

NOTES ON THE SENATE



**SENATE
OF THE REPUBLIC
OF POLAND**

Marshals of the Senate

Marshals of the Senate are elected by an absolute majority of votes at the first session of a newly elected Senate. Deputy Marshals are likewise elected during the same session.

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MAŁGORZATA KIDAWA-BŁOŃSKA, MARSHAL OF THE SENATE OF THE ELEVENTH TERM

Born on 5 May 1957 in Warsaw.

In 1983, she graduated in sociology from the Faculty of Philosophy and Sociology at the University of Warsaw.

From 1986 to 1991, she worked in the literary department of the Karol Irzykowski Film Studio. From 1994 to 2005, she was Vice-President of Gambit Production, a studio producing films and television programmes; the studio produced, among other films, the film “Skazany na bluesa” (Doomed to the Blues) devoted to Ryszard Riedel, the singer of the Dżem band.

From 2002 to 2005, she was a councillor in the Warsaw City Council.

Was a member of the fifth-to-ninth term Sejm (from 2005 to 2023); a member of the Culture and Media Committee during these terms. In 2015, she was elected Marshal of the seventh term Sejm. In the eighth and ninth term Sejm, she was Deputy Marshal.

In 2014–2015, she served as Secretary of State in the Chancellery of Prime Minister. In 2014, she was spokeswoman for Donald Tusk’s government and in 2015 for Ewa Kopacz’s government.

Member of the Civic Platform and Deputy Chairperson of the party since 2021.

In the eleventh term Senate – member of the Culture and Media Committee.



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TOMASZ GRODZKI, MARSHAL OF THE SENATE OF THE TENTH TERM (2019–2023)

Born on 13th May 1958 in Szczecin.

1983 – graduated from the Faculty of Medicine of the Pomeranian Medical Academy (currently: Pomeranian Medical University) in Szczecin. Obtained a first degree specialization in general surgery and a second degree specialization in ardiothoracic surgery and clinical transplantation. Received the degree of Doctor of Medical Sciences (1991) and the habilitated doctor degree (2003). A professor of medical science since 2010.

Started working as an intern at the Provincial Centre of Occupational Medicine in Szczecin in 1983. Employee of Professor Alfred Sokołowski Specialist Hospital in Szczecin-Zdunowo since 1984 and its director since 1998. Became the director of the Cardiothoracic Surgery Department in 1995. Head of the Cardiothoracic Surgery and Clinical Transplantation Clinic of the Department of Cardiothoracic Diseases of the Pomeranian Medical University in Szczecin since 2003. Active cardiothoracic surgeon and transplantologist. Specializes in lung transplantation.

2006–2015 – a member of Szczecin City Council.

In 2003–2004, he presided over the European Society of Thoracic Surgeons. He was the first Pole in the American Association for Thoracic Surgery.

He became a senator in 2015, and in the ninth term Senate he was a member of the Health, Foreign Affairs and European Union Affairs Committees. In the tenth term Senate, he was a member of the Special Committee on Climate Affairs, the Legislative Committee, and the Health Committee. In the eleventh term Senate, he is the president of the European Union Affairs Committee and a member of the Health Committee.

STANISŁAW KARCZEWSKI, MARSHAL OF THE SENATE OF THE NINTH TERM (2015–2019)

Born in 1955 in Warsaw. Graduated from the Second Faculty of Medicine at the Medical University of Warsaw. Obtained the second degree of specialization in general surgery.

Since 1981 works at the regional hospital in Nowe Miasto on Pilica (Independent Public Healthcare Unit). Was consecutively an intern, junior assistant, assistant, head of the emergency ward, director of a hospital, head of the surgical ward.

1989 – helped to establish the Civic Committee in Nowe Miasto on Pilica. For many years headed the Solidarity Trade Union committee at the hospital.

1998–2002 was a member of the Grójec District Council. 2002–2005 – a deputy to the Mazowieckie Provincial Parliament.

