



## Polish Home Association Towarzystwo Domu Polskiego

# Wybory TDP 2024

Doroczne Zebranie Wyborcze Towarzystwa Domu Polskiego (TDP) odbędzie się w Domu Polskim w Seattle w niedzielę **28 stycznia 2024** o godz. 15:00.

Bezpłatny obiad dla członków DP od godz. 14:00.

Członkowie Towarzystwa Domu Polskiego mogą głosować poprzez wysłanie pocztą wypełnionych formularzy do głosowania do **25 stycznia 2024** (data stempla pocztowego) lub osobiście zwrócić formularz do głosowania w dniu Dorocznego Zgromadzenia Wyborczego, czyli **28 stycznia, pomiędzy godziną 14:00 i 15:00** w budynku Towarzystwa Polskiego, 1714 18th Ave, Seattle, WA 98112

Formularze do głosowania będą wysłane razem z gazetką wyborczą do wszystkich członków Domu Polskiego, którzy opłacili składki za rok 2023. Prosimy o odesłanie wypełnionych kart wyborczych używając załączoną kopertę zwrotną.

Bardzo zachęcamy wszystkich członków TDP do wzięcia udziału w wyborach.

*Krzysztof Jaskowski*  
Przewodniczący Komisji Wyborczej

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# PHA Elections 2024

The annual meeting and elections of the Officers and Trustees of Polish Home Association (PHA) will be held at the Polish Cultural Center in Seattle, on Sunday, **January 28, 2024** at 3:00 PM.

Complimentary dinner for members of PHA from 2:00 PM.

PHA members can vote in person or by returning election ballots by mail no later than **January 25, 2024** (postmarked) or return the voting form in person on the day of the Annual Election Meeting, **January 28, between 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.** at Polish Home Association, 1714 18th Ave, Seattle, WA 98112. The ballots and the Election Pamphlets will be mailed to all members in good standing (that is dues fully paid up). Please send back the completed ballots using the enclosed return envelope.

We encourage all PHA members to participate in the upcoming elections.

*Krzysztof Jaskowski*  
Chairman of the Election Committee

## Letter from the President



Szanowni Państwo,

Rok 2023 był bardzo dobrym rokiem dla Towarzystwa Domu Polskiego (TDP). Po trudnych latach pandemii nasz Dom Polski powrócił do życia.

Kalendarz był wypełniony imprezami kulturalnymi i socjalnymi, członkostwo wzrosło o 30%, nasze dochody wzrosły o 41%.

Przeprowadziliśmy wiele projektów niezbędnych do codziennego funkcjonowania naszej organizacji. Główne projekty to: modernizacja systemu nagłośnienia i renowacja podłogi na górnej sali balowej, renowacja dolnej sali konferencyjnej, wymiana grzejnika wody, naprawa kanalizacji, modernizacja systemu komputerowego. Udało nam się to wszystko załatwić bez poważnego uszczerbku w budżecie. Poważna pozycja w budżecie to ubezpieczenie. W tym roku postanowiliśmy „zaciśnąć pasa” i udało się nam znaleźć nowe ubezpieczenie tańsze o \$10K bez zmniejszenia zakresu ubezpieczenia.

Dzięki udanym akcjom zbierania funduszy i dofinansowaniu z Rady Miejskiej Seattle jesteśmy właścicielami pięknego fortepianu koncertowego i nowoczesnej klimatyzacji.

Nie starczyłoby na tej jednej stronie miejsca, żeby wymienić wszystkie osiągnięcia w tegorocznej działalności, ale jeżeli przyjdą Państwo na zebranie wyborcze będą Państwo mieli okazję wysłuchać raportu podsumowującego działalność licznych organizacji działających w Domu Polskim.

Prezydent TDP

*Lidia Jaskłowska*

Dear Madam / Sir,

The year 2023 has been a very good year for the Polish Home Association (PHA). After challenging years of the pandemic, our Polish Home has come back to life. The calendar was filled with cultural and social events, membership increased by 30%, and our income rose by 41%.

We have carried out many essential projects for the daily functioning of our organization. Key projects include the modernization of the sound system and the renovation of the floor in the upper ballroom, renovation of the lower conference room, replacement of the water heater, sewer repair, and modernization of IT infrastructure. We managed to handle all of this without a significant impact on the budget. A significant item in the budget is insurance. This year, we decided to "tighten our belts," and we were able to find a new insurance that is \$10,000 cheaper without reducing the scope of coverage.

