

Nominee Statements for 2023 Board of Directors as of this printing

Dziękuję to the Nominating Committee: Chair: Kasia Virgell, Michael Armiak, Linda Cagle, Ralph Tykinski

Additional nominees accepted before the January 29 vote.

VP / PRESIDENT ELECT - 1 year 2023:

Beata Targosinska Wierzba - I would appreciate your support



as I hope to become the next VP of the Board. As a Club Director for the last 2 years, I had the opportunity to be active in regular board activities but also take the lead to create the membership committee with monthly reports to the whole board, initiate a member survey to learn more about member needs from the Club, contribute articles to the newsletter, and join the events committee

for more active involvement in planning of Club activities.

As a member of the PHCWI over the years, I have volunteered at events including the Spring Festival, Summer Picnic, Christmas Bazaar and Wigilia as well as participated in the Film Festival, Fish Fry, and the Concert by the Wieniawski Philharmonic Orchestra last year.

I hope to continue to bring authenticity to Club offerings, and use my experience in organizing events, and planning to help our Club thrive. Polish heritage is close to my heart and I feel it was even more revived after a recent 3 week visit to Poland with my husband Doug.

TREASURER - odd year-2 years 2023-24:

Carl Kopplin - I live in Middleton and I am an IT executive in the Madison area. I have had a varied career over the past 35+ years including international attorney, mortgage banking executive, entrepreneur, and IT technologist. I am married to my wife, Terri, for 33 years, and have three adult children: Katrina, Quentin and Courtney, grandchild, Kazimir. We also have a cat named Ancel. I enjoy movies, reading, cooking, shooting sports, socializing with friends and family and helping others.



My maternal grandfather, who passed away when my mother was a small child, was Polish (Stachowiak), and I have always been interested in the culture. My daughter married the first-generation son of Polish immigrants (Stanczyk) and is teaching my grandson Polish along with English, which has further intensified my cultural interest.

For the past year, I have had the pleasure of serving the Club as Director at Large, and was proud to be a part of bringing back our great events after the dark days of pandemic!

I am running for Treasurer in hopes that I can continue in helping the PHC secure a future in nurturing a respect and appreciation of the important contribution the Polish culture provides to the world, particularly as this passes on to my grandson's generation and beyond.

Continuing on the Board:

VP-PRES. ELECT-2022 Irena Frączek becomes PRESIDENT 2023
PRESIDENT-2022 Ralph Tykinski becomes PAST PRESIDENT

Elected in even year, serve 2022-23:

SECRETARY – Michael Armiak DIRECTOR – Janice Zmrazek

DIRECTOR - odd year-2 years 2023-24:

Stephanie Karwacki - Hello, I am happy to be considered as a



new candidate for Board Membership. I have been a member of the Madison Polish Heritage Club for several years and I have appreciated the events and newsletter in learning more about my Polish heritage and in keeping a connection to treasured traditions. My maternal grandparents and extended family hailed from the Chicago area and held fondly to traditions and valued

passing them on in the family. Attending the Polish Club's annual holiday bazaar feels like walking into my grand-parent's home. Happy people, delicious food, bright music, beautiful arts, and welcoming company. My cousins have done some ancestry work and found our family line located in the south mountain region of Poland.

I recently retired from private practice work as a psychologist and I retain my license for future projects of interest. I was also a co-owner of that practice for 20 years and gained experience running a small business with a board of director's model. Most people would consider me well organized, a respectful communicator, kind and willing to pitch in where needed.

I have lived in Madison for the past 31 years with my husband Bob, also a small business owner, and we have two beautiful daughters who are now young adults living in the area. We enjoy making the family recipe pierogi every year for the holidays.

Serving to help the Polish Heritage Club's mission to promote knowledge, appreciation and connection with Polish Heritage and each other would be a new and welcome opportunity. Thank you for your consideration.

DIRECTOR - odd year-2 years 2023-24:

Julieta Zolnik – I moved to Madison, WI in 1995 with my husband Ryszard who chose UW Madison as his graduate school. I graduated from the University of Warsaw with a Library and Science Information degree, even though all my professional life I have worked in the American insurance industry. We have two adult children, Weronika and Adam, both born at St Mary's Hospital in Madison. I became US citizen in 2007.



Throughout the years living in US, I realized how important it is to not only cherish one's identity, but even more so, to share it with others. The PHC is an organization which helps people like me to carry out that mission and in return, I hope to contribute to PHC's bottom line to share the richness of Polish heritage. Years back, I joined some of the organization's activities by volunteering my time during various events like the Spring Festival, Summer events, Christmas Bazaar and Wigilia. I truly enjoy this type of work and hope to continue it when selected to be a part of PHC's Board.

In my free time I enjoy being outdoors, travelling, participating in music events as well as cooking and gardening. Please help me to grow my joy of working in Madison community and spread the beauty of Polish culture, values and traditions.

DIRECTOR - even year-1 year 2023