Senator since 2005; deputy chairman of the Health Committee in the sixth and seventh term Senate, a member of the Local Government and State Administration Committee in the sixth term and a member of the Emigration Affairs and Contacts with Poles Abroad Committee and the Budget and Public Finance Committee in the seventh term. Deputy Marshal and a member of the Health Committee and the Rules, Ethics and Senatorial Affairs Committee in the eighth term Senate. Deputy Marshal (2019–2020) and a member of the Rules, Ethics and Senatorial Affairs Committee in the tenth term Senate. Member of the Rules, Ethics and Senatorial Affairs Committee and the Sports Committee in the eleventh term Senate.

BOGDAN BORUSEWICZ, MARSHAL OF THE SENATE OF THE SIXTH TERM (2005–2007), SEVENTH TERM (2007–2011) AND THE EIGHTH TERM (2011–2015)

Born in Lidzbark Warmiński in 1949. In 1975 he graduated in history from the Faculty of Humanities of the Catholic University of Lublin. Since the 1970s he was an activist of the democratic opposition, a member of the Workers' Defence Committee, co-organiser of the Free Trade Unions of the Baltic Coast, editor of opposition newspapers "Robotnik" (Worker) and "Robotnik Wybrzeża" (Worker of the Baltic Coast). Co-organiser of the August 1980 strike in the Shipyard of Gdańsk; co-author of the postulates of the striking workers. Following the imposition of martial law, he became actively involved in the underground structures of the "Solidarity" movement. Between 1984 and 1986, he was a member of the Provisional Coordination Committee and then of the Provisional Solidarity Trade Union Council. Arrested and imprisoned. May and August 1988 – he took part in the strikes in the Shipyard of Gdańsk. 1989 – he became a member of the Presidium of the Solidarity Trade Union National Committee and between 1990 and 1991 he served as its vice-chairman.

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In 1997–2000, he was the Vice-Minister of Internal Affairs and Administration. From 2001 to 2005, he was a deputy head of the Pomorskie Voivodship and a member of the Provincial Executive Board.

In 1991–2001, he was a deputy to the Sejm, in the first term Sejm, he led the Parliamentary Club “NSZZ Solidarność”; in the second term Sejm, he was a deputy president and then the president of the Special Services Committee. In the third term Sejm, he was a member of the following committees: Foreign Affairs Committee, National and Ethnic Minorities Committee, Constitutional Committee of the National Assembly, Administration and Internal Affairs Committee, and the Constitutional Liability Committee. In the sixth term Senate, seventh term Senate and eighth term Senate, delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Sejm and Senate of the Republic of Poland, the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania and the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, and he chaired the work of the Parliamentary Group for Cooperation with Non-government Organisations. In the ninth and tenth term Senate, he was the Deputy Marshal of the Senate, and in the tenth term Senate he was also a member of the Culture and Media Committee and the Legislative Committee. In the eleventh term Senate, he is the chairperson of the Emigration Affairs and Contacts with Poles Abroad Committee, and a member of the National Defence Committee.

LONGIN PASTUSIAK, MARSHAL OF THE SENATE OF THE FIFTH TERM (2001–2005)

Born in 1935 in Łódź, died in 2025. 1959 – he graduated from the Woodrow Wilson School of Foreign Affairs, University of Virginia in Charlottesville. 1960 – he also graduated from the Faculty of Journalism at the University of Warsaw. Since 1986 he has held the title of full professor. From 1963 to 1994 he was a researcher at the Polish Institute of International Affairs. Between 1967 and 1998, he served as a member of the Central Board of the Polish Political Science Association (1985–1988 – president). Between 1988 and 1994, he was a member of the Executive Committee of the International Political Science Association (1991–1994 – vice-president). Member of the Political Science Committee of the Polish Academy of Sciences.

Vice-chairman of the international board of the Parliamentarians for Global Action (1998–2005); vice-chairman of the Parliamentary Assembly of NATO (2002–2004), vice-chairman of Social Democrats in the NATO Parliamentary Assembly (2001–2005).

