

2017 – ACPC Annual Convention Resolutions – Mary Ellen Tyszka

Members of the Resolution Committee appointed by the President Thomas Payne are Mary Ellen Tyszka, Carol J. Surma, Ray Glembocki, and Barbara Lemecha

Resolution 1

Whereas, the 69th Annual Convention of the American Council for Polish Culture was successfully organized through the work of the ACPC Convention Committee.

Therefore, let it be RESOLVED

That sincere thanks and congratulations be extended to the Convention Committee Co-Chairs of Debbie Majka, Tom Payne and Planning Committee Chair, Jaroslaw Golembiowski and local Canadian assistants; Kazik Jednejczak, Agata Pilitowska and Gill Genova, tour guide who helped to make the meeting highly enjoyable, informative and a productive event.

Resolution 2

Whereas, Kinga Mitrowska, soloist, opened the convention with beautiful renditions of the Polish National Anthem, United States Anthem and Canada's National Anthem.

Therefore, let it be RESOLVED

That thanks be conveyed to Kinga Mitrowska on behalf of the convention delegates.

Resolution 3

Whereas, Bonnie Crombie, Mayor of Mississauga, the third largest city in Ontario, 6th largest of Canada, graciously welcomed the delegates and along with explaining the history of the region then shared her pride in her Polish heritage.

Therefore, let it be RESOLVED

That thanks be conveyed to her Honor Bonnie Crombie on behalf of the delegates for her gracious and informative welcome.

Resolution 4

Whereas, Natalie Iwaszko, Canadian Vice-Consul of the Republic of Poland, extended greetings to the delegates on behalf of the Polish Consul and hosted the Annual Sembrich Concert at the Toronto Polish Consulate on the shores of Lake Ontario.

Therefore, let it be RESOLVED

That thanks be conveyed to the Polish Consul and his representative, Vice-Consul Natalie Iwaszko, on behalf of the convention delegates for their enthusiastic support of our organization and their warm reception following the concert.

Resolution 5

Whereas, Beata Golembiowska, Canadian author, journalist & photographer gave an interesting presentation of her two books; "Teatr Bez Granic" ("Theatre without Borders") and "W jednej Walizce" ("Canadian Polish Aristocracy").

Therefore, let it be **RESOLVED**

That thanks be conveyed to Author Beata Golembiowska on behalf of the convention delegates.

Resolution 6

Whereas, the winner of the Marcella Kochanska Sembrich competition Anna Wojcik a 17 year old Polish-Canadian soprano, accompanied by pianist Alex Wang gave an outstanding musical program for the delegates and guests at the Polish Consulate in Toronto.

Therefore, let it be **RESOLVED**

That thanks and congratulations be conveyed to Anna Wojcik and Alex Wang on their outstanding performances at the Annual ACPC Sembrich Concert.

Resolution 7

Whereas, Tomek Kniat, Publisher of the Dziennik Polonii w Kanadzie, informed the delegates about "POLcast " an audio magazine available on computers and tablets and smartphones'.

Therefore, let it be **RESOLVED**

That thanks be conveyed to Tomek Kniat on behalf of the convention delegates.

Resolution 8

Whereas, 2017 is the 100th anniversary of *Czyn Zbrojny*, the heroic and extraordinary formation of "Haller's Blue Army" where 22,000 Polish Americans and Canadians volunteered and went to fight for Poland's independence during WWI;

Therefore, let it be **RESOLVED**

That ACPC commemorates the 100th anniversary of the Volunteer Polish Army and salutes the huge military effort, the patriotism exhibited by these men as well as the ultimate sacrifice discharged by many individuals.

Resolution 9

Whereas, we call on all Poles worldwide to celebrate “The Year of Kosciuszko” as designated for 2017 by the Polish government, UNESCO, and other organizations, bringing specific attention to the life, accomplishments, and virtues of this Polish and American hero.

Therefore, be it **RESOLVED**

That ACPC commemorates “The Year of Kosciuszko” and will actively promote his life, accomplishments and virtues.

