

Piast Quarterly Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Piast Institute was held at the Institute on October 15, 2005. Eleven members of the board were in attendance. The board held elections for new officers and committee chairs and the following were elected. Chair: Honorable Roman S. Gribbs, Retired Judge, Michigan Court of Appeals; Vice Chair: Msgr. Stanley Milewski, Chancellor Emeritus, Orchard Lake Schools; Treasurer: Christopher Tomaszycy, Attorney and CPA,

Christopher Tomaszycy, PC; Secretary: Celina Banka, Polish American Community Activist; Fund Development Chair: JoAnn Pieronek, Ph.D., Vice President Academic Affairs (Ret.), Wayne County Community College; Finance Chair: Honorable Matthew S. Switalski, Presiding Judge Juvenile Division, Macomb County Circuit Court.

The key issues discussed by the board were the recent activities of the Institute including the Dekaban Memorial Lecture delivered by Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski on September 23, 2005 and the Institute's projects to produce curriculum materials on the Polish experience in World War II and afterward for the genocide education project of the California schools and to develop demographic data on Polish American voting patters. The board also reviewed the social service outreach of the Institute to Polish American senior citizens.

The Piast Institute is a National Institute for Polish and Polish American Affairs. For more information on its work, please contact Ms. Virginia Skrzyniarz, Executive Director at 313-664-0321 or director@piastinstitute.org. The Institute is located at 2926 Caniff, Hamtramck, MI 48212.