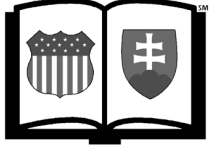


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Secretary of Slovak-American International Cultural Foundation Selected to Serve on Illinois Ethnic Affairs Advisory Council

“I want Americans to know how much Slovaks have contributed to the world,” says Marie C. Bolchazy, Director and Secretary of the Slovak-American International Cultural Foundation. “The mission of our Foundation is to enhance peoples’ lives by helping them to learn about Slovakia and Slovak-Americans.” Dr. Bolchazy recently accepted an invitation to serve on Illinois Lieutenant Governor Corinne Woods' newly-formed Ethnic Affairs Advisory Council. Bolchazy, along with other representatives from ethnic and minority groups across Illinois, met recently in Chicago for the inaugural session of the Council’s work. The Council's first task is to create a list of issues that most concern ethnic and minority residents in Illinois. The Council will prioritize these concerns and assist Lt. Gov. Wood in creating an action agenda to address these issues and other matters of importance.

The Slovak-American International Cultural Foundation, with headquarters in the Chicago area, promotes knowledge about the contributions of Slovakia and Slovak-Americans to the culture and history of the American people and the world. The Foundation, which is a tax-exempt, not-for-profit organization, will: (1) sponsor and promote Slovak artists and artworks; (2) encourage scholarship about Slovakia and the history of Slovak-Americans; (3) assist university libraries in Slovakia to acquire books and technology; and (4) provide technical assistance to the Slovak book publishing industry.

The Foundation's site on the World Wide Web (www.slovakculture.org) includes a virtual museum of Slovak art and artists and a wide variety of information of interest to Slovak-Americans and others. The Foundation accepts tax-deductible support from the public, corporations, and government sources. For information, please contact the Foundation at (847) 526-4396 or info@slovakculture.org.