



**AMERICAN COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF RUSSIAN
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

February 19, 2022

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

ZOOM

MINUTES

Prepared by John R. Rook, ACTR Secretary

ACTR Members in attendance: A total of 52 ACTR members were in attendance at this meeting.

Opening of Meeting (Nataliya Ushakova)

Nataliya Ushakova welcomed all present at the meeting.

1. **Review and Approval of Minutes of 02. 27.2021 Membership Meeting** in Zoom. The members attending the Membership Meeting unanimously accepted the minutes from the February 27, 2021 Membership Meeting.

2. **Membership Secretary Report - Irina Dubinina**

Irina Dubinina reported a total of 485 active members in ACTR, largest number being: lecturers, instructors, pre-college teachers, retirees and independent scholars. Irina noted that members can renew their membership at:

<https://www.actr.org/join-actr.html>. She also requested members update their payment information (including recurring payments) via the following link:

<https://www.actr.org/join-actr.html>. Members can support the field by their membership, and through donations to ACTR funds at:

<https://www.actr.org/donate1.html>. These are: the ACTR Pushkin Scholarship Fund; the ACTR Russian Scholar Laureate Awards Fund, the ACTR Claire Walker Olympiada Fund, which support outstanding students of Russian and promote the study of the Russian language, and the ACTR Professional Development Fund in Honor of Olga Kagan. ACTR fundraising campaigns

targeted twice yearly include: the Olga Kagan PD Fund has raised \$9K and over \$10K overall across all the fund fundraising campaigns. A member noted that donations may also be made in honor of colleagues.

3. Report on ACTR programs - Dan Davidson

Dan Davidson reported on ACTR / American Council's Russian-related programs. [Link to slideshow summary of report here](#).

Dan Davidson ended his presentation by introducing his colleague at American Councils, Richard (Dick) Brecht, who presented a initiative titled America's Languages, and the launch of the [America's Languages Portal](#), which is a listing of model programs and practices that actually advance access and equity in US language educational programs to bi-lingual and economically disadvantaged students. The website will be up and running on February 28. ACTR members can write to Dick Brecht if they would like to become a fellow in this program. He also encouraged ACTR members' programs to apply and to be included on the website as programs that are meeting the demand for social justice and a more equitable access to language education in the US. If ACTR members know of any programs that are making a statement about equitable access to language education and programs of study, particularly Russian or other Slavic languages, they should be sure to apply to ensure that our field is adequately represented in this effort that is funded by the Mellon Foundation.

4. ACTR International Conference on Teaching and Learning Russian (October 2022) –

Nataliya Ushakova and Susan Kresin presented information about the conference, scheduled for October of 2022. Members of the Conference Committee are Dan Davidson, Nataliya Ushakova, Nataliya Sandstrom, Susan Kresin, Evgeny Dengub, Irina Dubina, Olga Klimova, Mara Sukholutskaya and John Rook.

Susan Kresin presented details: a list of topics with a section leader for each, topics reflecting ACTR's role in methodological leadership and research, in the intersection of research and practice, including innovative applications of DEAI principles, intercultural learning, application of the standards, student identity and needs, potential for cross-fertilization across levels. The conference is designed to appeal to a US-domestic and international audience.

5. Report from the American Councils Board of Trustees – Nataliya Ushakova

Nataliya Ushakova reported on the last meeting of the American Councils

Board of Trustees, November 11, 2021 in Washington, DC and on Zoom. The President of American Councils (David Patton) had provided the current status of AC programs and an announcement that AC has had a clean audit. The AC Board of Trustees discussed a strategic plan and updates to the Executive Committee Charter. The organization is pursuing careful decisions regarding the current international environment. AC is doing well, despite obstacles to world travel and study abroad. Program planning is currently taking place for AC summer and fall programs, information to be provided at the March meeting of the AC Board of Trustees.

6. By-Laws Committee Report and Amendments – Robert Channon

Robert Channon presented amendments to the ACTR Bylaws passed by the ACTR Board. The text of the amendments was posted in the chat for members in the form of a downloadable PDF document [attached].

Bob answered one question from a board member regarding a provision that the voting would be by secret ballot, confirming that it is mentioned in Section 3 for both elections of board members and officer positions. There was another question about the nature of anonymous online voting; Bob responded that the voting form would be created such that IP addresses, names and log-in's would not be recorded.

