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## COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, Sept 18, 2019  
September General Meeting  
Copernicus Center

6:00 pm

RESERVATIONS

by September 16 to

[meeting@chicagosocietypna.org](mailto:meeting@chicagosocietypna.org)

or (847) 635-0883 or

<https://www.chicagosocietypna.org>

Monday, September 30, 2019

October Board Meeting

D'Agostino's Pizza and Pub

Park Ridge - 6:00 pm

FORUM Deadline

Send all articles to

[editor@chicagosocietypna.org](mailto:editor@chicagosocietypna.org)

Thursday, November 7, 2019

Candidates' Corned Beef and

Cabbage Dinner

Copernicus Center

Saturday, December 14, 2019

Deserving Children's

Christmas Party

1:00 pm

PNA Office Building

## September 2019 Meeting and Business Expo

During the September meeting we will hold our annual Business Expo. All members are welcome to distribute materials and share a few words regarding their business endeavors. This is a great opportunity to promote your business and learn more about our brother members.



The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at Copernicus Center, 5216 W Lawrence Ave, Chicago, IL 60630, 3rd floor "Kings Room". Cocktail hour starts at 6:00 pm with the dinner meeting starting at 7:00 pm. Please contact Brother **Ro Matuszczak** at [meeting@chicagosocietypna.org](mailto:meeting@chicagosocietypna.org) or call (847) 635-0883 for reservations. You can also RSVP by going to the Chicago Society website. All members must be current in their dues to attend the meeting! At each general monthly meeting, we offer and split a 50/50 raffle for the members. Please consider asking your wife or accountant for a few extra dollars to purchase \$5.00 or more in raffle tickets. Based on a resolution voted in by the Officers and Directors, all proceeds from the raffles will be placed into a special Youth Fund.

## Candidates' Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner



You are invited you to the Annual Candidates' Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on Thursday, November 7, 2019 at The Copernicus Center - 5216 West Lawrence Ave in Chicago.

The evening starts with a Cocktail hour at 6:00 p.m. and dinner being served at 7:00 p.m. The candidates and elected officials running for election will address the guests and introduce themselves. The event is usually sold out and many candidates and professionals attend. The evening concludes with our Executive Raffle of great prizes. We invite you to join us for a fantastic evening filled with a delicious dinner of famous Harrington's hand carved corned beef brisket, cabbage wedges, boiled red potatoes in the jackets, homemade Pumpnickel bread and horseradish, Hot Irish mustard and homemade apple pie for dessert. The cost is \$40.00 per person and includes dinner, beer and wine. More information will be provided during the General Meeting.



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Greetings Fellow Brothers,

**WAR! BOMB WARSAW! A Nazi Army Order...Germany Takes Danzig: Navy Blockades Gdynia...Poles Report Attack by Nazi Planes, Troops...German Army Invades Poland...The long Polish year of 1939...** These were some of the headlines that were on the front pages of some of the nation's top newspapers dated on September 1, 1939. Poland was attacked by German forces and then a short time later Russian forces came from the east and split Poland between the 2 of them. 80 years ago. Poland has finally received an apology from the current German President on the 80th anniversary. Some say it's too late, others say better late than never, but none the less the evil and the loss of many lives was finally recognized by the German president and expressed gratitude to Poles for the gestures of forgiveness Poland has bestowed in return. Poland is recovering from those dark days. It has become strong, and successful. They have grown their economy to the point that it is ranked 4th in the world during 2019; they have a balanced budget for the first time in I believe 30 years, they have built the world's deepest swimming pool in a Warsaw hotel and they are currently building one of the world's biggest airports outside of Warsaw. 'From the ashes we will rise' is probably the best saying for Poland as they have been up and down for their entire existence, only to grow and get better each time they get down. Proud to be Polish and to have Polish blood in me. Let's never forget ....

