



**PACT'25 – Meeting #1**  
Thursday, January 2, 2025  
3–6:05 PM

Participants:  
Andrzej, Dr. Andrzej, Halina, Irena, Jacek,  
Janusz, Jola, Jurek, Krzysiek, Ryszard,  
Tomek, Zbyszek.

Wishing you a New Year filled with love,  
health, achievements and joy.  
The future is a blank canvas, and 2025 is our  
chance to paint it beautifully.

### **What has happened since our last meeting?**

- Secretary Steve Flor did not answer Andrzej's question "how he intends to verify the eligibility of candidates for EC (it is his responsibility, as mentioned in Article III p-t 3 c of By-laws).
- Tomek was invited to the Polish Consulate for the "Opłatek" celebration on December 12, and was surprised that no one from EC was there. He met Anna Wieciuk from PAC-Michigan who is a friend of Mr. Walewender.
- Krzysiek met with Sylwia Gładkowska, President of PAC- Arizona and Tomek Niemyjski.
- Krzysiek sent us corrected CV of Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz.
- Jurek told us that PM Orban was at Mar-a-Lago in Florida Monday and Tuesday (Dec.30-31).
- Dr. Gene was invited to the White House on Monday, Jan. 6 for the signing ceremony of the bill repealing WEP and GPO.

### **We talked about:**

- Report from the last meeting was read and commented on.
- How to educate Americans about what is happening in Poland.
- How many Polish churches were actually closed. Władek's info, 300 were questioned.
- Again, about Armstrong and Mazurkiewicz. Everyone agreed that John Armstrong would be an excellent as a deputy secretary of State.
- The merits of Józef Krutul and Edward Cyran ca. 15 years ago in the context of the recent successful activity of Dr. Gene Sokolowski.
- When and where we could meet in person. Perhaps after Easter which falls on April 20.
- PNA and its importance for the image of the PAC of which Krzysiek is convinced.
- Res. on the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WWII. We tried to find out if this had ever been done. Zbyszek's discovery after the meeting: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/house-concurrent-resolution/226/text>
- Publications presented by zk: the bimonthly "Weteran" published by the Polish Army Veterans and Thaddeus Kosciuszko, textbook for primary school students.

### **What was decided:**

- To send a letter to the EC regarding the eligibility of those wishing to take part in the elections.
- We will only begin inviting candidates to EC once we receive a response on eligibility.
- Jola will talk to her Rep. about presenting the Wołyń exhumation case in Congress.
- To imitate an interesting PAC-Arizona project "Mentoring Polonia youth" in our divisions.
- Jola invited us to participate in the 80th Anniversary of PAC-Michigan on March 9.
- Jola will try to organize the next "Opłatek" together with other organizations.
- Zbyszek will probe Rep. Suozzi office re the possibility of preparing a Resolution on the 80th anniversary of the end of WWII.
- Jola will find out about availability of Thaddeus Kosciuszko textbooks for Polish Saturday Scholls.

**Next meeting:** PACT'25 > Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 3 PM EST via Skype.

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

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## PACT'25 – Meeting #2

Thursday, January 9, 2025  
3–6:06 PM

### Participants:

Andrzej, Dr. Andrzej, Edmund, Halina,  
Jacek, Janusz, Jola, Jurek, Krzysiek,  
Tomek, Zbyszek.

[Bermuda, Horseshoe Bay](#)  
with pink beach

### What has happened since our last meeting?

- VP for American Affairs Tim Kuzma and VP for Polish Affairs Bozena Kaminski announced that their first Zoom meeting of the year for Divisions and National Organizations Presidents will take place on Tuesday, January 21 at 8 PM .  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81624747165?pwd=8MSH00s4V7tvOPnjJMmdcQ5gmEPw7k.1>
- Andrzej received from Mr. Kuzma the qualification requirements for candidates for EC (from the amended By-laws).
- President Duda will not come to President Trump's inauguration according to Jurek.
- President Andrzej Duda announced that Netanyahu will not be arrested when he comes to Poland to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of liberation Auschwitz. PM Netanyahu is wanted by the International Court for genocide in the Gaza Strip.
- The port in Szczecin was sold to Germany today by PM Tusk.
- Halina found a cruise to Bermuda in March where we can go on vacation and meet up.

[NCL Links Micro-website](#)

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Hope you can join us

My consultant is Chad- contact below

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### We talked about:

- Report from the last meeting was read and commented on.
- Pulaski bookmark. It was read and Krzysiek's additions/changes were discussed.
- President Trump's inauguration. Details of participation were presented. Jola, her husband and 2 PAC-Michigan memebers plan to go to D.C.
- Candidates for vacant EC positions. You have to be ND for min. 2 years which limits our options.
- Polish News Chanel (Kanał) 0 on You Tube. Edmund recommended watching.
- The end of WWII in Europe. How Americans perceive the beginning and end of WWII.
- Witold Rosowski. Edmund is trying to find him and we were trying to help him.

### What was decided:

- To ask Mr. Kuzma who can sit on the Nominating Committee and who approves them. .

**Next meeting:** PACT'25 > Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 8 PM EST via Skype.

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**Participants:**

Andrzej, Dr. Andrzej, Halina, Irena, Jacek, Jola, Jurek, Krzysiek, Marek, Zbyszek.

**Pictures for bookmarks:**



**Tadeusz Kosciuszko**

[kosh-choosh-koh]

1746-1817

National Hero of the US and Poland

A great man truly ahead of his times.      Called

“The purest son of liberty” by Thomas Jefferson

**Kazimierz Pułaski**

[\[ka'zimjɛs pu'waski\]](#)

1745 – 1779

National Hero in both the US and Poland. Saved the life of [George Washington](#).

Called "The Father of the [American cavalry](#)".

**What has happened since our last meeting?**

- Jola, her husband and several other of PAC-Michigan members are ready to travel to Trump's inauguration. They will go there on Saturday and return on Wednesday. We would love to hear about her adventure.

