Francesca Stoppa and Janette Peltokorpi*
- **Joining and engaging with UArctic’s mobility program north2north** (*Abromson Center, Room 109/110*)
Session lead: *Isabelle Guissard*
- **UARctic research diplomacy and research initiatives: UArctic Chairs and Mimir** (*Wishcamper Center, Room 102*)
Session lead: *Arja Rautio*

14.15 **Breakout session reports**

14.45 **End of the day program**

18.00 **Evening reception, Portland Museum of Art**

Link: [Reception: Portland Museum of Art](#)

2 June (Thursday)

University of New England, Innovation Hall

8.00-13.00 **Registration and information desk**

8.00 **Breakfast**

9.00 **Welcome**

Dr. James D. Herbert, President, University of New England

9.10 **Assembly Business - session 3**

Agenda items:

8. UArctic Finances

Presenter: *Lars Kullerud, UArctic President*

8.1 Approval of Financial Statements and Auditor Report 2021 (Action item)

Documents: [Proposal 8.1](#)
[Financial Statements and Auditor Report 2021](#)

8.2 Approval of UArctic Annual Report 2021 (Action item)

Document: [Proposal 8.2](#)
[UARctic Annual Report 2021](#)

8.3 Verification of UArctic Operating Budget 2022 (Action item)

Document: [Proposal 8.3](#)
[UArctic Operating Budget 2022](#)

8.4 Approval of UArctic Membership fees 2023 (Action item)

Document: [Proposal 8.4](#)

8.5 Approval of Establishment of Other Restricted Reserves (Action item)

Document: [Proposal 8.5](#)
[Draft Policy – Other Restricted Reserves](#)

9. Endorsement of UArctic Thematic Networks

Presenter: *Diane Hirshberg*, UArctic Vice-President Academic

9.1 Introduction to New Thematic Network Applications

Links: [UArctic Thematic Networks webpages](#)
[Guidelines for Establishing New Thematic Networks](#)

9.2 Approval of new Thematic Networks 2022 (Action item)

Document: [Proposal 9.2](#)
[Decolonization of Arctic Library and Archives Metadata \(DALAM\)– Application](#)
[Digital North: Three-Dimensional Technologies and Arctic Education – Application](#)
[Frozen Arctic Conservation – Application](#)
[Northern and Arctic Island Studies Research – Application](#)

9.3 Approval of provisional Thematic Networks 2021 (Action item)

Document: [Proposal 9.3](#)
[Report – TN Arctic Indigenous Film](#)
[Report – TN Arctic Space Hub](#)
[Report – TN Arctic Urban Planning and Design](#)
[Report – TN Bioregional Planning for Resilient Rural Communities](#)
[Report – TN Children of the Arctic](#)
[Report – TN Circular Economy](#)
[Report – TN Critical Arctic Studies](#)

10.55 Coffee Break

11.15 Breakout 2: Networking and development sessions

Sessions for the members to gather together to discuss current topics of UArctic. The second set of breakout sessions focuses on networking and developing UArctic from the members' perspective. Session themes are:

- **Indigenization in Higher Education and Research** (*Innovation Hall 101*)
Session leads: Karla Jessen Williamson & Avatitsinni Committee
- **UArctic actions on Sustainability** (*Alumni Hall, Detmer Room*)
Session leads: Melody Brown Burkins & Outi Snellman
- **The "New-Normal/Post-COVID" landscape in higher education and research** (*Alumni Hall, Newberry Room*)
Session lead: Diane Hirshberg
- **Internships and Skills Training** (*Innovation Hall 102*)
Session leads: Sheila Downer & Isabelle Guissard
- **How to improve member engagement in UArctic meetings?** (*Innovation Hall main meeting area*)
Session leads: Janette Peltokorpi & Francesca Stoppani
- **UN SDG's Card game** (*Innovation Hall 201*)

Session lead: Lars Kullerud

12.00 Breakout session reports

12.30 Lunch

13.00-16.00 New England Arctic Network (NEAN) Research Symposium

The symposium is to celebrate the breadth and depth of NEAN research engagement in the Arctic and High North, as well as explore partnerships for future collaboration with UArctic member institutions. The symposium will highlight the work of emerging researchers through a panel discussion and will feature keynote speaker, Dr. Trevor Bell of Memorial University of Newfoundland, and SmartICE.

