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Arizonian Polonia

Throughout American history, most Polish immigrants were mainly drawn to densely populated areas in the Northeast or the Midwest where factories began emerging as a result of the industrial revolution. Unlike the western and southern states, both the terrain and weather climate of those states more closely resembled the country of their origin. In 1880 until 1920, the 6,025 that immigrated to the mountain states most commonly worked as miners, prospectors, merchants, or railroad laborers. In Arizona, the number of Polish residents, who were mostly male, would remain small-scale and never exceed 50. In 1910, the population was 177. An accurate estimation of the population numbers remains unknown.

The main reason why the number of Poles would either stagnate or decrease throughout the years in Arizona was that many of them were temporary workers. As a result of such, intermixing between the populations was exceptionally rare because wives and girlfriends were waiting back home. During the First World War, there were several incidents of anti-immigrant sentiments. In Bisbee, many immigrants would be called “bohunks” and “bear dancers,” so some would be deported or voluntarily leave. Past 1920, much of the Polish immigration would shift to Tucson and Phoenix, where small stores and shops began opening up.

Arizona’s Polish community slowly began to settle in the next decades to come, especially after World War II. The first Polish organization to be established in the Sunset State was the Polish National Alliance. There is some limited documentation that two lodges of the PNA existed in 1921. By 1983, there were three lodges and over 600 members. In 1939, the first and only Polish-American social club in Phoenix called Pulaski Club came to be. It features a Club House, bar and kitchen. A democratically-elected board runs the property. In 1967, Tucson established a Polish Club with the goal of preserving the language and customs. Another influential entity that promotes Polish interests is the Polish American Congress Arizona Division that was founded in Phoenix back in 1973.

There is a myth that the Arizonian Polonia is disappearing, but that is not true. Through the late 90s, the community came together to support the construction of Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish. The parish sponsors the annual spring Polish Festival that has been receiving attention from locals. A growing number of Polish artists visit the area. Arizona State University offers a Polish Program for both learners and native speakers. The program allows students to study the language, the historical diaspora, and knowledge about participating in the local communities. Funds were applied to a Polish library collection and the study-abroad option in Poland. According to the 2000 census, Poles made up approximately 2.5% (126,665) of the population in Arizona.



Phoenix Area – a Sunbelt Experience

Located in the northeastern reaches of the Sonoran Desert where the sun shines 85 percent of the time during the day, is the fifth most populated city in the United States. The Phoenix region, which is dubbed the Valley of the Sun is home to some 4.73 million people, making it the 11th most populated area in the United States. In the 1860s, one of the city's founders and pioneers, Darrell Duppa, allegedly devised the city's name after seeing the ruins left by the Hohokam tribe dating back to 700-1400 AD. He believed that another civilization would rise from the ashes like the mythological phoenix bird. Many of the canals left behind by the old tribe were rebuilt. As years passed, the "Five C's" that included cotton, cattle, citrus, climate and copper, would harvest its economy. In the present day, High-tech manufacturing, tourism, and construction help the area thrive making the burning hot summers more bearable. Travelers are in luck because Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport is considered one of America's friendliest airports. So, book a plane ride to see so many of Earth's wonders such as mountainous terrain, cactus gardens, or simply experience some kayaking. While in the city, step inside an immense musical instrument museum or see the city's oldest Catholic parish. There are always numerous places to see in the biggest state capital! Here are just a few things worth visiting in the Phoenix area.

Saint Mary's Basilica

Saint Mary's Basilica is Arizona's treasure that is part of the National Register of Historic Places. Officially named The Church of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, it is located

in downtown Phoenix, and it is the state's largest stained glass window collection and the only basilica. This Spanish Colonial-style parish with a roman architectural dome ceiling and German-style stained glass windows was founded in 1881. On September 14th, 1987, Pope John Paul II stood on the balcony and spoke to



endless crowds of people. Nowadays the church is known for preserving its traditional forms of liturgies such as Gregorian chant and renaissance music.



Musical Instrument Museum

The Musical Instrument Museum is famous for its stunning collection of all things involving music. Established in 2010, many visitors are in awe with 13,600 instruments



from around the world. Among one of the instruments is an 11 feet tall Octobass that goes lower than humans can hear. The building covers about 200,000 square feet. It is "The World's Only Global Musical Instrument Museum."

Her Secret is Patience



A public art sculpture that references a quote from American writer, Ralph Waldo Emerson, called Her Secret is Patience, is located in Phoenix Civic Space Park. Ever since its inception in 2009, it has harvested controversy for its costs and pride for its unique beauty. The piece stands 145 feet tall with some 100 feet off the ground. Make sure



to visit the art sculpture at night! Unofficially titled “Sky Bloom,” it is made of galvanized steel, polyester twine netting, and colored lights. It is designed in a way that is meant to show the wind’s movements. The shape reflects the state’s cumulus clouds, while the colors that change with the season are supposed to display the blossoms of the cereus cactus.

Camelback Mountain



Twenty minutes away from downtown Phoenix is the must-see Camelback Mountain, named after its resemblance to the hump and head of a kneeling camel. It was once an ancient holy place for those in the Hohokam culture as indicated by the left-behind worship spaces. The head of the camel is mostly red sedimentary sandstone from 25 million years ago, and the peak is made of Precambrian granite that is estimated to be around 1.5 billion years old! The mountain’s elevation is approximately 2,704, and the vertical slope is 1,264 feet over less than 1.5 miles. To overcome sections of hand-over-hand climbing, bringing



water is a must. Cayotes, lizards, foxes, and bobcats linger around, so be extra careful!

South Mountain Park and Preserve



An important part of the Phoenix area is South Mountain Park and Preserve that is home to more than 150 animal species and three mountain ranges. With 16,000 acres and more than 51 miles of trails ideal



for horseback riding, it is one of the largest urban parks in the world. The park is associated for its access to the city’s most amazing 2,330 feet panorama from Dobbins Lookout. Camelback Mountain can also be seen from a distance away. There are petroglyphs carved into rocks by ancient Hohokam Indians some 600 years ago. The images depict mountain sheep, lizards, and human-like beings. South Mountain is also known for having a high amount of chuckwallas.

Tovrea Castle



Just east of Phoenix stands a life-size wedding cake called Tovrea Castle that is surrounded by 5,000 diverse cacti. The castle is visible for travelers flying in and out of Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. Its beginnings sprung during a time of economic depression from 1928 and 1930. Italian immi-



grant and sheet metal businessman, Alessio Carraro, envisioned a desert resort and hotel standing among a cactus garden. However, in 1931, the property was sold to meatpacking matriarch, Della Tovrea, who lived there until her death in 1969. Throughout the years the structure would slowly crumble because of the passage of time. The city purchased the property in 1993 and was added to the Phoenix parks system. Legends have developed over the years. Some believe that the castle was a gangster hideout while others allege the location is haunted. Phoenix has two other castles worth mention: Mystery Castle and Copenhagen Castle.

Hole-In-The-Rock



Located in Papago Park, the Hole-In-The-Rock is a natural geological formation that is placed in Phoenix. The rock formation is made out of sandstone and conglomerate that was in the span of 66 to 2.6 million years. Members of the Hohokam tribe recorded the sunlight's shining through the latter to mark the change in season. The rock is surrounded by a trail that is two-tenths of a mile-long. From high up, hikers can get a good glimpse of the Phoenix area, but must first adjust to an elevation change of 200 feet.

Desert Botanical Garden



The Desert Botanical Garden is an area dedicated to the cultivation and preservation of desert plants. In 1936, the Arizona Cactus and Native Flora Society (ACNFS) was established by activists to save deserts from destruction. In the present

day, some 50,000 desert plants are part of this stunning, picturesque garden. Seventy-two percent of known taxa thrive here. Their motto



is: "The Garden is here to help you enjoy the beauty of the desert and care about it." There is always plenty to see with tours, concerts, and family-friendly activities.

Salt River



Locals and visitors can cool down from the Arizonian heat with the Salt River. Lasting 200 miles, the river crosses Phoenix, Scottsdale, Tempe, and Mesa. Both visitors and locals have an excellent place to go inner tubing, rafting, and kayaking. Its name derives large salt deposits which the river flows over in some sections. Some pioneers in the 1860s attempted to develop a salt mine, but separating the salt from other minerals was difficult. Nowadays, the Salt River is a popular destination for water-related activities.



