

## **CANDIDATES FOR THE 2022-2026 PRCUA EXECUTIVE BOARD**

The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America will hold its 63rd National Quadrennial Convention on August 12-14, 2022 at the Hilton Chicago/Oak Brook Hills Resort & Conference Center in Oak Brook, IL. One national chaplain, three national officers and fifteen national directors are to be elected at the PRCUA Convention.

Seventeen members have officially declared their candidacy for office and sixteen applications were approved by the PRCUA Candidates Qualifications Committee on June 11, 2022.

The current PRCUA national chaplain, president, vice president and secretary-treasurer will run unopposed and will automatically be elected as the national chaplain and the executive officers.

The number of submitted and approved applications for the directors of Districts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9 is the same as the number of places available for election, therefore all the candidates will automatically be elected as directors. There were three applications submitted for the director positions of District 7. One application was disqualified by the PRCUA Candidates Qualifications Committee, thus the remaining two candidates will be elected as the directors of District 7. Three applications were filed for the position of director of District 10 and their eligibility was approved by the PRCUA Candidates Qualifications Committee. All three names will be listed on the ballot and an election will be held to fill the two positions available.

There were no applications submitted for the positions of the two directors of District 3. Two vacancies will be declared.

The following members have declared their candidacy for office and their eligibility was approved by the PRCUA Candidates Qualifications Committee:

### **FOR THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN:**

**VERY REV. CANON WALTER J. PTAK** of Wyandotte, MI has been a member of Sacred Heart Society #162 since 1962 (60 yrs.)

Education:

- B.A. degree from St. Mary's College (1983)
- Master of Divinity, St. John Provincial Seminary (1987)

Work experience:

- PRCUA Vice Chaplain (1994-2002)
- PRCUA National Chaplain since 2002
- National President of the Polish American Priests Association (2012-2017)

- Pastor of St. Sebastian Parish, Dearborn Hts., MI
- Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Wyandotte, MI and St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, Wyandotte, MI
- Currently, Pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Parish in Farmington, MI

### **FOR THE OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT:**

**JAMES J. ROBACZEWSKI** of Chicago, IL has been a member of the Knights of St. Michael Society #412, St. Maximilian Kolbe Society #1593 and Polish Clergy Society #15 - since 1971 (51 yrs.)

Education:

- B.A. degree from DePaul University (2000)
- Fraternal Insurance Counselor (FIC)
- Associate Life Management Institute (ALMI)
- Associate Customer Service (ACS)

Work experience:

- 29+ years of supervisory and management experience including two Fortune 100 companies
- 18 years licensed life insurance and annuity agent
- 8 years board member and 1 year treasurer of Polish Museum of America
- Member of St. Monica Church Parish Council (6 years); Chairperson (4 years)
- Notre Dame College Prep Father's Club President (1 year)
- PRCUA National Secretary-Treasurer (2010-2018)
- PMA Chair of the Board since 2018

Occupation: PRCUA National President since 2018

### **FOR THE OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT:**

**MICHELINE I. JAMINSKI** of Homer Glen, IL has been a member of Wesoly Lud Society #1590 and Polonia Society #1597 since 1977 (45 yrs.)

Education:

- B.A. degree from Alliance College (1974)
- Associate Life Management Institute (ALMI)

Work experience:

- Administrative assistant and bookkeeper (1974-1978)
- 30 years business owner of 4 BP/Amoco Stations, a video store (1978-1987) and 2 Shell gas stations/mini marts/carwashes (1988-2007)
- Artistic director/choreographer (1976-2014) of PRCUA Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Company (also founder and manager), PRCUA Southwest Center of Polish Dancing (also founder); Adult Culture Group of PRCUA; and Polanie Dancers of JPll Polish School
- Co-organizer of PRCUA Societies #1590 and #1597
- Treasurer PRCUA District 8 (2011-2017)
- Vice Chair of 60th National Quadrennial Convention of PRCUA
- Member of Constitution Committee, 2014
- Licensed life insurance agent
- Past President of PFDA (1997-2000)
- National Treasurer Polish American Congress since 2016
- PMA Vice Chair of the Board since 2014

