

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE POLISH & SLAVIC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION AND ELECTION PROCEDURES

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE POLISH & SLAVIC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

***Please be advised of the following:***

The Polish & Slavic Federal Credit Union's Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 5 pm at the Polish & Slavic Federal Credit Union's Operations Center, 9 Law Drive, Fairfield NJ 07004. At this meeting, the results of our annual election will be reported to the membership. Due to the expiration of the terms of four directors, four seats on the Board of Directors will become available. Four candidates who receive the highest number of votes cast will serve three-year terms.

The Nominating Committee filed its nominations for the 2018 Election with Iwona Podolak, Secretary of the Board, on February 10, 2018. As provided by the bylaws, the Nominating Committee was appointed by the Chairperson of the Board of Directors and was comprised of Richard Zawisny (Chairperson), Dorota Andracka, Arthur Dolega, Antoni Domino oraz Karol Kwiatkowski.

**The nominees are as follows** (in alphabetical order):

**Elzbieta Baumgartner**  
**Halina Bielowicz**  
**Andrzej Cierkosz**  
**Malgorzata Czajkowska**  
**Bozena Kajewska-Pielarz**  
**Iwona Korga, PhD**  
**Franciszek R. Piwowarczyk**  
**Iwona Podolak**  
**Marzena Wierzbowska**

Any member wishing to be added to the list of candidates must file a petition. A prospective candidate, in addition to being agreeable to the placing of his or her name on the ballot and accepting the office, if elected, must be willing to submit to a background and credit check, and be bondable by the Credit Union's insurance carrier. The eligibility requirements for candidates are outlined in the PSFCU bylaws.

In addition, all prospective candidates must register with the PSFCU in order to obtain the original petition forms. Only original petition forms may be used and copies will not be accepted. Petition packages can be obtained at the PSFCU offices located at 100 McGuinness Blvd., Brooklyn, NY, PSFCU Operations Center, 9 Law Drive, Fairfield, NJ, or 4147 North Harlem Ave., Norridge, IL. In case of any questions regarding the petition, please contact the Compliance Department at 973.808.3240 ext. 6119. Completed petitions, along with the required documentation, must be filed with the PSFCU no later than 7 p. m. on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at the PSFCU offices located at 100 McGuinness Blvd., Brooklyn, NY, 9 Law Drive, Fairfield, NJ, or 4147 North Harlem Ave., Norridge, IL. The PSFCU Bylaws require that the petition be signed by a minimum of 500 members. If the record of a petition signatory is incomplete or incorrect, that member will not be included in the signature count.

A list of all candidates will be posted in the branch offices of PSFCU by no later than April 7, 2018.

Ballots will be mailed by no later than April 12, 2018 to all members eligible to vote in the 2018 Election. Each member will only have one vote, regardless of the number of accounts owned. The 2018 Election will be conducted by paper ballot with optional electronic voting available to those PSFCU members who are registered online banking users. Detailed voting instructions will be enclosed with the ballot. The deadline to receive the completed ballots by PSFCU's election company is 11:59 p. m. EST on May 7, 2018.



# BIOGRAPHY NOTES

## ELZBIETA BAUMGARTNER

PSFCU Member since 2003



### EMPLOYMENT:

Author and owner of Poradnik Sukces, a consumer and financial guide for Polish Immigrants in the US (since 1989); Programmer/Analyst at Bankers Trust Company (1986-1989).

### EDUCATION:

Master of Science, Computer Science, City University of New York (1985); Bachelor of Science, Computer Science, CUNY Baccalaureate Program\*; Master of Science, Mechanical Engineering, Politechnika Podlaska, Bialystok, Poland (1973).

### AFFILIATIONS:

PSFCU Board of Directors (since 2003); Second Vice Chairperson (2009), Secretary, and First Vice Chairperson (2011); Member of Polish-American Congress Long Island Chapter; Member of Kosciuszko Foundation; Member of Polonia Technica.

## HALINA BIELOWICZ

PSFCU Member since 2015



### EMPLOYMENT:

President of H.L.B. Accounting and Income Tax Preparation (1988-1991 and since 1999); Assistant Director of Department of Financial Institutions, State of Illinois (1991-1999); Chief Financial at Officer at Polamer, Inc. (1982-1988).

### EDUCATION:

Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration, University of Illinois, IL (1970).

### AFFILIATIONS:

Member of Chicago-Warsaw Committee, Sister Cities International (since 1994); Member of Legion of Young Polish Woman (since 1992); Treasurer (2012-2015); Debutante White and Red Ball Chair (2004 and 2013); President of Polish Woman's Alliance of America, Group 43; Member of Norwest Board of Metropolitan Family Services, Social Services Agency (since 2005); Chairperson of Polish-American Woman's Action Committee; Member of University of Illinois Alumni Association (since 1970).

## ANDRZEJ CIERKOSZ

PSFCU Member since 2007



### EMPLOYMENT:

Employed in construction sector since 1999; Co-founder and Manager of Dobra Polska Szkola internet portal (since 2010); Producer, cinematographer, editor of educational short movies (since 2010)\*; Correspondent for TV Polonia (2012-2018)\*; Owner of the "Tania Książka" bookstore franchise, Warsaw, Poland (1993-1999).

### EDUCATION:

Secondary Technical School of Construction, Jelenia Gora, Poland (1983); Studied Philosophy at Jagiellonian University and Warsaw University, Poland (1984-1987). Did not graduate.

### AFFILIATIONS:

Dobra Polska Szkola Foundation, Co-founder and Chairman (since 2010); Polish & Slavic Center, Member (since 2007).

