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Holiday Meeting, Friday, December 21, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

The Holiday meeting of the Advocates Society will be on Friday, December 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Copernicus Foundation. The Foundation is located at 5216 West Lawrence Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, one block west of the Kennedy Expressway, one block east of Milwaukee Avenue, and one block southeast of the Jefferson Park CTA station. Remember that there is free parking at the Copernicus lot. After the meeting there will be a delicious buffet supper from Kasia's Polish Deli. If you plan to attend, please call **Michele Hendrickson** at (847) 823-5517 or e-mail MicheleHendrickson@sbcglobal.net and leave a message so that we know how much food to order. **Santa and his Elf will be joining us! If you are planning on bringing your children, please send us an e-mail to advocatessociety@gmail.com letting us know the name and ages of the children by December 20, 2012.**

New Home for Advocates!

The Advocates finally has a permanent home. The new Advocates Society office will be at the new Copernicus Center Annex located at **5214 West Lawrence, Chicago, Illinois 60630**. Mail can still be sent to the PO box for now, but this address will become the mailing address for Advocates. We are excited to have a home for our records and a place for board meetings and other tasks!

Old Advocates Records? Pictures? WE HAVE SPACE!

If you have been kindly helping the Advocates store records or pictures, we now have our own storage space! Please email advocatessociety@gmail.com with information regarding which items you have in your possession and to make arrangements to move such items to storage. Thanks!

Advocates Society Annual Blackhawks Outing!!!

The Advocates Society is organizing a group outing to a Chicago Blackhawks hockey game vs. the Calgary Flames. The event was supposed to take place on Sunday, **December 16th at 6:00 p.m.** Tickets are located in the club level, and we will remain as a group. The cost is \$120.00 per person. Please contact Maureen Pikarski at mpikarski@gordonpikarski.com. Due to the NHL lockout for the upcoming season, tickets will be changed to a new date in 2013.

Elder Law Forum

Are you interested in Elder Law? The Advocates has been presented with an opportunity to join forces with Judge Patricia Banks, presiding judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County Elder Law Division to create an Elder Law Forum targeting the Polish ethnic community. The Copernicus Center will be the location for the event. The goal of the event would be to allow seniors to gain information at one time from a variety of organizations that are able to help seniors. If you are interested helping create and lead the event, email us at advocatessociety@gmail.com.

Advocates Society Elections

The Nominating Committee announces the following candidates for 2013-2014 officers, which have been approved by the Board of Governors at the meeting:

- President: Michele (Stack) Hendrickson
- First-Vice President: L. Steven Rakowski
- Second- Vice President: Michael Zink
- Third- Vice President: Mathew Sidor
- Secretary: Kathy Wantuch
- Treasurer: Kristen Kozlowski
- Historian: Marta Zaborska

Congratulations, Pam Menaker!

Pamela Menaker has been appointed by ABA President Laurel Bellows as a member of the Task Force on Human Trafficking. Its mission is to combat human trafficking through public awareness, advocacy, training and education. Pam also has been appointed as a member of the ABA Strategic Communications Committee.

Amendments to Constitution

Article V. Officers and Board of Governors

Section 2. Nomination of Officers

(a) There shall be chosen at the General Membership Meeting in September a Nominating Committee of three (3) members in good standing, whose duty it shall be to consider and nominate the Executive Officers of the Society for the ensuing year. The Nominating Committee shall be chosen in the following manner:

(1) Two (2) members shall be elected by the General membership upon receiving the highest number of votes, taken by secret ballot, from a list of ~~at least four (4)~~ candidates nominated from the floor.

(2) The third member who shall be the Chair of the Nominating Committee, shall be appointed by the President.