Arizona Sun Safety Tips

Arizona has an average of around 300 days of sunshine per year. Summertime means longer days and 100-degree temperatures. While enjoying gorgeous scenery, please remember to protect yourselves from harmful UVA and UVB rays.

- **Wear sunscreen**, even when it's cloudy. Make sure you're reapplying sunscreen every few hours. Sweat, water, or clothing can deteriorate effectiveness over time. Protect your lips with an SPF lip balm.
- **Wear long sleeves and pants** when outdoors. Most outside workers during the summer months in Phoenix are all wearing long sleeves tops and pants. Light clothes will keep your body cool and will help prevent minor cuts and scrapes that aren't too fond of sunburns.
- **Wear a hat.** Your head and scalp are extremely susceptible, and it's difficult to notice the after-effects of a sunburn.
- **Wear sunglasses** to protect your eyes from ultraviolet rays and to prevent squinting, which leads to wrinkles around the eyes. Opt for 100% UV protection.
- **Eat healthy and stay hydrated.** Antioxidants in fruits and vegetables, help to get rid of damaging healthy cells free radicals, which lead to the development of all types of cancer, including skin cancer. Water helps eliminate waste from the body and keeps it hydrated. Don't wait until you feel thirsty.
- **Avoid alcohol and caffeine beverages**, they both speed up fluid loss.



June 2019

My Fraternal Sisters and Brothers,

It is difficult to imagine that it has almost been four years since we assembled in Cleveland, OH, for the 47th Quadrennial National Convention. This span of time has been both favorable and eventful for the Alliance. All that has been accomplished

has been done to strengthen the foundations of the Alliance further and bolster the future of the PNA for all its members.

The Polish National Alliance has assets of over \$432M. Our surplus is above \$22M. When two other accounts are combined with the surplus, we have about \$35.3M in total unassigned funds. Thus, we can see the size, strength, and financial well-being of the PNA.

Remember the Great Recession of 2008, and its fallout and effects on the PNA. These circumstances brought the Alliance under the intense scrutiny of the Illinois Department of Insurance. During its thorough examination, the Department looked at just about every aspect and nuance of the PNA. It forced certain changes upon us and started a self-examination and internal introspection of the way we operate as a fraternal organization. Some of the guidelines followed were the increased regulations and compliance programs necessary, and the trend concerning future governance of Fraternal Societies.

Over the last four years, we have seen an excess of income over expenses every year: simply put a profit. This has led to an increase in surplus every year. The NAIC (National Association of Insurance Commissioners) has placed a great deal of emphasis on a particular financial statistic called the Risk-Based Capital Ratio. We have exceeded the recommended required ratio every year. It is quite essential to maintain a value above this required ratio; otherwise, we will be burdened by more stringent regulation and oversight.

Concerning the National Convention itself, the delegates will experience some changes which they may consider game-changing. This may be the first Convention which will not elect the President. The Business Board of Directors will now hire the President. This is a change which is following the recommended Governance trend in the Fraternal Society arena. The theory is that this will lessen the possibility of a candidate chosen out of popularity rather than ability. Please note that presently the Department of Insurance can deny an office to someone they feel is not qualified to run said office, usually meaning the President. The other National Officers (Censor, Vice-Censor, Vice-President, Secretary, and

Treasurer) will still be elected by the Convention, as will the Business Board of Directors. The qualifications to run for these National Offices and Directors have been eased so that more individuals can run for these offices. As passed at the last Convention, the Fraternal Directors will be elected by the delegates from their particular Region.

As I stated earlier, the Illinois Department of Insurance, in its examination, decided that Commissioner will receive no salary, only expenses. With this as a background, the by-laws were amended to eliminate the Office of District Commissioner and replace them with the appointed position of District Coordinator, which will permit compensation for the position. Please note that the three-phase amending process for these changes was overwhelmingly approved.

One area that requires a great deal of attention is Membership and Sales. Its importance translates into a variety of fields each of which is vital to the general health of the Alliance. Sales provide members which are necessary to replace those who have passed from the scene, but also to grow the organization. These individuals will also provide the pool from which we can elect people who will provide the Leadership at all levels, from the National down through the Regional, District, and Council. This is one aspect that must not be overlooked. Sales also helps provide the needed revenue to fund all the mechanisms of the PNA both organizational and fraternal. Age and health have taken its toll on the Organizers and Sales Representatives who built this great organization. We have to come up with a plan to replace these great women and men and also expand into a professional sales force. We will survive, but we also want to grow and thrive.

Ladies and Gentlemen, the times are changing. Not that long ago, there were about 200 Fraternal Societies, and now there are less than 60. The NAIC and the Insurance Commissioners are burdening these Societies with more regulations and requiring compliance on more issues. The changes in our own governing structure were done in anticipation of the inevitable trend toward such suggested governance structures formulated by the NAIC. I believe the pro-active changes combined with our increasing financial strength provide a sound basis for our future.

I ask the Councils to send their delegates to convene in Phoenix, AZ on Aug. 25th through Aug. 28th for the 48th Quadrennial National Convention of the Polish National Alliance, where they can in a constructive, fraternal, and amicable way strenuously discuss, debate, and approve programs to ensure that we will be around to promote our heritage and pay the policies of our grandchildren and their grandchildren.

TOGETHER, WE CAN AND WE WILL

Wesley E. Musial
Censor

Elected Representatives to the 48th PNA Quadrennial Convention In Phoenix, Arizona

District	Last Name	First Name	City	State
1	Wolanin	Frank	Holyoke	MA
1	Sherman	Gilbert	Wilbraham	MA
1	Zapala	Jeannie	Ludlow	MA
1	Mailloux	John	West Warwick	RI
1	Los-Waldrón	Kathleen	New Bedford	MA
1	Wolanin	Mary	Holyoke	MA
1	Milecki	Peter	Worcester	MA
1	Sherman	Teresa	Wilbraham	MA
1	Tokarz	Walter	Rehoboth	MA
1	Milecki	Wanda	Worcester	MA
2	Zavaski	Edward	Wallingford	CT
2	Grabowy	Irene	Bristol	CT
2	Chlus	Janina	Wethersfield	CT
2	Grabowy	Leon	Bristol	CT
2	Kozioł-Dube	Marianna	Unionville	CT
2	Kennedy	Wiesława	Rocky Hill	CT
3	Kaminski	Anna	Brooklyn	NY
3	Kaminski	Bozena	Brooklyn	NY
3	McMullan	Christine	Brooklyn	NY
3	Bronchard	Danuta	Brooklyn	NY
3	Michalski	Grazyna	New York	NY
3	Sala	Mary	Waterford	NY
3	Ochal	Paul	Amsterdam	NY
5	Mazewski-Dryden	Jolanta	Seabrook	TX
5	Kubiak-Edwards	Marilyn	Houston	TX
5	Mazewski	Richard	Katy	TX
5	Kotch-Ray	Wanda	Bremond	TX
6	Szumal	Bertha	Bensalem	PA
6	Rackowski-Donnelly	Constance	Falls Church	VA
6	Gardysz	Elizabeth	Delran	NJ
6	Pennell	Hedwig	Aston	PA
6	Janik	Joseph	Easton	PA
6	Pennell	Kim	Aston	PA
6	Bondyra	Malgorzata	Perry Hall	MD
6	Szumal	Marian	Bensalem	PA
6	Poremski	Richard	Baltimore	MD
6	Musial	Wesley	Philadelphia	PA
6	Wrzos	Zbigniew	Philadelphia	PA