## MALGORZATA CZAJKOWSKA

PSFCU Member since 1990



### EMPLOYMENT:

Special Education Teacher at New Vision High School (since 2017); High School for Language and Diplomacy (2012-2017); Polish Language Teacher at Polish Supplementary School in Hempstead (since 1999); Educational Paraprofessional at High School for Language and Diplomacy (2010-2012).

### EDUCATION:

Master of Science, Special Education, City College, New York (2004); Master of Arts, Russian Studies, University of Gdansk, Poland (1989); Post graduate in Teaching Polish as a Foreign Language, University of Marie Curie Skłodowska, Lublin, Poland (2009); Students with Disabilities Certification and Russian Language Teacher Certification in New York State.

### AFFILIATIONS:

PSFCU Board of Directors, Board Member (since 2012), currently 2nd Vice Chairperson; Children's Smile Foundation Board Member, currently serving as Secretary (since 2012); Member of Polish Supplementary School Council of America Inc.; Participant and co-organizer of Polish Regents Exams.

## BOZENA KAJEWSKA-PIELARZ

PSFCU Member since 1985



### EMPLOYMENT:

Since 2005, retired employee of American Building Management (1988-2005); Teacher at Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish Supplementary School (1984-1992); Principal of Pulaski Polish Supplementary School (1992-2005); Co-owner of EdArt Video, Inc. (1980-2005).

### EDUCATION:

Graduate of School of Law and Administration, University of Wroclaw, Poland\*; Graduate of Post-Diploma School of Shorthand Typing and Foreign Languages, Warsaw, Poland (1975).

### AFFILIATIONS:

PSFCU Board of Directors, Board Member since 2012; previously (2006-2009); American-Polish Council of New York, Founding Member; Disabled Children's Foundation, Board Secretary; Kazimierz Pulaski Polish Supplementary School, Founding Member; Citizen of the Year by Polish American World (2003); Awarded Medal of the National Education Commission, Poland (2000).

## IWONA KORGA, PHD

PSFCU Member since 2002



### EMPLOYMENT:

President of Pilsudski Institute of America (since 2016); associated with the Pilsudski Institute since 1994 as volunteer, part time librarian (since 1998), Assistant to the President, Executive Director in charge of administration office, archives and library (since 2005); Author of publications, and a book on Polish-American relations during and after World War II; Teacher at Polish Supplementary School, Cyril and Methodius RC Church, Greenpoint (since 2014); Teacher at Polish Supplementary School in Maspeth, NY (1996-2001).

### EDUCATION:

Ph.D in Humanities, Pedagogical University, Krakow, Poland (1994); Master of Library Science, Queens College, CUNY (2008); Master of Arts in History, Pedagogical University, Krakow, Poland (1991).

### AFFILIATIONS:

Second Vice President, Polish American Historical Association; Golden Cross of Merit, Silver Medal of Merit to Culture, Gloria Artis by National Education Commission.

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## FRANCISZEK R. PIWOWARCZYK

PSFCU Member since 1993



### EMPLOYMENT:

Detective Lieutenant/Commander, employed by the Police since 2004, Commander at Office of Professional Standards (since 2016), Head of OIC at Criminal Investigation Bureau (2015-2016), Section Supervisor at Detective Division (2013-2015), Detective Investigator at Internal Affairs Division (2009-2011), Police Officer, Irvington Township Police Department (2004-2009).\*

### EDUCATION:

Studied Criminal Justice at Essex County College, NJ (2004)\*; Completed Police Training Courses: Police Training Commission/Basic Police & SLEO II, Essex County Police Academy (1999 & 2004).

### AFFILIATIONS:

PSFCU Supervisory Committee, Member (since 2015); Polish-American Congress, Member; St. Casimir R.C. Church, Member of Finance Committee; Superior Officers Association, Executive Board Member; International Police Association, Member; General Pulaski Day Parade Committee Member (Newark Division).

## IWONA PODOLAK

PSFCU Member since 2003



### EMPLOYMENT:

Businesswoman and President of Polskie Biuro (since 1998); Loan Officer, Barrister Mortgage & Investments (2004-2007); Loan Officer, Marquis Mortgage Association (2002-2003); Accountant at Wawel Bank (1996-1997); Accountant at Konikowski Insurance Agency Inc. (1995-1996).

### EDUCATION:

Bachelor of Science, Accounting and Finance, Mercy College, New York (1997), graduated with honors; IRS authorized provider certification.

### AFFILIATIONS:

PSFCU Board of Directors (since 2012), Board Secretary (since 2013), 1st Vice Chairperson (2016-2017); PSFCU Nominating Committee, Member (2013); Polish People's Home, Board Member; Cracovia Manor, Board Member; Great Orchestra of Christmas Charity, co-organizer; Polish-American Club of North Jersey, Member.

## MARZENA WIERZBOWSKA

PSFCU Member since 2000



### EMPLOYMENT:

Self-employed stock market investor (since 2009); Program Director of Social and Legal Services at the Polish Cultural Foundation (2009); Social worker at the Polish and Slavic Center (2007-2009); Program Director of the Community Action Program at PSC and Program Coordinator of ESL (free of charge English classes).

### EDUCATION:

B.A. in Psychology, New York University (2005); Completed Executive Education Program at Columbia University Graduate School of Business (2012); Political Science and Journalism, Warsaw, Poland (1999)\*

### AFFILIATIONS:

Secretary of the PSFCU Board of Directors (2016-2017); Chairperson of the PSFCU Board of Directors (2011-2013); Member of the PSFCU Board of Directors (2007-2013 and since 2014-2017).

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