Thanks to successful fundraising efforts and support from the Seattle City Council, we are now proud owners of a beautiful concert grand piano and modern air conditioning.

There wouldn't be enough space on this single page to mention all the achievements in this year's activities, but if you attend the election meeting, you will have the opportunity to hear a report summarizing the activities of numerous organizations operating in the Polish Home.

PHA President

*Lidia Jaskłowska*

## Letter from PHA Board of Trustees Chairman

Dear Members of Polish Home Association,

On behalf of Polish Home Association (PHA) Board of Trustees I would like to encourage all our members to participate in 2024 PHA elections to elect the PHA President, Officers and members of Board of Trustees. It is important that we elect leaders who can ensure that PHA will continue its over 100 years old tradition of service for Polish Community. One of the tasks of the outgoing Board of Trustees is to select a PHA Member to be our candidate for the PHA President and endorse the candidates for the PHA Officers. This year that task was easy for us since the outgoing PHA President, Mrs. Lidia Jasklowski agreed to submit her candidacy for a second term. Being the PHA President is a challenging and time consuming task, so finding someone willing and capable to do this job is always a challenge. You all know Lidia, so we are really happy that she agreed to submit her candidacy for a second term. She and her team of PHA Officers did an excellent work on running the PHA affairs in 2023. Two years of COVID related restrictions was hard on our community so we were happy to see many of PHA sponsored activities coming back for us to enjoy it. They are also managed to do many of the much needed improvements and maintenance of PHA facilities. Since most of the current PHA Officers also submitted their candidacies for the same positions, we can be ensured that they will continue their excellent work and volunteer their time, skills and energy for PHA benefit.

PHA Board of Trustees fully supports the candidacy of Lidia Jasklowski for the PHA President; we also support the current Officers as the candidates for their respective positions for the next term.

Again, we would like to encourage all PHA Members to participate in the elections either by mailing in the ballots or casting your votes in person during the PHA annual meeting on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>.

Wishing you all the best in New Year 2024,

*Pawel Krupa*

Chairman of PHA Board of Trustees

## Candidates for the PHA's Officers Kandydaci do Zarządu TDP

### President · Prezes



My name is Lidia Jasklowska and I am submitting my candidacy for the President of the Polish Home Association. I have a Master of Computer Science degree from McGill University in Montreal and about 40 years of experience in research, development and management. For 27 years I have been a resident of the Seattle area, and since my arrival I have been actively participating in the life of the PHA. Since 2014, I have been a member of the Board of Directors and held positions of the Vice-President of Financial Planning for or 8 years and PHA President for 1 year. While serving as the Vice President of Financial Planning, I also held the following roles in the PHA: for 8 years I was a bar manager, for several years I supervised the kitchen, updated existing contracts and negotiated new ones, organized PHA documents. Additionally, in 2017-18, I chaired the 100-year celebration of the PHA in Seattle.

My first year as the PHA President was challenging but also very rewarding. Challenges included several unforeseen maintenance events, which needed to be resolved immediately, but we ultimately avoided running a deficit. Together with the Seattle Polish Foundation PHA ran several fundraising campaigns and we are now proud owners of a beautiful concert piano and a new heating/air conditioning system. Our 2023 calendar was filled with several new events, which attracted new members, ultimately increasing our membership by 30%.

I would like to continue my work for our organization and I ask you to support my candidacy.

Sincerely,

***Lidia Jasklowska***

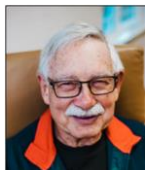
### Senior vicepresident · wicePrezes



Hello,  
Please accept my declaration of candidacy for Senior Vice President.

Thank you,  
***Erik Lidzbarski***

### Treasurer · Skarbnik



I submit my candidacy for the position of PHA Treasurer.  
This function I have performed in 1990 to 2004  
In 2004 to 2014 I was a member of the PHA Trustees.  
In 2015 I performed the function of VP of Administration.  
In 2016 I was elected to the position of Treasurer until 2023.

