



ANNUAL REPORT 2020 - 2021

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Dear Members and Friends of TCFR:

The Tucson Committee on Foreign Relations met the moment in the 2020-2021 season. In that pandemic year, with restricted travel, face masks, Zoom calls, and few haircuts, TCFR presented an outstanding season of online programs. Membership remained high, and participation in the online programs approached the levels of pre-pandemic in-person events. I am filled with pride and admiration at the commitment of TCFR's members and the dedication of our executive board. Thank you, all.

Tom Volgy, who served as TCFR's president in that challenging year, deserves special recognition. It was Tom's leadership and vision that set the course in our pandemic response and kept TCFR on track in unprecedented conditions. Tom will be absent from the president's chair in the upcoming season, taking a sabbatical year from his day job as professor of political science at the University of Arizona.

As we plan and prepare for the 2021-2022 season, the safety of our members will continue to be our primary concern. While no one can predict with certainty the course of the virus, we hope to return to in-person events for much of the 2021-2022 season (more on 2021-2022 plans below). Thanks again for sticking with us during the past year. We look forward to being together next season to carry on our discussion of the ever-changing panorama of world affairs.

Sincerely,
Robert L. Thompson
2021-22 President
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TCFR's 2020 - 2021 Programs

TCFR presented eight programs this season, all on the Zoom platform and all at no cost to members beyond their annual dues. The topics and speakers were:

- "Pandemics in History and the Status of the Global and National Pandemics," **Michael Worobey, D. Phil.**

- “The 2020 Elections: Protecting Democracy from External and Internal Assaults,” **Frank Figliuzzi, J.D.**
- “The 2020 Elections: Where Do We Go from Here?” **Norman Ornstein, Ph.D.; Samara Klar, Ph.D.; and Thomas Volgy, Ph.D.**
- “U.S.-China Relations After the Election,” **David Lampton, Ph.D.**
- “The Future of Alliances & the Role of the Military in Diplomacy,” **Gen. Vincent Brooks (USA, ret.), M.M.A.S.**
- “Saving the 4th Estate: How Did It Become the Enemy of the People?” **Leonard Downie, Jr., M.A.**
- “Repairing the State Department and Restoring American Diplomacy,” **Amb. Michael McFaul, D. Phil.**
- “National Security Risks from Politicizing the Intelligence Community,” **Mark Lowenthal, Ph.D.**

In a reciprocal arrangement, TCFR members also had access to selected online programs offered by the Phoenix Committee on Foreign Relations, for an additional fee.

Looking Ahead to 2021 - 2022

Each year we try to build the TCFR season around the specific interests of our members, as reflected in the member topic survey distributed in the spring. Next season will be no exception. The topics that drew the most interest in this spring’s survey were (i) climate change, (ii) balancing confrontation and cooperation with China, (iii) border security and immigration policy, (iv) Middle East policy, and (v) restoring media credibility. Factors such as availability of quality speakers and unanticipated world events also play a part in constructing the program year.

Quality speakers must be recruited and scheduled several months in advance. To deal with that requirement in the face of continuing uncertainty about the pandemic, the board has adopted a tentative plan for the 2021-2022 season. Our September through December events will be held on the Zoom platform, as were all of our events in the previous season. If all goes well, we will celebrate our return to in-person events with a New Year’s luncheon at the Arizona Inn in early January and continue the season thereafter with in-person events.

The executive board will consider this tentative plan further at its September board meeting. Stay tuned.

New TCFR Officer and Board Appointments

Robert L. Thompson assumed the presidency of TCFR on June 1, 2021. Bob has been on the TCFR board since 2014 and was TCFR president from June 2016 through May 2019. He is a lawyer (New York) and a former executive with a multinational company, for which he served several years in overseas assignments.

Christine Wells became TCFR vice president on February 1, 2021. Christine holds a Ph.D. in psychology and an MBA. She has extensive experience in the mental health and general health care fields, both as a clinician and in management. Christine has been a TCFR board member since 2018.

Gary Guertner, Christine Shea, and Cody Nicholls continue in the positions of, respectively, vice president, program; treasurer; and secretary.

William Banks joined the TCFR board on February 1, 2021. Bill is professor of law emeritus and a former dean of Syracuse University College of Law. He also served as special counsel to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, among other public service appointments.

2020 - 2021 Executive Board and Officers

We appreciate the many hours invested by our Executive Board on behalf of TCFR. The following served on the Board in the past year:

Thomas Volgy, President	Marvin Goldberg
Janet Sanderson, Vice President	David Gupton
Christine Wells, Vice President	Margaret Houy
Gary Guertner, Vice President, Program	Donald Loranger
Christine Shea, Treasurer	Roy Morey
Cody Nicholls, Secretary	Robert Thompson
William Banks	Bruce Turkstra
John Bryant	Elliott Weiss

Thanks to Our Donors!

The following persons made donations to TCFR beyond their annual dues in 2020. We are extremely grateful for their support.

David Bailey	David Huisjen	Frances Moore
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Arch Brown	Oscar Hunsaker	Larry Ring
Richard Carlson	Linda Koral	Janet Sanderson
Gregory (Skip) Faith	Randolph Long	Robert L. Thompson
Edward Frisch	Phil Lyons	Bruce Turkstra
David Gardner	Jacqueline Manning	Thomas Volgy
Sandy Gerner	Monica Manning	Christine Wells
Marvin Goldberg	Sandra Maxfield	

Mea culpa: Last year we purchased new membership management software to automate some tasks we had been doing manually, including processing voluntary donations. We recently discovered that the software has recorded donations under a

single donor's name, even if it was given on behalf of several donors (e.g., a married or partnered couple). Rather than delay this Annual Report, we elected to publish the list provided by the software and try to do better next year. Apologies to any whose names have been omitted. The software also generates acknowledgments of donations (for tax purposes). If you did not receive an acknowledgement of a donation you made in 2020 and need one, please contact TCFR president Robert Thompson at robert.thompson865@gmail.com.

Summary Financial Statements

BALANCE SHEET As of June 30, 2021, and June 30, 2020

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$51,898	\$46,855
Fixed Assets	4,190	4,190
TOTAL ASSETS	56,088	51,045
<u>Liabilities & Equity</u>		
Liabilities	0	0
Equity		
Retained Earnings	51,045	33,705
Net Income/Loss	5,043	17,339
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$56,088	\$51,045

INCOME STATEMENT For Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2021, and June 30, 2020

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<u>Revenue</u>		
Dues	\$17,680	\$21,150

Donations	3,599	5,828
Program Revenue	0	52,780
Other Revenue	26	23
TOTAL REVENUE	21,305	79,781
<u>Expenses</u>		
General & Admin.	7,760	8,490
Speaker Fees & Travel	6,000	3,592
Program Expenses	2,452	50,310
Taxes	50	50
TOTAL EXPENSES	16,262	62,442
<u>NET INCOME</u>	\$5,043	\$17,339

N.B.: Unlike our normal dinner and luncheon events, members were not charged for the Zoom events in 2020-21. Thus, there was no program revenue (and no commensurate payments to event venues). There was, however, a small amount of expense associated with production of the Zoom events. By using remote Zoom presentations throughout the year, we were able to recruit some speakers we would otherwise have been unable to attract. In a departure from our normal practice, in some cases we agreed to pay honoraria for such speakers, in an amount approximating the travel and lodging expenses we saved as a result of the remote presentations.

For a copy of complete financial statements or IRS Form 990-EZ, send requests, in writing, to:

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