Brothers, this September's general meeting is very important as we will be voting on 2 amendments to our constitution. The first one is to change the number of members to our nominating committee from 5 to 3. As we get smaller, it makes sense to lower the committee members as it is harder to find volunteers. The second one also makes sense, as we will vote on whether we allow women into the organization. No matter which side you are on, it's important that we try to continue to stay in existence. At the August General meeting, we had much discussion on the matter of women, both for and against. Milwaukee Society PNA has allowed women into their organization since the 1990's. Which leads me to the point of endorsing women into our organization. Brothers, it's worth trying. WE HAVE TO TRY SOMETHING! Let's put our own feelings aside whether it is good for me or bad for me. It's for the organization. There is so much history in the Chicago Society that it would hurt to see it close. I have only been a member for 25 years or so, short compared to most of us. Which only tells us we are only getting older. We are also running short of volunteers to run committees, chairing and co-chairing events, and attending events. Our past Inaugural Ball is being downsized (it still will be a fun event)---we only had 65 attendees last year.

Let us change our thoughts against women and become the one organization that other organizations follow. We have

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## 2020 Election of Officers and Directors

During the August Board of Directors meeting, President **Peter Dykas** nominated the following Brothers for the Nominating Committee. The Chairman is **Ted Makarewicz** and committee members are **Ken Kogut, Andrew Zapalski, Andrew Noyszewski, Jim Kolak and Chester Konopka** (alternate). The Nominating Committee for the Chicago Society's election of 2020 officers and directors invites anyone who is interested in running for a position on the board, either as an officer or director, to contact the Chairman or another member of the nominating committee.

The Chicago Society Board is made up of the following positions: President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Advocate, Director of Social Activities, Director of Personnel, Director of Outreach, and Director of Publications. The qualifications and responsibilities for office are listed in the Constitution and By-laws and can be reviewed on the Chicago Society website.

During the September general meeting the Nominating Committee will present a recommended slate for 2020. Those that are not nominated by the committee and have interest in a position have until the October general meeting to present the Nominating Committee Chairman with a petition signed by 10 members in good standing to contest a certain position. The adjournment of the October meeting shall close all nominations. The Nominating Committee will then supply the final list of the slate as well as any contested positions which will be published in the Forum. During the November general meeting a vote will be conducted for any contested positions.

## Deserving Children's Christmas Party



Chairman Brother **Peter Dykas** has announced that the Deserving Children's Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 1:00pm. The event will be held at the Polish National Alliance home office cafeteria. Peter took the reigns over from Brother **Ro Matuszczak** who chaired this event for over 50 years. Last year we hosted about 60 boys and girls ranging in age from 3 to 13. They were treated to a reptile show. For lunch they had hot dogs, chips and a drink. Then the surprise of the day was a visit from Santa Claus pulling in a hand cart full of gifts.

This event requires a lot of onsite help so if you are interested in helping please contact Peter. Setup for the day starts at noon. To help make this event special, we ask your help in supporting us with a donation of a gift to give to a needy child. We are looking for new, unopened and unwrapped toys for a boy or girl ages 3 to 13. If you don't know what to get, cash donations or sponsorships are also accepted. You too can be a part of this event just by giving. It is the Holiday that gives and makes us Happy. So please see Brother **Peter Dykas**, at our General meetings if you want to help. Thank You in advance. Donations can also be made via PayPal at <https://www.chicagosocietypna.org/children-xmas>.



## 2020 Evening of Elegance

**Save the date...** On Saturday, January 25, 2020, the Chicago Society, P.N.A. will host its "Evening of Elegance" and Installation of Officers. We are finalizing the venue. The evening will include dinner and a cash bar. Stay tuned for more information in the coming months.



### September Birthdays

The Chicago Society would like to extend to the following brother members, who are celebrating their birthday in September, a warm wish of Sto Lat!



- 15 Marian Skawski
- 17 Theodore R Kozelka
- 17 Thomas A Sieja
- 18 Daniel J Mateja
- 19 Andrew B Batorski
- 20 Mark Kaszubski
- 25 Dan Zolkowski
- 25 Kenneth Walczak
- 26 Mario Mikoda
- 27 Michael Schneider
- 29 Andrew R Noyszewski

### September Anniversaries

The Chicago Society would like to congratulate the following Brothers on their anniversary of being inducted into the Chicago Society.

