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COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

August General Meeting
Sawa's Old Warsaw Restaurant
6:00 pm

RESERVATIONS
by August 19 to

meeting@chicagosocietypna.org
or (847) 635-0883 or
<https://www.chicagosocietypna.org>

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

September Board Meeting
D'Agostino's Pizza and Pub
Park Ridge - 6:00 pm

FORUM Deadline

Send all articles to
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October 2019

Corned Beef and
Cabbage Dinner
Date and Location TBA

December 2019

Deserving Children's
Christmas Party
Date and Location TBA

August 2019 Meeting

In light of the proposed amendment to the Society's Constitution which would allow women to become members, in lieu of a speaker at the August General Meeting we will allow for an open discussion on the merits of supporting or opposing same. Our President will recognize and allow any members who would like to respectfully and reasonably convey their thoughts on the proposed amendment the opportunity to do so, time permitting. Please take this opportunity to share your opinion and promote the exchange of thoughts and ideas as it will serve to shape our Society.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at Sawa's Old

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Chicago Society Golf Outing Recap

I am happy to report the 2019 golf outing, held at Carriage Greens Country Club in Darien, IL on July 12, 2019 was a huge success! The success of the outing should be credited to the participants and sponsors which made it possible. Brother **Rick Wiermanski** and I had the pleasure of co-chairing the event and both of us were taken aback and encouraged by the support shown by Polonia and for Polonia. That support combined with our late brother Charles Komosa providing excellent weather assured the day was enjoyed by all. Most importantly, the success of the event helped strengthen our ability to support Polonia and its youth in accordance with our mission. Thank you to all the golfers and dinner attendees!

A special thanks to our **event sponsor, Hart Dental** (who also came to volunteer with registration), our **beverage cart sponsors FPG** (special thanks to Mr. Ken Stellan) and **B & M Auto Collision**, our **tee sign sponsors Chicago Metal Supply & Fabrication, Inc., Polish Roman Catholic Union of America** (who also donated items to our golf goodie bags), **Polish American Police Association, Gordon & Pikarksi, Polish National Alliance, Kasia's Deli, Mr. Ted Makarewicz** (our brother and former president who could not attend but showed his support through the sign), **Polish Slavic Credit Union, Alderman Reboyras, Betley Insurance Agency, Copernicus Foundation, Red Apple, Mr. Barrett Pederson - Mayor of Franklin Park, Polish Museum of America, Shield Insurance, Dowd & Dowd, Ltd., D'Agostino's Pizza, Sawa's Old Warsaw,**

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Greetings Fellow Brothers,

I am writing to you from beautiful Kraków, Poland where it is currently raining but is much needed. Some sections especially southern part of the country haven't seen much rain since early May. It either rains a lot or it doesn't.

My last trip to Poland was 14 years ago and the country has changed so much since then for the better. (It changed back then too, being a mini America) Now it is a strong vibrant country almost a twin country to the U.S. You walk up the stairs in the Wawel Castle Tower and look out over the city and you lose count on how many cranes are out there. You go to the malls in Kraków and the smaller cities during the work week and see it being busy and no vacant store fronts. Zakopane and Kraków are filled with tourists from all parts of the world you forget you are in Poland. The roads are being built wider and you see improvement to infrastructure thanks to the European Union and the strong economy that they have. Poland's economy is the 4th strongest in the world.

The views that others have had on Poland has changed. Just as our should change also. We the Chicago Society PNA should follow suite. We were once a strong organization that everyone wanted to join for many many years. Now we are experiencing a decline in membership, a decline in attendees at our events. We Can Change our views also. This past August Board meeting, a proposal was made to allow women to become members and passed so now the general membership can vote on it. After some serious thought to this matter, this is the change we will need to help the Chicago Society become stronger in Polonia as we once were. We have lost many members due to this issue and as I have attended other functions from other organizations, the one question, not just only from women but from men also, I keep hearing is 'When is the Chicago Society going to allow women to join so I can join too?' Touchy topic but one that needs to be addressed again.