District	Last Name	First Name	City	State
6	Wrzos	Zofia	Philadelphia	PA
7	Vantuh	Antonina	Colonia	NJ
7	Maciag	Bogusława	Boonton	NJ
7	Griffith	Dawne	Roaring Brook	PA
7	Matiko	Jason	Duryea	PA
7	Dunaj	Stanley	North Arlington	NJ
7	Kutarba	Tadeusz	Clifton	NJ
8	Dombrowski	Breanne	Glassport	PA
8	Cernetich	Gary	Johnstown	PA
8	Twardy	Jeffrey	Pittsburgh	PA
8	Birus	John	Johnstown	PA
8	Radosy	Joseph	Canonsburg	PA
8	Andrzejewski	Kristofer	McKees Rocks	PA
8	Sisk	Molly	Murrysville	PA
8	Kuczkowski	Richard	Webster	NY
8	Jackson	Sean	Glassport	PA
8	Galaski	Stephen	White Oak	PA
8	Pawlos	Val	Pittsburgh	PA
9	Adams	Barbara	Richfield	OH
9	Zubel	Bernadette	Oberlin	OH
9	Katrenich	Cathy	Brecksville	OH
9	Panfil	Danuta	Hinckley	OH
9	Fiodorowicz	Eileen	Seven Hills	OH
9	Magielski	Joseph	Youngstown	OH
9	Berg	Kenneth	Akron	OH
9	Panfil	Romuald	Hinckley	OH
9	Fiodorowicz	Stanley	Seven Hills	OH
9	Pietrzak	Thomas	Dayton	OH
9	Tuchalski	Yvonne	Weirton	WV
10	Kryszko	Christine	Dearborn	MI
10	Hanson	Christine	Lansing	MI
10	Mackiewicz	Genowefa	Warren	MI
10	Sawinski	Grace	Farwell	MI
10	Slabonek	Jo Ann	Grand Ledge	MI
10	Baritche	Joan	Brownstown	MI
10	Rajski	Leon	Farwell	MI
10	Cameron	Michael	Muskegon	MI
10	Karwan	Robert	Novi	MI

District	Last Name	First Name	City	State
10	Lopacki	Romuald	Washington	MI
10	Martin	Ronald	Canton	MI
10	Szczesny	Stella	Hamtramck	MI
10	Przybyl	Tadeusz	Sterling Hts	MI
11	Baras	John	Eureka	MO
12	Sowa	Aleksandra	Chicago	IL
12	Zalinska	Anna	Chicago	IL
12	Kokoszka	Anna	Chicago	IL
12	Trybek	Arthur	Palos Hills	IL
12	Larocco	Barbara	Tinley Park	IL
12	Wesolowski	Barbara	Orland Park	IL
12	Tomaszkiewicz	Cecelia	Chicago	IL
12	Kocourek	Constance	Stillman Valley	IL
12	Blair	Irene	Palos Heights	IL
12	Spiewak	Irene	Willowbrook	IL
12	Dobersztyn	Joseph	Tinley Park	IL
12	Trybek	Judith	Palos Hills	IL
12	Chlipala	Leokadia	Chicago	IL
12	Krzyminski	Leszek	Lemont	IL
12	Kosinski	Raymond	Plainfield	IL
12	Wass	Shirley	Glen Ellyn	IL
12	Stekala	Stanislawa	Burbank	IL
13	Kolodziej	Aleksander	Grayslake	IL
13	Wierzicki	Anna	Chicago	IL
13	Stankiewicz	Barbara	Niles	IL
13	Tarchala	Christine	Round Lake Beach	IL
13	Woszczak	Donna	Palatine	IL
13	Hercik	Irene	Chicago	IL
13	Moskal-Delgiudice	Irene	Schiller Park	IL
13	Jarocinski	Irene	Medinah	IL
13	Kopacz	Janina	Chicago	IL
13	Lisak	Joseph	Lincolnwood	IL
13	Solarz	Magdalena	Glenview	IL
13	Slomski	Maria	Norridge	IL
13	Matusiak	Mark	Elk Grove Village	IL
13	Dobrzycki	Mark	Harwood Hts	IL
13	Srodon	Mary	Gurnee	IL
13	Niemkiewicz	Michal	Niles	IL
13	Biernat	Peter	Chicago	IL
13	Rawicki	Stanislawa	Park Ridge	IL
13	Bochenek	Walter	Chicago	IL
13	Penar	Wanda	Arlington Hts	IL
13	Juda	Wanda	Chicago	IL

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14	Hawkinson	Irene	New Berlin	WI
14	Kuznia	James	Stephen	MN
14	Niemczyk	Katarzyna	Kenosha	WI
14	Chmielewski	Kristine	Hales Corners	WI
14	St. Marie-Boelkow	Michele	Cudahy	WI
14	Carrier	Nicole	Oak Creek	WI
14	Jankowski	Teresa	Saint Francis	WI
15	Tokarski	David	Crown Point	IN
15	Jackowski	Jeffrey	Saint John	IN
15	Newgent	Jennifer	South Bend	IN
15	Karczewski	Mark	South Bend	IN
15	Wozniak	Mary	Rolling Prairie	IN
15	Tokarski	Steve	Crown Point	IN
16	Nowak-Przygodzki	Anthony	Corona	CA
16	Rudzinski	Elizabeth	San Pedro	CA
16	Chilecki	Greg	Orange	CA
16	Akrami	Katherine	Sierra Madre	CA
17	Szuflada	Allan	Hinckley	OH
17	Milcinovic	David	Parma	OH
17	Szuflada	Diane	Hinckley	OH
17	Ptak	Eric	Walton Hills	OH
17	Ptak	Jane	Walton Hills	OH
17	Lewandowski	Michael	Brooklyn Hts	OH
17	Sobczynski	Patricia	Parma	OH
18	Hicker	Anne Marie	Federal Way	WA

HOME OFFICE EMPLOYEES ASSISTING AT THE 48TH PNA CONVENTION

- Steve Biesiada (Assistant National Secretary)
- Lidia Buras (Assessments/Billing)
- James Gura (Chief Financial Officer)
- Frank Jozefiak (Chief Underwriter)
- Monika Korczynska (President's Office)
- Halina Kuczynski (Membership/Claims)
- Renata Lorenz (Treasurer's Office/Legal Department)
- Victor Modlinski (IT Office System Specialist)
- Jolanta Walaszek (Manager of Sales)

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2019 Pre – Convention Committees

Credential

Home Office – June 6th, 2019

1. Wanda Juda (Chairwoman)
2. Jeannie Zapala
3. Ted Kutarba
4. Jeffery Jackowski
5. Teresa Jankowski



(l-r) Ted Kutarba, Teresa Jankowski, Wanda Juda, Jeannie Zapala, Jeffery Jackowski

By-Laws

Home Office – July 16 – 17, 2019

1. Bozena Kaminski (Chairwomen)
2. Constance Rackowski - Donnelly
3. David Tokarski
4. Cecilia Tomaszkievicz
5. Anna Wierzbicki



(l-r) Anna Wierzbicki, Bozena Kaminski, David Tokarski, Constance Donnelly, Cecilia Tomaszkievicz

Nominating

Home Office – July 8, 2019

1. Christine McMullan (Chairwomen)
2. Christine Tarchala
3. Leszek Krzyminski
4. John Baras



(l-r) Leszek Krzyminski, Christine Tarchala, Christine McMullan, John Baras

Budget Committee

Home Office – July 22, 2019

1. Anthony Nowak-Przygodzki (Chairman)
2. Mark Grzymala
3. Romuald Poplawski
4. Matthew Matusiak
5. Steve Tokarski
6. James Gura (CFO)



(l-r) Romuald Poplawski, Matthew Matusiak, Anthony Nowak-Przygodzki, Mark Grzymala, Steve Tokarski, James Gura

Education

Teleconference - June 26, 2019

1. Stella Szczesny (Chairwomen)
2. Irene Jarocinski
3. Barbara Wesolowski
4. Marianna Koziol – Dube
5. Bernadette Zubeł

Membership

Teleconference- June 27, 2019

1. Edward Zavaski (Chairman)
2. David Milcinovic
3. Katarzyna Niemczyk
4. Jeffrey Twardy

Sports & Youth

Teleconference – July 1, 2019

1. Val Pawlos (Chairman)
2. Mark Matusiak
3. Magdalena Solarz
4. Greg Chilecki
5. Mary Srodon

Alliance Communications

Teleconference – July 2, 2019

1. Richard Poremski (Chairman)
2. Joseph Magielski
3. Wiesława Kennedy
4. Teresa Sherman

Grievance

Teleconference - July 15, 2019

1. Irene Grabowy (Chairwomen)
2. Arthur Trybek
3. Mary Sala
4. Irene Hercik
5. Christine Hanson

New Concepts

Teleconference – July 18, 2019

1. Jolanta Mazewski - Dryden (Chairwomen)
2. Mark Dobrzycki
3. Nicole Carrier

48TH PNA QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION

Tentative Agenda

Sunday, August 25, 2019

2:00 – 6:00 PM Registration

6:00 – 8:30 PM Opening Session

Welcome Remarks

Announcement of the Convention

Officers

Oath of Office

Report of the Credentials Committee

Roll Call of the PNA Officers

Recess

8:30 – 10:00 PM Welcome Reception

Monday, August 26, 2019

8:00 – 10:00 AM Reports

10:00 – 10:30 AM Coffee Break

10:30 – 12:00 PM Continuation of Sessions

12:00 – 1:30 PM Lunch Break

1:30 – 3:30 PM Continuation of Sessions

3:30 – 4:00 PM Coffee Break

4:00 – 7:00 PM Continuation of Sessions

Presentation of Sales Awards

Special Introductions and Recognitions

Recess

8:00 PM -10 PM Dinner Reception

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

8:00 – 10 AM Continuation of Sessions

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30 – 12:00 Continuation of Sessions