Motion and Voting on Amendments. Robert Channon stated the motion that the proposed amendment to allow for voting online ahead be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Nomination Committee Report and Elections – Susan Kresin, Robert Channon, John Rook

Prior to the Nomination Committee Report, Nataliya Ushakova thanked the various board members who are stepping down from the board and who have contributed so much to ACTR over the years and in many capacities. Those who are stepping off the board are Tony Brown (Treasurer), Evgeny Dengub (Webmaster). Ruth Edelman (Co-chair of the National Olympiada Committee) and Elizabeth Sandstrom (past President/ACTR).

Susan Kresin, speaking on behalf of committee chair Lee Roby, presented three (3) candidate categories:

- current board members seeking re-election to the board for a 3-year term on the ACTR Board of Directors (Richard Brecht, Diane Nemec Ignashev and Mara Sukholutskaya)

- ACTR members seeking election to the board for a 3-year term (Brooke Ballenger, Robert Chura, Izolda Savenkova, Heather Rice)
- one current board member seeking to complete the term (2-years) of Evgeny Dengub—Kaylin Land;

Members were able to vote for up to 8 candidates to serve on the board, including any write-in candidates.

Bob opened up the floor to add candidates to the ballot. Evgeny Dengub recommended Meredith Doubleday, her nomination supported by two (2) other members and added to the ballot. Mark Trotter nominated Julia Denne, the nomination was seconded and added to the ballot. Elena Farkas nominated Olga Mesropova, the nomination was seconded by another board member and added to the ballot. A motion to close the floor for nominations passed.

Members were given five (5) minutes to vote for up to eight candidates in the first two categories. 49 individuals voted. Robert Channon explained that a candidate needs to receive at least 25 votes to be elected to the board.

Bob presented the next ballot (#2) to fill a vacated term on the board, for (two) 2 years. The Nominations Committee recommended that Kaylin Land be the candidate for this position. 47 votes were cast.

The final ballot (#3) was for ACTR Officer positions. Nominees: Nataliya Ushakova (nominated for a second term as ACTR President) and Alla Smyslova (also nominated for a second term as ACTR Vice President). There were no nominations from the floor; a motion was made and accepted to close such nominations. 48 votes were cast .

Natasha thanked members of this year's Nomination Committee.

(The results of the vote as reported in the ACTR Spring 2022 *Newsletter*: Re-elected to the Board for terms 2022–2025: Richard Brecht, Diane Nemec-Ignashev; newly elected to the Board for terms 2022–2025: Brooke Ballenger, Robert Chura, Julia Denne, Meredith Doubleday, Heather Rice, Izolda Savenkova; elected to fill 2-year term: Kaylin Land. Nataliya Ushakova and Alla Smyslova were re-elected as President and Vice-President, respectively.)

8. Annual ACTR Service Award - Elena Farkas, Elizabeth Sandstrom, Jane Shuffelton

At the request of an ACTR member, presentation of the annual ACTR Service

Award was moved up in the agenda. Elena Farkas presented the award to Evgeny Dengub, University of Southern California. The committee's commendation accompanying the award was read and will be published in the spring 2022 *ACTR Newsletter*. Evgeny accepted the award and added that it is also symbolic that he accepted it in Philadelphia—the first city that he came to in the US as part of an ACTR-administered program in 1999. Nataliya Ushakova added her congratulations and extended her appreciation to the ACTR Service Award Committee for their work.

9. Updates on Contests, Awards, Webinars, and Lounges

National Olympiada of Spoken Russian

Mark Trotter reported that far more Olympiadas of Spoken Russian had taken place in 2021 than in 2020, although numbers were not at the pre-Covid levels. He will post a more detailed report to the ACTR board and members after the annual meeting. He also added that this year's Olympiada for spring 2022 is in progress.

National Russian Essay Contest

John Rook reported that the 2021–2022 contest took place in November and that the first phase of the contest (Round 1) had concluded, with first-round results sent to teachers, and second-round essays forwarded to Moscow, to the A.C. Pushkin Institute. John posted a copy of the detailed report to the ACTR drive for further access and review. The total number of registrants this year was higher than the previous year, but still not as high as pre-Pandemic levels. A number of new schools participated in the NREC this year. The NREC Committee expressed thanks to the ACTR Board for voting to increase the registration fee from \$4 to \$5.

National Post-Secondary Russian Essay Contest

Nina Bond reported that the contest had 983 registered participants from 57 institutions. Heritage-speaker descriptions had been revised. A new registration system had been introduced, and patience of ACTR members was appreciated. She also thanked instructors who submitted suggestions for topics, from which this year's topic had been selected, and she reminded instructors to guide participants on this contest, including the option to pivot when the topic is difficult. She thanked participating members for their continued support and patience with the contest.