**We talked about:**

- Due to the large amount of time spent on discussing Trump's inauguration and the subsequent failure of my laptop, the report from the last meeting was not read.
- A trip to Trump's inauguration was discussed. We had fun bringing up expected situations. Jola described how to check hotel beds for bedbugs. Andrzej checked the weather: bitter cold is expected from 31 during a day to 8 at night degrees F on Monday (inauguration day).
- Pułaski bookmark. Zbyszek read it after Dr. Gene's corrections. Several improvements were proposed and will be implemented.
- Making our publications more attractive. Zbyszek showed a simple blue-white-red frame for Kosciuszko bookmark and the same will be done for Pułaski. The brochure about Poland will be entirely surrounded by a blue frame on the inside and the columns will be separated by a blue line. The proposals were accepted.
- The US blocked Poland's access to advanced AI computer chips (Gienek sent the info).
- Breaking the law in Poland (Andrzej showed us what he found).
- Mosbacher's visit and meeting with Trzaskowski in Warsaw.
- National Polonia Foundation. Halina reminded us about her idea.

**What was decided:**

- Andrzej will suggest to Mr. Kuzma to postpone Tuesday's meeting due to the inauguration and therefore some presidents of PAC division may be absent.

**Next meeting:** PACT'25 > Thursday, January 23, 2025, at 3 PM EST via Skype.

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Participants: Andrzej, Dr. Andrzej, Jacek, Janusz, Jola, Jurek, Krzysiek, Ryszard, Tomek, Zbyszek.

Podczas posiedzenia XI kadencji 29 października 2024 r. Senat RP podjął uchwały w sprawie ustanowienia roku 2025 Rokiem ks. prof. Józefa Tischnera, Marii Pawlikowskiej-Jasnorzewskiej, Władysława Stanisława Reymonta oraz Wojciecha Jerzego Hasa.

**Przypomnijmy sobie czym się zasłużyli:**

W 2025 będzie obchodzona 25. rocznica śmierci. jednego z najważniejszych polskich filozofów, duchownych i intelektualistów, ks. Józefa Tischnera. To wybitna postać polskiej filozofii i duchowości, przez całe życie budował mosty między różnymi środowiskami i nurtami umysłowymi.

9 lipca 2025 r. będzie obchodzona 80. rocznica śmierci jednej z największych polskich poetek Marii Pawlikowskiej-Jasnorzewskiej (1891-1945). Napisała ok. 500 wierszy, 20 sztuk teatralnych oraz kilkanaście słuchowisk radiowych. Jej wiersze wykonywane były jako piosenki m.in. przez Ewę Demarczyk, Annę German, Irenę Santor, Czesława Niemena, Halinę Kunicką, Krystynę Jandę, Marylę Rodowicz, Marka Grechutę, Annę Marię Jopek, Turnaua, Kayah, Natalię Kukulską."

W 2025 r. minie 100. rocznica śmierci Władysława Reymonta – laureata Nagrody Nobla w dziedzinie literatury, którą Akademia Szwedzka przyznała mu 13 listopada 1924 r. za powieść „Chłopi”. Zdobył popularność dzięki powieściom „Ziemia Obiecana” i „Komediantka”. „Uniwersalna, ponadczasowa treść „Chłopów” sprawiła, że przetłumaczono powieść na 29 języków,

W 2026 przypada setna rocznica urodzin Wojciecha Jerzego Hasa (1925-2000) – jednego z najwybitniejszych polskich filmowców. W jego dorobku są m.in. „Pożegnania”, „Rękopis znaleziony w Saragossie”, „Lalka” i „Sanatorium pod klepsydrą”. „Has sięgał do kanonu europejskiego dziedzictwa kultury i wypełniał swe filmy bogatą metaforą. Należał do gigantów światowego modernizmu, ale zarazem tworzył filmy arcywłoskie, zawsze podejmując dialog z rodzimą mitologią, kompleksami i politycznymi narracjami”

**What has happened since our last meeting?**

- Jola, Tomek and Jacek went to D.C for Trump's inauguration.
- Ryszard, Jurek and Janusz told us about Mr. Kuzma's meeting on Tuesday. PAC's letter from Trump on continued support for Ukraine was discussed.
- TV Republica organized a Ball and Conference in DC.

**We talked about:**

- 2 reports from 2 weeks were read and commented on.
- Trump's inauguration in D.C. Jola, Tomek and Jacek described the events in which they participated. Several people came from Poland. Among them were former PM Mateusz Morawiecki, and former Minister of Education Przemysław Czarnek.
- Candidates for the EC. Jola suggested Stella. She might be good for Treasurer. Jurek from Florida will run for VP for Polish Affairs. There are two candidates for president: Mark Pienkos and Tomek Niemyjski. Andrzej from New Jersey should be ready to run for VP for American Affairs.
- Pulaski bookmark. Krzysiek argued that is necessary to mention the Polish legions in Haiti and Kosciuszko.
- Halina's idea to establish the Polish-American National Foundation. Jola suggested that to be on the board; one must have Polish roots and in case of termination of activity, The money should go to Polish organizations. Everyone agreed that we should start by forming an organizing committee.

**What was decided:**

- Jola will contact Stella and try to convince her to run for a position in the EC.
- Krzysiek will prepare his proposal to include info about the Polish legions in Haiti and Kosciuszko in Pulaski bookmark.
- Zbyszek will invite Andrzej Tomek Niemyjski to join us on Thursday at 3 pm or week later on Wednesday at 8 pm regarding his candidacy for the president of the EC.

**Next meeting:** PACT'25 > Thursday, January 30, 2025, at 3 PM EST via Skype.

AGENDA: this report will be read and commented on first + current events. zk, 1/27/25

**PACT'25** – Meeting # 5    Thursday, January 30, 2025    3 – 6:20 PM    Participants: Andrzej, Dr. Andrzej, Halina, Irena, Jola, Jurek, Krzysiek, Leszek P., Mark P., Tomek, Zbyszek.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Barbara\\_Nowacka](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Barbara_Nowacka) Her Partner: [Adrian Zandberg](#), Maciej

As Minister of National Education, Barbara Nowacka has introduced many changes in Polish schools. The [cursed soldiers](#), historical personalities such as [Witold Pilecki](#), [Maximilian Kolbe](#) and events such as the [Greater Poland Uprising](#) have been removed from the curriculum. Also, any mentions of the [Wola massacre](#) and the [Volhynia massacre](#) have also been removed. Subjects such as human rights, the EU and the UN have instead received more space in the new curriculum.

