

A MESSAGE FROM THE PKSCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Since the Russian Federation's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 the war has naturally presented challenges for the Portland-Khabarovsk Sister City Association. Nevertheless, we continue to maintain our relationship with Khabarovsk because by our example we feel we can demonstrate that **Peace is Possible.**

The fundamental role of sister city relationships was highlighted in our June 6, 2024, annual Sister City report to Portland City Council. As Mayor Wheeler said in his supportive follow-up remarks, "The reason this entire Sister City program was created was exactly for moments like this, when people, when nations, were not seeing eye to eye. When the world was at risk of chaos led by political leaders, that the people would still have an open line of communication and an opportunity to share, so that rather than demonizing people based on the politics of their leadership we can actually see the value of them as fellow humans." With Member support, THIS is why PKSCA continues to exist.

In 2025, the Board will continue engaging with Association Members on a regular basis with events like the recent Amber Autumn receptions at Kachka restaurant. Members are the life blood of any Sister City relationship, and so the Board of Directors is especially grateful for your continued support as we soon enter a new year that will hopefully bring with it a just peace for Ukraine, Russia, and the rest of the world. Please renew your membership by mail or online at <https://pkzca.org/membership/>

Shireen M. Farrahi, 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 Yerofyey 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.



PORTLAND-KHABAROVSK SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION

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2025
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 Shireen Farrahi at farrahis@comcast.net*

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

Shireen Farrahi, President
 Alan Ellis, Vice President
 Martha Hickey, Secretary
 Thomas Benke, Treasurer

AT-LARGE DIRECTORS

Patti Pulliam

2025 MEETING SCHEDULE

- January**
 - 28 Board Meeting 6:30 pm – Zoom**
 - 30 Book Club 7:00 pm – Zoom***
- February**
 - 25 Board Meeting 6:30 pm – Zoom**
- March**
 - 25 Board Meeting 6:30 pm – Zoom**
 - 27 Book Club 7:00 pm – Zoom***
- April**
 - 29 Board Meeting 6:30 pm – Zoom**
- May**
 - 27 Board Meeting 6:30 pm – Zoom**
 - 29 Book Club 7:00 pm – Zoom***
- June**
 - 24 Board Meeting 6:30 pm – Zoom**
- July**
 - 31 Book Club 7:00 pm – Zoom***
- August**
 - 26 Board Meeting 6:30 pm — Zoom**
- September**
 - 25 Book Club 7:00 pm – Zoom***
 - 30 Board Meeting 6:30 pm – Zoom**
- October**
 - 28 Board Meeting 6:30 pm – Zoom**
- November**
 - 18 Board Meeting 6:30 pm – Zoom**
 - 20 Book Club 7:00 pm – Zoom***

** pkscas.org/monthly-meetings/
 *** pkscas.org/book-club/

2025 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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