12:00 – 1:30 PM Lunch Break

2:00 – 4:30 PM Continuation of Sessions

Presentation of Candidates

Elections

Resolutions

Election Results

Recess

Free Evening

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

8:00 – 10:30 AM Continuation of Sessions

New Business

Installation of Officers

Adjournment

Election 2019

CANDIDATES FOR THE ELECTIVE OFFICES OF THE POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

CHAIRPERSON



Frank J. Spula
Incumbent,
Park Ridge, Illinois
District XIII, Council 3,
Lodge 257

Dear Representatives,

Serving as President has been a challenging and humbling experience. Over the years, I have faithfully served this organization

and its members, as it is my responsibility.

I have been involved most of my adult career in the organization. In addition to being a lifelong member of the Alliance, I have worked my way through the organization in various positions starting in the copy room of the Treasurer's Office to the very top. My experience over the years has provided me with unparalleled knowledge and understanding of the organization, from the fraternal perspectives to that of government.

I had the honor of being the Chairman of two PNA conventions as well as chairing various conferences for other organizations. Being President of the Polish American Congress has assisted me in establishing relationships with local, state and federal officials, which are paramount in this day and age. I serve as Director of the Edgebrook- Sauganash Chamber, as Chairman in a volunteer group in efforts of saving a church.

I never make promises that are not attainable or realistic. I understand the values of fraternal programs, being that they add value of belonging to a fraternal organization.

With the recent amendments in the by-laws, the President of the organization will be appointed by the Board, while the Chairman of the Boards position will be elected. Based on the changes, I am applying for this position within the Polish National Alliance.

In closing, thank you for your support over the years and I ask you for your encouragement and support in leading this organization.

VICE CHAIRPERSON



Wesley E. Musial
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
District VI, Council 1,
Lodge 342

My name is Wesley E. Musial, and I am a candidate for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Directors.

I was born and reside in Philadelphia, PA. I graduated from St. Joseph's College (PA) in 1972 with a B.S. degree in Mathematics and a minor in Economics. I did some post-graduate work at Temple University. I am a high school and college product of Jesuit education.

I became financial secretary of Lodge 342 in 1975. I was elected a delegate to Council 1 and have held the position of Vice-President and Council Secretary. At the District level, I was the District 6 Male Commissioner from 1991 to 1999. Subsequently, I was elected Director

from Region D from 1999 to 2007. From 2007 to present, I have held the position of Censor.

For the past forty-six years, I have been involved in the family business of manufacturing and retailing Polish sausage. We are presently transforming into the third generation of family members running the business.

As you peruse and review my resume, you will see that I have been involved at all levels of the Polish National Alliance. When you also consider that I have either served on or chaired several Pre-Convention Committees, you will realize that I have knowledge of and am familiar with all facets of the organization. As Censor, I was chairman of the Supervisory Council. This experience allowed me to gain valuable experience in both coordinating the efforts of others and working with others to achieve a goal.

When you meld all my background and experience in academia, business, and the fraternal world, I hope you will consider me worthy of your support for the position I seek.



Marian Grabowski

Incumbent,

Surprise, Arizona
District XII, Council 80,
Lodge 1824

In 2015, I was re-elected for a third term as Treasurer of the Polish National Alliance and these past years brought many financial challenges including extremely low interest

rates. Yet, the PNA came through strong. Under my leadership, the Treasurer's Department became more efficient; reduced the operational costs and maintained our quality.

After my first two years as Treasurer of PNA, I campaigned for Vice President of the Polish National Alliance and was elected in 2017. The duties included handling all Fraternal Activities such as the PNA National Golf outings, The National Bowling Tournament, senior programs, Kids-4-Kids events and many more! In all these moments I was assisted by Fraternal Coordinator Mary Srodon. I express my appreciation for all her

support and hard work.

Currently, I serve on the Executive Committee, Investment Committee, the Audit Committee, and the Enterprise Risk Management Committee.

I believe the keys to my success are due to my background, hard work and dedication. I was born in Poland, immigrated to this country in 1961, and became a PNA member in 1962.

In 1999, I became the Main Commissioner for PNA District 12 and began my involvement at the PNA District 12 & 13 Youth Camp. I could see a strong need at the camp; I stepped in and became the President in 2000. The camp was rundown and debt-ridden, and I decided to help assemble a new team of people to renew and revitalize the property. Under my leadership and hard work, the camp was turned around.

I bring years of hard work, dedication, knowledge, and proven initiative to the job. I still have great passion for the PNA and desire to continuously apply my passions and skills for the betterment of organization. I humbly request that you help re-elect me as Vice President in the upcoming election.



Alija Kuklinska

Incumbent,

Chicago, Illinois
District XIII, Council 13,
Lodge 257

Honorable Representatives to the 48th PNA Quadrennial Convention,

Working for the Polish National Alliance provided me with a truly unique

experience that I can apply along with my education and skills to the position of National Secretary. I appreciate the trust the Business Board of Directors bestowed on me in June of 2018 upon my election to National Secretary. I ask for the support of the Representatives of the 48th PNA Convention to continue.

I am a hardworking, enthusiastic, and committed individual who believes the growth of the organization depends on collective efforts. I am involved in the fraternal life of the Polish National Alliance as well as other Polish American organizations, including the Polish American Congress where I am a National Director.

I was born in Poland, and like many of you, I followed the American dream after graduating from the

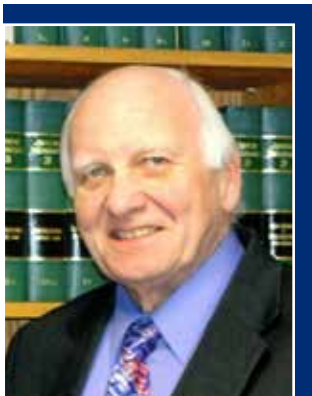
University of Warsaw with a Master's degree in Polish Language and Teaching. My parents always stressed the importance of education, so in the U.S., I continued taking various professional courses. I was a teacher and principal of one of the most prominent Polish schools in the Chicago area, a Northwestern University instructor, an employment counselor, and small business founder and owner.

As a PNA Member, I received the Zgoda magazine and learned about the Organization, its activities, and the noble mission of promoting Polish heritage in the United States. I believed, I could contribute to the publication and the organization by utilizing my knowledge and commitment to traditional Polish values, and I did. I became a PNA employee, Zgoda Editor-in-Chief, and National Secretary.

I feel tremendous pride, a sense of accomplishment, and appreciation to all of the distinguished Officers and Members who supported me along the way.

I can also proudly say that my American family is a 100% PNA Family.

Pragnę wyrazić wdzięczność i dumę z pełnionej przeze mnie funkcji Sekretarza Krajowego ZNP, uprzejmie proszę o dalsze poparcie i życzę Delegatom owocnych obrad.



Steve H. Tokarski

Incumbent,

Crown Point, Indiana
District XV, Council 127,
Lodge 2365

Steve Tokarski is currently serving as PNA National Treasurer. He is a former Business Board Director for the Indiana and Michigan region, and Chairperson of the Rules and Regulations Committee.

Mr. Tokarski served as a member of the Board of Directors, Education Committee, the Financial Control Committee, and the Membership Committee.

He also served as Parliamentarian and First Vice-Chairperson for various PNA National Conventions. Additionally, Steve has served as President of PNA Council Number 127 and of PNA Lodge Number 2365--Silver Bell Club. For two years, Mr. Tokarski was the Publisher of the Polish Daily News in Chicago, a PNA subsidiary.