Nowacka justified the changes as follows: "History shouldn't serve anyone's interests. Neither political, nor ideological. It can't be an instrument of creating separations or excluding some groups."

On the 27th of January 2025 Nowacka held a speech at the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz Death Camp. While reading from a script, she said that "under German occupation, Polish Nazis built concentration camps." Nowacka and PM Tusk claim it was a "slip of the tongue."

### **What has happened since our last meeting?**

- Jola convinced Stella from PAC-Michigan to run for EC Treasurer.
- The 80th Anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz was commemorated in Poland.
- German's newspapers were quick to quote Minister Nowacka's remarks about Polish Nazis.
- PAC President Frank Spula responded to Minister Nowacka's speech on behalf of PAC and Polonia. President of CPA Leszek Pawlik did the same. His statement was signed by several PAC divisions and Polish American organizations.
- Zbyszek invited officers of the PAC Executive Committee to join a PACT meeting: VP for Financial Development, Tomek Niemyjski and First VP, Dr. Mark Pienkos.
- PAC-LI held a meeting at the Polish American Museum in Port Washington on Sunday at 2 pm. Ryszard welcomed the participants, Halina introduced the distinguished guests, Zbyszek presented the projects and answered questions. Then a group of children sang Christmas carols and 3 members of the Oginski choir also sang. There was more singing at the reception that followed. More than 20 people showed up and three of them joined PAC-LI.

### **We talked about:**

- report from the last week was read and commented on.
- Leszek's proposal to organize a Conference inspired by Minister Nowacka's mistake. Dr. Andrzej rightly suggested that the Conference should be called "Falsifying History". He mentioned the late Gordon Black, a university professor of philosophy and ethics. Gordon was convinced that people's beliefs could be changed. One of his achievements was to get Gross to publicly admit that we do not really know the facts about Jedwabne until the exhumation. Presidential candidates plus Ms. Nowacka should be invited to the conference.
- PAC bookmark. Dr. Mark agreed that it would be beneficial to prepare such a publication.
- Tim's presidential informal monthly meetings on Polish and American affairs.
- PAC Elections in the fall. Dr. Mark: we should press EC to announce in advance who is running.
- What is necessary for the PAC to be effective and attractive. There are organizations that do not know about PAC and are very active. We should reach out to them and invite them to cooperate with us. Importance of communication and social media. We should have committees working on specific projects in coordination with the EC.
- Poland Caucus has only 14 members compared to 100 members for other ethnic groups.
- What needs to be done to bring new, energetic people to the EC.

### **What was decided:**

- Jola will propose to Mr. Spula to organize PAC Convention in Michigan this year.
- Zbyszek will start working on a PAC bookmark and will consult with the PACT group.
- Dr. Mark suggested asking Mr. Kuzma to put on the agenda what we would like to discuss, and Irena suggested asking for short minutes (there were no minutes so far).
- Halina would like to see a film made about the achievements of PAC on its 80th anniversary just as it was made on its 70th anniversary.

**Next meeting:** IOM'25 > Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at 8 PM EST via Skype.

AGENDA: this report will be read and commented on first + current events.    zk, 2/01/25



**IOM'25 – Meeting # 1**  
Wednesday, February 5, 2025  
8 – 11:50 PM

**Participants:**

Andrzej, Halina, Irena, Janusz, Jola, Jurek, Krzysiek, Tomek,  
Tomek N., Ryszard, Zbyszek.

Our efforts failed; Donald Trump nominated Thomas Rose as Ambassador to Poland. According to Indianapolis Monthly he is a "staunch conservative, a fervent Zionist, and an Orthodox Jew."

We did not have the IOM meeting In January because the first Wednesday fell on New Year's Day

**What has happened since our last meeting?**

- ~50% of 2024 email recipients responded to Zbyszek's request if they want to receive PACT/IOM emails in 2025: 9 PAC division presidents, 1 National VP, 6 other organization presidents, and 9 others wish to continue receiving information about weekly meetings.
- Zbyszek invited Andrzej Tomek Niemyjski, VP for Financial Development, to the PACT meeting.
- Jurek took part in the Blanka Rosenstiel's annual Polonaise Ball. Present during the brunch were, among others, Prof. Marek Chodakiewicz, Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz and Mr. Bogdan Klich, head of mission at the Embassy of the Republic of Poland (not yet approved by President Duda as ambassador). The 60 Million Congress this time did not take place on the same days; it will take place in March. The chairman Zbigniew Klonowski, was not present at the Polonaise.

**We talked about:**

- Report from the last week was read and commented on.
- PAC bookmark. Irena suggested grammatical corrections: use capital letters after colon and improve the description of why the delegates of organizations gathered in Bufalo in 1944.
- Action in Washington: visit to the offices of 535 legislators with the brochure about Poland plus Pulaski and Kosciuszko bookmarks. Two reasons why we are going: 1. To inform about Poland, 2. We would like legislators to consult us when decisions are made concerning Poland or Polonia.
- Potentially valuable candidates for EC positions. It was a long and informative exchange of views between the participants. The work of the current VPs was evaluated. Mr. Spula's candidates for President were assessed: Chmielewski and Cieromski.
- Committees/ teams to work with VPs on selected projects.
- Improving communication between the EC and divisions. Why the virtual office idea was rejected. Currently the tel. to PAC: 773 – 286-5047 is redirected to Mrs. Bozena Kaminski.
- An initiative by Tomek from Arizona aimed at encouraging and helping Polish students in finding jobs in legislative offices. There are currently 47 students in the PAC division.
- Tomek from Arizona raised twenty leaders. This is what he is most proud of.
- What does Poland expect from Polonia? Return to their homeland and help Polish businesses.
- National organizations and divisions belonging to the PAC. How many NDs can a division have.
- A task for the VP for Membership Development to establish PAC divisions in new states.

**What was decided:**

- We need to find good candidates willing to run for the positions of Vice President for Membership and Education in the EC.
- Zbyszek will implement the participants' suggestions in the PAC bookmark. Including Dr. Mark Pienkos as the contact person.
- Jola will try to convince her Congressman, John James, to join the Poland Caucus.