Now, set for September, is our vote on this matter. We will have discussions before hand. More details to come.

Congrats to our Golf Chairman Brother **Adam Konopka** and his co-chair **Rick Wiermanski** on a very successful golf outing. New ideas and changes bring success. Hope all who attended had fun, and for those who didn't make it, see you next year. Pictures to view on our website will soon be available.

And finally, I am requesting from the membership, that each one please send me a list of friend's emails so we can maybe send out to potential new members our info. I will not bombard them every week or sell this list to an outside organization. No personal stuff about us will be send out. I would like them and others to see what's happening at Chicago Society with our events and causes we support. Please send emails to president@chicagosocietypna.org

Thank you and sincerely yours from Kraków Poland,

Brother **Peter Dykas**.



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Kay Adams, LLC and Skaja Funeral Home.

We are also thankful for donations received from **Lagunitas, Walgreens, Menards and Citgo** (golf goodie bags) and raffle prize donations from **Brothers Mario Mikoda, Richard Ciesla, Peter Dykas, Rick Wiermanski** (bins of booze) and myself, as well as from **Robert Damrat and I** (Bears tickets).

All of the above created a successful outing through the help of our **volunteers Brother Peter Dykas, Ms. Marilyn Mazewski and Brother Stanley Jendzejec**. Thank you for your time and contribution to the event.

It merits mentioning, that when informed of our previous generosity in supporting the youth of Polonia, my sister donated \$500 to go directly into the youth fund on behalf of her corporation, Kay Adams, LLC. **Kay Adams is currently the host of Good Morning Football which airs on the NFL Network Monday through Friday from 6 am to 12pm**. She not only showed her support through her generous donation, but through publicizing this event through her social media. Please join me in supporting her by tuning in to her show!



Last but not least I would like to thank my **co-chair Brother Wiermanski** for all of his help.

Please do what you can to support the above people and organizations as they have showed themselves to be aligned in our mission!

As you can see, this was a team effort and I look forward to working with everyone next year!

Adam Konopka, 1st Vice-President, 2019 Golf Outing Chairman

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August 2019 Meeting

Warsaw Restaurant, 9200 W Cermak Rd, Broadview, IL 60155. 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 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.

Save the date...

We are targeting January 25, 2020 for the Chicago Society Officers and Directors Induction event. We are still reviewing several formats and venue options. The committee has reviewed the results from the surveys as well as other comments that were received. Stay tuned for more information in the coming months.

August Birthdays



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

- 08 Chester S Slonina
- 08 Andrew Zapalski
- 08 John R Skaja Jr.
- 08 William F Marutzky
- 09 Andrew G Haszlakiewicz
- 11 Anthony Zaskowski
- 14 Robert Nowaczyk
- 17 Theodore L Lipkowski
- 18 Ronald C Topczewski
- 18 Scott Cisek
- 26 Stuart A Sawa
- 30 James J Robaczewski
- 30 Joseph A Kuechel

August Anniversaries

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

Brother **Ronald Osiol** is celebrating his **50th Anniversary**.

Brother **Marshall S Olech** is celebrating his **50th 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.*

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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.

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.

AROUND THE SOCIETY

Brother **Mario Mikoda** is looking for volunteer bartenders and casino dealers for Taste of Polonia over the Labor Day weekend. The following slots are open: 8/31 (12pm-5pm, 5pm-10:30pm), 9/1 (12pm-5pm, 5pm-10:30pm), 9/2 (12pm-5pm, 5pm-9:30pm). If you are interested, please contact Kamila Sumelka at kamila.s@copernicuscenter.org.

2019 Business Expo

Article II of our Constitution provides part of the Society's mission is to "support and nurture the business and civic endeavors of its members." In an effort to continue doing so, please sign up to take part in our Business Expo, scheduled to take place during our September general meeting. 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. Please contact Brother **Adam Konopka**, akonopka@dowdanddowd.com, with any questions. Potential presenters, please RSVP by September 3rd.

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