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, 2014, were Madeleine K. Albright, David G. Bradley, Donna J. Hrinak, James W. Owens, Frederick W. Smith, Vin Weber, and Fareed Zakaria.

The Nominating and Governance Committee was composed of Mary McInnis Boies (Chair), Madeleine K. Albright, David G. Bradley, Anne M. Finucane, Nancy A. Jarvis, Kenneth I. Juster, Maria Elena Lagomasino, Edward J. Mathías, Jami Miscik, Pamela S. Passman, Ruth Porat, Theodore Roosevelt IV, Stanley S. Shuman, G. Richard Thoman, R. Keith Walton, and Christine Todd Whitman. On December 5, 2013, the Chair invited the Council membership to propose possible candidates. The Nominating and Governance Committee met on March 5, 2014, 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 2019: Mark Angelson, Ashton B. Carter, Donna J. Hrinak, James J. Shinn, James G. Stavridis, and Daniel H. Yergin. On April 24, 2014, 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 sent to all Council members on May 6, 2014.

The Annual Meeting, at which votes would be cast for the election, was originally scheduled for June 6, 2014. As participation by members in the election was low, a quorum would not have been met on June 6, so the Chair of the Nominating Committee authorized an extension of the voting and adjourned the Annual Meeting to June 10, 2014. At the meeting on that day, 1,601 members participated in person or by proxy, fulfilling the quorum required by By-Law V, though at 33.7 percent participation, turnout remained low. No name was written on thirty or more ballots cast at the meeting, and, therefore, no one was nominated for the 2015 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, 2014, and expiring June 30, 2019: Donna J. Hrinak, James G. Stavridis, and Daniel H. Yergin.

The Board appointed four Council members to serve five-year terms as Directors in the Class of 2019, beginning July 1, 2014, and expiring June 30, 2019: David G. Bradley, Blair Effron, Susan Hockfield, and Vin Weber. The Board also appointed John A. Paulson to the Class of 2016 and Richard E. Salomon to the class of 2017 to fill vacancies in the board.

IN MEMORIAM

CFR remembers former executive vice president and acting president John Temple Swing, who passed away on October 4, 2013. His dedication to international relations and the work of the Council spanned several decades, starting with membership in 1963 and culminating in his roles as acting president in 1986 and as executive vice president until 1993. Over the course of his career, Mr. Swing made significant strides furthering the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, founding the Rule of Law Committee for the Oceans. He was additionally active in the nonprofit sector, working with numerous organizations in New York and beyond.