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NOTICE OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The first in-person General Membership Meeting since the start of the pandemic will be held on **FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2022, AT 6:30 PM**. The meeting will be held at the American Polish Cultural Center located at 2975 E. Maple Road, Troy, on the northwest corner of Dequindre and Maple Roads. Not only will we be able to get together once again, but we will be **presenting the Filipek and Mitchell Fine Arts scholarships** to this year's recipients. It is always a fun and interesting event getting to meet the students/recipients. Please join us.

2022 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

On February 25, 2022, FPA conducted its first zoom meeting for the General Membership Meeting. Although there were a few hitches, the meeting went smoothly. The most important part of the meeting was the election of the officers and directors. I am pleased to report the following individuals were elected to the FPA Board:

President:	Frank J. Dmuchowski (<i>two-year term</i>)
First Vice-President:	Leonard Zabawski
Second Vice-President:	Alina Klin, Ph.D.
Treasurer:	Iwona Jedrzejczak
Financial Secretary:	Carol J. Surma
Corresponding Secretary:	Marek Bieciuk
Board of Directors:	Ann Bankowski
	Donna Bielecki
	Brian Malski
	Michael Ostrowski
	Stella Szczesny
	Richard Lapham (<i>immediate past President</i>)

Congratulations!



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Mission Statement of the Friends of Polish Art *(from our Constitution)*

The Friends of Polish Art shall function as an educational organization acting as a medium for the promotion of the understanding and appreciation of the arts of Poland, its people, and their descendants. These Polish arts shall include both Liberal Arts and the Fine Arts.

The Fine Arts shall include graphics arts, painting, sculpture, architecture, music, drama, theatre, dance, and other forms of creative physical skills and crafts.

The Liberal Arts shall include: history, language, literature, philosophy, religion, and traditional customs.

Membership Standards for the Friends of Polish Art *(from our Constitution)*

Membership in the Friends of Polish Art shall be composed of persons whose sole allegiance is to the United States of America.

Membership in the Friends of Polish Art shall be open to individuals who are interested in Polish Art and who believe in the aims and purposes of this organization.

Membership applications shall be presented by the Membership Committee and shall be approved by the Board.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends of Polish Art,

The last two years have often been exceedingly difficult and challenging for many of us. We all hope and pray that the worst is behind us, and the future will be much brighter. The thoughts and prayers of the Board and your fellow members are with you and your families for whom this might have been a particularly challenging time.

Your new Board of Directors would like to thank the prior board, it's president Richard Lapham, and all of the many members of the FPA for all of their hard work over the past two years. As we move forward, your Board is planning to gradually over the next six months to return to a normal set of programs supporting the Friends Polish Art. We will be respectful of any health requirements and will maintain appropriate social distancing.

First, our goal is to have an in-person General Membership Meeting at the American Polish Cultural Center on June 3rd. The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of scholarships.

We hope to see you there in what will be a wonderful opportunity to renew old friendships and make new ones. We are then planning to have our next in person meeting in late September. More information will follow in the next newsletter which is scheduled to come out in late August or early September.

Second, while the format for the current newsletter is abbreviated, we hope to return to a traditional format of eight pages in the next issue. In addition to the very popular Sunshine Page, there will information on upcoming FPA and Polonian events. Of course, there will be highlights of events with plenty of photographs. We are looking for any ideas that you may have on articles that could make the newsletter more interesting for you.

Please go to the Polish American Congress Michigan Division website for a calendar of upcoming Polonian events. **IMPORTANT** The Annual Polish Day Parade will be held on **Saturday August 27, 2022, at 2pm in Warren Michigan**. It will begin at Martin Road and Van Dyke and end at Warren Birthday Bash site.



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PRESENTATION OF 2022 FPA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

At our upcoming General Membership Meeting scheduled for June 3, the Friends of Polish Art will award up to five Frank Filipek scholarships, each in the amount of \$2,500. The scholarships will be awarded to those pursuing academic studies in such areas including: law, medicine, architecture, engineering, sciences, and the liberal arts with the exception of the fine arts.

In addition, FPA will award up to two Mitchell Fine Art Scholarships, each in the amount of \$2,500. These scholarships will be presented to students pursuing studies in painting, sculpture, music, drama, theater, dance, and other forms of creative expression as well as history, literature, religion, philosophy, and Polish Studies.

Please make it a point to join us at the presentation and congratulate this year's scholarship recipients. A reception with cake and light refreshments will follow the presentation.

...PRESIDENT'S LETTER CONTINUED

Third, 2022 is the 85th anniversary of the FPA and your board is considering having a luncheon to celebrate this important date. There will be information in the September newsletter.

Fourth, the Board is planning to have the very popular Wigilia in mid-December. The planning is well underway. More information on this event will be provided in a future newsletter.

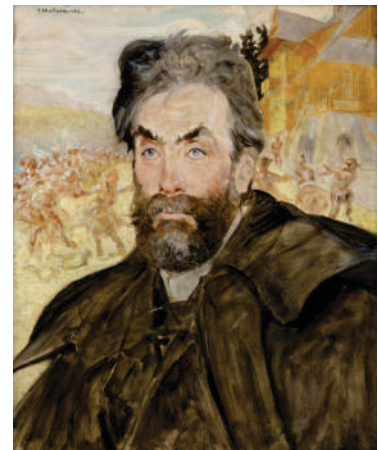
Fifth, as daily life begins to return to normal, our goal is to have regular in-person **general membership Meetings**. At the same time, your Board is very aware that there may be the need for virtual meetings in part or completely. We are looking at the possibility of utilizing technology more frequently. If any of you have had experience in ZOOM or similar technology your assistance and/or insights would be helpful.

Sixth, a major goal of the FPA, like any other organization, is to maintain and increase membership during these challenging times. To achieve these goals, we need to provide events that are interesting and well received. Your ideas on potential events would be deeply appreciated. The most direct approach to increasing membership is **for each of us to try to bring in one new member**.

The next six months could be very challenging as we move forward to achieve our goals. We will need to depend not only on each other but also on other organizations which are experiencing similar challenges. So, let's be optimistic and move forward!

Thank you

Frank J. Dmuchowski,
President



Stanislaw Witkiewicz
Portrait by Jacek Malczewski, 1897
National Museum, Krakow



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DUES REMINDER

Thank you to everyone who has paid their dues to FPA for 2022. There are still a few of you that have not sent them in. I am in the process of preparing a brand new, updated Membership Roster. In order to do so, your information is needed. Please send in the Dues Notice Form together with your check made payable to FPA to:

Carol J. Surma, *Financial Secretary*
2615 12 Mile Road, Suite 118
Berkley, MI 48072

ACPC 2022 CONVENTION

By now you should have received a copy of the Newsletter from the American Council for Polish Culture of which FPA is an affiliate. This year ACPC's annual convention will take place in **San Antonio, Texas July 27 – 31, 2022**. It looks like a very exciting event. Any member, and friends and family, of FPA can attend the convention. All of the details can be found at their website: www.polishcultureacpc.org.



Springtime Fog (Mgla wiosenna)
By Stanislaw Witkiewicz, 1893
in National Museum, Krakow