(b) The Nominating Committee shall present a signed, written report at the Meeting of the Board of Governors in October. ~~The Secretary shall publish the list of~~ The names of the proposed Officers shall be published in the Newsletter published immediately following the October Board of Governors meeting. ~~in the notice to the membership at the General Membership Meeting in October.~~

(c) Additional candidates may be nominated only by a petition signed by not less than ten (10) members in good standing. Such Nominating Petition shall state the name of the candidate and the office for which his or her candidacy is submitted. Such Nominating Petition must be filed with either the President or the Secretary on or before the date of the Board of Governors meeting in November ~~or at such Meeting.~~

(d) In the event such additional Nominating Petition is filed, ~~the Secretary shall again publish the list of candidates of the Nominating Committee and the list of all additional candidates in the notice to the membership for the General Membership Meeting in November~~ the names of all candidates shall again be published in the Newsletter following the November Board of Governors Meeting.

~~(e) No member of the Nominating Committee shall be eligible on the list of nominees as proposed by the Nominating Committee.~~

Section 3. Election of Officers

(a) The election of Executive Officers shall be held at the General Membership Meeting in November.

(b) A person shall be elected to the office for which he or she was nominated upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the members in good standing present and voting at the General Membership Meeting in November.

(c) In the event that more than one person is nominated for any office, the election for such office shall be held by secret ballot. Nominees for any contested office may make a personal statement before the membership prior to ~~debate and~~ balloting. The ballot shall designate under separate captions the nominees of the Nominating Committee and the nominees by Nominating Petition.

Article VI

Section 1. Meetings of the Society

(a) The Society shall hold regular General Membership meetings at least 7 times per year. One General Membership meeting shall be the Installation Dinner. The date, time and location of such meetings shall be determined by the President, in consultation with the Board, except as otherwise provided in other Articles of this Constitution. Additional General Membership meetings may be held as deemed necessary by the President, upon proper notice, including but not limited to ~~meetings a meeting~~ at Judges Night and the Scholarship fundraiser. The regular order of business may be dispensed with at any meetings held at the Installation Dinner, ~~and~~ and Judges Night ~~and the Scholarship fundraiser.~~

Condolences

We regret to inform you of the passing of Walter S. Bialka, one of our own members. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

New Members

The Advocates Society is pleased to announce that **Edward J. Wasilewski, Dyzio J. Guzierowicz, Evelina M. Maziarz, and Anita Gut** have applied for membership. Their applications have been approved by the Board and will be presented to the membership at the December meeting. We look forward to welcoming them to our organization.

Thank You to Eve Moran

We'd like to send a special thanks to our own Eve Moran and The Chicago [Cliff Dwellers](#) for their wonderful events held in November celebrating Polish Art and Culture.

National Advocates Society

Join the [National Advocates Society](#) this summer for the [2013 Annual Convention](#) in Egg Harbor, Wisconsin from July 31 through August 4, 2013! For more information please contact National Advocates Society president Jane Simers at president@polishnas.com.

Our Website is Getting a Makeover

Our current website at www.advocatesociety.com is being redesigned to be more informative and present a better public image of our group. Stay tuned for details on its new launching!

ISBA Elections

Our own **Anna Krolikowska** is running for the Cook County Under 37 Position for the ISBA Board of Governors. Please support her, and please let us know if you know of any other Advocates members also running for any office, so we can offer similar support. Thank you!

Mark Your Calendar- Installation Dinner is in February!

The Installation dinner will be held February 6, 2013 at the Drake Hotel in the Grand Ballroom. Stay tuned for more details next month!

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2012-13 Calendar of Advocates Society Events

If you have a potential newsletter item, please forward it to Kathy Wantuch, Hiltz & Wantuch LLC, 53 West Jackson Blvd., Suite 205, Chicago, Illinois 60604, or contact her at kwantuch@hiltzlaw.com.

December 21, 2012	Friday	General Meeting at the Copernicus Center 5216 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago
January 11, 2013	Friday	Board of Governors' Meeting
January 25, 2013	Friday	General Meeting at the Copernicus Center 5216 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago
February 6, 2013	Wednesday	Installation Dinner – Drake Hotel

Amicus Poloniae Legal Clinic

5711 N. Milwaukee, Chicago, IL
Saturday, January 19, 2013
Saturday, February 16, 2013
Saturday, March 16, 2013
Saturday, April 20, 2013
Saturday, May 18, 2013