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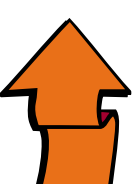


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## QUARTERLY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**MONDAY, JUNE 1 - 7:00 PM**  
**PAC OFFICE: 11333 Jos. Campau, Hamtramck**



## Mariusz Szajnert elected for another term as PAC Michigan Division President

Mariusz Szajnert was elected the President of the Polish American Congress (PAC) Michigan Division at the bi-annual election meeting held Saturday, March 7, at the PNA Council 122 hall in Hamtramck. It will be Szajnert's second 2-year term as the leader of PAC Michigan Division.

There were two candidates for the office of Presidency, Mariusz Szajnert who received 69 votes, and Stelia Wąsacz, well-known Polish leader (President of PNA Council 122 and the Polish American Central Citizens Committee) who received 31 votes.

In other races at the election meeting, Mary Ellen Tyska was voted into the office of Executive Vice President (86 votes) beating Alexandra Porter (15 votes).

Zdzisław Jurek (68 votes), Mary Ellen Tyska (67 votes), Jerzy Różalski (64 votes) and Gena Jurek (64 votes) will serve as the National Directors.

Some candidates for PAC officers had no opposition: Donald Horkey will again hold the office of Treasurer,

Zdzisław Jurek will serve as the Vice President for Polish Affairs, Henrietta Nowakowski will become the Vice President for American Affairs, Sebastian Szczepanski will serve as the

Corresponding Secretary, Anna Bankowski and Helena Zmunkiewicz will become Recording Secretaries.

Since there were no candidates for Audit Committee, the nominations came

## “Żegota” Presentation

The upcoming quarterly meeting (Monday, June 1, at 7:00 pm) will open with a presentation of a 28-minute documentary “Żegota”.

Using archival photographs and film footage, together with interviews, this film narrated by Eli Wallach, tells the story of the desperate plight of Polish Jews and the conditions of terror under which the Żegota rescuers tried to help. Żegota participants, Jewish survivors and Polish and Jewish historians recall and reflect on the extraordinary courage of people who risked - and some who sacrificed - their lives trying to save Polish Jews from certain death.

Frustrated by the Allied government's refusal of intervention, the exiled Polish leaders set in motion their own efforts to save Jewish lives by financing and encouraging the cooperative action between the Polish Underground and their civilian counterparts, who together had formed the clandestine “Council for Aid to Jews.” This was the only government-sponsored social welfare agency established to rescue Jews in Nazi-occupied Europe. This organization, given the code name “Żegota,” provided hiding places and false identity documents for Jewish men, women, and children who were able to escape from Nazi control. Their efforts saved thousands of lives.

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