National Scholar Laureate Award (post-secondary)

Alla Smyslova reported that the last academic year had seen the 14th Post-Secondary National Scholar Laureate Award. The number of participating programs is increasing yearly: three (3) programs joined last year; seven (7) programs have never missed a year of participation; more than 15 programs have nominated students for this award for ten (10) years in a row. Currently the 15th year of nominations is underway, with a deadline of March 1st. The website shows the total number of participating programs, guidelines, notes from nominators, and the laureates. Alla Smyslova greatly appreciates everyone who has supported this program.

National Scholar Laureate Award (pre-college)

Kateryna Ratushnyuk announced that awards had been made to 38 students from 33 schools (5 schools nominated 2 students) for the 2021–2022 school year. Laureate profiles with pictures were published on the ACTR website and in the *ACTR Newsletter*. The committee (including Nina Vaihansky) also added a new link to the 2022 RSLA program description and submission guidelines on the ACTR Website. They have ordered new stationary and lapel pins for the contest. Kateryna Ratushnyuk ended her presentation by showing the Russian Scholar Laureate Award recipients for 2020-2021.

News from SLAVA (National Slavic Honor Society)

Elizabeth Sandstrom presented the organization of SLAVA and details concerning their charter fee and student/faculty membership. Their committee encourages teachers to have students participate in SLAVA events and to be inducted into SLAVA. Teachers can nominate other faculty as honorary members. SLAVA provides some financial support to the national and international Olympiada of Spoken Russian. Year 2021 saw a large number of inductees (187 from 11 schools), compensating for schools unable to induct in 2020 (81 students from 9 schools) versus 174 students from 21 schools in 2019). The committee is currently updating email, forms and the website. Elizabeth Sandstrom requested that members please check back for updates.

ACTR Webinars and Teacher's Lounge: Pre-College/College - Olga Klimova, Irina Dubinina

Irina presented on behalf of two (2) sub-committees and mentioned that in addition to her and Olga Klimova, Lee Roby, and John Rook also anchor the teacher's lounges. Irina Dubinina posted the following link in the Zoom chat, which details the webinars and teacher's lounges (<https://www.actr.org/webinar-series.html>), including dates and the registration links. The webinars this year are dedicated to standards. Webinar presentations

and teachers lounge complement each other, with the follow-up lounge dedicated to deeper conversation and discussion, sharing of materials on the topic of the webinar. The webinar committee has also partnered with the East European Institute at Indiana University and the Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies at the University of Pittsburgh to cover the registration fee for non-members and K-12 teachers for one webinar of their choice. Irina reminded members to register for the webinars and teacher's lounges even if you cannot attend, because that is the only way that one is able to receive the recording via email.

Olympiada Materials Development and Revision Committees (non-heritage and heritage learners) Report

Mara Sukholutskaya reported that over the past four (4) years she had the privilege of collaborating on these committees with (12) twelve other diligent members who prepared materials for the Olympiada, two (2) of those members nominated to serve on the ACTR Board, and both committees represent the diversity of Russian language programs in the United States, including teachers from the pre-college level, both public and private, post-secondary, Russian language schools and even a publisher. The committees meet every two (2) weeks. Feedback is important for keeping materials current, and Mara Sukhalutskaya encouraged members to contact the committee if problems arose with materials.

10. Announcements:

Pre-college teaching awards – John Rook, Elena Farkas, Katya Ratushnyuk

John Rook reported on the K-12 teaching awards (2 awards at the K-8 and 9-12 levels), which were voted and approved at the November 13, 2021 Board of Director's meeting. The purpose of the awards is to recognize the dedication, professionalism and excellence in teaching Russian language and culture at the K-12 level. The committee is in the process of finalizing the nomination materials for these awards (a Google form to enter key information for nominees and an evaluation rubric), which will be made available on the ACTR website by mid-summer 2022. October 15, 2022 will be the deadline for accepting award nominations and award recipients will be announced by December 15. The committee encourages members to nominate their colleagues for these awards.

Professional Development Fund in honor of Olga Kagan - Susan Kresin, Kaylin Land

Susan presented on the Professional Development Fund that was established in honor of Olga Kagan, a groundbreaking specialist in the field of heritage language acquisition and renowned for her contributions to professional development. The fund has been established to support early-career Russian-language specialists, with small grants awarded twice a year to offset the cost of attending professional conferences and activities. The first round of awards will be open to graduate students in either a Master's or Doctoral program in Russian language, literature, or cultural studies or in a related discipline. The committee envisions a grant of \$300 each for two (2) awards, twice yearly. The initial award has been funded by a generous contribution made by Olga Kagan's son and which would continue Olga's vision and commitment to professional development. The committee has been advised that an endowment of \$25K would make this fund sustainable by accruing interest. 40% of their goal has already been reached. In closing, Susan stated that the award is a reflection of ACTR's commitment to professional development and to the field of language acquisition. Application and award details are available at: <https://www.actr.org/olga-kagan-professional-development-fund.html>