I am honored to have served in those different capacities and would like to continue serving with the support of your vote.  
Thank you

***Roman Rogalski***

### VP of Maintenance & Remodeling · wicePrezes ds. Konserwacji i Przebudowy



Zgłaszam swoją kandydaturę z pozycji którą obecnie piastuję na rok następny 2024.  
Dziękuję

***Gigia Domanski***

### VP of Financial Planning · wicePrezes od Finansów



I have served as a PHA officer since 2021 as Recording Secretary and VP of Financial Planning. I want to see our members like coming to Polish Home and thrive in the community. I will continue contributing to the organization especially in financial planning, helping the bar operations, and supporting our members. I truly believe that together we can make Polish Home a better and stronger place. A place open to changes and growth. A place where everyone is treated fairly and with respect. Where everyone feels welcome. I consider myself a community representative. I have been previously entrusted with feedback from the community members and I am happy to champion community causes on the officers' board this coming year. If you see something not working well, something worth celebrating or have a new idea – I am willing to listen and ready to discuss on the behalf of the community.

### VP of Communication & Membership · wicePrezes ds. Informacji i Członkostwa



Hello,

I'd like to submit my candidacy as an Officer of the Polish Home Association for the position of VP of Communication. Below you can find my bio.

I moved out of Poland in 2015, lived in Dublin (Ireland) from 2015 to 2018, and since 2018 lived in Kirkland with my husband Piotr and dog Bella. I hold an MSc in economics and have background and professional experience in sales & marketing.

I got involved in the Polish Community upon arrival, started with helping make pierogis for bazaars, and then supported various other culinary events, bazaars, and festivals.

I co-directed the Polish Festival Seattle in 2023 and was an officer of the Polish Home Association in 2021-22.

As an Officer, I was responsible for promoting events at the Polish Home Association through posters, social media, websites, and leaflets. Thanks to the internet we reached out to and got a lot of new patrons attending our events.

I'd like to continue my work on communication & marketing as a VP of Communication of the Polish Home Association.

Pozdrawiam

**Magdalena Wysocka**

### VP of Culture · wicePrezes ds. Kultury



I would like to express my interest in candidating for Vice President of Culture in the year 2024. Find my bio below.

The only member of the "Polish Women Club" that can't cook. Currently studying cybersecurity at Bellevue College. I'm passionate about sailing and traditional Polish dances. You can find me at the dance rehearsals every Friday at 7 PM in the upper hall of the Polish Home Association

**Paulina Daniszewska**

(206) 681-4353

### VP of Entertainment · wicePrezes ds. Zabaw



Hello Everyone,

I declare my candidacy for VP of Events/Entertainment, PHA Officer in 2024 elections.

Thanks,

**Halina Cewe**

### Recording Secretary · Sekretarz Protokółowy



Hello,

Zgłaszam moja kandydaturę na stanowisko Recording Secretary.

Dziękuję!

**Beata Oprzadek**

## VP of Information Technology · wicePrezes ds. Informatyki



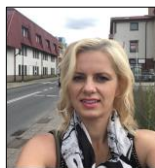
My name is Dariusz Mokwa and I submit my candidacy for VP of IT.

I live in Bothell with my wife, Anna, and two young kids. In 2015, we moved to the Seattle metro area after graduating from Poznan University of Technology (Poland), where I received my master's degree in computer science (Data Processing Technologies).

I have many years of experience working as a Software Engineer. I have been serving as a PHA board member (VP of IT) in 2023. As IT VP, I maintained and improved the existing IT infrastructure. The PHA website was enhanced with new features like the calendar page, and the archive server security was improved by moving it to the cloud. I also started two new projects that are currently under development: online ticket sales for PHA events and moving the PHA website to a more efficient and secure hosting platform. In the past, I volunteered to serve pierogies during the Seattle Polish Festival. It is important to build the community, and I am happy to help with the IT side of things.

**Dariusz Mokwa**

## VP of Information Technology · wicePrezes ds. Informatyki



I've lived in Seattle for over 20 years now. Have a master degree from Food Technology and Human Nutrition at SGGW and a bachelor in Computer Programming at Seattle Colleges. For over 10 years I have been volunteering at Polish Festival at Seattle Center in various positions like Upper Armory Manager, Food and Desert lead and now as Web Developer and Managing Director. I spent hours helping at Pierogi Festivals, Bazaars, Pierogi making Tuesdays. Last year, my city grant application got awarded 50k towards HVAC at PH and it was completed under my management. This year application got awarded 40k towards new floor in the upstairs ballroom at PH and we are about to sign the contract with city to facilitate this project.

I'm crazy about mushroom hunting and love my hydroponic orchids collection.

