2008 Board Election

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

Directors with terms expiring on June 30, 2008, were Martin S. Feldstein, Helene D. Gayle, Karen Elliott House, Alberto Ibargüen, Michael H. Moskow, Richard E. Salomon, and Anne-Marie Slaughter.

The Nominating and Governance Committee was composed of Henry S. Bienen (Chair), Madeleine K. Albright, Sylvia Mathews Burwell, Daniel William Christman, Kenneth M. Duberstein, Richard N. Foster, Bart Friedman, Nancy A. Jarvis, Maria Elena Lagomasino, Edward J. Mathias, Theodore Roosevelt IV, James B. Sitrick, G. Richard Thoman, James A. Thomson, R. Keith Walton, and Christine Todd Whitman. On January 4, 2008, the Chair invited the Council membership to propose possible candidates. The Nominating and Governance Committee met on March 4 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: Alan S. Blinder, Thomas E. Donilon, Diana Farrell, Sergio J. Galvis, George E. Rupp, and Anne-Marie Slaughter. On March 24, 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 21, 2008, 1,655 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 2009 election by the write-in procedure outlined in the By-Laws. Sarah A. W. Fitts, Donald S. Rice, and Barbara Paul Robinson served as election overseers. The following nominees were elected for five-year terms beginning July 1, 2008, and expiring June 30, 2013: Alan S. Blinder, George E. Rupp, and Anne-Marie Slaughter. Under current procedures, the Board completed the Class of 2013 by appointing four Directors. Acting on the recommendation of the Nominating and Governance Committee, at its June 5 meeting the Board appointed four Council members to serve five-year terms as Directors in the Class of 2013, beginning July 1, 2008, and expiring June 30, 2013: J. Tomilson Hill, Alberto Ibargüen, Shirley Ann Jackson, and Richard E. Salomon.

The Council Remembers William G. Hyland

The Council on Foreign Relations mourns the passing of former Foreign Affairs editor William G. Hyland, whose keen intelligence and dry wit guided the Council’s flagship publication for eight years, from 1984 to 1992. Hyland was a dedicated public servant with a long and distinguished career in the field of intelligence and foreign policy.

He served in the CIA from 1954 to 1969 and was head of the Soviet desk in the National Office of Estimates. During his tenure there, he was tasked with estimating the Soviet threat to the United States. He authored a number of books in his lifetime; his first, The Fall of Khrushchev, was written during his time at the CIA and offered an analysis of the Kremlin politics that led to Khrushchev’s downfall. In 1969, he joined the National Security Council (NSC), where he helped in the formation of Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty I. Hyland left the NSC to head the Bureau of Intelligence and Research at the State Department in 1973. He later returned to the NSC as deputy national security adviser under President Gerald Ford. Hyland then took on the position of editor of Foreign Affairs and authored a number of articles for the magazine during his tenure, including “The Case for Pragmatism” and “America’s New Course.”