Post-secondary teaching excellence awards – Irina Dubinina, Evgeny Dengub, Kaylin Land

Irina Dubinina reported that two awards for teaching excellence at the post-secondary level had been established to be made annually. The first is to an instructor who demonstrates expertise and a passion for excellence in teaching Russian. More information on this award will be sent out to ACTR members and published in the ACTR newsletter. The committee invites members to recognize their post-secondary colleagues for excellence in teaching with a nomination by November 15th. Kaylin Land introduced the other post-secondary teaching award, for graduate students who demonstrate excellence in teaching Russian language and culture. It will be awarded to up to two (2) graduate students annually and the initial application process will begin in the Fall of 2022, with the nominations due on November 15th. Kaylin Land concluded that more information regarding this will also be forthcoming.

DEAI Reading Group – Susan Kresin

Susan did not have anything to report regarding the DEAI Reading Group, but further details will be forthcoming to ACTR members.

Mark Trotter mentioned that ACTR member Michael White (Maggie L. Walker Governor's School, not in attendance at the meeting) is the recipient of AATSEEL's Excellence in Teaching Award at the Secondary Level for 2021.

11. Final Remarks, Survey for Members, Adjournment (All Present)

Nataliya Ushakova reminded members to fill out the ACTR Membership Survey, posted in the Zoom chat. She thanked members for their participation and work for ACTR. Dan Davidson reminded members to use the survey to share their ideas and suggestions. He also wanted to recognize members of the board and committees that had presented today and to state that the past two (2) years have proven to be quite transformational for ACTR with regard to modernization and self-reflection regarding ACTR's identity, role, as well as whom ACTR serves. Towards DEAI goals Dan suggested that possibly a town hall meeting to discuss ACTR in the current educational climate of the US. More information regarding this meeting will be forthcoming. Dan Davidson also commented on the upcoming ACTR conference, encouraging members to get involved in the conference topics, especially considering that our international colleagues will potentially be participating. Jane Shuffelton recognized the service of the members of the board who will be leaving—Tony Brown, Evgeny Dengub, Ruth Edelman, and Elizabeth Sandstrom. Jane Shuffelton also reminded members to submit materials (articles, reports and other contributions) to the newsletter. Elena Farkas requested that members submit information about their schools and programs for the newsletter.

Members completed the survey, and the 2022 Annual Membership Meeting was then adjourned.



AMERICAN COUNCILS' RUSSIAN-RELATED PROGRAMS

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ACTR Annual Membership Meeting

February 19, 2022

AC Program Office Report

Dr. Dan E. Davidson

National Examination in World Languages (NEWL)

The National Examinations in World Language (NEWL) is a joint project of American Councils for International Education and the College Board and carried with the support of language-specific institutions and organizations.



Four Components of NEWL

At Home (Lockdown) Administration (2020 and 2021, limited 2022)

1. Reading (30min)
2. Listening (20 min)
3. Speaking (15 min)
4. Writing (15 min)

Lab-based Administration

1. Reading (60 min)
2. Listening (45 min)
3. Speaking (45 min)
4. Writing (45 min)

All four components contribute equally to the aggregate score.

Scoring Model

NEWL scores are composites of the equally-weighted sub-scores for each skill. The NEWL score reports are analogous to AP[®] scores, and include three skill-specific sub-scores based on the ACTFL proficiency scale.

Recommended Placements

NEWL Score	Suggested Semester Placement
5	5 th (first semester of third-year)
4	4 th (second semester of second-year)
3	3 rd (first semester of second-year)
2	2 nd (second semester of first-year)
1	1 st (first semester of first-year)

Each college and university determines its own policies for the use of NEWL scores.

2022 NEWL-Testing Schedule & Fees

- **Registration**

January -April 1, 2022

<https://www.americancouncils.org/newl>

- **Exam Administration**

April 25 - 29, 2022 (various start times)

- **Late (Make-Up) Testing**

May 15, 2022 (various start times)

- **Fees**

Standard: \$94. Reduced: \$53. Late \$139.

