

# Learn more about our Organization

## Purpose

The Polish American Business and Professional Association seeks to provide a forum for members to discuss issues, challenges and problems facing their businesses and professions; to provide aid and assistance to qualified youth of Polish heritage seeking a college education; to promote the interests of the Polish-American business and professional community: and, to foster unity and better understanding among the Polish-American business and professional community.

Any business or professional person of Polish heritage engaged in or retired from conducting his/her own business or in the practice of a profession, or who holds an executive or managerial position in a business enterprise, shall be eligible for membership.

### Annual membership dues.

Regular Member: \$30

Retired Member: \$15

## History

The Polish Businessmen's Association was founded in 1912, although, there was discussion regarding the need for such an organization in 1908-09. Leon Bojnowski, Anthony Cieszynski, T. H. Grabowski, A. S. Andrulewicz and John Mizia were members of a committee instructed to write a constitution in 1909 for an Association of Polish businessmen, whose aims were to encourage Polish settlers and youths to enter business and to organize Polish companies. One of the most active and helpful individuals to the organization was the late Rt. Rev. Msgr. Lucyan Bojnowski, pastor of Sacred Heart Church. The First World War focused most activities toward the war effort. However, the 1920s saw a more active organization especially among the grocers in the community. In 1930s the group was active in supporting many activities by donating or providing financial assistance to various organizations. In 1938 the association was incorporated under the laws of the state of Connecticut.

The Second World War again interrupted activities as members again directed their attention to the war effort. In 1948 the Association granted the first of many scholarships to students going to college. In 1954 the Association held the first in a series of annual picnics which attracted thousands of people and raised funds for the group's scholarship and philanthropic efforts. The mid 1950's saw new strength and vitality in the organization under the direction of President Mitchell Filipek.

In 1957 the name of the organization was officially changed to the Polish-American Business and Professional Association.

The Organization was very active in the 1960's and 1970's in sponsoring many activities to raise funds for the scholarship fund and during that time a scholarship trust was established and approved by the IRS as a charitable trust for tax deductions. Over its history, the organization has granted over \$70,000 in scholarships.

The association hosted many "Man of the Year" Testimonial dinners during the 1970's and 1980's which supported the scholarship fund.



# Application Form

I would like to join the Polish American Business and Professional Association at the level checked below:

Regular Membership \$30  
 Retired Membership \$15

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Business: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send mail to:  
 Home  
 Work

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Payable to the PABPA.

Please mail check and application to:  
**PABPA**  
**P.O. Box 72**  
**New Britain, CT 06050-0072**

I would also like to make a donation to the Scholarship Fund. Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to the **PABPA Scholarship Fund.**

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## Membership Information



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Interests of  
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