

Circumpolar Agricultural Association

General Assembly 2016

Minutes from the General Assembly, held in Reykjavik, Iceland October, 7 2016

Agenda

1. Approval of the Agenda
2. Selection of next conference host
3. Elections
4. Any other matter

Ad. 1. Approval of the Agenda

Agenda was approved by the meeting.

Ad. 2. Selection of next conference host

The president informed the meeting, that he had received a notice from two host organizations:

1. Invitation from the Government of Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation, Yukon, Canada.
2. Expression of interest from University of Lapland, Rovaniemi, Finland.

Both applicants are considered to be fully capable to host the next conference and both would bring new and interesting insights and networks to the participants. But as Finland has never hosted the CAA conference, the meeting agreed the following formulation of a decision:

The General Assembly of CAA 2016 agrees to give the University of Lapland three months' notice to confirm the expression of interest for hosting the CAC 2019. If the University of Lapland fails to confirm the invitation before January 7, 2017 the next CAC will be hosted by Government of Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation, Yukon, Canada.

Elections

Present board

Nikolai Dzyubenko (RU)
Mingchu Zhang (USA)
Randy Lewis (CA)
Torfi Johannesson (IS) - president
Öystein Ballari (NO)

Proposal for next period

Nikolai Dzyubenko (RU)
Mingchu Zhang (USA)
Odd Arild Finnes (NO)

Päivi Soppela (FI)
Randy Lewis (CA)
Observer: Thorstein Tomasson

The proposal was approved by the meeting. Päivi Soppela was elected president, but if Finland fails to confirm the expression of interests to hold the next conference, the presidency moves over to the next host.

A.O.M.

Discussions about the role of institutions within CAA. General agreement, that it would be preferable to strengthen this role.

CAA does not have a functional membership register. Discussion about this, if we should have membership fee and if we should charge institutions for membership.

General agreement that it would be preferable to have a secretariat, even only 20% of a full position.