

2016 Board Election and Appointments

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. Per the Council's By-Laws as revised by the Board of Directors in February 2015, each class of Directors is elected by the membership at large who vote on a slate of candidates via an up-or-down vote.

Directors with terms expiring on June 30, 2016, were Steven A. Denning, Ann M. Fudge, Thomas H. Glocer, Eduardo J. Padrón, John Paulson, Colin L. Powell, and Christine Todd Whitman.

The Nominating and Governance Committee was composed of Mary M. Boies (chair), David G. Bradley, Jonathan E. Colby, Kim Gordon Davis, Jose W. Fernandez, Anne M. Finucane, Marlene Hess, Susan Hockfield, Kenneth I. Juster, Jon Liebman, Jami Miscik, Pamela S. Passman, Ruth Porat, Kimberly Querrey, Emily Rafferty, Stanley S. Shuman, James G. Stavridis, and Christine Todd Whitman. The Nominating and Governance Committee met on March 14, 2016, to consider the pool of names suggested by Council members for the election slate. 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 2021: Tony Coles, David M. Cote, Steven A. Denning, William H. McRaven, Janet A. Napolitano, Eduardo J. Padrón, and John Paulson. A ballot was sent to all Council members on May 12, 2016.

The Annual Meeting, at which votes would be cast for the election, was held on June 10, 2016. At the meeting, 1,794 members participated in person or by proxy, fulfilling the quorum required by By-Law V. One hundred six members included write-in suggestions of candidates the Nominating and Governance should consider for the 2017 election. The members approved the slate of candidates with 92.1 percent of voters in favor of the slate, and the seven Directors on the slate were elected to the Class of 2021, with terms beginning on July 1, 2016.

The Board additionally appointed David M. Rubenstein to the Class of 2020, per By-Law VII, which allows for the Board to appoint a Chairman or Vice Chairman to the Board on a year-to-year basis in order to ensure an orderly transition of leadership.



Chairman Emeritus Peter G. Peterson celebrates his ninetieth birthday with Honorary Chairman David Rockefeller.