Brother **Wojtek V Skonieczny** is celebrating his **20th Anniversary.**

Brother **Mark Kaszubski** is celebrating his **20th Anniversary.**

Thank you for your loyal membership & **STO LAT!**

### Summer Dress Code

Summer dress code is in effect from May to September for the General Meetings. Summer dress code includes casual shirt and slacks. Suits/sport coats are no longer required. Shorts, jeans and gym shoes are NOT permitted.

### Resolution to Amend Article VII of the Constitution

During the August Board Meeting, a motion was made, seconded and passed to present to the general membership changes to Article VII of the Chicago Society Constitution. Based on our constitution such changes must be published at least fourteen days prior to a vote. A vote on these changes will be scheduled during the September 2019 General Meeting. Only the affected article and sections that have changes are outlined below. The full redline document can be downloaded at <https://www.chicagosocietypna.org/2019-red-line>

**SECTION 3.** At the regular meeting of the Board of Directors in August, the President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint a Nominating Committee of **at least five three** members and **two one** alternates, all members in good standing, none of whom shall be a current officer or director. No member shall be eligible to serve on the Nominating Committee who has served in that capacity for the previous two consecutive years.

**SECTION 5.** The President shall appoint **five three** Judges of Election, if necessary, who shall prepare a ballot, have charge of the polls of election, canvass the votes and certify the results to the Secretary.

### Resolution to Amend the Constitution and By-laws

During the August Board Meeting, a motion was made, seconded and passed to present to the general membership changes to the Chicago Society Constitution and By-Laws. The motion read as follows: *I make a motion to present to the membership the following amendments to the Constitution: Section 3 (A) to eliminate the word "male" and replace it with word "person" and to make all the other changes in the Constitution and By-Laws referring to male only membership, thereby no longer limiting membership on the basis of sex.*

Based on our constitution such changes must be published at least fourteen days prior to a vote. A vote on these changes will be scheduled during the September 2019 General Meeting. Only the affected articles and sections that have changes are outlined below. The full redline document can be downloaded at <https://www.chicagosocietypna.org/2019-red-line>

### Constitution

#### Article III

**SECTION 2.** Each member is encouraged to support the Society activities, events and fund-raising projects to the best of **his their** ability.

**SECTION 3.** Membership in this Society shall consist of four classifications:

**A. Active Membership.** Any **male person** of Polish lineage or affinity, over 18 years of age, of good character and reputation, whose acceptance will add to the welfare and progress of the Society and who is a citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States residing in Cook County or its contiguous counties may be admitted to membership in the Society at the discretion of the Board of Directors.



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**B. Non-Resident Membership.** Any active member who moves from Cook County or its contiguous counties upon written application to the Board of Directors may retain ~~his~~ membership in the Society as a non-resident member as provided in the By-Laws.

**C. Senior Membership.** Any member in good standing may attain senior membership by ~~his~~ years of membership and age in accordance with the By-Laws.

**SECTION 4.** All applications for membership shall be in the manner and form prescribed by the Board of Directors. Applications shall be submitted in writing, signed by the applicant and by at least two members of this Society in good standing who personally know and recommend the applicant, shall be referred to the Director of Personnel for investigation who shall thereafter submit ~~his a~~ recommendation to the Board of Directors for its final disposition.

**SECTION 5.** A member shall forfeit ~~his~~ membership for non-payment of dues after delinquency for such length of time as is established for said purpose by the Board. A member shall forfeit ~~his~~ membership for any other just cause at the discretion of the Board of Directors provided that such member is afforded the right to be heard and a review of the inquiry by the Board prior to its final disposition of the matter.

**SECTION 6.** Any member who has forfeited ~~his~~ membership may be reinstated to membership in the Society pursuant to the By-Laws.

### Article IV

**SECTION 1.** Each applicant for membership in the Society shall submit with ~~his their~~ application an initiation fee in an amount to be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors and which has been ratified by a majority of the members present at a regular or special business meeting.

