

Piotr Duda, President of the National Commission of NSZZ “Solidarność”

He has been a “Solidarność” member since 1980 when he started work as a turner in Gliwice Steelworks. Between 1981 and 1983 he served as a paratrooper in the elite 6th Pomorska Paratroop Division, also in UN forces in Syria. After his military service he returned to Gliwice Steelworks. In 1992 he became President of the Enterprise Commission. Three years later he was elected a member of the Presidium of the Śląsko-Dąbrowski Region and in 1997 he became the Treasurer of the Region. On 25 June 2002 he defeated incumbent President of the Region, Waclaw Marszewski. His success was repeated during Election Congresses in 2006 and 2010 (when he was the only candidate for President and won over 98% of votes).

For 8 years he has been the member of the National Commission of NSZZ “Solidarność”. Since 1998 he has been a President of the Grzegorz Kolosa Foundation for Health of Children and Youth of the Śląsko-Dąbrowski Region, the biggest in the region non-governmental institution organizing summer holidays for children. He is also a member of Labor Protection Council at Polish Sejm and vice-president of the Provincial Social Dialog Commission.

He is 48 years old, lives in Gliwice. With his wife Grażyna he has two children: Marcin (25 yrs) and Sabina (22 yrs). He is interested in sport and music.