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Thursday, June 16

PIASA Board of Directors Meeting
(Open only to Board members.)

5:00 — 7:00 pm

Conference Room
Manufacturers Alliance for Productivity and Innovation
1600 Wilson Blvd, Suite 1100
Arlington, VA
(a short walk from the Holiday Inn in Rosslyn)

Friday, June 17

Annual Business Meeting

8:00 am — 8:45 am
Great Room of the Healey Family Student Center

Chair: M. B. B. Biskupski (Central Connecticut State University)

This is the annual business meeting required by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Polish Institute of Arts & Sciences of America. It is open to all PIASA members.
Friday, June 17

Plenary Session

“A Preview of the Upcoming NATO Summit in Warsaw, Poland”

9:00 — 10:15 am
Great Room of the Healey Family Student Center

Chair: M. B. B. Biskupski (Central Connecticut State University)

Steve Olejasz
(former Assistant Professor of History at the U.S. Military Academy, Chief of Coalition Affairs Policy, and military representative on the US delegation to the NATO High Level Task Force)

Dainius Kaunas
(Lithuanian Army Officer serving as the Deputy Defense Attaché at the Lithuanian Embassy in Washington, DC)

Karol Sobczyk
(Polish Army Officer serving as the Assistant Defense and Military Attaché at the Polish Embassy in Washington, DC)

10:15—10:30 am — Break

Concurrent Sessions

10:30 am—noon
Healy Hall 104

Economics, Politics, Society in Contemporary Poland—
The Annual Michael Sendzimir Session

Chair – Jan Napoleon Saykiewicz (Duquesne University)

Kris Bledowski (Manufacturers Alliance) – Poland’s New Economic Policy Proposals

Jan Napoleon Saykiewicz (Duquesne University) – Current Problems of Functioning and Growth in Poland

10:30 am—noon
Healy Hall 105

Digitization and Archival Collections

Chair – Renata Vickrey (Central Connecticut State University)

Roundtable Discussants:

Grażyna Zebrowska (Polish Library)

Marcin Chumiecki (Polish Mission, Orchard Lake Schools)

Renata Vickrey (Central Connecticut State University)
Friday, June 17

Lunch
Noon-1:30 pm
On Your Own

Concurrent Sessions

1:30—3:00 pm

Critical Aspects of the Morawiecki Plan:
Conditions for Success in Building a
Knowledge Economy for Poland
Healy Hall 104

Chair – Tomasz Mroczkowski (American University)

Paweł Pietrasinski (Minister Counsellor, Polish Embassy) — Polish-US Technology Transfers

Michał Rutkowski (World Bank) — Is Poland in the Middle Income Trap and How Can it Escape?

Mirosław Miller (PAN) and Tomasz Mroczkowski (American University) — The Morawiecki Plan and Innovation Policy

Jan Napoleon Saykiewicz (Duquesne University) — The Morawiecki Plan, Marketing Aspects

3:00-3:15 pm—Break

3:15-4:45 pm

From Karol Wojtyla to Saint John Paul II: His Legacy from Wadowice to Rome
Healy Hall 104

Chair: Edwarda Buda-Okreglak (Polish Heritage Foundation)

Edwarda Buda-Okreglak (Polish Heritage Foundation) and Richard Zbigniew Okreglak (Polish Heritage Foundation) — Karol Wojtyla, the Poet and Playwright

Maria Juczewska (The Institute of World Politics) — Scholars or Friends? Women in John Paul II’s Life

Bozenna Buda (Friends of John Paul II Foundation) — The Legacy of Saint John Paul II – the Local Experience
Friday, June 17

3:15-4:45 pm
Topics in Literature & Music
Healy Hall 105
Chair: Ewa Wołynska (Central Connecticut State University)

Constance J. Ostrowski (Independent Scholar) – Ewa Felińska’s Siberian Diary: a Forgotten Treasure

Józef Figa (Kaplan University) – No More Strawberries in Milanowek: Poland and Poles in the Wojciech Mlynarski’s Texts

