

BOOS, Georgy Valentinovich

Governor of Kaliningrad Region

Born January 22, 1963 in Moscow.

Graduated in 1986 from the Moscow Power Engineering Institute (MEI). Graduate degree in technical sciences.

1986-1988, served in the Soviet Air Force.

1988-1991, senior engineer, junior researcher at the All-Union Design Institute for Lighting Technology, and high school algebra and geometry teacher in Moscow.

1991-1993, director of Svetoservis, a lighting design and manufacturing enterprise.

1993-1995, general director of Svetoservis, now a joint-stock company.

Dec. 17, 1995, elected State Duma deputy from the Medvedkovo region of Moscow.

Jan. 1996-Sept. 1998, Duma deputy, vice-chairman of the Our Home is Russia faction and member of the Budget and Tax Committee.

Sept. 29, 1998, appointed head of the State Tax Service.

Dec. 23, 1998- May 12, 1999, tax minister of the Russian Federation (dismissed by Boris Yeltsin in May 1999 together with the entire cabinet of then Prime Minister Evgeny Primakov).

Nov. 3, 1998-1999, member of the board of state representatives at the Public Russian Television (ORT) joint-stock company.

July 1999-Dec. 1999, chief of the election campaign of the Fatherland (Otechestvo) political party.

Dec. 19, 1999, returned to the Duma as deputy, again elected by the Medvedkovo region of Moscow.

Member of the Fatherland--All Russia faction (subsequently merged with Unity, to form the United Russia party).

Feb. 11, 2000-present, deputy speaker of the State Duma.

Dec. 7, 2003, reelected as Duma deputy from the Medvedkovo region, Moscow. Member of the Duma Tax and Budget Committee.

September 7, 2005, appointed governor of Kaliningrad region

Member of the supreme council of the United Russia party.

Married, with three children. (Wife -- Yelena Lirina-Boos).

Hobbies: Ice hockey, motorcycles

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President Vladimir Putin nominates Georgy Boos for Kaliningrad governor

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MOSCOW, September 16 (Itar-Tass) - Russian President Vladimir Putin nominated Georgy Boos for the post of Kaliningrad region governor, the presidential press service reported on Friday. The candidate needs approval of the regional legislature.

Boos is presently a deputy speaker of the State Duma lower house of the Russian parliament .

Duma vice-speaker becomes candidate for Kaliningrad governor

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MOSCOW, August 30 (Itar-Tass) - State Duma Vice-Speaker Georgy Boos officially became a candidate for governorship in the Kaliningrad region. Boos told a briefing Tuesday that he filed a relevant application in the name of presidential plenipotentiary representative of the North-western Federal District Ilya Klebanov last Friday.

"I also talked to Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov who considered it a good decision," Boos emphasized, adding that in any case he was not going to run in the State Duma for the next term.

The idea to become governor of the Kaliningrad region attracts the Duma vice-speaker. "This is the only place that I would agree to live after Moscow. The region has a unique position and this position should be used," he believes. Boos noted that Kaliningrad should become "a beneficial window to Europe or a window for world business circles to Russia."

Boos told journalists that he intends to go to Kaliningrad on Thursday. He intends to begin meetings with the incumbent regional leadership. The vice-speaker intends to examine the Kaliningrad transit problem. "I will intentionally go to Kaliningrad by train only with the passport and without the Duma deputy identity card. I want to see how the so-called Kaliningrad problem is settled now," he pointed out.

Along with Boos, Klebanov offered the president a candidature of Kaliningrad region vice-governor Yuri Shalimov.

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Boos Top-Notch in Kaliningrad Problems

Presidential Envoy to the North-West Federal District, Ilya Klebanov arrived in Kaliningrad yesterday, September 6, 2005, to officially introduce to general public the candidates to the office of the regional governor. After meeting State Duma's Vice Speaker Georgy Boos, the local Duma's deputies appraised his "detailed knowledge of the region's problems." In return, Klebanov pointed out he prefers none to the other.

In Kaliningrad, Klebanov spent no time to announce the goal of his visit – official introduction of candidates - State Duma's vice speaker Georgy Boos and Yury Shalimov, vice governor of the Kaliningrad Region, leader of the local branch of United Russia Party.

"Despite that the president's nominee will be approved by the local Duma, we think it necessary to introduce two candidates to Kaliningrad public at large," Klebanov said. "Everything should be in spirit of the new law on the governors' election – open, transparent and clear."

The openness of the event was a bit peculiar; the doors to all meetings with candidates were securely closed.

Klebanov stressed he has no personal preference in that short list of candidates and "a lot will depend on how the candidates themselves tackle the task of their introduction to general public."

Boos appears to have performed well. "Boos has shown the highest state of knowledge of municipal problems, of forthcoming life under the new laws and, what is the most essential, he has presented his vision of solving the numerous problems," said Yevgeny Gan, chairman of Kaliningrad City Council.

The other candidate, Shalimov was obviously ignored during the presentation. No one in the Kaliningrad Region doubts the choice of the president. "Georgy Boos is not only the real but also the sole candidate to the governor's office in the Kaliningrad Region," said Vladimir Egorov, today's governor of the region, whose authority expires November 19, 2005.

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