In addition to his efforts with the PNA, he has also

been extremely active in the Polish American Congress (PAC), and is currently serving as the President for its Indiana Division, a position he has maintained since 1977. Mr. Tokarski has also served as the National Director and the Parliamentarian for the Council of National Directors of the PAC and as Chairperson of the By-Laws and Grievance Committees. He has been the Vice President of the PAC Charitable Foundation since 1995.

He earned a B.A. from Purdue University and a J.D. from Indiana University School of Law, and has practiced law in Northwest, Indiana.

Steve's community involvement does not end with his service to these two outstanding organizations. He is also an active member of several Purdue University alumni associations, as well as the Purdue President's Council. He has held positions as Secretary-Treasurer and State Vice President of the National Advocates Society since 1984.

When not engaged within the community, Steve spends his spare time with his loving wife, Marsha who is a stained glass artist and former science teacher. Steve and Marsha have two sons: David, a lawyer, and Christopher, a social studies and economics teacher.

BUSINESS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

5 DIRECTORS TO BE ELECTED



Jeffrey M. Twardy

Incumbent,

Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
District VIII, Council 145,
Lodge 1052

I am an incumbent candidate for the PNA Business Director position. Whether at a sporting event, youth event, or a black-tie affair, I have the comfort level, knowledge, and experience. I hope to

utilize these qualifications, so that I can continue to be an asset to PNA, whether in the capacity of Business, Management, or Fraternalism.

Throughout my many experiences with Lodge 1052 of Pittsburgh, PA, you could say I have learned through

the years from the very best. My years of experiences run the gamut, from participating and managing National Tournaments (Bowling, Golf, Softball), to locally being the chairman of the Raymond S. Twardy Scholarship Fund for Lodge 1052.

My business acumen is honed by 24 years working in the public sector and has provided many projects, transitions and educational experiences that have shaped my skills to understand, solve and manage solutions to complex business problems. I am a graduate of Duquesne University - Business Administration/Finance.

Of course, I couldn't do any of this without the support from my two little ladies, and I hope I can show them the PNA as my grandfather had done with me. I am the father of two little princesses, Stephanie (11) and Sydney (8).



Irene T. Hercik
Incumbent,
Chicago, Illinois
District XIII, Council 3,
Lodge 694

I was born in Chicago, Illinois, and have been a member of PNA since birth. Attending PNA events with my family was a normal part of growing up. My husband, children, and their families became part of the PNA family.

My educational background includes a BA from Northeastern Illinois University, Minor in Management, Associates' Degree in Applied Science, Computer Information Systems from Wilbur Wright College, and paralegal studies at MacCormac College. My work experience includes every aspect of management, from a small to a mid-size company.

My positions include office manager, accounts payable/receivable, payroll, financial statement preparation, dividend payments, sales tax returns, are

some areas of responsibility. Currently, I manage a promotional products distributing company.

I am honored to be a candidate for the Business Director of the Polish National Alliance. Following in my father's footsteps, I have held various offices in the Lodge and Council and am currently President of both. Having served two terms as District Commissioner, Director of previous Region "H" and currently, the Business Board has provided me with a broad understanding of both the fraternal and business aspects of our organization.

My education, work experience, and involvement within our fraternal contribute to my ability to think critically and make sound business decisions. My offered attributes will help protect the financial investment made by our members. Laws and regulations are continually changing. This requires a constant review of business matters. I exercise a cautious approach and feel that my prudent decisions would be an asset to further the growth of the Polish National Alliance. I'm confident that I would continue to be a beneficial member of the Business Board, and I ask for your vote of support. Thank you!



Anthony W. Nowak-Przygodzki
Incumbent,
Corona, California
District XVI, Council 216,
Lodge 3193

For whole life, I was proud of my Polish heritage. I have been a long-time member of the Polish National Alliance. My first introduction to PNA was when my parents purchased a life insurance certificate for me as a teenager. At that time, I was dancing with the Polish Folklore Dance Group, Gorale (Yorba Linda, CA).

Later, I started attending Lodge and Council meetings, and learning more about the Organization. With the guidance of Director Richard Kobzi, I wanted to serve in a higher capacity than the positions I had held in the Council and the Lodge.

In 2007, I ran for National Director of Region "K." I was the youngest board member at that time, honored to serve for almost two terms. In 2013, the PNA was challenged by the changing business environment. We were faced with on-going regulatory issues. I was honored to

be part of these challenging times. With my experience in the banking industry and knowledge of a non-profit entity versus a for-profit company, we successfully met these challenges. Yes, we were faced with some necessary changes that weren't consistent with our past ways, yet affected how our Organization would be governed in the future.

The board conducts annual surveys assessments of our strengths, opportunities, weaknesses, and threats. The board is responsible for strategic planning and the multitude of plans that affect the overall long-term operations. As a Board Member, I had the opportunity to work with many professionals, executives, staff, and members. I much appreciate the things I learned over the past years. I am proud of my contributions and ready to continue to learn and improve my skill set.

In closing, I will continue to work collaboratively for the benefit of the PNA. I am very excited about serving as Business Director. My whole family are PNA members. I know the PNA has many wonderful times ahead. I ask for your support.

May God bless you all and PNA! Niech Żyje Związek Narodowy Polski!



Val Pawlos
Incumbent,
Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
District VIII, Council 145,
Lodge 1052

I have been a member of the Polish National Alliance for over forty years. I am currently a National Business Director and have held the position for the last six years.

I am looking forward to serving as a Director for the next four years and making the right decisions for the betterment of the PNA. Hopefully my experience will help achieve all our goals.

My previous positions with the PNA have been National Fraternal Director, National Sports Director and President of Lodge #1052, Pittsburgh, PA for thirty five years. I am currently the Secretary of Council #145 and

a delegate to both National and District Conventions. I have been awarded the Kosciuszko Man of the Year and had a day named for me by the City of Pittsburgh. I was also named Outstanding Citizen by the State of Pennsylvania for community involvement.

My wife Janet and I have been married for forty years, with a daughter Erin (Eric) and a son Michael (Emily) and two wonderful grandsons Marino and Robert. My whole family have been lifelong members of the PNA as far back as my grandparents.



Teresa Struziak Sherman
Incumbent,
Wilbraham, Massachusetts
District I, Council 62,
Lodge 711

My involvement in the PNA since age 10, has enabled me to be knowledgeable in many areas of PNA operations. I served 53 years as the Lodge

Financial Secretary and Sales Representative, 38 years as Council Recording and Financial Secretary, and I was a delegate to 11 national conventions. I was elected as Vice Chair twice and chaired Pre-Convention Committees, specifically Alliance Publications and Communications. I was twice secretary to the Budget and Finance Committee, and the Education Committee. In 1995, I was elected Commissioner of PNA District 1. I was PNA National Director Region "A" 2003 to 2011. I have served on 6 Board Committees during these past 4 years.

I obtained my Master's Degree in Nursing and Public Health Administration. I worked as a nursing supervisor, nursing director, nursing home administrator, and president and CEO of CEU Direct, Inc., an online ed-

ucation service for health care professionals that allowed me to demonstrate management and leadership skills. I have successfully managed 11 million dollar budgets. I have strong communication skills as evidenced by my 91 health and hundreds of event articles written for Zgoda, and other media. I have served as Public Relations Chairperson for the Polish Center of Discovery and Learning at Elms College.

As a current member of the PNA Business Board of Directors, I have assisted the PNA in its transitions to keep the organization strong and viable, while meeting state and federal regulations. I know PNA's issues and concerns and have the skills to help the organization strive to meet rigid budgetary constraints in a positive, productive, and ethical manner.

My husband, Gilbert, three children and seven grandchildren, who are all PNA members, have supported my efforts throughout my PNA career.

To the PNA Convention Delegates, I wish you successful deliberations and I would appreciate your vote in Phoenix at the 48th National Convention to elect me for a second term to the PNA National Board of Directors. Thank you! Dziekuje!

FRATERNAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ONE PER REGION TO BE ELECTED



Irene Grabowy

Bristol, Connecticut
District II, Council 152,
Lodge 441

I have been a loyal member of the Polish National Alliance since I came to the US in 1972. I have dedicated over 45 years to our fraternal cause, and my knowledge of the PNA is just one of my qualifications.

