

## **UMANA holds 41<sup>st</sup> Assembly of Delegates virtually, elects new officers**

*George Hrycelak, MD*

Chicago, IL. - The Ukrainian Medical Association of North America (UMANA) held its 41<sup>st</sup> biennial Assembly of Delegates virtually on September 6, 2025. Delegates elected **Dr. Olena Gordon** president of the organization for the next two years.

Outgoing president **Dr. Marta Lopatynsky** welcomed representatives from the various UMANA branches in the virtual meeting. This legally required business meeting formally reviewed UMANA activity from 2024 through the current month. Reports by the outgoing officers emphasized UMANA's flexibility in converting face-to-face meetings into virtual venues, allowing continued communication with members and the general public. UMANA's XLVII Scientific Convention was held in New York city in conjunction with the Gala 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of UMANA in April 2025.

The Assembly received reports from chapter presidents **Dr. Maryana Yaremko** (Illinois), **Dr. Ariadne Bach** (NYMetro), **Dr. Ivanna Murskyj-Muravytskyy** (Michigan), **Dr. Andrew Drozd** (Ohio), **Dr. Roxolana Horbowyj** (Maryland-DC Metro) and **Dr. Borys Buniak** (Syracuse-NYCentral). Further reports were submitted by the Executive Director **Dr. George Hrycelak**, UMANA Foundation **Dr. Maria Hrycelak**, WFUMA director **Dr. Roxolana Horbowyj**.

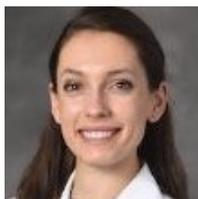
The Assembly issued a vote of confidence for the outgoing Board of Directors and voted in the next slate of officers. In her acceptance speech, Dr. Gordon welcomed new and especially younger members in health care professions to join UMANA and proposed using expanded social media to attract and maintain relations with the younger generation. She thanked the Assembly for electing the new Board of Directors and promised to work hard at developing new venues to share medical knowledge among Ukrainians worldwide.

The new slate of officers elected for the upcoming term of 2025-2027 were:

Olena Gordon, MD - President  
Ivanna Murskyj-Muravytsy, MD – President Elect  
Roxolana Horbowyj, MD – Vice President  
Catherine Krucylak, MD – Secretary  
Roman Kozycky, MD – Treasurer  
Andrew Ripecky, MD, and Bohdan Pichurko, MD – Board of Arbiters



*Dr. O. Gordon*



*Dr. I. Muravytskyy*



*Dr. R. Horbowyj*



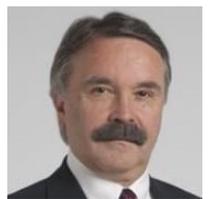
*Dr. C. Krucylak*



*Dr. R. Kozycky*



*Dr. A. Ripecky*



*Dr. B. Pichurko*

# UMANA CHAPTER NEWS

**OHIO BRANCH** held its biennial picnic on September 28, 2025, at the St. Pokrova Ukrainian Catholic Pavilion in Parma, with more than 50 people in attendance including members, potential members, family and friends. **Drs. Maria Strus and Ihor Zachary** gave overviews of the history of UMANA Ohio and its impact on the community. Chapter President, **Dr. Andrew Drozd** gave a keynote talk surrounding his participation in two Genitourinary complex reconstructive surgical missions to Lviv and Kyiv, Ukraine. **Andrew Zura, MD**, was recognized for coordinating and providing multiple donations of anesthesia related supplies for front line hospitals since the beginning of the full scale invasion of Ukraine. A tasty lunch and beautiful day was enjoyed by all.



*UMANA Ohio Branch members and guests*

*Drs. Andrew Drozd and Andrew Zura*



*Drs. Bohdan Pichurko, Maria Strus, Andrew Drozd, Ivan Zachary*



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## UMANA News

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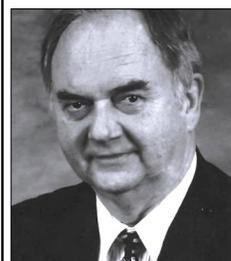
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## OBITUARIES



**HNATIUK, MD, Bohdan**, age 85, *Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg* 1967, member of UMANA Michigan Branch, died October 1, 2025.

# President's Message



Dear Friends,

It is with deep honor and gratitude that I step into the role of President of the Ukrainian Medical Association of North America (UMANA). For more than seven decades, UMANA has united physicians, scientists, and healthcare professionals of Ukrainian descent across North America — advancing medicine and strengthening the bridge between the Ukrainian and North American medical communities.

Today, our mission carries a renewed purpose. Since the full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine, we have stood together to help our Ukrainian colleagues, doctors, and people survive this devastating war. We are supporting them through medical education, medical missions, humanitarian aid, and the delivery of essential medical supplies — doing everything within our power to help them.

I know that in every state, our UMANA members continue to help — collecting, packing, and sending critical supplies, organizing medical missions, and providing hands-on assistance to hospitals and clinics across Ukraine. Your dedication, compassion are true spirit of our profession and of our Ukrainian heritage.

I would like to take this ongoing work and bring it together into one coordinated UMANA project. By uniting our local efforts under a shared initiative, we can collaborate more effectively, reach the regions most in need, and amplify our collective impact. Together, we can make our support more structured, visible, and powerful.

At the same time, I believe that education is the foundation of our mission — both here in the United States and in Ukraine.

In the U.S., we will strengthen our chapters through medical educational lectures, peer-to-peer learning, observership, shadowing and mentorship among members, helping our young medical generation to reach their dreams in Medicine. To help our colleague physicians from Ukraine to rebuild their medical careers in the USA.

The future of UMANA depends on the next generation Ukrainian-American medical professionals.

To every UMANA member, I thank you for your compassion, commitment, and courage. Together, we will honor the legacy of our founders and lead UMANA into a new era of service, education, and healing.

With gratitude and hope,  
Olena Gordon, MD

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**ILLINOIS BRANCH** presented an exhibit: *Ukrainian Medical Arts Notable Achievements*, which opened on September 20, 2025, at the Ukrainian National Museum in Chicago. The exhibit was organized by UMANA Archivist **Dr. Maria Hrycelak**. Over 20 posters were on exhibit with facts, trivia, and fun photographs of 130 years of Midwestern Medical Memories. Dr. Hrycelak also presented a short video



of photos filled with many historic figures and familiar faces too. The opening was attended by Illinois members and friends. The exhibit had many more visitors in its two week run at the museum.



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# UMANA MEMBER NEWS

**Michael FULMES, MD PhD** (New York Metro Branch), celebrated the third anniversary of his new offices of the Dr. Fulmes Health Institute in August 2025 which coincided with Ukrainian Independence Day.



*Dr. Michael Fulmes (in the middle)*



**George WYHINNY, MD** (Illinois Branch), retired from his retinal ophthalmology practice in May 2025, after 47 years as a retinal subspecialist treating patients with diabetes, macular degeneration, and retinal detachments. He founded Midwest

Retina Consultants in 1984 which grew into a multi-physician practice in Chicago's northern suburbs. His wife, Patricia Wyhinny, MD, also recently retired from her dermatology practice after more than 40 years. Drs. Wyhinny have been married to each other for 52 years and have two sons. They have travelled to all seven continents and look forward to many more adventures together.



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In September 2025, the **MICHIGAN BRANCH** presented a lecture by **Bogdan Kindzelski, MD**, cardiac surgeon, at the Ukrainian Cultural Center in Warren. He gave an enthralling presentation regarding the contemporary management of patients with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. UMANA members thoroughly enjoyed the lecture, and the chance to get together.



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