### Article VII

**SECTION 9.** The President, Officers and Board of Directors duly nominated and elected in accordance with this Constitution shall take the oath of their respective offices at the regular board meeting in January of each fiscal year. ~~The person administering the oath of office to the aforesaid officers and board members shall not himself be an incoming officer or board member.~~ No person administering the oath of office to the aforesaid officers and board members shall be one of the incoming officers or board members.

### Article VIII

**SECTION 1. President** Said officer shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Directors; ~~he~~. ~~The President~~ shall have general and active management of the business of the Society and shall supervise the executive officers; ~~he~~. ~~The President~~ shall be an ex-officio member of all committees without power to vote except in such cases where a tie has resulted from the vote of eligible members, in which event ~~he the President~~ shall be empowered to vote to break the tie; ~~he~~. ~~The President~~ is empowered to appoint all current committees and all standing committees with the approval of the Board of Directors and shall exercise supervision over them. The President shall render an annual report to the general membership.

**SECTION 2. First Vice-President** Said officer shall arrange for speakers for general membership meetings; ~~he~~ shall perform all of the duties and exercise all of the powers of the President in the absence, disability, death, or resignation of the President; ~~he~~ shall also perform such other duties ~~of his office~~ as may be delegated ~~to him~~ by the President or the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 3. Second Vice-President** Said officer shall arrange for venues for general membership meetings as well as board meetings; ~~he~~ shall perform all of the duties and exercise all of the powers of the President and the First Vice-President in their absence, disability, death, or resignation. ~~He Said officer~~ shall also perform such other duties ~~of his office~~ as may be delegated to him by the President or the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 4. Secretary** Said officer shall have the duty to give notice of all meetings of the Society; ~~he~~ shall keep minutes of all meetings and shall be responsible for all official records; ~~he~~ shall have custody of the Official Seal of the Society; ~~he~~, together with the Director of Outreach, shall publicize events and activities of the Society by informing the media through direct contact and press

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releases as may be appropriate; and ~~he~~ shall perform other such duties as may be delegated ~~to him~~ by the President or the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 5. Financial Secretary** Said officer shall have the duty to keep proper books of account; ~~he~~ shall collect the dues and assessments of members and collect all other monies due the Society; ~~he~~ shall notify members of dues and assessments falling due in accordance with the Constitution and the By-Laws; ~~he~~ shall certify lists of members eligible for election, voting and signing petitions and voting in matters pertaining to the Society; ~~he~~ shall promptly receipt for and pay all funds that may be collected ~~by him~~ to the Treasurer; ~~he~~ shall perform other such duties that may be delegated ~~to him~~ by the President or the Board of Directors; ~~he shall give a bond for the faithful performance of his duties issued by a responsible surety company in an amount as approved by the Board of Directors, the premium for which shall be paid by the Society~~ shall give a bond for faithful duty performance issued by a responsible surety company in an amount as approved by the Board of Directors, the premium for which shall be paid by the

Society; ~~he~~ shall prepare and submit current reports and an annual report to the President and Board of Directors. The books and records of the Financial Secretary shall be open at all times for inspection by the President, the Treasurer and the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 6. Treasurer** Said officer shall have the duty to receive and disburse funds of the Society and keep an accurate account of all receipts and expenditures; ~~he~~ shall make report thereon at each regular meeting of the Board of Directors and at the annual meeting of the Society; ~~he~~ shall render a complete report of the receipts and disbursements for the fiscal year; ~~he~~ shall pay all bills on order or direction of the Board of Directors; ~~he~~ shall deposit the funds of the Society in such financial institutions as may be designated by the Board of Directors; all withdrawals therefrom shall be by checks signed by any two of the following officers as designated by the Board: President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary; ~~he shall give a bond for the faithful performance of his duties issued by a responsible surety company in an amount as approved by the Board of Directors, the premium for which shall be paid by the Society~~ shall give a bond for faithful duty performance issued by a responsible surety company in an amount as approved by the Board of Directors, the premium for which shall be paid by the

Society; ~~he~~ shall prepare the annual budget of the Society; and ~~he~~ shall also exercise supervision over all expenditures to ensure conformity with budget appropriations. The books and records of the Treasurer shall be open at all times for inspection by the President and the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 7. Advocate** Said officer shall give legal counsel and advice to the President and Board of Directors and shall perform such duties of his office as may be delegated ~~to him~~ by the President or the Board of Directors.

