

Guests



The Honourable Bogdan Borusewicz Speaker of the Senate of the Republic of Poland

Bogdan Borusewicz is the first Speaker of the Polish Senate to have served two terms in this office. Prior to this he served as the Deputy Marshal between 2001 and 2005 as well as the Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs and Administration between 1997 and 2000. From 1991 through 2001 he served as a parliamentarian in the Sejm of Poland, first representing the Solidarity Trade Union and then the Democratic Union. Mr. Borusewicz is noted as a principal organizer in the Solidarity movement. He holds a degree in history from Lublin Catholic University.



The Honourable Jason Kenney Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism

Jason Kenney was appointed Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism on October 30, 2008. Jason Kenney was first elected to the House of Commons in 1997 and has been re-elected four times, most recently with 73 percent of the vote. He was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister in 2006, and Secretary of State (Multiculturalism and Canadian Identity) in 2007. Mr. Kenney was born in Ontario and raised in Saskatchewan, where he graduated from Notre Dame College. He did undergraduate studies in philosophy at the St. Ignatius Institute of the University of San Francisco.



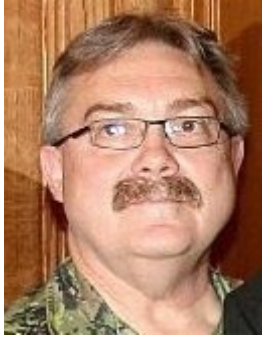
His Excellency Robert Kupiecki Ambassador of Poland to the United States of America

His Excellency Robert Kupiecki received a Master's Degree with Distinction from the Department of History at the University of Warsaw, and a Ph.D. in political science. Kupiecki began working for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1994. He was Head of NATO and WEU Section from 1994 to 1998, and the Deputy Ambassador of Poland to NATO, Brussels, from 1999 to 2004. From 2004 to 2008, he served as Director of the Security Policy Department. Kupiecki has received the Officer's Cross of Merit of the Republic of Lithuania, the Gold and Silver Medal "For the Services for the Country's Defense", and the Silver Medal of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovakia. He is also the author and co-author of several books.



His Excellency Zenon Kosiniak-Kamysz Ambassador of Poland to Canada

His Excellency Zenon Kosiniak-Kamysz joined the Polish diplomatic service in 1990, when he was appointed First Secretary at the Polish Embassy in Budapest. From 1996 till 2001 he worked as a Commercial Counsellor at the Polish Embassy in Berlin. From August 2003 until June 2007 he was Ambassador of Poland in Slovakia. From September 2007 till March 2008, he was Counsellor Minister - Director of the Trade and Investment Promotion Division at the Polish Embassy in Berlin. On 7 March 2008 he was appointed Undersecretary of State for Armaments and Modernisation in the Ministry of National Defence, a position he held until the end of 2009 when he was appointed as the Ambassador of Poland to Canada. He speaks German, English, Slovak and Russian.



Walter J Perchal
Special Advisor Land Staff, Canada
Honourary Advisor, Quo Vadis II

After completing undergraduate and graduate studies, Walter J. Perchal followed three concurrent career paths. In the first of these, he became an academic. Currently, he teaches at York University in, Toronto, Canada. There he has faculty appointments in both: The Faculty of Graduate Studies and The Faculty of Liberal and Professional Studies. His current area of academic focus is in support of the Graduate and Undergraduate Programs in: Disaster and Emergency Management. In the second of these, he became a soldier in the Primary Reserve. Over the course of his service as an Infantry Officer he progressed through the ranks holding various Regimental appointments. He concluded his Regimental duties as, Commanding Officer of The Royal Regiment of Canada. Currently, he serves as Special Advisor to the Canadian Army Commander. Finally, he has also been involved in business. Over the years he has held various senior appointments in a number of firms. For a number of years he has been the principal in a transdisciplinary consulting group that advises governments and other entities on various transformation issues.



Wladyslaw Lizon
President, Canadian Polish Congress

Wladyslaw Lizon has been the President of the Canadian Polish Congress for the last 2 years. As an active member in the Canadian Polish Community, Wladyslaw has served on various boards and committees, including: being the founding member of Branch 95 of the Polish Alliance of Canada in 1995 as well as being the President of the Mississauga Branch of the Canadian Polish Congress for 6 years from 2000-2006.



Jerzy Barycki
Acting President, Canadian Polish Congress
Honourary Advisor, Quo Vadis II

Jerzy Barycki is a professional engineer by profession and has been the Vice-President for Polish Affairs in the Canadian Polish Congress since 2006. He is the co-founder and Chairman for "Polish Week in Windsor" in 2002, 2004, 2006 and 2008, which is linked to the celebration of 100 years of Polish settlement in Windsor. He is the current president of the Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor. He was a delegate of the Canadian Polish Congress on the 3rd World Congress of Polonia in 2007, Poland.



