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UABA LUNCH MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR MOTSYK

- Private Member-Only Meeting during the TWG Conference



{Picture - Ambassador Olexander Motsyk (standing) conveying general greeting before taking questions}

Feb. 19, 2011 (Washington, D.C.) Eighteen UABA members and spouses, mainly from Washington DC area, joined His Excellency Olexander Motsyk, ambassador of Ukraine to the United States, for a private lunch on Saturday, February 19, 2011. The 90-minute meeting was “off-the-record” so that members and the ambassador could freely discuss a gamut of topics, including current legal/political actions in Ukraine, the Holodomor monument, relationships with Ukrainian law students in the U.S., and legal/business relations.

The UABA is very grateful to Ambassador Motsyk for taking time to join the UABA members for this meeting. The luncheon meeting continues the renewed and very open relationship between the Embassy of Ukraine and the UABA, as well as the Diaspora in general. The UABA and the Embassy are continuing discussions on further closer cooperation.

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The morning session of the Conference consisted of numerous interactive and lively panel discussions on today’s key Ukraine-related issues in Ukraine itself. The morning presentations included Ambassador Oleksandr Motsyk, Embassy of Ukraine, Washington, DC; Ambassador William Green Miller, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars; Ambassador Steven Pifer of the Brookings Institution; Judge Bohdan Futey, U.S. Court of Federal Claims; Lawrence Silverman, U.S. Department of State; Orest Deychakiwsky, U.S. Helsinki Commission; Morgan Williams, U.S.-Ukraine Business Council; James Greene, Effective Engagement Strategies; and Nadia McConnell, U.S.- Ukraine Foundation.

The afternoon session featured issues and tasks facing existing, and possibly new, Ukrainian-American organizations, as well as their broadening relationships with governmental and NGO supporters and their future interaction and cooperation with each other. The afternoon panelists were Nadia McConnell, U.S.- Ukraine Foundation; Michael Sawkiw, Ukrainian Congress Committee of America – UNIS; Ihor Gawdiak, Ukrainian-American Coordinating Council; Myroslaw Smorodsky, Ukrainian-American Bar Association ; Oleh Wolowyna, Center for Demographic and Socio-Economic Research of Ukrainians in the US; and Mykhajlo Datsenko, Ukraina Citizens International Association. Prof. Wolowyna made some startling revelations based on his analysis of the 2010 US census data which have a direct bearing on the future survival of many a Ukrainian – American organization.



Myroslaw Smorodsky addressing TWG



[In picture left to right: Zirka Smorodsky; UABA Chairman Steve Groggoza, and his wife, Stephanie; Amb. Oleksander Motsyk, and his wife, Nataliya; and Myroslaw Smorodsky]

UKRAINIAN WINTER BALL

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The weekend activities were capped off by a gala Ukrainian Winter Ball with entertainment provided by the *Babarocin Ukrainian Dance Group* which performed traditional Ukrainian and modern ballroom dances. The popular band *HRIM* then rocked the party to the early hours of the morning.

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