

Re: Shevchenko Scientific Society of America - upcoming election

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Date: Tuesday, September 21, 2021, 11:32 AM EDT

Dear Dr. Hryn,

I am replying to your August 24, 2021, message, seen below, on behalf of Oles, albeit a little late since I was in Kyiv at the time celebrating Ukraine's 30th Anniversary of independence, having been invited to attend the Veterans Forum on the 22nd of August. It is imperative that we harmonize our election approach.

We understand that the current uprava has an obligation to maintain its *usual* course of business, but our concern is that your recent determination to promote as many members as possible is *highly unusual*, given that it was not the practice before we announced our candidacy. It's hard to avoid the appearance of impropriety, in "packing" the voting membership in advance of the election, since we have section heads that were not involved in candidates' advancement, as required by our NTSh statute.

In spite of delays due to public restrictions, we believe the our elections should be as transparent as possible. In that vein, I reiterate my offer to assist in the preparation and conduct of the balloting, and I'd like to request that my initial letter be forwarded to the section heads, as well as the Nominating Committee.

We appreciate your hard work, and want to make this process easier for all concerned.

Slava Ukraini!

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On Tuesday, August 24, 2021, 12:23:04 AM EDT, Halyna Hryn <hryn@shevchenko.org> wrote:

Dear Michael, if I may, and Oles,

I will reply formally by mail to your formal letter, but wanted to address your main point immediately and assure you that there have been no promotions going on outside of the sections, nor would we ever do such a thing. Only full members of each section vote on the induction and promotion of its members. That being said, the current Uprava is an acting Board and has an obligation to maintain its usual course of business, which does include admitting and facilitating the promotion of members.

Regarding elections, technical preparations are being conducted by NTSh staff: Natalia Honcherenko, Vasyl Makhno, and Markian Dobcznasky. They will prepare ballots for mailing in exactly the same way as was done in previous elections and will keep the returned ballots secure until they are verified against the paid-up list of corresponding and full members and counted at the General Meeting by the Verification Committee. The meeting itself will be conducted in adherence to the practice of previous general meetings and our bylaws.

Both slates will be announced by the Nominating Committee at the same time and all information will be made available to the membership in the same way. Some people are still traveling or are away, but I do expect that the process will be finalized in the coming weeks.

And of course, we will make sure that all who enter our building are vaccinated, and will follow any other guidelines recommended by the local authorities.

I'll be glad to talk to you, by Zoom or by phone, about any of these questions. My home phone is 67-393-0238; cell 617-599-4911, and I can set up a Zoom meeting at any time.

All best wishes, and Happy Independence Day,
Halyna

On Sun, Aug 22, 2021 at 12:44 AM Michael Hrycak <michaelhrycak@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Dr. Hryn,

I am writing to follow up on my letter, dated August 9, 2021, regarding the upcoming election in December, 2021.

I would like to inquire as to your reply to same. On behalf of Alexander Motyl, I am prepared to assist in conducting the election as prescribed, and reiterate our request to freeze the advancement of current members, and appointment of new members, without the proper heads of section being involved.

Sincerely yours,

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