**Next meeting:** PACT'25 > Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 3 PM EST via Skype.

AGENDA: this report will be read and commented on first + current events. zk, 2/08/25

**Participants:**

Andrzej, Dr. Andrzej, Halina, Irena, Janusz, Jola, Jurek, Krzysiek, Tomek, Ryszard, Zbyszek.

**What has happened since our last meeting?**

- On Sunday, Halina and Zbyszek attended Piotr Rubik's concert at St. Kostka Church in Greenpoint as part of his North America tour.
- 85-th Anniversary of the first deportation to Siberia at the Polish Consulate in New York. Helena Knapczyk, 98, shared her experiences. According to Halina, about 100 people participated in it.
- Mr. Kuzma's meeting will take place next week on Tuesday at 8 PM ET.
- Jonathan Silverstein, former President of Polish Student Club at the University of Texas works in the congressional office. Tomek from Ohio found out about it.
- Zbyszek left messages for three PAC division Presidents: Jim Lawicki - Northwest NY, Tom Mroczek - Central NY, Wiesiek Wierzbowski - East Massachusetts and asked them to personally join the weekly meetings or delegate someone. He also called Tomek Niemyjski to get a list of National organizations and to continue the conversation about the elections. Nobody replied.

**We talked about:**

- Report from last week was read and commented on.
- PAC leaflet (originally called a bookmark). Zbyszek presented the conclusions from the meeting with Andrzej and Krzysiek: depending on the recipients, different versions must be prepared.
- Candidates for PAC President. Ryszard believes that Dr. Pienkos would have more time to get involved, Jola is convinced that Mr. Niemyjski has more energy, ideas and knows Polish. The remaining participants in the discussion took a pragmatic position recalling that experience and contribution to the PAC would certainly be taken into account by voters.
- Mrs. Kaminski has contacts with the Chamber of Commerce. Possibility to raise money for PAC.
- Accomplishments and plans of the VP for membership and VP for Financial Development.
- Opinions about the VP for PR and her opinion about those who support "Flavor of Poland".
- Who American politicians respect/fear. It was recalled that Jonathan Jay Pollard gave Israel top-secret classified information, including the U.S. intelligence gathering process, its sources and methods, sentenced to life in prison, was released by Trump in 2020 and decorated by Netanyahu. Since moving to Israel, Pollard has advocated the relocation of Gaza Arabs to Ireland.
- Why PiS lost the elections according to Zbyszek's patriotic and conservative friend.
- Political situation before presidential elections in Poland.

**What was decided:**

- Jola will raise 4 issues during Kuzma's meeting: a letter to the new Ambassador, the PAC Convention in Arizona or Michigan, names of candidates for the EC and the NDs list.
- Zbyszek will invite Stella Szczesny to our next meeting to talk about the upcoming PAC elections.
- Zbyszek reminded to look for volunteers willing to visit the offices of 535 legislators in DC in March or April. We need 4 teams of 3-5 people each.
- Jola will find a person to call to PAC: 773 – 286-5047 to check this No. effectiveness.
- Krzysiek wants us to focus mainly on the Action Points during our meetings. Zbyszek, as a reminder, will pull out "What was decided:" from the reports from recent months.
- Jola will ask John James, her congressman to support the exhumation in Wolyn.
- Jola: the new archbishop of Detroit must receive a letter from Polona regarding the seminary.
- It should be suggested to the CPA to send a letter to Thomas Rose with congratulations and wording about Polish nation expressed by newly nominated Ambassador.
- Zbyszek will work on contacts with divisions, Andrzej will try to establish contacts with National Organizations.

- **Next meeting:** PACT'25 > Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 8 PM EST via Skype.

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**PACT'25** – Meeting # 7 = Thursday, February 20, 2025, = 8 – 11:35 PM = Participants:  
Andrzej, Halina, Irena, Jacek, Janusz, Jola, Jurek, Ryszard, Tomek, Stella, Zbyszek.

**What has happened since our last meeting?**

- On Saturday, the father of Andrzej Tomek Niemyjski, a well-known a very active volunteer in the Arizona Polonia, died.
- On Tuesday Tim Kuzma held his monthly meeting for EC members and presidents of divisions and national organizations.
- Yesterday, Andrzej, Krzysiek and zk worked on improving the PAC bookmark for politicians.
- Jola sent a letter to Congressman John James, asking him to support the exhumation in Wolyn.
- Zbyszek talked to Mrs. Stella Szczesny and invited her to our meeting.

**We talked about:**

- The report from last week was read and commented on.
- Winter conditions, snow and cold at participants' locations.
- Ravensbruck camp. Halina shared the project of an American woman.
- 5 plane tickets to Wroclaw. Tomek from Cleaveland, Ohio is planning a vacation with his family this Summer. Halina shared her experiences. Andrzej found tickets for \$1300 on Air Canada going to Poland and returning with Sweeden Airlines.
- 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first deportation to Siberia in NY Consulate. Halina told us about it.
- Tim Kuzma's monthly meeting. Main topic was what message should be sent to American political leaders after VP President Vance's speech. According to Mirek Niedzinski, there are 10k American soldiers in Poland and Romania, compared with 35 k in Germany. The possibility of holding the PAC Convention in a location other than Chicago was discussed. Tim suggested reminding President Trump of his promise to invite the PAC to the White House. in addition to the 7 officers, 9 Presidents participated in the 1.5 h meeting. Next meeting is in 2 weeks, not in a month.
- PAC bookmarks. Zbyszek presented and read the version for politicians which was improved by Andrzej, Krzysiek and him. He also showed and read his preliminary draft for Polish Americans.
- Stella shared her ideas: to have a plan, news for members, better communication, VPs should be active not just hold titles. What might she do if elected to the VP for Cultural Affairs.
- Difficulties in communicating with some divisions. Zbyszek complained that after repeated phone calls and emails, he received no response from divisions in: Arizona, Boston, Buffalo and Central NY. We need to find ways to contact them because they can bring 12 ND to the PAC Convention.
- Visiting legislators' offices in D.C. Jacek found an inexpensive Econo Lodge Metro in Arlington:  
[https://www.choicehotels.com/en-uk/virginia/arlington/econo-lodge-hotels/va166?gal=undefined&gmp=MetaOrganic&gpa=GPADSAPR2&hmGUID=35482eb0-0577-48e9-b82b-a7bd19d7e4ad&mc=HAGOHPUS&meta=PMFGPADUSSAPR2\\_VA166\\_localuniversal\\_US\\_3\\_mobile\\_2025-04-07\\_selected\\_organic&pmf=hpagoogole&product=localuniversal&adults=2&checkInDate=2025-04-07&checkOutDate=2025-04-10&ratePlanCode=SAPR2](https://www.choicehotels.com/en-uk/virginia/arlington/econo-lodge-hotels/va166?gal=undefined&gmp=MetaOrganic&gpa=GPADSAPR2&hmGUID=35482eb0-0577-48e9-b82b-a7bd19d7e4ad&mc=HAGOHPUS&meta=PMFGPADUSSAPR2_VA166_localuniversal_US_3_mobile_2025-04-07_selected_organic&pmf=hpagoogole&product=localuniversal&adults=2&checkInDate=2025-04-07&checkOutDate=2025-04-10&ratePlanCode=SAPR2)
- How to contact Robert Kennedy. Wiesiek Wierzbowski was recommended by Jacek.
- Teaching children Polish. The importance of speaking Polish at home, vacations in Poland, Polish Schools. Meeting participants shared their opinions. Janusz was the principal of a Polish School in Connecticut for 12 years and noticed that only some parents and children took learning seriously.

