

A MESSAGE FROM THE PKSCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Russian Federation's ongoing military aggression in Ukraine presents existential issues for the Portland-Khabarovsk Sister City Association. The PKSCA Board of Directors has decided to continue Portland's relationship with Khabarovsk as a reminder, if nothing else, that Peace is Possible.

The PKSCA Board of Directors' core mandate is to preserve and continue this deeply meaningful and productive 35-plus year relationship. While it is hard to conceive of an imminent return to any semblance of "normalcy," unforeseen events throughout world history consistently demonstrate that anything is possible. As the editor of *Russian Life* magazine stated in the current issue: "A hundred years ago, few might have thought that the world's ruling empires would crumble, that Fascism and then Communism would collapse, that monarchs and apartheid would fall, and the gulags would be opened." This next year might very well yield another such example.

In 2026, the Board will continue engaging PKSCA members via monthly meetings on Zoom (Board, Book Club, Movie Club) as well as in-person social and cultural events. Active participation and annual membership donations are the life blood of PKSCA, and the Board of Directors is very grateful for your support. To start or renew a membership, fill out the attached form and mail it with your check or pay by credit card on our website via PayPal. We encourage you to explore the website for insights into PKSCA's mission, past and present. We also invite you to consider joining the Board of Directors in 2026.

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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2026
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.pkscs.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

2026 MEETING SCHEDULE

January

- 27 Board Meeting 6:30 pm – Zoom**
- 29 Book Club 7:00 pm – Zoom***

February

- 24 Board Meeting 6:30 pm – Zoom**
- 25 Movie Club 7:00 pm

March

- 26 Book Club 7:00 pm – Zoom***
- 31 Board Meeting 6:30 pm – Zoom**

April

- 28 Board Meeting 6:30 pm – Zoom**
- 29 Movie Club 7:00pm

May

- 26 Board Meeting 6:30 pm – Zoom**
- 28 Book Club 7:00 pm – Zoom***

June

- 24 Movie Club 7:00 pm
- 30 Board Meeting 6:30 pm – Zoom**

July

- 30 Book Club 7:00 pm – Zoom***

August

- 25 Board Meeting 6:30 pm — Zoom**
- 26 Movie Club 7:00 pm

September

- 24 Book Club 7:00 pm – Zoom***
- 29 Board Meeting 6:30 pm – Zoom**

October

- 27 Board Meeting 6:30 pm – Zoom**
- 28 Movie Club 7:00 pm

November

- 17 Board Meeting 6:30 pm – Zoom**
- 19 Book Club 7:00 pm – Zoom***

2026 PKSCA MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

PHONE _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

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 tax-deductible check payable to PKSCA and mail, with form, to: PO Box 80651, Portland OR 97280-1651

The Portland-Khabarovsk Sister City Association (PKSCA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to fostering international friendship and understanding through cultural, educational and professional-technical exchanges. We are governed by an all-volunteer board operating under a city ordinance which requires us to be both financially independent of and accountable to the Mayor of Portland. All our programs are funded by donors and grants, not by the City of Portland.