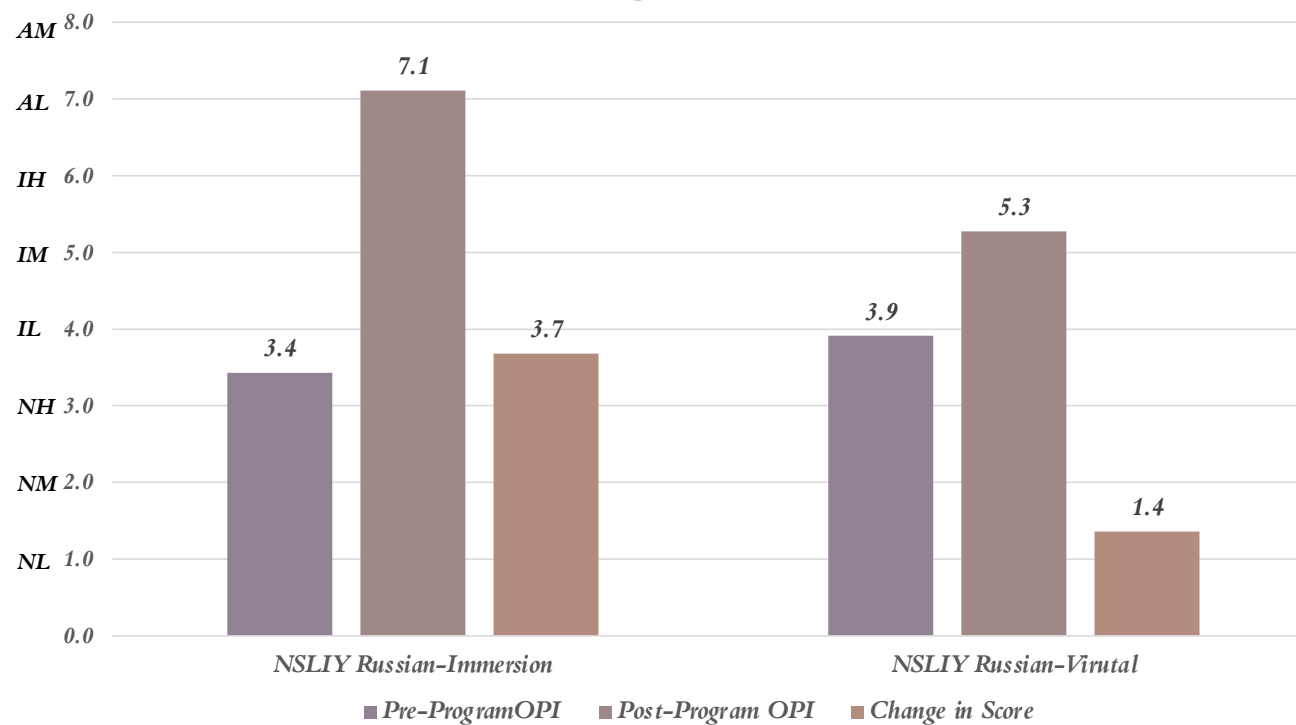


NSLI-Y – Russian Language Programs for High School Students

- In-person summer 2022: Moldova, Estonia, Latvia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, possibly Russia.
- We also expect some virtual summer programs
- Academic year program in Moldova (12-20 students)
- 2021-22 Academic Year: 12 students (in-person)
 - Virtual Summer 2021 Intensive (pivot due to COVID): 118 participants
 - Virtual NSLI-Y (stand-alone virtual program for beginners): 70 participants
- Next Deadline: October 1, 2022
- Website: [Russian \(nsliforyouth.org\)](https://russian.nsliforyouth.org)



*Academic Year NSLI-Y Programs
Pre- and Post-Program OPI Mean Scores*



*Russian Immersion= 82 Russian Virtual = 11

* $p \leq 0.01$

YES Abroad and FLEX Abroad (NEW in 2022-23!)



- FLEX Abroad: US students will live with families and study for a year in regular high schools in Poland, Ukraine, and Kazakhstan (5 students in each country)
- YES Abroad Study US students will live with families and study for a school year in Bosnia, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Jordan, or Turkey.
- Next Deadline: December 2022
- Website: [YES Abroad \(yes-abroad.org\)](https://yes-abroad.org); [FLEX Abroad](#) | [Discover FLEX](#)



Russian Overseas Flagship – Graduating Seniors; Post-BA's at large



- Up to 40 US students will be accepted for the 2022-2023 AY at Al-Farabi Kazakh National University in Almaty, KZ
- ILR Level 2 (ACTFL Advanced Proficiency) and preparation to pursue fulltime study required for application
- Includes direct enrollment in specialization areas, 200-hour internship and host family
- Use of Russian (plus Kazakh) 24/7 is the norm
- Many Flagship students go on to pursue careers in government (no service requirement)
- NSEP is the funder.

