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, 2011, were Henry S. Bienen, Ann M. Fudge, Colin L. Powell, Penny S. Pritzker, Joan E. Spero, Vin Weber, and Christine Todd Whitman.

The Nominating and Governance Committee was composed of Henry S. Bienen (Chair), Madeleine K. Albright, Mary McInnis Boies, Sylvia Mathews Burwell, Kenneth M. Duberstein, Nancy A. Jarvis, Kenneth I. Juster, Maria Elena Lagomasino, Edward J. Mathias, Jami Miscik, Theodore Roosevelt IV, Stanley S. Shuman, G. Richard Thoman, R. Keith Walton, and Christine Todd Whitman. On December 6, 2010, the Chair invited the Council membership to propose possible candidates. The Nominating and Governance Committee met on February 28, 2011, 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 for the Class of 2016: Stephen E. Biegun, David W. Leebron, Eduardo J. Padrón, Colin L. Powell, Kevin P. Ryan, and Christine Todd Whitman. On March 17, 2011, 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 May 2, 2011.

At the Annual Meeting for the Election of Directors on June 1, 2011, 1,557 members participated in person or by proxy, fulfilling the quorum required by By-Law V. No name was written on thirty or more ballots cast at the meeting, and, therefore, no one was nominated for the 2012 election by the write-in procedure outlined in the By-Laws. Sarah A.W. Fitts, Ernest T. Patrikis, and Nancy Young served as election overseers. The following nominees were elected for five-year terms beginning July 1, 2011, and expiring June 20, 2016: Eduardo J. Padrón, Colin L. Powell, and Christine Todd Whitman. At its June 16 meeting the Board also appointed three Council members to serve five-year terms as Directors in the Class of 2016, beginning July 1, 2011, and expiring June 30, 2016: Ann M. Fudge, Thomas H. Glocer, and Penny S. Pritzker.

IN MEMORIAM

The Council lost two former members of its Board of Directors this past year.

Richard C. Holbrooke died on December 13, 2010. A CFR member since 1970, Ambassador Holbrooke served three times on the Board of Directors: from 1991 to 1993, 1996 to 1999, and 2001 to 2009. He also chaired the advisory board of Foreign Affairs magazine from 1992 to 1993. Ambassador Holbrooke spent a career working on some of the most difficult areas of U.S. foreign policy, from Vietnam and the Balkans to Pakistan and Afghanistan. He will be additionally remembered for his work drawing international attention to global health issues, particularly HIV/AIDS.

Theodore C. Sorensen passed away on October 31, 2010. Known for his work as President John F. Kennedy’s adviser and speechwriter, Mr. Sorensen led a long and distinguished career as both a public servant and prominent lawyer. A dedicated member of and active presence at CFR for close to forty-five years, Mr. Sorensen served on the Board of Directors from 1993 to 2004. In 1996, he established the Sorensen Distinguished Lecture on the United Nations at CFR to honor his wife, Gillian Martin Sorensen, for her work at the United Nations.