



PACT'26 – Meeting #1

Thursday, January 15, 2026

8:00 – 10:10 PM

Participants:

Andrzej (NJ), Andrzej (OR), Gienek (MO), Halina (LI), Jola (MI), Jurek (FL), Krzysiek (IL), Mirek (IL), Paulina (CA), Marek (MO), Piotr (MO), Tomek (OH), Zbyszek (LI)

This meeting did not take place on Jan. 8, as planned because the PAC monthly presidents meeting was held on that date.

What has happened since our last meeting?

- Jurek informed us that so far 10 cabins have been booked for the integration cruise in March.
- No one knows a lawyer who would have the knowledge about academic foundations that Dr Krystyna asked us for. It was advised to search for these specialties on the internet.
- Tomek (OH) did not receive a response to his letter to Senator Moreno.
- Mirek (IL) sent a legislative status, confirming Tomek's (DC) earlier opinion on The Exclusive Citizenship Act, introduced by Senator Bernie Moreno from Ohio.
- Ela (NM) sent info and her opinion on the 2013 Tax agreement between Poland and the USA.
- At the meeting, organized a week ago by PAC VPs for American and Polish Affairs, Andrzej's (NJ) proposal re Polish parishes was discussed. Mr. Kolodziej intends to appoint a team to deal with this matter. Ryszard (LI-NY) would like this team to also monitor the condition of Polish Saturday schools, which in most cases operate thanks to churches and with their support. It is worth mentioning that unlike the previous PAC President who did not attend Tim/Bozena's meetings, our new President was present at this first meeting between the newly elected EC and the Presidents of PAC organizations.
- Jola received a recording of the meeting mentioned above.
- No one sent comments or suggestions for the column that Zbyszek (IL-NY) prepared on what connects Poland and Italy, for the Italian version of the Brochure about Poland.
- Roman Korzan (DC) sent the unanimously adopted PAC resolution on WWII Compensation to the ND Forum, apparently expecting further action.
- John (NJ) resubmitted his proposal to organize a campaign on Capitol Hill and contact law makers (as Prof. Bajdek did by issuing Legislative Alerts) to help Poland obtain lower prices for American weapons.

What we talked about:

- Report from the last meeting was read and commented on.
- Receiving a pension from work in Poland – confirmation of termination of employment is required. Piotr (MO) - we should try to change this law.
- Saving Polish Churches – Andrzej's (NJ) initiative. Tomek (OH) recalled how parishioners successfully saved St. Casimir church in Cleaveland. Gene (OH) recalled a similar successful joint effort to save a church in Saint Louis. Zbyszek (IL-NY): much depends on the determination and ingenuity of the parishioners.
- Helping Poland to modernize her armed forces - John's (NJ) initiative.

What was decided:

- It was confirmed that PACT will not become an organization. PACT participants want it to remain an informal, open forum.
- Jola will resend the flyer about the integration cruise on NDs Forum.
- Zbyszek will ask his congressman why the 2013 Tax Treaty has not been ratified by the US.
- Teams will be established to deal with the double taxation treaty and the requirement to cease employment in order to receive a pension in Poland.

Next meeting: PACT'25 > Thursday, January 22, 2025, at 8 PM ET

AGENDA: this report will be read and commented on + current events.

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