Resolution 10

Whereas, at this time of change in the Orchard Lake Schools, we thank Msgr Thomas Machalski for his services and leadership and congratulate and support the installation of a new Chancellor of Orchard Lake Schools, Rev. Canon Miroslaw Krol and new Rector of SS Cyril & Methodius Seminary, Rev. Michael A. Woroniewicz. We pray that the Schools’ new leaders are able to achieve growth and prosperous future in the tradition of its founder Fr. Joseph Dabrowski, for this great Polonian institution.

Therefore, let it be **RESOLVED**

That congratulations be sent to Rev. Canon Miroslaw Krol and Rev. Michael A. Woroniewicz on behalf of the convention delegates.

Resolution 11

Whereas, we thank our newest individual members, Jessica Topolowski and Christina Topolowski, for their interest and participation in ACPC’s Annual Convention and encourage others to join us in reaching our goals and mission

Therefore, let it be **RESOLVED**

That we encourage them and others to continue reaching ACPC goals and missions.

Resolution 12

Whereas, historian of Polish history, Edward Pinkowski, is celebrating 101 years of life;

Therefore, let it be **RESOLVED**

That ACPC congratulates him on his 101st birthday and continued health.

Resolution 13

Whereas, ACPC recognized the talents and contributions of Anthony J. Bajdek and Raymond Okonski for their distinguished service award; Jaroslaw Golembiowski for his cultural achievements award; and Florence Langridge for the Founder's Award;

Therefore, let it be RESOLVED

That ACPC congratulates the 69th Annual Convention awardees for their years of service and support of Polonia.

Resolution 14

Whereas, students, Sydney Fox, Allison Hodge and Matthew Clark presented a joint performance entitled: "Solidarity: The Polish People Take a Stand for Freedom" as an entry in the National History Day Competition and won top prize in the Senior Group Performance category;

Therefore, let it be RESOLVED

That ACPC recognizes the achievement of the students and directs ACPC to send a letter of congratulations and certificate to the students for their interest in recognizing a significant Polish event.

Resolution 15

Whereas, Raymond Okonski generously donated the funding for three Revolutionary War battlefield tablets (Pulaski, Kosciusko and Great Britain) located in Savannah, Georgia

Therefore, let it be RESOLVED

That ACPC thanks Raymond Okonski for his generosity in assisting to promote Polish contributions in the Revolutionary War.

Resolution 16

Whereas, on October 9, 2017, Savannah Coastal Heritage Society will be dedicating plaque honoring three Revolutionary War battlefields.

Therefore, let it be RESOLVED

That ACPC encourages all of its members, affiliates and supporting groups attend the event in support of Polish historical events.

Resolution 17

Whereas, Friends of Polish Art, Michigan, is celebrating its 80th anniversary;

Therefore, let it be RESOLVED

That ACPC congratulates its affiliate, Friends of Polish Art, on its 80th anniversary.

Resolution 18

Whereas, Tom Payne and Richard Wiermanski after being incarcerated for almost an hour by the Canadian border patrol, skillfully avoided further detention and allegedly avoided being strip-searched;

Therefore, be it RESOLVED

That the delegates to the 69th Annual ACPC Convention are grateful that no photographs or other news bulletins have surfaced and the convention was able to proceed with modesty and dignity.

Resolution 19

Whereas, Marion and Louise Winters, long time members of ACPC are celebrating 75 years of marital bliss;

Therefore, be it RESOLVED

That congratulation be sent to Marion and Louise Winters on their 75th wedding anniversary.

Resolution 20

Whereas, Maria Nowotarska and Agata Pilitowska, actresses trained in the higher school of theater outside of Poland, have organized the largest Polish theater outside of Poland in Toronto, Canada, address the ACPC Convention and have performed for the ACPC affiliates in the past and promised to do so in the future;

Therefore, be it RESOLVED

That Maria Nowotarska and Agata Pilitowska be recognized and congratulated on their efforts to promote Polish theater arts throughout the world.