**Joanna Gromadzka**

## Candidates for Trustees Kandydaci do Rady Opiekunów

Hello,  
I would like to be included in the elections for Trustees for 2024.  
Thank you,  
**Olivia Blandy (Miasik)**

Zgłaszam swoją kandydaturę do Rady Opiekunów na rok 2024  
**Lucyna Blonska**

I want to declare my candidacy for the Rada Opiekunów/ Board of Trustees.  
Thanks,  
**Mark Golubiec**  
206-295-7659

I am announcing my candidacy for the Trustees again for 2024  
**John Golubiec**

Zgłaszam moją kandydaturę do Rady Opiekunów Domu Polskiego na rok 2024.  
Dziękuję  
**Henryka Posłuszny**

## Candidates for Trustees Kandydaci do Rady Opiekunów



Hello,

My name is Karolina. I moved to the Seattle area in 2010. I have an Associate Degree in Radiography and worked in Overlake and Fred Hutch Cancer Center as a mammography technologist. I was always very involved in promoting Polish culture in the area by volunteering at Polish Festival, Bazaar and Polish School in Bellevue, WA (Twardowski). I enjoy hiking, working out, photography and creating commercial videos for nonprofits.

I am currently a stay at home mom, taking care of my 3 children, and teaching them about Polish culture.

I would love to get more actively involved in supporting the Polish Home Association, especially by bringing more young families from the Puget Sound area. I strongly believe they are a backbone and a future of sustaining Polish heritage in the USA.

Thank you,

**Karolina Gorska**



Droży Państwo.

Nazywam się Paweł Krupa i zgłaszam swoją kandydaturę do Rady Opiekunów Domu Polskiego na następną kadencję, 2024. Jestem aktywnym członkiem Domu Polskiego od czasu naszego przyjazdu do Seattle w 1991 roku. Przez wiele lat byłem członkiem Rady Opiekunów, sprawowałem funkcje Wice-przewodniczącego, Sekretarza i Przewodniczącego Rady Opiekunów. Przez ostatnie kilkanaście lat pracowałem w Zarządzie Domu Polskiego pełniąc funkcje Wiceprezesa do Spraw Odbudowy i przez sześć lat funkcję Prezesa Domu Polskiego. Przez te wszystkie lata pracy w Domu Polskim spotkałem wielu wspaniałych ludzi, przyjaciół i chciałbym w dalszym ciągu brać czynny udział w działalności DP.

Dear Members of Polish Home Association,

My name is Paweł Krupa and I am submitting my candidacy for the Trustee of Polish Home Association for 2024. I have been active member of PHA since 1991 when our family relocated to Seattle. I served as a PHA Trustee for many years including several years as a Secretary and as a Chairman of Board of Trustees. For several years I served as PHA Vice-president for Facilities and Maintenance and PHA President for six years. During all those years I had met so many great people and made a lots of friends at the PHA and would like to continue my volunteer work for PHA.

**Paweł Krupa.**



Hello,

Zgłaszam swoją kandydaturę do Rady Opiekunów na rok 2024. Jestem w Radzie Opiekunów od kilku lat i chciałabym dalej pracować dla Domu Polskiego.

Z poważaniem

**Irena Kulik**

I would like to continue as a trustee again in 2024 and submit my name for the upcoming elections.

Dziękuję,

**John Rodgers**

Mam na imię Ania Staszak i zgłaszam swoją Kandydaturę do Rady Opiekunów na rok 2024.

**Ania Staszak**

Hi, I am happy to serve again on the Board of Trustees.

Thank you,

**Ala Wobbrock**



# POLISH HOME ASSOCIATION

## Election Procedures

for the preparation and conduct of elections for **Officers** and **Trustees** of the Polish Home Association (PHA) in Seattle, WA