Bozena Kaminski
Vice-President for Polish Affairs, Polish American Congress

Bozena Kaminski is the National Vice-President for Polish Affairs of the Polish-American Congress ("PAC") in Chicago. She is currently the Executive Director of the Polish & Slavic Center, a non-profit 54,000 member organization, which provides social services to Polish-Americans living in the greater metropolitan area. She served one term as Director of the Polish & Slavic Federal Credit Union, and was President of the Polish & Slavic Center for ten years. She has organized many political and civic actions, on behalf of Polonia for which she was recognized. In 2001, Bozena was honored with the prestigious Ellis Island Medal of Honor for her accomplishments.



Jesse Flis
Former Liberal MP
Honorary Advisor, Quo Vadis II

Jesse Flis was elected as the federal Member of Parliament for Parkdale High Park and appointed by the Right Honourable Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau as Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport between the years of 1979-1984. He was re-elected to the House of Commons and was appointed Associate Critic for Foreign Affairs for the Liberal Party, the Official Opposition and was instrumental in developing a House of Commons Canada-Poland Parliamentary Friendship Group between the years of 1988-1993. Since his retirement in 1997, Jesse Flis volunteers much of his time as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Copernicus Lodge, a not-for-profit home offering seniors a continuum of care in an environment that respects and celebrates Polish traditions.



Borys Wrzesnewskij

Borys Wrzesnewskij was first elected in June 2004 and was re-elected in January 2006 and in October 2008. During the last session of Parliament, Mr. Wrzesnewskij was Vice-Chair of the Caucus Committee on Justice. He has previously served as a member of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Public Accounts, the Standing Committees on Justice, Human Rights, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, and the Special Liberal Caucus Committees on Immigration and Global Affairs. He has also served on the Standing Committee on Transport.



Brian Masse
Member of Parliament, Windsor West
Industry and Auto Sector
Canada-U.S. Border

Brian Masse was elected as the Member of Parliament for Windsor-West in May 2002, and then re-elected in 2004, 2006 & 2008. He serves as the NDP Critic for Industry Canada including the Auto Policy and Canada-US Border.



Joe Comartin
Member of Parliament, Windsor-Tecumseh
Deputy House Leader
Justice
Deputy Environment Critic (Great Lakes)

Joe Comartin was first elected as a Member of Parliament in 2000 and re-elected again in 2004, 2006, and 2008.



Irene Tomaszewska
Poland in the Rockies
Honourary Advisor, Quo Vadis II

Irena Tomaszewska is a Polish-Canadian writer and journalist. She is the founding president of the Canadian Foundation for Polish Studies. Also, she has co-authored, with Tacia Webowski, a book Zegota: The Rescue of Jews in Wartime Poland, published in Canada in 1994 and is a main organizer of Poland in the Rockies.



Karen Majewski

Karen Majewski is an elected official and scholar specializing in the study of Polish American history and culture. A native of Chicago, she received her Ph.D. in American Culture from the University of Michigan, and served as Executive Director of the Polish American Historical Association. Her award-winning book, *Traitors and True Poles*, was published in 2003. After serving as the City of Hamtramck, Michigan's City Council President/Mayor Pro Tem, Majewski was elected Hamtramck's first woman mayor in 2005. She began her second term in 2010.



Thaddeus C. Radzilowski **Piast Institute Co-Founder and President**

Dr. Radzilowski has also served as an advisor and consultant to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and the U.S. Bureau of the Census. He was the National Endowment for the Humanities' liaison to ethnic and community groups in the United States, a consultant for the New Jersey Department of Education and numerous other local and state government boards on ethnicity and pluralism. Dr. Radzilowski received his Ph.D. in history from the University of Michigan. He has written extensively on the histories of these regions as well as the migration of peoples from Central and Eastern Europe, with special emphasis on social history and historiography. In 1999, the President of Poland presented Dr. Radzilowski with the Cavaliers Cross of the Polish Order of Merit.



Tony Muszynski

Tony Muszynski is an immigration lawyer in Calgary with a large Polish speaking clientele. He is presently Vice President of the Polish Canadian Association of Calgary (PCAC) having previously served six terms as President of this, Calgary's oldest Polonia organization. The PCAC, together with the Canadian Foundation for Polish Studies, organize Poland in the Rockies, a biennial summer Polish Studies symposium that next takes place in Canmore, Alberta from July 21-31, 2010. Tony has been the Director of the program since its 2004 inception. It was his idea to create Poland in the Rockies. He is a member of the Head Executive Board of the Canada Polish Congress serving as Vice President (Western Canada). Tony is married to Kim Clayton and the couple have two teenaged children, Hannah and Alex. From July 2001-July 2002, the family lived in Krakow and travelled all over Europe and Egypt while the children were home-schooled in grades 2 and 5.