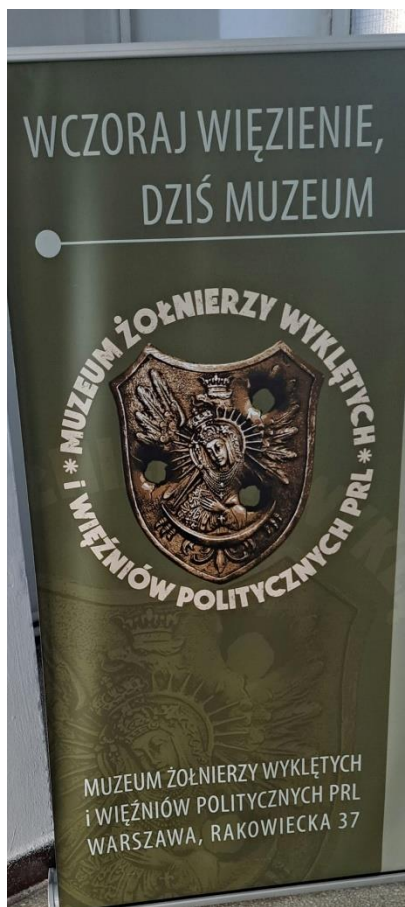
**What was decided:**

- Zbyszek will send condolences on behalf of the PACT group to Andrzej Tomek Niemyjski.
- We will most likely go to DC the second week of April (7-10) to deliver a Brochure about Poland, and 3 bookmarks: Pulaski, Kosciuszko and info about PAC to the offices of congressmen and senators. Zbyszek reminds us about this at every meeting and asks us to look for people willing to do so. To visit 535 offices, we need at least 4 teams of 3-5 people each.
- Jola changed her mind she will NOT check whether the tel. 773 – 286-5047 to PAC works.
- We did NOT have time to read the Action Points from the last months (zk compressed them to 2 pages) which Krzysiek asked us to focus on.
- Jola will try to help find info about the “rabbits” of Ravensbruck.

**Next meeting:** PACT'25 > Thursday, February 27, 2025, at 3 PM EST via Skype.

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**PACT'25 – Meeting # 8**  
 Thursday, February 20, 2025  
 3 – 6:01 PM

Participants:  
 Andrzej, Halina, Irena, Jacek, Janusz, Jola, Jurek, Krzysiek,  
 Ryszard, Tomek, Zbyszek.

### Poland – March 1st: The National Day of Remembrance of the

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 In this building the communists murdered Polish patriots



after first torturing them. Halina visited this place and was very moved/shocked.

### **What has happened since our last meeting?**

- Jim Lawicki responded to Zbyszek's message and asked Mr. Rusk to contact Zbyszek.
- Zbyszek spoke with Brian Rusk from the PAC-Western Division, and he accepted the invitation to connect to our meeting.
- Zk sent to the PACT group his proposal for an envelope (#10) in which the flyers will be placed.

### **We talked about:**

- Last week's report was not read. We expected Mr. Rusk to join us at any moment but unfortunately, he was too busy.
- Possible candidates for the EC, including Mr. Rusk.
- Difficulties in establishing contact with the following divisions: Arizona, Boston, Buffalo, Central NY and Northern New Jersey.
- Informing the PAC National Directors about the Action on Capitol Hill
- At the request of a Polish friend, we were wondering how to convey the research papers regarding diseases to Robert Kennedy, Secretary of Health and Human Services.
- We worked on a general PAC bookmark for politicians. Zbyszek prepared the first draft a month ago. Andrzej and Krzysiek helped to improve it a few days ago. During the meeting everyone had an opportunity to get involved and this work took up most of the meeting time.

### **What was decided:**

- To send a message about our Information Campaign to the ND Forum with an invitation to join us.
- To prepare a cover letter for legislators that explains who we are and why we are visiting them.
- To encourage members of the PAC Washington Division to participate in the action of visiting legislators' offices (Jacek' task).

**Next meeting:** IOM'25 > Thursday, March 6, 2025, at 8 PM EST via Skype.

AGENDA: this report will be read and commented on first + current events. zk, 3/3/25



**IOM'25** – Meeting # 2 Thursday,  
because of Ash Wednesday,  
March 6, 2025, 8 – 11:09 PM

Participants: Andrzej, Dr. Andrzej,  
Halina, Irena, Jacek, Jola, Jurek,  
Ryszard, Tim, Tomek, Zbyszek.

In the beginning of this meeting, Tim Kuzma, PAC VP for American Affairs shared with us his idea of Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill which he plans to take place in May.

