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, 2003, were Peggy Dulany, Martin S. Feldstein, Bette Bao Lord, Vincent A. Mai, Michael H. Moskow, and Garrick Utley.

The Nominating and Governance Committee was composed of Carla A. Hills (Chair), Richard C. Holbrooke (Vice Chair), Henry S. Bienen, Daniel William Christman, Robert E. Denham, Kenneth M. Duberstein, Robert Legvold, Winston Lord, Susan E. Rice, James Baker Sitrick, Gordon C. Stewart, Anne Wexler, Andrew Young, and Nancy Young. On January 10, 2003, Carla A. Hills invited the Council membership to propose possible candidates. The Nominating and Governance Committee met on March 14 to consider the 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 and Governance Committee developed the following slate of nominees: David Dreier, Martin S. Feldstein, Richard N. Foster, Karen Elliott House, Alberto Ibargüen, and Anne-Marie Slaughter. On March 20, 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 15.

At the Annual Meeting for the Election of Directors on May 15, 2003, 1,585 members participated in person or by proxy, fulfilling the quorum required by By-Law V. No name was written on ten or more ballots cast at the meeting, and, therefore, no one was nominated for the 2004 election by the write-in procedure outlined in the By-Laws. The following nominees were elected for five-year terms beginning September 1, 2003, and expiring August 31, 2008: Martin S. Feldstein, Karen Elliott House, and Anne-Marie Slaughter. Bart Friedman, Donald S. Rice, and Barbara Paul Robinson served as election overseers.

Under current procedures, the Board completed the Class of 2008 by appointing three Directors. Acting on the recommendation of the Nominating and Governance Committee, at its June 5 meeting the Board appointed three Council members to serve five-year terms beginning September 1, 2003, and ending August 31, 2008: Helene D. Gayle, Michael H. Moskow, and Richard E. Salomon. Additionally, the Board confirmed the appointment of Peter G. Peterson to the Class of 2007.¹

Lilita V. Gusts
Secretary

¹ 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 to continue as Chairman and Director, on a year-to-year basis.