Occupation: PRCUA National Vice President since 2014

**FOR THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY-TREASURER:**

**AGNIESZKA J. BASTRZYK** of Elmwood Park, IL, has been a member of Cardinal Hlond Society #1219 since 2008 (14 yrs.)

Education:

- B.B.A. from Loyola University (2008)
- Fraternal Insurance Counselor, Fellow (FICF)
- Associate Life Management Institute (ALMI)
- Associate Customer Service (ACS)

Work experience:

- 8+ years of supervisory and management experience
- Secretary of Illinois Fraternal Alliance
- Secretary, Treasurer, and Board Member of Polish American Chamber of Commerce - Internal Vice President (2021-2023);

- Holy Trinity Polish School, President of PTA
- 14+ years licensed life insurance and annuity agent
- 7+ years of underwriting experience
- PRCUA Marketing Director

Occupation: PRCUA National Secretary-Treasurer since 2018

## **NATIONAL DIRECTORS:**

### **DISTRICT #1 (1 Director)**

**GEORGE W. DAVID** of West Springfield, MA, has been a member of PRCUA Society #549 since 2012 (10 yrs.)

Education:

- B.S. from American International College
- MBA from Western New England College

Work Experience:

- CIGNA Life Insurance Co. and Mass Mutual Insurance Co.
- Independent chartered financial consultant (32 yrs.)
- Current District #1 PRCUA Director

Occupation: Financial consultant

### **DISTRICT #2 (1 Director)**

**GREGORY B. OLMA** of Buffalo, NY, has been a member of St. Ladislaus Society #540 since 2004 (18 yrs.)

Education:

- SUNY Law School (1992 graduate)
- LOMA courses

Work Experience:

- Consultant
- PRCUA District #2 Director (2010-2018)

Occupation: Retired

### **DISTRICT #3 (2 Directors)**

2 VACANCIES

### **DISTRICT #4 (1 Director)**

**PATRICK C. KOSOWSKI** of Land O Lakes, FL, has been a member of St. Stanislaus Kostka Society #718 and Sacred Heart of Jesus Society #1492 - a member since 1998 (24 yrs.)

Education:

- University of Michigan - Dearborn

Work Experience:

- Sales representative, sales management, national account management (25 yrs.)
- PRCUA Budget & Grievance Committee member (8 yrs.) - chairperson (4 yrs.)
- Financial secretary of Soc. #718 (10+ yrs.)
- Director of PRCUA National Bowling Tournaments (8 yrs.)
- Current PRCUA District #4 Director

Occupation: National account manager

### **DISTRICT #5 (2 Directors)**

**THOMAS D. JESIONOWSKI** of Maumee, OH, has been a member of St. Stanislaw Bishop & Martyr Society #719 since 2000 (22 yrs.)

Education:

- Graduate of the University of Toledo
- LOMA Courses

Work experience:

- Vice President of Operations, Human Resource director and part owner of Pexco Packaging Corp. (1975-2010)
- Workers Compensation Courses
- Current PRCUA District #5 Director

Occupation: Retired

Victoria Jean Mixon of Toledo, OH, has been a member of Society #1584 since 1994 (28 years).

Education:

- University of Toledo, Associates in Accounting (1992) and BA in HR (1998)

Work experience:

- PRCUA Budget and Grievance Committee (2018-2022)

Occupation: HR Director, Luther Home of Mercy

**DISTRICT #6 (1 Director)**

**ANDREW T. LECH** of Manhattan Beach, CA, has been a member of St. Stanislaus Kostka Society #57 since 1988 (34 yrs.)

Education:

- B.S. from Saint Xavier University (2009)

Work Experience:

- Lead application developer - Enterprise Resource Planning
- Application product manager - designing & implementing financial & business systems
- President - insurance software
- Current District #6 PRCUA Director

Occupation: Lead Software Engineer/Senior Product Manager

**DISTRICT #7 (2 Directors)**

**JOANNA E. CHOLEWINSKI** of Park Ridge, IL, has been a member of PRCUA Society #1638 since 2008 (14 yrs.)

Education:

- Warsaw School of Economics (1976 graduate)
- FLMI designation (LOMA, 2003)

Work Experience:

- CNA Insurance Analyst
- Current PRCUA District #7 Director

Occupation: Retired

**KEVIN KUCIK** of Chicago, IL, has been a member of St. Maximilian Kolbe Society #1598 since 1994 (28 yrs).

Education:

- B.A. from Bradley University (1976)
- MBA from DePaul University (1986)
- St. Mary of the Lake, Certificate of Diaconal Studies (2021)
- LOMA courses

Work Experience:

- Area manager for AT&T
- PRCUA District #7 Director (2014-2018)
- Chair, PRCUA Audit Committee (2014-2018)

Occupation: Retired

### **DISTRICT #8 (2 Directors)**

**MYRON E. CISLO** of Lockport, IL, has been a member of Nicholas Copernicus Society #1575 since 1977 (45 yrs.)

Education:

- B.S. from Loyola University (1992)
- M.S.W. from University of Illinois (1998)
- LOMA courses

Work Experience:

- Cook Co. Public Guardian Office (22 yrs.)
- PRCUA Polanie Dance Group manager (8 yrs.)
- Co-chair of 63rd Pre-Convention Committee
- Current District #8 PRCUA Director

Occupation: Child advocate

**ELIZABETH D. DYNOWSKI** of Orland Park, IL, has been a member of Maria Konopnicka Society #1622 since 1979 (43 yrs.)

Education:

- B.A. from Northwestern University (1995)
- M.S.W. from Loyola University (1997)
- LOMA courses

Work Experience:

- Competitive team coordinator & lead instructor at HHTD
- Liberty Junior High School Improvement Plan - secretary
- District III school social worker
- Chairperson of the PRCUA Adult Culture Group Annual Fashion Show
- Secretary of 62nd PRCUA Convention
- Co-chair of 63rd Pre-Convention Committee
- Current PRCUA District #8 Director

Occupation: School social worker

**DISTRICT #9 (1 Director)**

**ELIZABETH A. SADUS** of Chicago Hts., IL, has been a member of St. Barbara Society #354 and St. Joseph the Worker Society #1579 - a member since 2004 (18 yrs.)

Education:

- A.A. from Prairie State College (1998)
- B.A. from Purdue University - Calumet (2001)
- M.S. from Purdue University - Calumet (2010)

Work Experience:

- Junior high school science teacher
- Licensed PRCUA agent for states of Illinois and Indiana
- Current PRCUA District #9 Director

Occupation: Instructional designer



## **DISTRICT #10 (2 Directors)**

**COLLEEN K. BONKOWSKI** of Warren, MI, has been a member of St. Maximilian Kolbe Society #1618 since 1995 (27 yrs.)

Education:

- Macomb Community College
- LOMA courses

Work Experience:

- PRCUA Dance School Director: Mała Polska (1995-2005), Zajączek (2005-present), Zakopane (2008-present)
- Community events organizer
- Current PRCUA District #10 Director

Occupation: Retired

**Valerie Brumm** of Sterling Heights, MI, has been a member of PRCUA Society #1593 since 1980 (42 yrs.)

Education:

- University of Detroit Mercy – BSCJS (1998)
- Lawrence Tech. University – MBA (2014)

Work Experience:

- Management analyst for the U.S. Army
- Financial secretary of Society #1593.
- PRCUA #1593 Youth Coordinator (2014-2017)
- PRCUA Bowling Coordinator (2022 – present)
- Current PRCUA District #10 Director

Occupation: Programmatic deputy

**Kristi Mihalic** of Canton, MI, is a member of St. John the Baptist #87 and #1552 since 1966 (56 years).

Education:

- Central MI University, BA of Science (1988)
- University of Detroit Mercy, BA Mechanical Engineering (2001)

Work experience:

- PRCUA Shirley Galanty MI State Ball Committee Member
- PRCUA Wieliczka Dance Ensemble, Director
- Founding member and Financial Secretary for St. Jadwiga Society #1552

Current occupation: Engineering Supervisor, Ford Motor Co.