

December 9, 2021

Dear PACC Members and Friends,

Our December 4 **Christmas Celebration & Annual Awards Dinner** was a resounding success, and we again thank everyone who spent part or all of the evening with us at the LM Studio Chicago.

The event was very capably MC-ed by Łukasz Dudka, General Manager of Dziennik Zwiazkowy and PACC Board Member. Board Vice President Jola Santocka greeted everyone on behalf of the PACC. Consul Małgorzata Bąk-Guzik of the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Chicago offered remarks on the occasion as well.

The celebratory ambiance of the event was certainly enhanced by the presentation of our business awards. Congratulations go to **Dwell Studio Chicago** - recipient of the PACC's 2021 Promising Start-Up Award; **Aneta Szulakiewicz** of **General Masonry Supply Venture** - Entrepreneurial Spirit Award winner; **Walter Kotaba** and **Polamer** - for the Chamber Loyalty Award; and **TeaGschwendner** and **Porte Brown** - recipients of the PACC's 2021 Corporate Valor Awards.

We were also very pleased during the official part of the event to present new member certificates to GPZ Energy, Tone Up 2 Fitness, Inc., and Top Quality Hardwood Flooring. To help businesses and organizations recover from the negative economic impact of the pandemic, the first PACC microgrants were awarded to Chopin Theatre, Dwell Studio Chicago, Dziennik Zwiazkowy, Ella Hair Studio, The Ernest Malinowski Educational Foundation, and Tone Up 2 Fitness, Inc.

Much appreciation for helping present the awards, certificates, and microgrants goes to Jan Krynski of Dom itp, Stanley Skoczen of Omega Structures, Inc., and Elisa Sledzinski, Director of Public Affairs at the City of Chicago Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection.

Overall, the event's success was largely made possible by the generosity of sponsors, including Huntington Bank, Porte Brown, TTI Medical Training School, General Masonry Supply Venture LLC, and Olimaar, Inc., and thanks to the efforts of the event planning committee with Anna Tukiendorf and Łukasz Dudka as co-chairs. We also thank media partners Dziennik Zwiazkowy, Polskie Radio, Polvision, DJ DannyG, and Mariusz Smorczewski of EMski Photography LLC for his masterful photos.

Our best regards,

The PACC Secretariat