



## 3rd Meeting of the Assembly of UArctic / Portland, ME, USA / June 2022

### Agenda item: 6.3

#### Proposal – Election of new Board Members

**Proposal:** The Executive Committee (Toyon) proposes that the Assembly make the following decisions:

- a) *The Assembly accepts the nomination and elects **Aaja Chemnitz Larsen** as member of the Board of UArctic for a three-year term (2022-2025).*
- b) *The Assembly accepts the nomination and elects **Birgitta Bergvall-Kåreborn** as member of the Board of UArctic for a three-year term (2022-2025).*

**References:** [UARctic Constitution](#) / Article 5 – Governance and Administration

/ Article 10 – Annual Assembly

[UARctic Bylaws](#) / Section 4 – UArctic Board

/ Section 4.2 – Election of the Board

#### **Background:**

The members of the Board are elected by the Assembly from slates of nominees prepared by the Nominations Committee. Nominations may also be made by any member representative at any Assembly in which a Board election takes place. In Board elections, the aim shall be to seek a regional distribution of members, where at least one member shall be from an Arctic Indigenous people within the Circumpolar North.

On candidate evaluations: UArctic's Nominations Committee members discussed strategies for filling vacancies, identified existing gaps and needs, and invited identified individuals. Following an evaluation of potential candidates, Committee members prepared a final slate of the following two nomination candidates. The Nominations Committee decided to leave three vacancies open in the Board.

#### **Nominated Candidates:**

**Aaja Chemnitz Larsen** Greenlandic politician from the Inuit Ataqatigiit. Member of the Folketing, Chair of Arctic Parliamentarians (SCPAR) and chair of the Greenlandic Committee. Received the Dialogue Award from Denmark's Democratic Festival in Denmark in 2021. [Larsen – CV and bio](#).

**Birgitta Bergvall-Kåreborn** Vice-Chancellor of the [Luleå University of Technology](#). Has long experience of Board memberships in different organizations related to Luleå region and its development. Esteemed scholar in the field of informatics and systems science. [Bergvall-Kåreborn – CV](#).

#### **Current members on the Board of UArctic:**

Peter Sköld (Chair)	Sweden	2nd term 2019-2022
Jouko Niinimäki (Vice-Chair)	Finland	2nd term 2019-2022



Gary Kachanoski	Canada	3rd term 2020-2023
Tore Furevik	Norway	1st term 2021-2024
Magnús Tumi Guðmundsson	Iceland	1st term 2019-2022
Anne Husebekk	Norway	2nd term 2021-2024
Johanna Ikäheimo	Finland	1st term 2021-2024
Frederik Paulsen	Switzerland	1st term 2020-2023
Pat Pitney	USA	1st term 2021-2024
Robert Sauvé	Canada	1st term 2019-2022
Ross Virginia	USA	2nd term 2021-2024