From 1991 to 2001, he was a deputy to the Sejm of the Republic of Poland. During the first and the second term, he was a deputy chairman of the Parliamentary Club of the Democratic Left Alliance (SLD), a member of the Committee on Liaison with Poles Abroad and Foreign Affairs Committee. Deputy chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, a member of the Committee on Liaison with Poles Abroad and of the Constitutional Committee of the National Assembly in the second term. During the third term, he served as a deputy chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee and the chairman of the Standing Parliamentary Delegation of the Sejm and Senate to the Assembly of Western European Union, member of the National Defence Committee.

ALICJA GRZEŚKOWIAK, MARSHAL OF THE SENATE OF THE FOURTH TERM (1997–2001)

Born in 1941 in Świrz near Lviv. She studied law at the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń; a Professor of Law since 1990 and a lawyer since 1988. 1966 – she started to work as a researcher at the Nicolaus Copernicus University and in 1991 – at the Catholic University of Lublin. 1980 – she became a member of the Solidarity Trade Union. Co-founder of the Helsinki Committee in Poland. Vice-President of the Group of Christian Democrats (1992–1997). Dame of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, author of publications on penal law, human rights and family law.

A senator from 1989 to 2001; in the first term Senate, she was a chairperson of the Constitutional Committee and the deputy chairperson of the Human Rights and Rule of Law Committee; in the second term Senate, she was the Deputy Marshal of the Senate; both in the first and second term Senate, she was a member of the delegation of the Sejm and Senate to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. In the fourth term Senate, she was a member of the following committees: Constitutional Committee, National Assembly Committee, Legislative Initiatives and Works Committee, Human Rights and Rule of Law Committee, Rules and Senatorial Affairs Committee, Emigration and Poles Abroad Committee.



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ADAM STRUZIŁ, MARSHAL OF THE SENATE OF THE THIRD TERM (1993–1997)

Born in 1957 in Kutno. Graduate of the Medical University of Łódź. Specialist in internal diseases. From 1990 to 1997, he worked as the chief executive officer of the Provincial Polyclinic Hospital in Płock. From 1990 to 1998, he served as a member of the Gąbin City and Commune Council. Between 1994 and 1998, he chaired the Presidium of the National Parliament of Local Government; in 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010 he was elected as a deputy to the Mazowieckie Provincial Parliament. Since 2001 – the Marshal of the Mazowieckie Province. Activist of the peasant and local government movement.

Senator from 1991 to 2001. Chairman of the Social Policy and Health Committee in the second term Senate, a member of the Social Policy and Health Committee and the Emigration Affairs and Poles Abroad Committee in the third term, a deputy chairman of the Health, Physical Education and Sport Committee in the fourth term Senate.

AUGUST CHEŁKOWSKI, MARSHAL OF THE SENATE OF THE SECOND TERM (1991–1993)

Born in Telkwice near Malbork in 1927, died in 1999. Graduated from the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań. 1990 – he earned the title of Full Professor of Physics. Specialist in the physics of solids. From 1952 to 1967 – a researcher at the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, and from 1968 – at the University of Silesia (1981–1982 – rector; August Chełkowski was the only Polish rector to be interned during the martial law). 1969–1979 and 1984–1987 – the director of the Institute of Physics of the University of Silesia. Political activist.

1980 – he became a member of the Solidarity Trade Union. Between 1982 and 1985, he was a member of the Central Council of Higher Education. He also belonged to the European Physical Society.

Senator from 1989 to 1999. Chairman of the Environment Protection Committee, a member of the Culture, Media, Science and National Education Committee and the Foreign Affairs Committee in the first term; a member of the Science and National Education Committee, the Foreign Affairs and International Economic Relations Committee in the third term; a member of the Science and National Education Committee and the Foreign Affairs and European Integration Committee in the fourth term Senate.

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 at the University of Wrocław, 1963–1993 – professor at the University of Warsaw. During World War II, he was a soldier of the Home Army. 1980 – he was a member of the team of advisors at the Shipyard of Gdańsk. Since 1980 – member of the Solidarity Trade Union, the chief negotiator on behalf of the “Solidarity” movement in secret talks with the communist authorities (1988), participant of the Round Table negotiations. President of the Warsaw Club of Catholic Intelligentsia in 1987–1990. Between 1990 and 2008, the chairman of the Association “Polish Community” (Stowarzyszenie „Wspólnota Polska”).



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