My strengths are reflected in my background, leadership abilities, experience, and participation in fraternal, national, and community organizations. I am self-motivated, dedicated, and always willing to do more than is expected.

I served as Commissioner for two terms as Director Region “B,” and Vice Censor for 12 years. I served on the membership, education, finance, public relation, & by-law pre-Convention committees. I am currently Secretary of Council 152 and a sales representative.

I have decades of experience with other organizations, which adds to my success. I served as President of New England Fraternal Alliance, and a Board Member of the Polish American Congress CT Division. Having those positions has given me the chance to learn what other organizations provide to their members and what activities they organize.

I assisted in organizing the “Polish Days” at the oldest consecutively running amusement park in the USA, Lake Compounce. I’ve received the Civic Achievement Award from the Polish American Historical Association and also the Archdiocesan Medal of Appreciation from the Archbishop of Hartford. In commemoration of the 225th Anniversary of the Polish Constitution and the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of “Polish Days at the Capitol,” I received the State of Connecticut General Assembly Official Citation, Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition, and the Office of the State Comptroller Official Citation.

I promise to execute the responsibilities and duties as Fraternal Director faithfully and always represent the PNA with honor and dignity. My goals are to improve the PNA’s membership and maintain our Polish Heritage.

REGION “A”



Sean Jackson

Glassport, Pennsylvania
District VIII, Council 10,
Lodge 750

As a fourth generation member of the PNA, I am deeply rooted in the heritage of our organization. I have been an officer of Lodge 750 in Glassport, PA for over eleven years as well as the Recording Secretary

of Council 110 in District VIII for five years.

The PNA’s past, present, and future successes are something we all strive to maintain and grow. I look forward to working hard to continue growing our great fraternal organization if I am elected to the Fraternal Board of Directors for Region B. The foundation of what makes the PNA great is the strong bond of fraternalism that has been built over more than 139 years and continuing to build those bonds will be paramount in ensuring our successes for generations to come!



REGION “B”



Bożena Kamiński

Incumbent,

New York, New York
District III, Council 217,
Lodge 1903

Since 2007, I have been the President and CEO of the Polish & Slavic Center, a non-profit New York State organization with over 40,000 members. PSC

provide many much-needed social and cultural services to the Polish-American community of the New York metropolitan area.

From 2008 through 2014 and at present I serve the Polish American Congress as its National Vice-President for Polish Affairs. Very importantly, I am an active member of Polish National Alliance Lodge number 1903 and an active supporter of many of its sponsored charitable events sponsored by the PNA organization.

In appreciation for my active work for the Polish-American Community. I was honored and recog-

nized by many political leaders and other non-profit organizations and the immigrant communities.

I received the prestigious recognition of "The Ellis Island Medal of Honor" award at a ceremony held on Elis Island. I was also honored and received many city and state awards for my long-time community work as a community activist.

As a Director of the Polish-American Downstate Division, I was able to act politically organize, and chair many banquets honoring New York area politicians. I organized many voter registration drives and fund raising events. Since 2013, I have been an active member of New York City Community Board # 1 where I participate and then report to the Mayor and City Council on the needs of our neighborhood and speak on behalf of our community.

I consider my election four years ago as a National Fraternal Director to be an honor and a privilege. It enables me to work for and represent the Polish National Alliance and all of its members. I am looking forward to continuing my work towards our success.

Dziękuję!



Joseph M. Magielski

Incumbent,

Youngstown, Ohio
District IX, Council 46,
Lodge 827

My journey to becoming a National Director for the Polish National Alliance began many years ago. As a young immigrant coming to this country, I watched as my parents set up roots

in Youngstown, Ohio & worked hard to make a life for our family as Polish-American citizens. I graduated from Youngstown State University with a BS/BA degree in management and a minor in economics. In 1973, I married the love of my life, Judith. We made a home together and raised three children. The family has always been at the center and passing down my Polish traditions is an important component of raising my family. Today, I am the proud Dziadzi to 5 grandchildren, all PNA members.

In terms of insurance experience, I have been affiliated with a National Commercial Insurance Company for the past 41 years. Currently retired, I served as President of The Youngstown Association of Life Underwriters. Other affiliations include MDRT, NQA, and NSA. I have been a sales representative of PNA for 35 years, and was the National Director of Sales for seven years, until my retirement.

I am also a proud veteran of the U. S. Marine Corp, active in many veteran groups. I belong to American Legion, AMVETS Post 44. I have served as the past President of the Catholic War Veterans, Post 1222, Commander of United Veterans Council, and member of Polish Legion of American War Vets Post 87.

I am a treasurer of PNA Council 46. I have held leadership positions of my local PNA Lodge for many decades and continue to be involved in many Polish organizations throughout the Northeast Ohio area. I am uniquely qualified for Director of the Polish National Alliance with my lifetime of the insurance industry experience and dedication to the PNA. It would be an honor to continue to serve the Polish National Alliance in this position.



Stella G. Szczesny

Incumbent,
Hamtramck, Michigan
District X, Council 122,
Lodge 1758

Stella G. Szczesny is married to Thomas Schemanski and has two children, Kasia and Thomas.

She has an MBA from the University of Detroit

Mercy and a BA Degree from Madonna University.

Stella is retired from her position as a Human Resources Specialist for the State of Michigan Civil Service Commission.

In 2005 she was named "Woman of the Year" by the Orchard Lake Schools and, also received the Polish American Central Citizens Pulaski Medal. The Piast Institute recognized her as "Polish American Woman of the Year" in 2006. In 2011, Stella was the recipient of the Polish American Congress Michigan Division Award for contributions to Polonia.

Stella is the President of Council 122 and Lodge 1758 and is the first woman elected to those positions.

She is also a member of the Polish Day Parade Committee and the Polish American Congress Michigan Division where she is a National Director. Stella is also a member of the Polish American Central Citizens Committee where she was the first Woman President and is currently serving as a Trustee.

Stella is a second-generation Polish-American and very proud of her Polish heritage and has traveled to Poland on numerous occasions and has chaperoned two groups to the Rzeszow Dance Festival.

As the Commissioner of District X, Stella worked at increasing the visibility of PNA in the metropolitan region and became known as a reliable "point person" for information and suggestions. As the Fraternal Director of Region "E," she represented the national office at various events and worked with the councils and lodges to promote PNAs visibility and its products. Stella provided her time and financial support for many events in the region.



Barbara Wesolowski

Incumbent,
Orland Park, Illinois
District XII, Council 143,
Lodge 2368

I have been a member of the Polish National Alliance since birth. My mother, Jean Wesolowski, was active in the PNA throughout her lifetime

and encouraged me to get involved. I took her advice and followed her example.

Over the years, I have served in many leadership positions within the organization, most recently as Fraternal Director of Region "F." Prior to this position, I served as District 12 Commissioner and chaired a very active Women's Division. I have sold many Insurance policies and annuities. I am the President of Council 143 PNA and President of the Youth Home Corporation of District 12 PNA awarding undergraduate scholarships, and responsible for the investments of the Corporation.

I have attended Council and Lodge meetings in my area, visited wakes, attended funerals, and offered support to PNA activities and projects in Region "F" and other Districts as well. I have been a member of many pre-convention committees and a delegate to several PNA conventions.

I understand how the PNA works and the importance of successfully offering excellent insurance and annuity products. Fraternal programs can only benefit when the business side of the PNA succeeds. I believe I have excellent leadership qualities, am very approachable, a good listener, and never fearful of asking questions or offering my opinion. I have actively participated in Joint Meetings of the Fraternal and Business Boards and Fraternal Committee teleconferences. The active members of my Region have supported my efforts and confidence in my leadership abilities. I know my Region!

Throughout my professional life, I served in administrative leadership positions as an elementary school principal, managing large staffs and million-dollar budgets as well as a position as an instructor at Loyola University's School of Education. I firmly believe I have much to offer the PNA as a Fraternal Director.



Walter F. Bochenek

Chicago, IL
District XIII, Council 3,
Lodge 3278

I was born in Poland and became a U.S. Naturalized Citizen. In the old country, I was a business owner focused on art and construction. I also built car prototypes and helped restore cars. I was very

active in the anti-Communist movement.

