

Nominations Committee Report  
 Alla Smyslova (Chair), Nina Bond, Jim Sweigert  
 (The term of the current NomComm will expire at the ACTR Membership meeting February 3, 2018)

ACTR Board of Directors Meeting  
 February 2, 2018  
 Washington, DC

- (1) Currently, there are 24 directors on the Board (with Michelle Whaley stepping down in January 2018)  
 Region representation: East 13, Midwest 6, South 3, West 2 = 24  
 Pre-college 9 (6 are current Russian teachers), college – 15

We meet the requirements as stated in the Article of Governance of ACTR that “each region must be represented by at least one Board member, and at least four members must be pre-college teachers”.

- (2) The term for directors is three years from Annual Membership meeting to Annual Membership meeting that take place at AATSEEL annual conferences. This year the term 2015-2017 is expiring. The terms are listed in the Newsletter and the names of Directors (re)elected are listed in the NoComm reports in the minutes of Annual Membership meetings. The NomComm observed some inconsistencies:

<b>Information from the NomComm reports in the minutes of Annual Membership meetings</b>		
<b>January 10, 2015</b>	<b>January 9, 2016</b>	<b>February 4, 2017</b>
<i>term expiring</i> 2012-2014 <i>new term</i> 2015-2017  <b>New directors:</b> Evgeny Dengub, Irina Dubinina <i>re-elected</i>  Robert Channon Jane Shuffelton Alla Smyslova Nataliya Ushakova Irwin Weil  <b>should be on but missing from                      the list:</b> Cynthia Ruder Mark Trotter Michelle Whaley	<i>term expiring</i> 2013-2015 <i>new term</i> 2016-2018  <i>re-elected</i>  Richard Brecht Tony Brown Ruth Edelman Thomas Garza Peter Merrill Diana Nemec-Ignashev Betsy Sandstrom Mara Sukholutskaya Michelle Whaley	<i>term expiring</i> 2014-2016 <i>new term</i> 2017-2019  <i>re-elected</i>  Nina Bond Dan Davidson Karen Evans-Romaine Paavo Husen Elena Farkas Elizabeth Lee Roby Mark Trotter

<b>Information in Newsletters</b>		
<i>summer 2014</i>	<i>spring/summer 2016 terms listed as</i>	<i>fall 2017</i>
	Cynthia Ruder 2015-2017 (correct term but not reflected in the minutes) Mark Trotter 2014-2016 (wrong term and not reflected in the minutes) Michelle Whaley 2016-2018 (term shifted one year) Elizabeth Lee Roby term listed as 2015-2017 (was elected as a new Director on 2013, so first term was 2014-2016. Reelected in 2017, new term 2017-2019. In all Newsletters it is still listed as 2015-2017)	Mark Trotter 2017-2019

- (3) Thus, the directors whose terms are expiring at this year Membership Meeting are: *Robert*

*Channon, Evgeny Dengub, Irina Dubinina, Cynthia A. Ruder, Jane Shuffelton, Alla Smyslova, Nataliya Ushakova, Irwin Weil* -- 8 directors. Mark Trotter whose term should have been expiring this year, was re-elected last year so his term now is 2017-2019. It was the result of a chain reaction of inaccuracies that took place in January, 2015

(4) Board members are expected to attend two official Board meetings: a winter meeting held in conjunction with the ACTR Annual Membership Meeting at AATSEEL conference and a spring meeting usually held at the ACTR offices in Washington. They are also encouraged to attend one of the ACTR Board Roundtable meetings at ACTFL or ASEEEES conferences. Board members are also expected to be active in the field and on the Board and promote the study of Russian and ACTR's various functions and programs.

(5) We looked at each of the eight Director's participation in the Board activities as well as their attendance of Board meetings. All eight are active contributors both to the field and to the Board activities. After that the NomComm sent an individual message to each of the directors, asking them whether they would like to be put on the slate for re-election. All eight directors confirmed that they would like to continue to serve on the Board.

On these grounds the NomComm recommends to renominate each of the eight directors whose term is expiring now (see the list in point 3) for reelection for a new term February 2018- February 2021.

The NomComm has decided not to nominate any new member to fill in the 25<sup>th</sup> vacancy that is there because Michele Whaley stepped down in January 2018. So, as of now the number of Board of Directors is 24.

(5) According to the Article of Governance of ACTR, the term of two ACTR Board officers, President and Vice President is two years. So, Thomas Garza's first term as President and Nataliya Ushakova's first term as Vice President are expiring. The NomComm got a formal nomination for them for re-election to a second term from current Board members, and the Committee supports their nomination for a second term, February 2018 - February 2020.

The NomComm would like to make some observations and suggestions for Board members' consideration:

1. To avoid inaccuracies in listings of directors' terms, Chair of the NomComm should submit the updated list of the directors with their terms to the Newsletter editorial board right after every ACTR Annual Membership Meeting
2. With the AATSEEL meeting now in February, it is necessary to decide how we want to indicate terms:
  - as before 2018-2020 (with the understanding that the (re)election takes place at AATSEEL conference, the next one will be in February 2021 and a note about it at on the page of the Newsletter with the list of directors)
  - or February 2018-February 2021 (only in the Newsletter, not necessarily in the the Article of Governance of ACTR)
  - or 2018-2021 (with the understanding that (re)elections takes place at the beginning of 2021 thus it is not a four-year term) – **this was the choice directors voted for**
3. For President and Vice President to list their terms as officers at the top the list/page in the Newsletter. And in the list of Directors, their terms as directors. **The directors agreed with it**
4. Directors whose terms are expiring should not be members of the NomComm. I should not have been on this committee this year, unfortunately, I realized it too late in the process.

5. Expand the pool for pre-college teachers who might represent South and West regions on the Board. And consider those who are dedicated and active teachers in the field and whose students regularly and successfully participate in ACTR contests, award programs and Olympiadas.

Respectfully,  
Alla Smyslova  
Nina Bond  
Jim Sweigert

After the Board of Directors vote, the slate for the 2018 ACTR Annual Membership Meeting:

(1) new Term 2018-2021 (from the Annual membership meeting to the Annual membership meeting in the years listed)

*Robert Channon*  
*Evgeny Dengub*  
*Irina Dubinina*  
*Cynthia A. Ruder*  
*Jane Shuffelton*  
*Alla Smyslova*  
*Nataliya Ushakova,*  
*Irwin Weil*

(2) President and Vice President 2<sup>nd</sup> terms

President: *Thomas J. Garza* 2018-2020 (from the Annual membership meeting to the Annual membership meeting in the years listed)

Vice President: *Nataliya Ushakova* 2018-2020