Link: [NEAN Research Symposium](#)

16.15 Buses to Lobster Bake

18.00-21.00 Lobster Bake, *University of New England, Biddeford Campus*

Link: [Lobster Bake](#)

3 June (Friday)

University of New England, Innovation Hall

8.00-13.15 Registration and information desk

8.00 Breakfast

9.00 Roundtable discussion: The New Future of the Arctic

Angus S. King Jr., U.S. Senator for Maine and Co-chair of the U.S. Senate Arctic Caucus, will moderate a discussion that examines how Arctic nations can demonstrate leadership in the transition to green energy solutions, as well as the secure and sustainable supply of critical raw materials in such a way as to reduce dependence on unreliable - or undesirable - sources. A key consideration in this question is the rights of Indigenous peoples and tribes of the High North. The aim of the session is to raise considerations for policymakers and researchers to address as these efforts move forward. Senator King will be joined by Arctic experts and leaders.

Link: [Roundtable discussion: The New Future of the Arctic](#)

10.30 Coffee Break

11.00 Assembly Business - session 4

Agenda items:

12. Election of Assembly Officers (Action item)

Presenter: *Outi Snellman*, Secretary of the Nominations Committee

Document: [Proposal 12](#)

13. Election of Nominations Committee Member (Action item)

Presenter: *Outi Snellman*, Secretary of the Nominations Committee

Document: [Proposal 13](#)

14. Election of Avatitsinni Committee Member (Action item)

Presenter: *Outi Snellman*, Secretary of the Nominations Committee

Documents: [Proposal 14](#)
[Janne Näkkäläjärvi – CV](#)

15. Invitation to join the Friends of UArctic (Action item)

Presenter: *Outi Snellman*, Secretary of the UArctic Board

Document: [Proposal 15](#)

16. Approval of Amendments to UARctic Bylaws (Action item)

Presenter: *Outi Snellman*, Head of UARctic International Secretariat
Documents: [Proposal 16](#)
[UARctic Bylaws Amendments](#)

17. UARctic Endorsement: UARctic Avatitsinni Committee (Action item)

Presenter: *Karla Jessen Williamson*, Chair of the Avatitsinni Committee
Document: [Proposal 17](#)
[UARctic Avatitsinni Committee - Terms of Reference](#)

18. UARctic Endorsement: United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) (Action item)

Presenter: *Karla Jessen Williamson*, Chair of the Avatitsinni Committee
Document: [Proposal 18](#)

12.15 Lunch

13.15 Assembly Business - session 5

Agenda items:

19. Indigenous Youth session

Indigenous Youth from the New England region and the Arctic will gather together for a first of its kind meeting during the Assembly. This four-day gathering will be facilitated by Wabanaki Youth in Science and is a project funded by the National Science Foundation. In this session, participating youth will share their experience with Assembly participants.

Link: [Indigenous Youth Gathering 2022](#)

20. Update on Plans for the next Assembly Meeting 2023 (Action item)

Presenter: *Robert Sauvé*, Member of UARctic Board, Université Laval
Document: [Proposal 20](#)

21. Update on Plans for the Assembly and Congress 2024 (Action item)

Presenter: *Kjell Stokvik*, Director, Center of High North Logistics
Hanne Solheim Hansen, Rector, Nord University
Document: [Proposal 21](#)

22. Other Business and Announcements

Assembly representatives are welcome to make open announcements on matters of interest to the Assembly.

23. Closing of meeting

The Assembly Chair *Lindsay Whaley* closes the meeting. The representatives of the meeting hosts will also give closing remarks.

15.15 End of the Meeting