



General Assembly

This year's General Assembly of our Chapter was held on April 24 at the Michigan Union in Ann Arbor. As in past meetings, the officers of the Governing Board presented annual reports: activities report by Michal Olszewski, the Board's President, and financial report by Monika Magiera, the Treasurer. In addition, Anna Bielinska reported on the scholarships awarded this year from the Irena Thiel Scholarship Fund.

The outgoing Board received an 'absolutorium' from the assembled Chapter members, and a new Board was voted in, consisting of the following persons:

Vlad (Wlodek) Wielbut – President
Zbyszek Robakiewicz – Vice-President
Sylwia Rejniak – Treasurer
Marcin Walasek – Secretary

Two additional, non-elected positions on the Board will be held by:

Krystyna Bobowski – Senior Advisor
Dorota Ramirez – Community Advisor

Please join us in expressing deep gratitude to the outgoing Board for an outstanding year of service, and wishing the new Board enough energy and perseverance to last a year. ☺

It has now become a tradition of the annual meetings to provide intellectual stimulation for the assembled, by inviting a speaker with an interesting story to tell. This year we invited Mr. Davis Jackson, a political science professor at the Ohio State University at Bowling Green.

Mr. Jackson shared excerpts from his book "From Classrooms to Bar-rooms", a collection of impressions of Poland he acquired while teaching in Łódź. His presentation received a warm welcome from the audience.

Scholarships

It is with great pleasure that we announce the recipients of this year's Irena Thiel

Scholarships:

- Marta C. Malecki
- Michael Magiera
- Łukasz Myc
- Mirabella S. Olszewski
- Maia M. Wertemberger

We congratulate these young members of our community, wishing them success in their selected academic pursuits.

Prof. Andrzej Pawlak

Our most sincere congratulations to Andrzej Pawlak, who last April received the title of Professor of Technical Sciences (Profesor Nauk Technicznych) from the President of Poland.

Next Event: Family Picnic

Please hold the date of **August 23** for the annual family picnic of our Chapter, to be held on the banks of the Huron River in the Dexter-Huron Metropark. Details will be provided in a separate message as the date moves closer.

Word from the President

Dear Members of the Ann Arbor Chapter of the Polish American Congress,

thank you very much for the trust your placed in me by allowing me to lead our small but

active organization for the next twelve months. I hope I will be able to continue the good work of my predecessors, adding to our already considerable strength and energy. We can all be proud of the many past accomplishments of our Chapter, from lively communal events, to charitable giving, to serious promotion of Polish culture. Keeping this up will not be an easy task, let alone adding to it, but the presence of young faces on our newly elected Board gives me great hope that we will be able to accomplish more, especially with *your* help and involvement. Please don't hesitate to contact me or any other member of the Board with your ideas and comments. Stay tuned and stay engaged!

With greetings,

Vlad (Wlodek) Wielbut

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