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Senate Marshals

A Marshal is elected by secret ballot by an absolute majority of votes at the first session of a newly elected Senate. Apart from the Marshal, his deputies are also elected.



Marshal of the Seventh Term Senate is **BOGDAN BORUSEWICZ**, Marshal of the Sixth Term Senate (2005–2007), born in 1949 in Lidzbark Warmiński. In 1975, graduated in history from the Faculty of Humanities at Lublin Catholic University. A democratic opposition activist since the 1970s. Member of the Workers' Defence Committee, co-organiser of Free Trade Unions of the Baltic Coast, editor of *Robotnik* and *Robotnik Wybrzeża* opposition newspapers.

Was among organizers of the August 1980 strike in Gdańsk Shipyards and co-author of the list of workers' demands. After the imposition of martial law, was active in the outlawed Solidarity Trade Union. Between 1984 and 1986 – member of the Provisional Solidarity Coordination Committee and then Provisional Solidarity Trade Union Council. Arrested and imprisoned. Participated in strikes held at Gdańsk Shipyards in May and August 1988. Since 1989 – member of the Presidium of the Solidarity Trade Union National Committee, and, in 1990–1991, its Deputy Chairman.

Between 1991 and 2001 – Deputy to the Sejm. In the First Term Sejm presided the Solidarity Trade Union Parliamentary Club and was chairman of a special committee investigating the consequences of martial law. In the Second Term Sejm was deputy chairman and then chairman of the Special Services Committee; deputy chairman of a special committee investigating the legality of actions taken by State organs with respect to a motion to initiate a preparatory proceeding in the matter of a crime committed against State security, and the realisation of that motion. Was a member of the Constitutional Committee of the National Assembly. As Marshal of the Sixth Term Senate headed the Parliamentary Team on Co-operation with Non-governmental Organizations.

Between 1997 and 2000 – Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs and Administration (in charge of the police force). Between 2001 and 2005 – Deputy Marshal and Member of the Board of Management of Pomorze Province.

No political party affiliation.

His spouse Alina Pienkowska (1952–2002) was an activist in Free Trade Unions of the Baltic Coast and in Solidarity, later a member of the Second Term Senate.



LONGIN PASTUSIAK, Marshal of the Senate of the fifth term (2001–2005), born in 1935 in Łódź; full professor since 1986. 1959 – graduation from Woodrow Wilson School of Foreign Affairs, University of Virginia in Charlottesville; 1960 – Faculty of Journalism, Warsaw University.

1963–1994 – researcher at the Polish Institute of International Affairs. 1967–1998 – member of the Central Board of the Polish Political Sciences Association (1985–1988 – President); 1988–1994 – member of the Executive Committee of the International Political Sciences Association (1991–1994 – Vicepresident).

Member of the Political Sciences Committee of the Polish Academy of Sciences.

1961–1990 – member of the Polish United Workers' Party. Since 1995 – member of the Polish Social-Democratic Party. Since 2000 – member of the Democratic Left Alliance. Member of its the Supreme Council.

1991–2001 – deputy to the Polish Sejm.

Vicechairman of the International Council of the organisation – Parliamentarians for Global Action (1998–2005); deputy chairman of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly (2002–2004); deputy chairman of the Social-Democratic Fraction of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly (2001–2005).



ALICJA GRZEŚKOWIAK, Marshal of the Senate of the fourth term (1997–2001), born at Świrz (near Lvov) in 1941; political activist; professor of law since 1990. She graduated in law at the Mikołaj Kopernik University in Toruń. Since 1966 – academic teacher at the Toruń University and since 1991 – at the Lublin Catholic University. An attorney since 1988.

Member of the “Solidarity” Trade Union since 1980, co-organised the Helsinki Committee in Poland.

Senator since 1989 to 2001. Chaired the Senate Constitutional Committee in 1989–1991; deputy Marshal of the Senate in 1991–1993; member of the Polish delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe in 1989–1997; deputy President of the Christian-Democrats of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe in 1992–1997.

Dame of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem.

Author of publications on penal law, human rights and family law.



ADAM STRUZIŁ, Marshal of the Senate of the third term (1993–1997), born at Kutno in 1957. Graduate of the Medical Academy in Łódź. Specialist in internal diseases. In 1990–1997, the managing director of the Provincial Integrated Hospital at Płock, member of Gąbin Commune and City Council (1990–1998), deputy to the Mazovia Provincial Parliament, chairman of the Presidium of the National Parliament of Local Government (1994–1998).

Activist of the peasant and local government movement; member of the Main Board of the Polish Peoples' Party (PSL).

Senator since 1991 to 2001. Chairman of the Social Policy and Health Committee (1991–1993).

AUGUST CHEŁKOWSKI, Marshal of the Senate of the second term (1991–1993), born at Telkowice in 1927, died in 1999; since 1990 professor ordinary in physics; specialist in the physics of solids, political activist. Graduated at Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań.

1952–1967 – academic teacher at the Poznań University, since 1968 – at the Silesian University (1981–1982 – rector of the Silesian University; he was the only university rector to be interned during the martial law). 1969–1976 and 1984–1987 – head of the Physics Institute at the Silesian University. Member of the “Solidarity” Trade Union since 1980.

Senator since 1989 to 1999. Chairman of the Environmental Protection Committee.

In 1982–1985, Member of the Main Board for Science and Higher Education, also Member of the European Society of Physics.



ANDRZEJ STELMACHOWSKI, Marshal of the Senate of the first term (1989–1991), born in Poznań in 1925, died in 2009; political activist; specialist in civil and agricultural law. 1962–1963 – professor of the Wrocław University, 1969–1993 – professor of the Warsaw University. During World War II, soldier of the Home Army.

In 1980 – an advisor to the Inter-plant Strike Committee at the Gdańsk Shipyard. Member of the “Solidarity” Trade Union since 1980, the chief negotiator on behalf of Solidarity in secret talks with the communist authorities (1988), member of the “Round Table” negotiations.

President of the Warsaw section of the Club of Catholic Intelligentsia (KIK) in 1987–1990. 1990–2008 – chairman of the the “Polish Union” Association (Stowarzyszenie “Wspólnota Polska”).



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