2001 Board Election

The Council’s By-Laws provide for a Board consisting of 30 Directors (plus the President, ex officio), divided into five classes of six Directors. Each class serves for a term of five years. In each class, three Directors are elected by the membership and three are appointed by the Board.

Directors with terms expiring on August 31, 2001, were Mario L. Baeza, Lee Cullum, Thomas R. Donahue, Maurice R. Greenberg, Peter G. Peterson, and Robert B. Zoellick.*

The Nominating Committee was composed of Carla A. Hills (Chairman), John E. Bryson (Vice Chairman), Linda Chavez, Kenneth W. Dam, Robert E. Denham, Thomas R. Donahue, William H. Donaldson, David R. Gergen, Robert H. Legvold, Steven L. Rattner, Adele Simmons, James B. Sitrick, Anne Wexler, Andrew Young, and Nancy Young. On January 19, 2001, Ms. Hills invited the Council membership to propose possible candidates. The Nominating Committee met on March 13 to consider the large pool of names suggested by Council members for the three elective vacancies. Mindful of its mandate to consider “the need for diversity with regard to age, sex, race, geographical representation, and professional background,” the Nominating Committee developed the following slate of nominees: Mario L. Baeza, Lee Cullum, Richard C. Holbrooke, Barbara Shailor, Joan E. Spero, and James Gustave Speth. On March 23, Council members were notified of the slate and of the petition process available to them in accordance with the By-Laws. No petition candidate was put forth. A ballot was mailed to all Council members on April 17.

At the Annual Meeting for the Election of Directors on May 16, 2001, 1,532 members participated in person or by proxy, fulfilling the quorum required by By-Law V. Thomas R. Pickering’s name was written on ten or more ballots cast at the meeting, and, therefore, he was nominated for the 2002 election by the write-in procedure outlined in the By-Laws.

The following nominees were elected for five-year terms beginning September 1, 2001, and expiring August 31, 2006: Lee Cullum, Richard C. Holbrooke, and Joan E. Spero. Edward F. Cox, Matthew Nimetz, and Barbara Robinson served as election overseers.

Under current procedures, the Board completed the Class of 2006 by appointing three Directors. Acting on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, at its June 7 meeting the Board appointed the following three Council members to serve five-year terms beginning September 1, 2001, and ending August 31, 2006: Henry S. Bienen, Maurice R. Greenberg, and Vin Weber. Additionally, the Board appointed Kenneth M. Duberstein to the Class of 2002, filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Kenneth W. Dam, in accordance with By-Law IV.C.

Lilita V. Gusts
Secretary

*To ensure an orderly transition in Council leadership, the Board of Directors at its October 2000 meeting approved changes in the By-Laws that enable Mr. Peterson and Mr. Greenberg to continue as Chairman and Vice Chairman, respectively, on a year-to-year basis and that permit the Council to have more than one Vice Chairman. President Leslie H. Gelb has stepped down as a Director, ex officio, to enable Mr. Peterson to temporarily fill the 31st slot as a Director. The Board asked Mr. Peterson to accept an interim appointment as Chairman and Director, effective September 2001, on a year-to-year basis. The Council President will resume the directorship after a new Board Chairman takes office.