### What has happened since our last meeting?

- Ryszard sent an email to ND Forum about the Info Campaign in DC planned in April by PACT.
- Zbyszek sent an invitation to Mr. Rusk to our meeting. He received no response.
- Only Mr. Tim Kuzma responded to Ryszard's email regarding the action in DC. He wanted to meet on Zoom with Ryszard and Zbyszek. Ryszard talked to him.
- Zbyszek suggested to Tim that it would be best if he joined the PACT meeting in the evening.

### We talked about:

- Information Campaign on April 7-10 and Advocacy Day on May 6-7. Zbyszek presented his concept of preparing the ground before going to congressmen's offices with political demands. He argued that educating all (and not just selected few) legislators about Poland, Polonia and PAC gives us a better chance to get their attention. Tim did not see it as a necessity. His plan is to hold meetings with ~20 of the most prominent legislators, such committees' chairs. He needs 5 teams, each of 3-person including someone who speaks English well. Tim promised to have the lobbying proposal ready within 2 weeks. Everyone agreed that the biggest challenge would be finding enough people willing to go to DC.
- Reports from 2 weeks ago and one week ago were read and commented on.
- Vacation in Poland. Tomek is going with his wife and 3 children for 3 weeks in the Summer. He found plane tickets for just \$1050. They plan to visit family and friends and explore Zakopane, Krakow, Warszawa and Gdansk
- No contact with PAC divisions in Arizona, Boston, Buffalo, North New Jersey, Central NY. Zbyszek is worried because they could potentially bring more than 12 NDs to the PAC Convention.
- Ukrainian rally of 500 people in Cleveland, Ohio. Tomek told us about this, about his speech and Marcy Kaptur's behavior.
- Constant presence in the minds of legislators. Jola and Krzysiek came up with a clever idea to periodically send info from the Polish Americans to all politicians. Who could and should do this - a discussion ensued.
- Chat GPT. Tomek mentioned an AI program that can help with writing letters, speeches, etc.
- Promotion of Poland in social media. Instagram a social platform particularly popular among the younger generation – recommended by Tomek.
- CNN production "Searching for Italy". Tomek is delighted with this series and recommended to watch. Promotion of Italy, something like "Flavor of Poland but on a commercial station (CNN).

### What was decided:

- To organize a special meeting dedicated exclusively to social media. Tomek will introduce us to various platforms.
- To prepare a short briefing for legislators on issues important to Polish Americans which would be sent periodically. A new project that will require a lot of work.
- To ask other airlines apart from LOT that fly to Poland if they would be interested to offer passengers to watch "Flavor of Poland" on their flights.

**Next meeting:** PACT'25 > Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 3 PM EST via Skype.

AGENDA: this report will be read and commented on first + current events. zk, 3/8/25





**PACT'25 – Meeting # 9**  
Thursday, March 13, 2025,  
3 – 5:53 PM

Participants: Andrzej, Halina, Jacek,  
Jola, Zbyszek.

I brought five 30 lbs. boxes from the printer house and 3 smaller. Since January, I have been working with Minuteman Press and Staples. In the meantime, we have continued to improve these publications.

### **What has happened since our last meeting?**

- Andrzej talked to Bozena/Celina Urbankowski and Wiesiek Wierzbowski and asked them to join us in preparing for the upcoming elections in the PAC.. Both are busy with their political activities: Celina works at the Republican Club to elect the Governor of New Jersey and Wiesiek helps elect Dr. Nawrocki as President of Poland.
- Jola told us about the successful 80th Anniversary banquet of PAC-Michigan. 175 people came including children. A Polonaise written especially for PAC was played.
- Information materials for politicians were printed: Brochure about Poland, Pulaski, Kosciuszko and PAC bookmarks, each 2,500 copies + 1000 envelopes. The cooperation with a local printing house lasted over a month. Printing cost: \$1677.
- Zk sent an explanation to ND Forum why an Information Campaign in DC is necessary. No interest.
- Upcoming Event: the 22nd Annual Tadeusz Kościuszko Conference of the American Association of the Friends of Kościuszko at West Point ([www.kosciuszkoatwestpoint.org](http://www.kosciuszkoatwestpoint.org)) April 25, 2025. Thayer Hotel, General Omar Bradley Room, West Point, New York 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### **We talked about:**

- A correction to PACT'25 Report # 7 (on teaching children Polish) was read out.
- The Report from the meeting from last week was read and commented on.
- PAC-Michigan Office. Jola and her husband Piotr showed us this place. We were full of admiration for the resourcefulness and commitment of Jola and her team.
- PAC-LI Open Meeting. Zbyszek shared the idea of organizing and announcing a meeting at the end of Mass, inviting people to come and share their concerns that possibly could be helped with. Also to find out what PAC-LI does. In addition to the board members 4 people came.
- Conference: "Independence immigration in the USA in the 1980's" in Summersville, West Virginia, June 4-6. Participants will be able to discuss past activities and reminisce.
- Boston Festival: [conta.cc/41r7nFg](https://conta.cc/41r7nFg)
- Polish American News: [www.polishamericancenter.org/PANews/March25.pdf](http://www.polishamericancenter.org/PANews/March25.pdf)
- P.O.W. ("Polska Organizacja Wojskowa) - a high school in Poland preparing future soldiers.

### **What was decided:**

- To distribute info in envelopes for graduates of Saturday Schools, similar to those prepared for politicians, but this time intended for both Polish youth and students (Zbyszek's idea).
- To encourage former Solidarity activists who will be having a Conference in Sommerville in June to get involved/ be useful for Polonia and Poland.
- Andrzej promised to connect to our meeting while relaxing under a palm tree on the beach during his vacation in Florida next week.
- In a month, Skype will no longer be available, we will switch to Microsoft Teams.
- PAC-Michigan intends to press Orchard Lake to rejoin the PAC plus also ask for a change in the requirements for Regents: they must be of Polish descent, be Catholic and 51% of them must belong to PAC.

**Next meeting:** PACT'25 > Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 8 PM EST via Skype.

AGENDA: this report will be read and commented on first + current events. zk, 3/14/25

**PACT'25 – Meeting # 10**  
Thursday, March 20, 2025 8 – 11:30 PM

Participants: Andrzej, Halina, Jacek, Jola, Jurek, Kasia, Krzysiek, Ryszard, Tomek, Zbyszek.