- Next Deadline: January 12, 2023
- Website: [Russian Overseas Flagship \(americancouncils.org\)](https://americancouncils.org/russian-overseas-flagship)

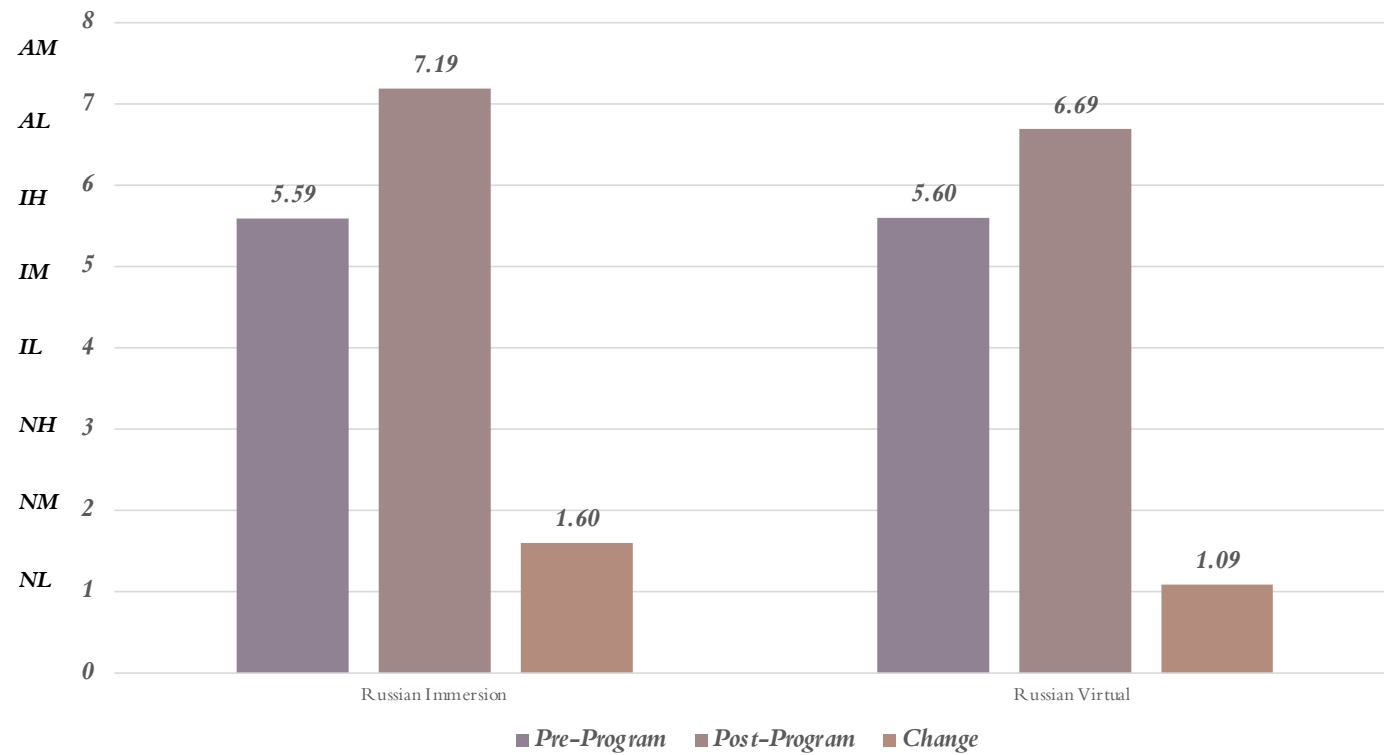


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Critical Language Scholarship Programs, incl. CLS Spark* (NEW)

- 2021 Summer Institutes (all virtual): 86 scholarships in Russia, Kyrgyzstan, Georgia
 - 2022 Summer Institutes (mix of virtual and in-person): 60 scholarships in Russia, Kyrgyzstan, Georgia
 - 2023 Summer institutes (in-person): 60 scholarships (est.) in Russia, Kyrgyzstan, Georgia
 - CLS Refresh (individualized online tutoring), spanned 2021-2022: 90 alumni
 - CLS Spark, fall 2022-spring 2023 virtual program: Anticipate 30 scholarships (Forum 3-15-22)
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- Website: <https://clscholarship.org/>
 - Applications available mid-September
 - Deadline: mid-November 2022