Małgorzata Kellis (Kosciuszko Foundation) – The Transliteration of Songs by Polish Composers

6:00 pm
Opening Reception

Ambassador Ryszard Schnepf of the Republic of

cordially invites all registered participants to an opening reception at the

Embassy of the Republic of Poland

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Saturday, June 18

9:00-10:30 am
Working for Peace, Preparing for War
Healy Hall 104
Chair: Paul Knoll (University of Southern California, Emeritus)

Andrzej Pieczewski (University of Łódź) — John Bloch’s Views Against Polish Thoughts of Peace

Joseph Hapak (Moraine Valley Community College, Emeritus) — Allied Consent to Polish Army Recruitment, 1917

M. B. B. Biskupski (Central Connecticut State University) — Was there a Polish Plot to Rule the World?

9:00-10:30 am
New Developments in Science
Healy Hall 105
Chair: Joanna Pols (Merck Research Laboratories)

Anna Wolanczyk (Canadian Polish Research Institute) – Resilience Factors in Depression Among Polish Immigrants Population in GTA

Nicole Mahoney (Merck &Co.) — Resistance is Futile: Policies to Address the Growing Threat of Superbugs

Break—10:30-10:45

10:45 am-noon
Topics in Polish History
Healy Hall 104
Chair: Jarek Garliński (Independent Scholar)

Paul Knoll (University of Southern California, Emeritus) — Welcoming—and Judging—a New Family of Rulers: Poles and the Early Jagiellonians

Anna Cortes (History Faculty at Polish Academy of Science, Warsaw) — The Battle of Maciejowice and Tadeusz Kosciuszko’s Myth
Saturday, June 18

10:45 am-noon
Polish Collections at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
Healy Hall 105
Chair: Jaime Monllor (U. S. Holocaust Memorial Museum)
Diane Afoumado (U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum) — Polish Nationals in the International Tracing Service Collection at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
Ina Navazelskis (U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum) — In Their Own Words: Polish Voices from World War II

Noon-1:30 pm
Lunch
On your Own

1:30-3:00 PM
Little Known Aspects of World War II
Healy Hall 104
Chair: Joseph Hapak (Moraine Valley Community College, Emeritus)
Jarek Garliński (Independent Scholar) — Examining the Growing Strategic ‘Disconnect’ Between Poland’s Underground Forces and Their Army in the West
Robert Szymczak (The Pennsylvania State University-Beaver) — Lost on Purpose? The Office of War Information and the Mystery of the 1943 Polish American Opinion Survey.

3:00-3:15 pm Break

3:15-4:45 pm
20th Century Poland
Healy Hall 104
Chair: Robert Blobaum (University of West Virginia)
Jakub Tyszkiewicz (Institute of History, University of Wrocław) — The Response of the Carter and Reagan Administrations to Solidarity, 1980-81
Piotr Bielinski (University of Delaware) – Poland, the Enthusiastic Ally, and the Czech Republic, the Conflicted Ally, in NATO’s 1999 Intervention in Kosovo: the Humanitarian Impulse, Geopolitical Interests, and Historical Baggage

3:15-4:45 pm
Topics in Polish Catholic History
Healy Hall 105
Chair: Edwarda Buda-Okreglak (Polish Heritage Foundation)
Matthew Buszek (The Catholic University of America) – A Comparison of the 20th century Polish-Vatican Concordats
Agnieszka Whelan (Old Dominion University) – Catholic Devotion in the Polish Landscape Garden
The 74th Annual Conference of the Polish Institute of Arts & Sciences concludes with a Reception and Banquet

*Tickets are required and may be purchased at the conference registration table.*

The Reception and Banquet will be held in the Georgetown Room at the Holiday Inn Rosslyn @ Key Bridge, 1900 N. Fort Myer Drive Arlington, Virginia

**Reception**

6:30

**Banquet**

7:00

**Speaker**

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