### I. Meeting Preparations:

1. The preparation of elections and election proceedings for the PHA Annual Election Meeting are the responsibility of the Election Commission appointed by the President of PHA.
2. The PHA Election Commission is composed of up to 5 (five) but not less than 3 (three) individuals, with the Chairperson appointed by the PHA President.
3. In the addition to the in person election process PHA Members will be able to vote by mail. All PHA Members in good standing as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 (**12/31/2023**) will receive voting ballots by mail.
4. The election pamphlet and voting ballot will be mailed to all eligible PHA voters **no later than January 5<sup>th</sup>** in the year of the Election Meeting.
5. The voting ballots for the election of PHA Officers and Trustees will be of a distinctive color and individually numbered by the Election Commission.
6. Voting ballots will be mailed in an envelope containing a return envelope and a ballot envelope. Ballot envelopes and ballots will be designed to protect voter identity.
7. The mail in voting ballots had to be mailed to Election Commission postmarked by January 19, 2024 or earlier to be counted.
8. The January special Quarterly Meeting (also known as PHA Annual Meeting) is prepared by the retiring PHA Officers and will be held at PHA open to all PHA members. The PHA President serves as Chairperson for this meeting and as usual will report on the PHA affairs to the members. The PHA Election Meeting will commence immediately after the conclusion of the PHA Annual Meeting and will be chaired by the Chair of the Election Commission.
9. The PHA Officers will be absolved from their responsibilities at the conclusion of the PHA Annual Meeting before the elections results for new PHA Officers are announced.  
The Election Commission members will meet at the PHA in Seattle on January 27<sup>th</sup> 2024, the day before the PHA Annual Meeting to count mail-in ballots. Return envelopes will be used to verify member eligibility. If member eligibility is confirmed, the ballot envelope will be accepted and ballots will be counted and tabulated.
11. The in person ballots will be casted during the PHA Annual Meeting and will be counted during this meeting. The Election Committee will tabulate the results of in person and mail in ballots to determine the quorum. If the quorum was reached the Election Committee will certify the election results during the Election Meeting.
12. Results of the elections will be announced by the Election Commission during the PHA Election Meeting and posted promptly on PHA Website.

### II. Voting Eligibility:

1. All members of PHA who have paid membership dues **no later than December 31<sup>st</sup>** of the year prior to the Election Meeting and have been members of PHA no later than July 1<sup>st</sup> of the year prior to the Election Meeting are eligible to vote or become candidates for PHA Officers or Trustees. "Paid Membership Dues" means that money (cash or check) has been deposited with the PHA treasury no later than December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year prior to the Election Meeting year. The list of voting eligible members is closed December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year prior to the Election Meeting.
2. Voting proxies will not be issued this year as all members will be given mail-in voting ballots.
3. Payment of PHA membership dues for the previous year will not be accepted between January 1<sup>st</sup> and the Election Meeting

### III. PHA Elected Officer and Trustee Positions:

Positions to be elected at the annual Election Meeting:

#### A. Board of Trustees – composed of 15 individuals.

1. Chairperson of Board of Trustees is selected from and by the elected Trustees.
2. Audit Committee is composed of 3 (three) Trustees and is selected by the Trustees.
3. Chairperson of Audit Committee is elected from and by the Audit Committee.



## Election Procedures

### B. PHA President

### C. PHA Vice Presidents

1. Senior VP
2. VP Of Administration
3. Financial Planning VP
4. Cultural VP
5. Entertainment VP
6. Maintenance & Remodeling VP
7. Information Technology (IT) VP
8. Communications and Membership VP
9. and (if necessary) Special Affairs VP

### D. Treasurer

### E. Secretaries

1. Correspondence Secretary
2. Recording Secretary

## IV. Selection of candidates for Officers and Trustees:

1. The Board of Trustees is obligated, fulfilling its role as the overseers of the Polish Home Association, to undertake a search for candidates for the position of President and the Board of Trustees recommending candidates to the Membership. The recommendation should be presented to the Membership in the Election Newsletter and at the Election Meeting.
2. The candidates for President shall search for and recommend such candidates for the PHA Officers positions as their recommended slate of candidates.
3. The above points (points #1 and #2) do not change the fundamental principle that every member has the right to become a candidate for any office of the PHA, including President.
4. Any eligible PHA member interested in becoming candidate for PHA elected positions are required to submit in writing to the Election Committee, in the exact form in which the candidate wishes the information to be presented to the voters at large, his/her interest for a specific position **by December 25th, 2023**. The Election Committee shall present the candidates written information, without any changes to the content, in the election pamphlet.
  1. Only individuals who submit their candidacy for an elected position in accordance with the above nomination procedures shall be considered to be valid candidates for PHA Officers and Trustees positions.
  2. As per Art. 6; Sec. 42. b – Candidates for President must receive 50%+1 to win, Candidates for other offices receiving the most votes win.

*This revision of Election Procedures has been written in English only. The English text is the only official version and will be used for all interpretation of procedures*

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**2024 PHA Election Committee** members are:

Krzysztof Jasklowski (\*) – Chairman  
Anna Cholewinska – Member  
Hanna Karczewska – Member  
Hanna Krupa – Member  
Mieczyslaw Kuliik – Member

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\* Mr. Jasklowski will recuse himself from counting votes