In the U.S., I was active with art performances, wrote many poems, plays, T.V. shows, and created sceneries for theater performances. In 1996, I organized the Polish American Contractors Builders Association (PACBA) and was elected its first President. In 1997 and 1998, I managed to build three homes for flood victims in Poland while using American construction standards. I cooperated on organizing two construction trade shows between Poland and the USA.

In 2007, I initiated the Polish American Jamestown

Committee. Together, we built an 86 feet long and 16 feet wide parade float to commemorate 400 years of the arrival of first Polish settlers to Jamestown.

In 1999, I was elected President of "Tadeusz Kosciuszko School of Polish Language in Chicago." During my term, I helped purchase a school building, create afterschool programs, and assisted the school in achieving its "tax-free status." I was awarded the title of Honorary President.

Since 1996, I am an active member of the Polish American Congress, for the last two terms serving as a Vice-President of the I.L. Division.

I am an active member of the PNA, President of Lodge 3278, and Council 3 Audit Committee member. I want to contribute to creating programs and activities attracting new members to the Organization.

I am not a man of words; I am a man of action. I will use all my experience and talent for the betterment of the PNA if given the opportunity to serve on the Fraternal Board of Directors. I ask for Delegates support. Thank you — Dziękuję bardzo.



Magdalena Solarz

Park Ridge, IL
District XIII, Council 120,
Lodge 101

With a great pleasure I am an Artistic Director & Choreographer of WICI Song & Theater and WICI School. I migrated from Poland to Chicago in 1974. My motivation for becoming involved with the Polish Community and

the Polish National Alliance was rooted in my family tradition. My grandparents, Zofia, and Ignacy Solarz were the founders of Poland's first Folk University and Theater. According to the Polish Encyclopedia, they are attributed as working for the cultural and political movement to bring awareness to the people and folklore.

I tried to continue my grandparent's life mission in Chicago, as founder and Artistic Director of the most representative group of the PNA, the WICI Song and Dance Theater. Through my efforts with the ensemble, the PNA gained hundredths of new members. I am involved with PNA major events, previously as an Artistic Director of the PNA's Youth Jamboree, an

annual summer folk dance workshop for visiting dance ensembles from North America, currently, as an Artistic Director of the annual PNA Song and Dance Concert. I am also a President of Lodge 101.

I was awarded one of Poland's highest honors, the Gold Cross of Merit. This honor was bestowed to me in recognition of my achievements in promoting the artistic, cultural, and educational values of the Polish tradition in the field of music and dance throughout the United States. I am listed as a Master Teacher with the Illinois Arts Council in its "Arts-in-Education" program, and the recipient of several Master-Apprentice Grants from the Council. Moreover, I am a proud recipient of numerous civic awards and recognitions including U.S. President George W. Bush, Chicago's Mayor Richard M. Daley, State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka, and Illinois Governors Jim Edgar and George Ryan.

Aspiring for Region "G" Fraternal Director position, I would appreciate the support of the distinguished Representatives to the 48th PNA National Convention Dziękuję bardzo!



Jolanta Mazewski Dryden

Incumbent,
Seabrook, Texas
District XI, Council 182,
Lodge 2336

Currently, I am the Fraternal Director for Region "H," and I am seeking this position once again. I have been an active member of the PNA since 1970. I

speak and write in Polish. I am very comfortable and competent in talking with people, promoting, and working with organizations. Since 1977, I created numerous programs, festivals, and promotional events. I have a solid knowledge of finances, creating business opportunities, marketing, PR, communications, sales, promotions, and social media. I am involved in the Polish American Community in Texas.

As Fraternal Director, I had the opportunity to immerse myself into the PNA, and I have worked with various committees where I expressed my ideas and views. I recruited 6 new Sales Representatives and signed up new members. I expanded the visibility of

Region "H" in Zgoda Magazine.

I held many positions within the PNA. At the age of 19, I became President of Lodge 2336. Currently, I am Vice President of Council 182, and PNA Sales Representative. I was a Commissioner of District XI, a Delegate to 3 PNA Conventions, and President of the Polish Home, Inc. For 35 years, I was an instructor and performer for the Polish Eagles Dance Group.

I own Dryden Event Productions that focuses on production, marketing, and management of business events, charity, public shows, and trade shows. I developed Facebook pages and collaborated with many others to cross-promote. I also developed a sizeable database with members and non-members used for Eblast marketing and promotions. I created relationships that allowed for the marketing of the local PNA events at no cost. I developed a 200 square foot cultural display that travels to festivals. I worked with and held offices with 16 other Polish organizations for networking and co-sponsorship. I am also active with the Polish Heritage Center Museum in Panna Maria.

I am well-versed in PNA's goals. I have the background and qualifications to ensure we attain them in this new era.



Teresa Jankowski

Incumbent,
Saint Francis, Wisconsin
District XIV, Council 8,
Lodge 3100

To the Honorable Delegates of the PNA 48th National Convention:

I have had the privilege of serving as Fraternal Director of Region I for the

past four years and would be honored to continue for another term. Being able to serve on various committees has allowed me to see the passion and dedication all the committee members and office staff put into such a wonderful organization.

From 2011-2015, I served as Commissioner of District XIV, along with Co-Commissioner Gary Babinski. During this time, tough decisions were made in the best interest of PNA and its members. Currently, I am Financial Secretary of Council 8 and President of Lodge 3100. I am honored to be attending my fourth consecutive National Convention.

I am a member of various Polish organizations in my community. Currently, I am Director of PAC-WI Division, Treasurer of Polonia Sport Club, member of Polish Heritage Alliance (Polish Center of WI) and member of Polanki, Polish Women's Cultural Club of Milwaukee.

Graduating from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, I obtained a Bachelor of Business Administration degree, majoring in Marketing. Organization, accuracy, and attention to detail are all skills I use as an Aircraft Records Technician, a position I have held for the past nineteen years. All of these skills are qualities I see essential to the Fraternal Director role.

My husband Jeff and I will be celebrating our 35th wedding anniversary in September. We have been blessed with two wonderful daughters, Nicole (Herschel) and Melissa, and two precious grandchildren, Grace and Oliver.

I would appreciate your support and vote.



Greg G. Chilecki

Incumbent,
Orange, California
District XVI, Council 73,
Lodge 3259

My name is Greg "Grzegorz" Chilecki. I was born in Poland. In 1986, I left Poland and moved to Germany along with my wife, Alice. In 1989, we arrived in the United States as a "political refugee" and settled in Orange, California. In November 2017, after 37 years of marriage, my beloved wife Alice passed away unexpectedly. Thanks to the support of my family and my PNA friends, I survived the hardest time of my life.

I joined the Polish National Alliance Lodge 3259 "Piast" in Yorba Linda, California in 1990. Five years later, I was elected president of this lodge, and I continue to be its president until this very day. During this time the membership in Lodge 3259 has grown over 300%.

In 2007, I was elected Commissioner of District

XVI, and successfully organized 8 Conventions, two debutantes and squires' balls, and numerous Christmas parties, Easter egg hunts, Polish festivals, spelling bees and fundraising events. I conducted several sales seminars to increase PNA membership, and I successfully formed a new lodge in Las Vegas. In 2015, I was elected Fraternal Director in Region "J." I was a very active delegate representing Council 73 in the last 5 PNA National Conventions.

I became the co-founder of the Polish American Performing Arts Club, and successfully participated in organizing the anniversary celebration of "1050 Years of Christianity in Poland" at Pope John Paul II Polish Center in Yorba Linda, as well as a solemn mass and organ concert in Los Angeles for the 100th Anniversary of Poland's independence. I am an active member of Pope John Paul II Polish Center Council. I am also one of the sponsors of the Polish School in Yorba Linda, CA, and PNA Dance Group "Polanie." For the past 27 years, I have been an active member of the Polish American Congress Southern California Division.

My goal is to make PNA's future bright like the California sun! Please re-elect Greg G. Chilecki for Director Region "J."

The profiles of the candidates are posted as they were submitted to the Office of the National Secretary and formatted to fit the page.

Dear Representatives,

As President of the Polish National Alliance, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you as Representatives to the 48th Quadrennial Convention of the Polish National Alliance to the city of Phoenix, Arizona.

This is the first time that as an organization we are here in this sunny and warm state. Arizona offers many exciting attractions for all to enjoy. I hope you will relish the hospitality of the southwest. I am sure you will find that the people are friendly and welcome visitors like us gladly.