Waldek Raczowski **Residual Business Analyst** **Revenue Modeling/Global Lifecycle Analytics** **Department (GLAD), Ford Motor Company**

Waldek Raczowski is an economist and member of Ford Motor Company's highly respected Global Lifecycle Analytics Department (better known as GLAD), where he assesses vehicle Cost of Ownership (CoO) and residual value issues for the company. In October of 2009, the entire GLAD department was proclaimed the 'New Whiz Kids' by the Detroit News for its trailblazing work in applying mathematical and econometric models to executive decision making and corporate governance at Ford. The 'Whiz Kids' is a reference to a group of 10 World War II Army Air Force mathematicians and statisticians who were hired by a then 29 year old Henry Ford II in dire need of help after he took over the Ford Motor Company from his ailing grandfather. The 'Whiz Kids', whose average age was just 30, are widely credited with saving the company by implementing sophisticated management control systems to govern the company, keep costs in line and review strategic progress.



Wojciech Dziegiel
Vice-Consul, Consulate of Poland in Toronto
Honourary Advisor, Quo Vadis II

Wojciech Dziegiel has been the vice-consul at the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Toronto since 2006. He has served three years as the head of the legal section and became responsible for Polonia affairs in 2009. He is a graduate of the Faculty of Law and Administration of the Nicolas Copernicus University in Torun with specialization in public international law. During 2002 and 2003 as an undergraduate student, he took part in the Socrates/Erasmus yearly program at the Faculty of Law of the Utrecht University in the Netherlands. During his studies he participate in several training sessions and courses in Poland, Germany and the Netherlands focusin on human rights and international law; such as the Hague Academy of International Law. In 2004, he joined the civil service and worked for governmental offices in Warsaw and in 2005 and 2006 was a student of the National School of Public Administration in Warsaw (KSAP).



Dr. Andrzej Wielgosz
Professor, University of Ottawa
Honourary Advisor, Quo Vadis II

Dr. Wielgosz holds the rank of Full Professor in the Departments of Medicine and of Community Medicine and Epidemiology at the University of Ottawa. He obtained his PhD in Public Health from the University of North Carolina and he has a Masters in Physiology from the University of Toronto. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the World Heart Federation and the Board of Directors of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada, for which he is also a senior spokesperson. In 1969, at the first Polish Canadian Youth Conference, he was elected President of the Canadian Polish Youth Commission, which was charged with the task of preparing a constitution for a new Youth Congress and preparing a second convention, which then took place in Winnipeg in 1971.



Dr. Frank Simpson
Professor, University of Windsor
Honourary Advisor, Quo Vadis II

Frank Simpson received his PhD at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow and currently is a Professor of Geology at the University of Windsor. He received the Centennial Gold Medal of the Polish Community in Windsor, for outstanding service to people of Polish heritage in 2008. He has been an active organizer of the Polish Weeks in Windsor and translated Agata Rajski's book from Polish into English for it to be available to all in two languages. This book is titled, "One Century of the Polish Community in Windsor 1908-2008".



Halina Marszalek McGregor
CEO, Polish Credit Union
Honourary Advisor, Quo Vadis II

Halina Marszalek McGregor was appointed a Chief Executive Officer of the St. Stanislaus-St.Casimir's Polish Parishes Credit Union in January 2009. With 21 branches and over 40 000 members, it has been serving the Polish Community in Ontario since 1945. Halina was born in Montreal to Polish parents and is a graduate of McGill University where she obtained a Bachelor's degree in Commerce. She is a Chartered Accountant with experience in finance, business development, general management, marketing and information systems. Ms.Marszalek has served as Chief Financial Officer of both private and publicly traded companies, including Goldcorp Inc. and Sherritt International Corp. and as a director of Canadian and international businesses.



Mike Kujawski
Centre of Excellence for Public Sector Marketing

Mike Kujawski is a passionate marketing & social media strategist interested primarily in helping public sector and non-profit organizations find ways to achieve their objectives more efficiently and effectively. In 2005, he helped launch the Centre of Excellence for Public Sector Marketing (CEPSM), where he now leads the development of major national, provincial and municipal, public sector & non-profit client marketing strategies. His specific niche is strategic engagement through social media and the study of the broader cultural-anthropological changes taking place thanks to these channels. www.mikekujawski.ca