Summer CLS Programs
Pre- and Post-Program OPI Mean Scores

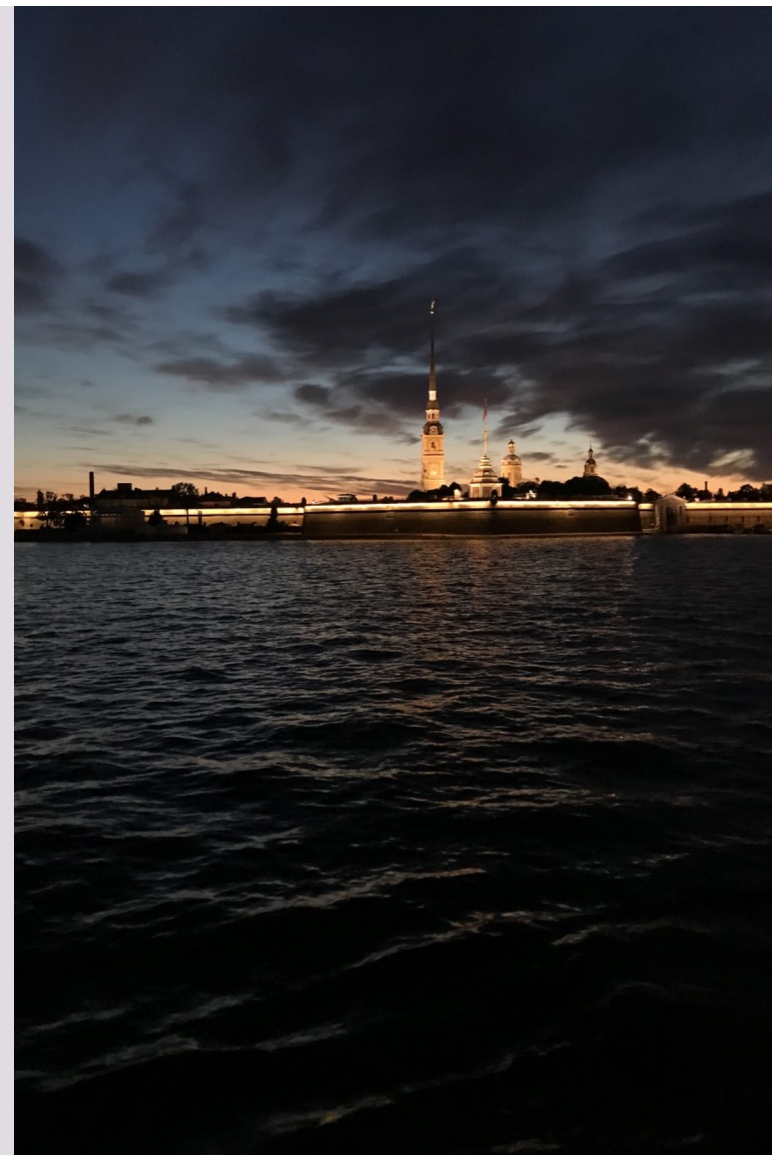


*Russian Immersion= 124 Virtual = 83

*p≤0.01

RLASP – Russian Language and Areas Studies Programs

- Summer, semester, or academic year at RSPU Herzen/SPB, Moscow International University and Al-Farabi Kazakh National University in Almaty
- Summer program deadline: February 15 (Virtual and in-person)
- Fall semester/AY deadline: March 15 (in-person)
- Spring semester deadline: October 15 (in-person)
- Peace and Security; Contemporary Russia deadline: February 15.
- Summer Language Teacher Program (virtual or in-person in 2022): April 1/May 1
- Research, Combined Research and Language (Title VIII Award)
- Academic Fellowships in Russia (Carnegie Corporation)
- Website: Advanced Russian Language and Area Studies Program — American Councils -- Deadline: December 2022.





NEW WEBSITE

America's Languages Portal

*Model Programs & Practices
Advancing Access & Equity in
U.S. Language Education*



PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ACTR ARTICLES OF GOVERNANCE

These proposed amendments to the Articles of Governance (“the by-laws”) from the By-Laws Committee are for the purpose of putting the election of Board members and officers online, instead of in-person voting at the Annual Meeting.

The first two pages below have the proposed new versions of Section 2.02 Subsection C and Section 2.03 Subsection A. The third page has the current (original) version of the same two Subsections.

These amendments are intended to be effective starting with the election to be conducted in 2023.

ACTR By-Laws Committee

Robert Channon, Chair
Elena Farkas
Lee Roby
Mara Sukholutskaya
Mark Trotter

Article II, Section 2.02, Subsection C

C. Election of Members of the ACTR Board of Directors

1. Nominations by the ACTR Board

Candidates for the ACTR Board of Directors shall be recommended to the ACTR Board of Directors from among the active members of ACTR by a Nominations Committee appointed by the President of ACTR. The Nominations Committee shall present its recommendations to the Board of Directors at least fifty-six (56) days (eight [8] weeks) before the date of the Annual Meeting. The Board of Directors shall meet to discuss the recommendations and to decide on its nominees. The Board of Directors may ratify the slate of candidates recommended by the Nominations Committee without change, or may modify the slate. The President shall forward the names of the Board's nominees to the Secretary at least forty-two (42) days (six [6] weeks) before the date of the Annual Meeting.