For over 139 years, the PNA has provided exceptional service to the community. As an organization we have played a large part in educating and helping many of our members. Most importantly, we have promoted family, patriotism, faith, and ethnic heritage. These are significant ideals and principles for people to uphold.

At this convention, let us reach for certain goals, if we are to grow this organization, each of us must take responsibility

for solving the issues. We must be interested in not just getting but also giving, not just looking out for ourselves but also looking out for others around us. If we have learned anything in the past 139 years, it is that we can accomplish anything when we work together.

I congratulate each and every one of the Representatives for your attendance at this convention, and ask you to work together to solve the problems, so we can to conquer the challenges of the future.

Your work is going to improve and inspire the Organization.

Looking forward in seeing you in Phoenix!

*Frank Spula, FLMI
President & CEO*



PNA CONVENTIONS

48. Phoenix, Arizona

- 47. Cleveland, Ohio
- 46. Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 45. Jersey City, New Jersey
- 44. Denver, Colorado
- 43. Buffalo, New York
- 42. Providence, Rhode Island
- 41. Garden Grove, California
- 40. Chicago, Illinois
- 39. Orlando, Florida
- 38. Washington, D.C.
- 37. Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 36. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- 35. Detroit, Michigan
- 34. Philadelphia,
- 33. Hartford, Connecticut
- 32. Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 31. Buffalo, New York
- 30. Cleveland, Ohio
- 29. Boston, Massachusetts
- 28. Detroit, Michigan
- 27. Baltimore, Maryland
- 26. Scranton, Pennsylvania
- 25. Chicago, Illinois
- * Chicago, Illinois
- 24. Philadelphia, PA
- 23. Toledo, Ohio

August 25-28, 2019

- August 23-26, 2015
- August 18-21, 2011
- August 23-26, 2007
- September 6-10, 2003
- September 11-15, 1999
- August 19-23, 1995
- September 8-13, 1991
- September 13-18, 1987
- September 18-23, 1983
- August 26-31, 1979
- September 21-26, 1975
- September 19-24, 1971
- September 17-22, 1967
- September 15-20, 1963
- September 20-25, 1959
- September 18-23, 1955
- September 23-29, 1951
- August 24-30, 1947
- September 19-25, 1943
- September 10-16, 1939
- September 15-21, 1935
- September 20-26, 1931
- September 19-20, 1927
- August 27-September 1, 1928
- August 25-30, 1924
- September 26-October 1, 1921

22. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

- 21. Schenectady, New York
- 20. Detroit, Michigan
- 19. St. Louis, Missouri
- 18. Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 17. Baltimore, Maryland
- 16. Buffalo, New York
- 15. Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania
- 14. Toledo, Ohio
- * Chicago, Illinois
- 13. Grand Rapids, Michigan
- 12. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 11. Cleveland, Ohio
- 10. Chicago, Illinois
- 9. Detroit, Michigan
- 8. Buffalo, New York
- 7. St. Paul, Minnesota
- 6. Bay City, Michigan
- 5. LaCrosse, Wisconsin
- * Chicago, Illinois
- 4. Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 3. Chicago, Illinois
- 2. New York, New York
- 1. Chicago, Illinois

*Special Conventions

September 16-21, 1918

- September 27-October 3, 1915
- September 15-22, 1913
- October 9-14, 1911
- October 11-16, 1909
- October 23-28, 1907
- October 23-28, 1905
- October 19-24, 1903
- October 14-20, 1901
- March 19-24, 1900
- October 16-21, 1899
- October 6-21, 1897
- September 9-14, 1895
- September 4-9, 1893
- September 21-29, 1891
- September 10-15, 1889
- September 12-15, 1887
- July 5-7, 1886
- February 14-17, 1885
- February 21-23, 1884
- September 21-24, 1883
- September 21-23, 1882
- September 21-24, 1881
- September 15-18, 1880

2019 INDEPENDENT COMPARATIVE REPORT

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FINANCIAL STABILITY

The financial condition of a life insurance organization is an important factor in public confidence. In this regard we prepared the following report on:

POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF THE U.S. OF N.A.

featuring a comparative analysis of key financial ratios comparing this company with 25 of the leading Life Insurance Companies in the United States.

These 25 leading Life Insurance Companies have been in business for an average of over 100 years and own a major portion of the invested assets and life insurance in force of all the companies.

Thus, a favorable comparison of the financial ratios for the company featured herein with 25 of the leading companies can be indicative of the company's financial stability.

KEY FINANCIAL RATIOS - DERIVED FROM THE ANNUAL STATEMENTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018
(The 25 leading companies are determined by the amount of Admitted Assets as of December 31, 2018)

SOLVENCY

Assets for each \$100 of Liabilities

A high ratio of Assets over Liabilities is a significant safety factor. This indicates that a company has enough assets to cover its liabilities and to meet all obligations as they become due.

Assets for each \$100 of Liabilities as of Dec. 31, 2018

Allstate Life Insurance Company, IL	\$113.02
Ameritas Life Insurance Corporation, NE	107.47
AXA Equitable Life Insurance Company, NY	104.15
Bankers Life and Casualty Company, IL	107.71
Connecticut General Life Ins. Co., CT	140.51
Guardian Life Ins. Co. of America, NY	113.98
John Hancock Life Insurance Co. (USA), MI	104.20
Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., IN	103.51
Massachusetts Mutual Life Ins. Co., MA	106.85
Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., NY	103.02
Midland National Life Insurance Co., IA.....	106.57
Minnesota Life Insurance Co., MN	106.52
Nationwide Life Insurance Co., OH	105.17
New York Life Insurance Company, NY	113.21
Northwestern Mutual Life Ins. Co., WI.....	108.85
Ohio National Life Insurance Company, OH	103.63
Pacific Life Insurance Company, NE	108.12
Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, PA.....	109.66
Protective Life Insurance Company, TN	108.12
Prudential Insurance Co. of America, NJ	104.11
ReliaStar Life Insurance Company, MN	108.78
RiverSource Life Insurance Company, MN	103.46
State Farm Life Insurance Company, IL	118.16
Symetra Life Insurance Company, IA	105.95
Transamerica Premier Life Ins. Co., IA	104.30
AVERAGE OF 25 OF THE LEADING LIFE CO'S.....	\$106.41
POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE	\$105.36

LIQUID INVESTED ASSETS

Assets in Bonds, Stocks, Cash and Short-Term Investments for each \$100 of Liabilities

This ratio measures a company's ability to meet its anticipated obligations to policyholders. A high ratio indicates a more liquid investment position with which an insurer can meet unforeseen emergency cash requirements that may arise.

AVERAGE OF 25 OF THE LEADING LIFE CO'S..... \$45.89

POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE \$99.04

ADDITIONAL SOCIETY STRENGTH

The following ratios are Per \$1000 of Life Insurance in Force. They show further proof of financial strength and stability:

	This Society	Average 25 of the Leading Life Companies
Assets per \$1000.....		
Reserves per \$1000.....	\$561.86	\$145.52
Surplus per \$1000.....	463.10	63.05
	28.60	8.76

FINANCIAL STATEMENT SUMMARY AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018

Admitted Assets	Benefits to Policyowners
\$431,694,354	\$26,342,487
Policy Reserves	Net Investment Income
\$355,818,336	\$16,992,490
Total Liabilities	Total Income
\$409,723,384	\$32,096,451
Gross Surplus (Incl. Capital, if any)	Insurance Issued
\$21,970,970	\$20,620,000
	Insurance in Force
	\$768,336,000

CONCLUSION: Based on the financial results achieved in the year ended 2018, the comparative analysis made of the organization featured herein is favorable when compared to the aggregate averages of 25 of the LEADING LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES.



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OUR LISTENERS

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WPNA 103.1 FM is the only bilingual Polish American 24/7 hit music radio station in the U.S., playing a fresh variety of the newest songs from Poland, Europe, and around the world, with news briefs every half hour. With the slogan **Polish American Mix**, the 103.1 FM's team is a mix itself, and it includes Poland-born radio veterans as well as young, Chicago-raised Polish Americans. The shows are upbeat and lifestyle-driven. The hosts focus on Polish American community activities but also new developments in Poland and Europe that could affect Poles living abroad. The broadcast also features reliable news, sport, traffic and weather updates in both languages.

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