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Dr. Aldona Wos Joined Members of the Council of American Ambassadors at the 2018 Fall Conference in NYC

The Fall Conference Follows the Annual International Fact-Finding Mission

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The Council supports the Department of State and its Chiefs of Mission, sponsors Fellowships to develop young leaders for careers in public diplomacy and international affairs and conducts semiannual conferences for the membership on current international issues.

The Council convenes roundtable member discussions with Ambassadors to the United States, organizes overseas fact-finding missions, publishes a bi-annual journal – *The Ambassadors REVIEW*, administers *Ambassadors Perspectives* – an on-line forum for commentary, and educates the public about foreign policy issues affecting the national interest.

2018 CAA Fall Conference – November 6-7, 2018

The 2018 Council of American Ambassadors (CAA) program included a CAA board meeting, panel discussions and a host of distinguished speakers covering current international issues. Dr. Wos participated in the board meeting and also moderated a panel discussion with Dr. Steven E. Sokol, President of The American Council on Germany and former President and CEO of the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh.

Speakers at the CAA conference included:

Kati Marton – *Best-Selling Author, Human Rights Advocate, Journalist*

Ambassador Frank G. Wisner – *Former Ambassador to Zambia, Egypt, the Philippines and India*

Ambassador Winston Lord – *Former Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and Pacific Affairs Former Ambassador to China*

Nicholas Danforth – *Senior Policy Analyst, Bipartisan Policy Center*

Ambassador Stephen Sestanovich – *George F. Kennan Senior Fellow for Russian and Eurasian Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations*

Amir Dossal – *President of the Global Partnership Forum, 25-year UN Veteran*

Dr. Steven E. Sokol – *President of The American Council on Germany*

International Fact-Finding Mission Program – September 2018

In September 2018, CAA delegates and spouses, including Dr. Aldona Wos, Louis DeJoy and their son Andrew DeJoy, conducted a ten-day Council Mission to Estonia, Lithuania and Poland. The mission started in Tallinn, Estonia where mission members met with Estonia's Minister of Defense Juri Luik.

Delegates continued to Vilnius, Lithuania where they met with Minister of National Defense Raimundas Karoblis and Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs Darius Skusevicius.

The Council Mission concluded in Warsaw, Poland where delegates met with Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki and former Prime Minister and Leader of the Law and Justice Party Jaroslaw Kaczynski. Delegates also met with Vice Minister for National Defense Tomasz Szatkowski, followed by a meeting with Secretary of State Piotr Naimski.

CAA sponsors these international mission programs to conduct on-the-spot investigations of national and/or regional conditions. Planned in consultation with the host country government and the U.S. Embassies and the country desk officers of the State Department, these visits provide an in-depth perspective in areas of particular interest. These fact-finding missions help to enhance international relations and investigate the opportunities and challenges beyond our borders that generally cannot be gained through normal media channels.

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