

A MESSAGE FROM THE PKSCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

On October 24, 2023, the PKSCA Board of Directors adopted a Platform for Peace in Ukraine – included with mailing of this brochure – articulating a basis for the end of hostilities between Russia and Ukraine. The Platform accepts (in lieu of all other historical and/or cultural precedent) the territorial limits mutually agreed upon dissolution of the former Soviet Union, acknowledges both the Russian and Ukrainian “peoples”, and asserts that the rights of nation-states are limited to those necessary to fulfill the purpose for which the nation-states are recognized in international law.

The Board recommends the Platform for Peace to the Association’s members. We ask that members scrutinize each of the seven Articles separately, irrespective of any predisposition. The Platform for Peace will be posted on the Association’s website to allow for member comment.

PKSCA is, and always has been, dedicated to the well-being of our comrades in Khabarovsk. The Board believes that adherence to the principles espoused in the Platform for Peace (which would not infringe upon Russian culture or autonomy) represents the best path to prosperity for all peoples.

All PKSCA members are welcome to attend and participate in monthly Board meetings. Please renew your membership by mail or online at

<https://pkzca.org/membership/>

Thomas R. Benke, President

ABOUT KHABAROVSK

KHABAROVSK (HA-BA-RUVSK) IS PORTLAND'S SISTER CITY IN THE RUSSIAN FAR EAST. OUR CITY HISTORIES HAVE MANY SIMILARITIES. KHABAROVSK, AN INLAND PORT CITY ON THE CONFLUENCE OF TWO MAJOR RIVERS, FOUNDED IN 1858, OFFERED EASTWARD PIONEERS ABUNDANT NATURAL RESOURCES: GOLD, TIMBER & SALMON. NAMED FOR THE 17TH CENTURY EXPLORER YEROFYEV KHABAROV, KHABAROVSK IS A TERRITORIAL CAPITAL, POPULATION 800,000, AND A MAJOR CENTER OF INTERNATIONAL CULTURE & COMMERCE. KHABAROVSK, LOCATED ON THREE HILLS OVERLOOKING THE AMUR RIVER, WAS FIRST ESTABLISHED AS A MILITARY OUTPOST IN 1651, DURING THE FIRST WAVE OF RUSSIAN COLONIZATION. IT GAINED IMPORTANCE IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY AS A TRADING OUTPOST AND TODAY IS ONE OF THE MOST PROMISING CITIES OF THE RUSSIAN FAR EAST.



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2024
MEMBERSHIP

What is PKSCA?

The Portland-Khabarovsk Sister City Association (PKSCA) was formed June 10, 1988 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization to foster international friendship through cultural & educational exchange and to facilitate social & economic ties between the citizens of our two communities. We are a self-governing board operating under a city ordinance which requires us to be both financially independent of and accountable to the Mayor of Portland. PKSCA is entirely dependent on contributions from its members, supportive businesses and organizations, and fund-raising events. (nonprofit EIN = 93-0981758)

PKSCA is governed by a Board of Directors. (Honorary Directors are designated from time to time for their service in achieving the PKSCA mission.) A Board member serves a three-year renewable term, participating in scheduled meetings and helping to further the PKSCA mission. Board members nominate candidates to fill vacancies on the Board, with a simple majority vote needed for approval. *If you have an interest in serving on the Board, contact PKSCA President Thomas Benke trbenke@me.com*

Board of Directors meetings are at held on the last Tuesday of most months, beginning at 6:30pm and adjourning around 8:00pm. Meetings are open to the public. Check the PKSCA website www.pkscas.org/monthly-meetings for meeting and event venues as well as for Zoom links facilitating virtual participation.

OFFICERS

Thomas Benke, President
Shireen Farrahi, Vice President
Martha Hickey, Secretary
Patti Pulliam, Treasurer

AT-LARGE DIRECTORS

Alan Ellis

2024 EVENT SCHEDULE

January

- 25 Book Club 7:00 pm –Zoom***
- 30 Board Meeting 6:30 pm – City Hall* / Zoom**

February

- 27 Board Meeting 6:30 pm – City Hall* / Zoom**

March

- 8 International Women’s Day *time and venue TBA*
- 26 Board Meeting 6:30 pm – City Hall* / Zoom**
- 28 Book Club 7:00 pm –Zoom***

April

- 25 Elbe Day celebration *time and venue TBA*
- 30 Board Meeting 6:30 pm – City Hall* / Zoom**

May

- 28 Board Meeting 6:30 pm – City Hall* / Zoom**
- 30 Book Club 7:00 pm –Zoom***

June

- 25 Board Meeting 6:30 pm – City Hall* / Zoom**

July

- 25 Book Club 7:00 pm – Zoom**

August

- 27 Board Meeting 6:30 pm— City Hall* / Zoom**

September

- 24 Board Meeting 6:30 pm – City Hall* / Zoom**
- 26 Book Club 7:00 pm – Zoom**

October

- 29 Board Meeting 6:30 pm – City Hall* / Zoom**

November

- 10 Bridge to Russia *time and venue TBA*
- 19 Board Meeting 6:30 pm— City Hall* / Zoom**
- 21 Book Club 7:00 pm – Zoom***

* If permitted by pandemic protocols
** pkscas.org/monthly-meetings/
*** pkscas.org/book-club/

2024 PKSCA MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Please check here if you would NOT like to be included on PKSCA’s email list to receive information and reminders for PKSCA activities. Address information is for PKSCA internal organizational use only and will NOT be given to any third party.

Membership Category:

Corporate (\$250) _____

Sustaining (\$100) _____

Family (\$50) _____

Individual (\$30) _____

Student (\$15) _____

**PKSCA membership is on a calendar-year basis. Please make check payable to PKSCA and mail, with form, to:
PO Box 80651, Portland OR 97280-1651**

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