2. Other Nominations to the ACTR Board

Any group of five (5) active members of ACTR may nominate a candidate or candidates for membership on the ACTR Board of Directors from among the active members of ACTR by forwarding to the Secretary the name(s) of the nominee(s) at least forty-two (42) days (six [6] weeks) before the date of the Annual Meeting of the membership of ACTR.

3. Ballot for Election

Candidates nominated by a group of members in accord with paragraph 2 above, together with those candidates nominated by the ACTR Board of Directors, shall be placed on a ballot and shall be voted on according to the provisions in paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 7 below by the active membership entitled to vote.

4. Publication of the Ballot

The Secretary, in cooperation with the Webmaster, if necessary, shall prepare an online ballot for the vote of the active membership entitled to vote. The ballot shall be made public on the ACTR website at least twenty-eight (28) days (four [4] weeks) before the date of the Annual Meeting. The ballot shall specify the maximum number of candidates that a member may vote for.

5. Period of Online Voting

The period of online voting shall be fourteen (14) days (two [2] weeks). Online voting for the candidates on the ballot shall open twenty-one (21) days (three [3] weeks) before the date of the Annual Meeting, and shall close seven (7) days (one [1] week) before the date of the Annual Meeting. Members may vote for fewer than the maximum number of candidates, but ballots containing votes for more than the maximum number shall be invalid in the entirety as ballots for the Board of Directors (invalid for all choices for the Board of Directors on the ballot, but not invalid for any other properly cast votes on the ballot) and shall not be counted.

6. Alternative to Online Voting

Members who choose not to use online voting may send a paper ballot to the Secretary by U.S. mail at an address specified on the web page which contains the names of the nominees. The paper ballot must contain the names of the candidates that the member chooses to vote for. Members may vote for fewer than the maximum number of candidates, but ballots containing votes for more than the maximum number shall be invalid in the entirety as ballots for the Board of Directors (invalid for all choices for the Board of Directors on the ballot) and shall not be counted. Mail ballots must be received by the Secretary at least four (4) days before the date of the Annual Meeting. A mail ballot shall not be valid in the entirety (for all choices on the ballot) and shall not be counted if the member has already voted online. ACTR and the officers of ACTR shall not be liable or responsible for any delays in the mail or in the receipt of mail ballots.

7. Outcome of the Election

The persons receiving the greatest number of votes (valid online votes and valid mail votes combined) for the positions to be filled shall be elected, provided that each such person has received a majority of the valid votes cast, and that the results are consistent with the provisions of this Article.

Article II, Section 2.03, Subsection A

A. Election of the President and Vice President

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The persons receiving the greatest number of votes (valid online votes and valid mail votes combined) for the positions to be filled shall be elected, provided that each such person has received a majority of the valid votes cast, and that the results are consistent with the provisions of this Article.

8. Term of Office

The President and Vice President shall serve for a term of two (2) years. Each shall be eligible for reelection to that office for one additional term of two (2) years.

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SECTION 2.02 SUBSECTION C AND SECTION 2.03 SUBSECTION A

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Section 2.02

C. Selection of Members of the ACTR Board of Directors

1. Committee to Nominate ACTR Board

The members of the ACTR Board of Directors shall be nominated from among the active members of ACTR by a committee appointed by the President of ACTR, and shall be subject to confirmation by majority vote at the annual meeting.

2. Other Nominations to ACTR Board

Any group of five active members of ACTR may nominate a candidate or candidates for membership on the ACTR Board of Directors by forwarding to the Secretary the name(s) of the nominee(s) at least twenty-one (21) days before the annual meeting. Such nominees, together with those candidates nominated by the ACTR Board of Directors, shall be voted on at the annual meeting. The persons receiving the greatest number of votes for the positions to be filled shall be elected, provided that the results are consistent with the provisions of this Article.

Section 2.03 Election and Tenure of ACTR Officers

A. The President and Vice President of ACTR shall be nominated by the ACTR Board of Directors from among its members. Any group of five active members of ACTR may nominate a candidate or candidates for President and/or Vice President of ACTR by forwarding to the Secretary of ACTR the name(s) of the nominee(s) at least twenty-one (21) days before the annual meeting of the membership of ACTR. The President and Vice President of ACTR shall be elected by majority vote of those active members present at such annual meeting and shall serve for a term of two (2) years. Each shall be eligible for reelection to that office for one additional term of two (2) years.