Tonight, we had a guest, Kasia from PAC-Illinois division.  
We hope she will connect with us when she can.

**What has happened since our last meeting?**

- Jola told us about the American tour of the famous Polish opera singer, tenor Bogusław Morka.
- Zbyszek continues to fill specially printed envelopes (at least 535 are needed) with Information materials for politicians Brochure about Poland, Pulaski, Kosciuszko and PAC bookmarks.
- Mr. Kuzma's meeting has been postponed to next Tuesday.

**We talked about:**

- The Report from last week's meeting was read and commented on.
- Polish Constitution Weekend May 2-4 in Cleaveland. Another organization is trying to take over this event from PAC-Ohio. Tomek encouraged us to visit PAC-Ohio website and Facebook.
- "Konferencja West Virginia 2025". Andrzej explained again that the aim of the Conference was to document activities of Solidarity members after immigration to the US and to reminisce about old times. He doubts that these people would be interested in getting involved in any activity again.
- Two projects that Kasia would like to work on. Tech companies' event at the White House. Recognition for their investments in Poland and for Polish Companies for investing in the US. Proclamation of Polish Heritage Month by President Trump. Interestingly, October is also considered as, Spanish and German heritage month.
- Candidates for Presidents in the PAC.
- Possibility of organizing the PAC Convention in Arizona.
- Conference in West Point. Ryszard told us about the Annual Tadeusz Kościuszko Conference of the American Association of the Friends of Kościuszko at West Point, April 25, 2025.at Thayer Hotel, General Omar Bradley Room, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- PAC-LI meeting in the Parish Hall after Mass. Too little of engagement of Polonia is the reason for the insufficient activity of PAC – Krzysiek's suggestion on how to approach the audience.
- Communication with Polonia via Social Platforms. Kasia: Facebook nowadays is rather for the older generation. Reach is the number of people visiting a given page. Tomek: there is very little space for text + it is important to define who we want to reach. Zbyszek: problem is finding a person responsible for constantly updating the info.

**What was decided:**

- Jola and Krzysiek will contact Sylwia Gładkowska and ask whether PAC-Arizona would be interested in organizing the PAC Convention in the Fall as proposed by Tomek Niemyjski.
- Ryszard plans to present PAC-LI projects and hold a QA session in the church right after Mass.
- Our organizations should strive to be active on social media platforms, such Instagram, X, TikTok.
- To continue to encourage participation in the Information Campaign in Washington, April 7-10. This is a wonderful opportunity to do something special, be useful and make a significant contribution to our community by educating congressmen and their staff about Poland, Kosciuszko, Pulaski and Polish American Congress. This action will be remembered for a long time. We will deliver a short, concise info to congressional offices that helps legislators and their staff get to know us. The idea behind this campaign is simple; politicians who know us will be much more open to listening to our requests in the future. Here are some suggested budget hotels to stay at: Double Tree Hilton or Metro Econo Lodge which are walking distance from the metro. For detailed info, please contact Zbyszek: [zkoral@aol.com](mailto:zkoral@aol.com) home tel. 718 – 343-4316.

**Next meeting:** IOM'25 > Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at 8 PM EST via Skype.

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



Participants: Andrzej, Dr. Andrzej, Halina, Jacek, Jola, Jurek, Kasia, Krzysiek, Tomek, Zbyszek.

**What has happened since our last meeting?**

- Zbyszek was unable to conduct the scheduled PACT meeting last week (Thursday, March 27) due to internet issues during his cruise from Bermuda.
- Sylvia, President of PAC-Arizona wrote a letter to the EC proposing that their division would like to host a PAC Convention in the Fall.
- Mr. Kuzma's meeting took place last Tuesday. Tim changed the meeting link and Zbyszek was waiting for the connection not knowing that.
- Kasia decided to postpone organizing a Tech event at the White House.
- Jola was invited to speak during the Chamber of Commerce convention in Krakow, April 25-28.
- The EC meeting took place yesterday. The Arizona division's offer to hold the Convention was declined. Mr. Kuzma was against it, he did not want to pay \$600 for the flight. Supposedly there would be no elections, although according to the By-laws they should be held this year.
- Zbyszek filled 600 envelopes with brochures and bookmarks, then tied them with rubber bands into bundles of 10 for easy distribution during Information Campaign on April 7-9.
- Kasia will be attending the Kosciuszko Foundation Dinner & Ball in Manhattan on Friday, April 26.
- Krzysiek: Richard Zablocki is planning to come to the event in West Point on April 25-26.
- Jola proposed to the OLS Regents to organize a picnic together with PAC Michigan.

**We talked about:**

- The Report from the last meeting 2 weeks ago was read and commented on.
- Vacations in Florida (Andrzej shared his experience) and a cruise to Bermuda. Zbyszek would not recommend Escape, a Norwegian Cruise ship, as it is too crowded (capacity 5000).
- The Kosciuszko Foundation which helped Kasia to study at the Jagiellonian University.
- How to encourage Polonia to be politically active. Dr. Andrzej mentioned that this was the main topic of the PAC conventions when they were held twice a year. Krzysiek: we must go beyond declarations and finally try something that might work.
- Importance of social media presence. Tomek: companies employ a person who is responsible for taking care of this currently important communication with the public. Tomek is the webmaster of two websites and posts on average of 3 posts on social media per week.
- PAC Arizona's offer for youth. Zbyszek showed their interesting email.
- Decorating eggs for Easter. Tomek gave us a quick lesson on how to prepare white eggs by rubbing them with vinegar, sticking a pin into a pencil and using hot wax on the side of a burning candle (preferably a colored one so it would be visible on the surface of the egg). Short straight strokes. Intense colors are essential. Dyes should be diluted in distilled water with a teaspoon of vinegar. The best are Ukrainian paints (dyes). They can be ordered on internet.
- Yesterday's EC meeting. Ideas for response were presented.
- What holds ethnic groups together. Krzysiek: churches are main centers that have been uniting communities for generations. For example: the Jewish diaspora is united by strong religious ties.

