



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

Agenda item: 13

Proposal – Election of Nominations Committee Member

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

*The Assembly accepts the Board nomination and re-elects **Mauri Ylä-Kotola** as member of the UArctic's Nominations Committee for a 2nd three-year term (2022-2025).*

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

/ Article 10 – Annual Assembly

[UARctic Bylaws](#) / Section 3.1.3 & 3.1.7 – Committees of the Assembly

Current Nominations Committee members:

Liisa Holmberg (Chair) [International Sámi Film Institute](#), Norway / 1st term 2021-2024

Mauri Ylä-Kotola [University of Lapland](#), Finland / 1st term 2019-2022

Gail Fondahl [University of Northern British Columbia](#), Canada / 1st term 2020-2023

Sven D. Haakanson Jr [University of Washington](#), USA / 1st term 2020-2023

Background:

The Nominations Committee operates independently from other core bodies of UArctic, namely, the Officers of the Assembly, the President, and the Board. Consequently, representatives from any of these three levels do not participate in meetings of the Nominations Committee.

The nomination of new member(s) is important to ensure that the committees work and contributions continue uninterrupted, and in addition will help bring balance and enhancement to the committee.

Dr. Mauri Ylä-Kotola is Professor of Media Science at University of Lapland. He has been supporter of UArctic activities for long time through his previous position as the rector of University of Lapland. He has expressed his interest to continue for a second term as a member of UArctic's Nominations Committee.

In their meeting in April 2022, the Board of UArctic unanimously nominated Mauri Ylä-Kotola as member of UArctic's Nominations Committee for his second three-year term (2022-2025).