### Article IX

#### SECTION 6. Duties of Directors

**A. The Director of Social Activities** shall be Chairman/**Chairwoman** of the Social Committee, which arranges, promotes and coordinates social activities, projects and events designed to advance the civic welfare of the Society, of its members, and of the community.

**E. The Senior Director** shall assist the President and perform such duties as may be delegated ~~to him~~ by the President.

**SECTION 7.** Each Director shall recommend to the President the appointment of such committees to act under ~~his their~~ control as ~~are~~ necessary for the fulfillment of ~~his their~~ duties.

## By-Laws

### II. Senior Membership

A member in good standing may attain Senior Membership based upon ~~his~~ age and years of membership in accordance with the schedule detailed below by submitting a letter to the Board with such a request. Senior Membership includes all the benefits of the Chicago Society, with reduced annual dues as prescribed in the By-laws:

### IV. Initiation Fees

An applicant for Active Membership shall submit a \$50 initiation fee with their ~~his~~-membership application to the Board of Directors. An applicant who is the son/**daughter** of a member

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or who is applying for Associate Membership shall submit a \$25 initiation fee with his membership application.

**IX. Qualifications for Office**

A candidate for President, 1st Vice president, and 2nd Vice president shall have been a member in good standing of the Chicago Society and of the Polish National Alliance for a minimum of two (2) years immediately preceding ~~his~~ candidacy for office and a member of the Board of the Chicago Society for a minimum of one (1) year. A candidate for any remaining elected office shall have been a member in good standing of the Chicago Society and of the Polish National Alliance or at least one (1) year immediately preceding ~~his~~ candidacy to office.

**XII. Termination of Office**

Upon the termination of ~~his any~~ office each Officer, Director, and Committee Chair shall provide an exit report summarizing all activities of the past term together with all Society funds, records, accounts and other assets to the incoming Secretary within thirty (30) days of leaving office.

**XIII. Forfeiture of Office**

A member who loses ~~his~~ membership for any reason shall automatically forfeit ~~his any~~ position held as an officer, director or committee chair.

**XIV. Member Attendance at Board Meetings**

Any member in good standing shall be permitted to attend a regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors but shall not be permitted to speak or address the Board unless and until ~~he has first notified~~ the President ~~has been first notified~~ and approved the subject matters that ~~he they plans~~ to discuss ~~and has obtained the President's approval to comment~~. Non-Board members in attendance at any Board meeting are not entitled to vote on any issue presented.



Brothers,

Welcome to the unofficial end of summer. I hope all of you had a great summer with some great adventures. Please consider sharing them with all of us.

In a few weeks we start National Cybersecurity Month. Whether you are a small business owner or just a user of the Internet, you have a vested interest in making sure you are secured. Ransomware is still one of the main attacks being used by hackers. Ransomware is a virus/malware that infects your computer and encrypts all of your data files. The hacker then generously offers to decrypt your files for a small fee. Over the past several months there have been many stories about organizations that have been hit with such attacks and paid huge sums of money to get access to their data. For example, Laporte County, IN paid \$130,000 and Riviera Beach City, FL paid \$600,000. The best way to protect yourself against such attacks is to be careful when opening emails that look strange or are unexpected. Having good anti-virus programs on your computers and good data backups helps.

Fraternally, Brother **Christopher T. Grzadziel**

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a good start with the May 3rd Constitution Day Bruch. Others compliment us for bringing Polonia together. Let's continue to unify Polonia and its many organizations and bring back our glory days.. Thank you!

Upcoming events will feature our Candidates' Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on November 7th, the Deserving Children's Christmas Party on December 14th, our Christmas Party meeting, and the Induction of Officers Evening of Elegance on January 25th, 2020.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ONLY PAID MEMBERS CAN VOTE FOR THIS AMENDMENT.

Brother **Peter Dykas**.

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