**What was decided:**

- Zbyszek will try to find out about the decisions taken yesterday by the EC.
- Jola was invited to represent Polonia and will go to the Chamber of Commerce Convention in Krakow, April 25-28.
- Zbyszek and Halina are traveling to Washington DC on Sunday to visit as many congressional offices as possible starting Monday, April 7.

**Next meeting:** PACT'25 > Thursday, April 10, 2025, at 3 PM EST via Skype.

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



## **PACT'25 – Meeting # 11 Thursday, April 10, 2025, 3 – 6:25 PM**

Participants: Andrzej, Dr. Andrzej, Halina, Jacek, Jola, Krzysiek, Tomek, Zbyszek.

### **What has happened since our last meeting?**

- Zbyszek and Halina went to Washington DC on Sunday. They stayed there until Thursday. On Monday Jacek with Adam Stepien visited 42 congressional offices (29 in Cannon and 13 in Rayborn). Halina and Zbyszek visited 86 offices (Cannon Bldg.). On Tuesday, Halina visited 49 and Adam with me 47 at Rayborn Bldg. Total 224 Representatives. On Wednesday, Halina visited 39 senatorial offices and Zbyszek 43, located in 3 buildings: Hart, Dirksen (which are connected), and Russel which is separate. A total of 82 Senators.
- Stella's husband passed away on Tuesday.
- Polish government plans to close TV Republica and TV24.
- Mr. Kuzma announced Advocacy Day on May 14.
- The PAC Convention will be held on October 16-17.
- Zbyszek talked to Irena, Gienek and Janusz.

### **We talked about:**

- The Report from the last meeting was read and commented on.
- Details of the Information Campaign. Halina and Zbyszek shared their adventure: how they were welcomed, how interested staffers were, design of offices, meeting with Americans for Ukraine ( a group of 600 people), using the stairs and elevators, waiting for over an hour to get to the Hart Bldg., walking through long corridors, the splendor of the places. Zbyszek used a carry on which was bull's eye. Jacek and Adam preferred to carry the envelopes and gifts prepared by Halina, in bags. Only in a few offices we were received rather coldly. The most enthusiastic staffers received gifts from us, specially prepared by Halina on this occasion. The check was easy, similar like to that at the airport, but not as rigorous (a bottle of water was ok, and documents were not checked). This action was exciting and extremely tiring.
- Decorating eggs for Easter. Jola shared an event she organized: 47 people showed up, not only Polish Americans, aged 6 to 96 and had a great time. Events like these can be used to encourage people to join their local PAC divisions.
- Another project. A version of information about Poland and Polonia for Polonia youth.
- PAC elections. 4 two-year term limits. Andrzej: there is always a chance, and we should present our candidates. We need reports from the 2016, 2017 and 2018 Conventions.
- Advocacy Day. What will the PAC stand for, just to support Ukraine? Nobody knows.
- Tomek's Facebook ad for the PAC-Ohio event and its distribution (which he paid for).

### **What was decided:**

- Andrzej, Krzysiek and Zbyszek will start working on a bookmark aimed at Polonia youth.
- Jola is preparing to speak about Polonia media and organizations during the Chamber of Commerce Convention in Krakow, April 26-28.
- Andrzej will ask the PAC divisions to support his request to Mr. Spula to react to the closure of TV Republica and TV24 by Polish government.
- Divisions should send a message that they want to get a budget before sending dues.
- We will not meet next week due to Holly Week.
- Andrzej and Zbyszek will try to test a new communication platform.

**Next meeting:** PACT'25 > Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 3 PM EST via Skype.

AGENDA: this report will be read and commented on first + current events. zk, 4/11/25



## PACT'25 – Meeting # 12

Thursday, April 24, 2025,  
3 – 6:04 PM

Participants: Andrzej, Halina, Jacek, Krzysiek,  
Ryszard, Zbyszek.

Easter in Central Park

### What has happened since our last meeting?

- Mr. Kuzma announced that his meeting on Tuesday, April 29 at 8 PM is open to anyone interested in participating in the PAC Action Day in DC on May 14.
- Mr. Spula responded negatively to Andrzej's request to oppose revocation of the broadcast license for TV Republica and TV24 by Polish authorities.
- Andrzej did not receive support from NDs for his request sent to Mr. Spula, which he expected.
- Ryszard is going with his son Paul for 2 days (April 25, 26) and Zbyszek with his wife Halina for one day (conference on Friday) to the annual event of the American Association of Friends of Kosciuszko in West Point organized by Prof. Anthony Bajdek, former PAC VP for American Affairs.

### We talked about:

- The Report from the last meeting was read and commented on.
- How to encourage Polish American youth to get involved in the organizational life of Polonia. Krzysiek presented his concept of making an attractive film. A possible scenario and distribution methods were discussed.
- How Americans look at us. Krzysiek talked about the influence of Hollywood films. He highly recommended the book by Prof. Stanislaw Biskupski "Hollywood war with Poland". According to Krzysiek, this book is a must see for Polonia. We were wondering, if this book has been translated into Polish. Zbyszek repeated what his son experienced in social study lessons.
- Envelope and Brochure about Polonia organizations. Zbyszek presented the first drafts. Ryszard suggested that museums and Polish Falcons be included in the Brochure. Krzysiek suggested Polish American Scouts. Zbyszek explained his understanding of what the PACT group is. Andrzej suggested rephrasing the PACT description.
- Why Andrzej's request was rejected. According to Krzysiek, the argument was formulated too strongly. Zbyszek explained the lack of support from the division presidents. This should be a lesson for the future.

### What was decided:

- Andrzej, Krzysiek and Zbyszek will start working on perfecting the brochure (not the bookmark) about Polish American organizations addressed to Polonia youth and adults.
- Andrzej suggested staying with Skype until it is switched to Microsoft Teams.
- Possible future project: taking a closer look at the way Polonia youth are taught at Saturday Schools. What could be improved.

**Recommended:** <https://www.amazon.com/Hollywoods-Poland-1939-1945-M-B-B-Biskupski-ebook/dp/B0078XFQE2>

**Next meeting:** PACT'25 > Thursday, May 1, 2025, at 3 PM EST via Skype.

AGENDA: this report will be read and commented on first + current events. zk, 4/25/25

