

PAC_IDC - Meeting #26 Wednesday – December 7, 2022 8 PM – 10:40 PM New York Time

Participants:

Andrzej, Dianne, Gienek, Halina, Jola, Jurek S., Kryisia, Krzysiek, Ryszard, Zbyszek

What has happened since the last Thursday meeting?

- Kryisia sent an email to George Wang, Legislative Assistant to Rep. Larson reminding why his boss should co-sponsor H.Res.664. The following points should convince Rep. Larson: the current situation in Europe, being part of Poland Caucus is obliged to support friendship between Poland and the USA, recalling historical facts has an educational dimension, his status among members of house would encourage other representatives to become co-sponsors.
- Zbyszek sent a reminder to Rep. Gregory Meeks and Marcy Kaptur, yesterday, Dec.6 that representatives of Polish American organizations would like to meet with them (the first request was sent on Wednesday, Nov. 23).
- Kryisia participated in the webinar “Memory and history” during which post-communist monuments were discussed. It was proposed to create a museum for them. It was attended by representatives of European countries previously controlled by the Soviets
- Klara sent a message to ND_Forum: “Would you like to share any recipes for traditional Christmas dishes for PAC social media?” The participants of the meeting agreed that the Polish American Congress, a political organization should be involved in more pressing matters such as WEP repeal, H.Res.664, Orchard Lake Schools (OLS).
- Jola talked to Dr. Paweł Zyzak, the new Consul General of the Republic of Poland in Chicago. He would like to meet representatives of Polish American organizations and Honorary Consul Richard Walawender. The main theme will be (OLS).

What we talked about:

- WEP. Dianne told us about a Congressional Budget Office (CBO) report that supports Gienek’s thesis that repealing the WEP will reduce the cost of SNAP benefits, saving the government 2 billion dollars over the next 10 years. Link to the CBO report: <https://www.cbo.gov/publication/58488>. Gienek again explained his proposal to exclude the lowest recipients of Soc. Sec. benefits from WEP. Dianne briefed us about on recent WEP developments.
- Meeting w/ Consul General Dr. Paweł Zyzak which took place on Nov.20 (we did not have time to talk about it a week ago). It was attended by 50 people, including Honorary Consul Dr. Wojciech Golik. The meeting lasted 1.5 hours. Gienek presented 9 issues: representation of Polonia in the Sejm and Senate, defending the good name of Poland, educational materials on Polish topics in American schools, H.Res.664, OLS, proportional method of calculating pensions in Poland, double taxation – pending ratification by the US Senate, closure of over 80 churches in Saint Louis. Katyń Monument.

Recommended by zk: <https://youtu.be/eEdBlhID61k> Polish snitch - our specialty

It was decided:

- to help Krzysiek Gajda to find cosignatories of the letter to Archbishop of Detroit

Next meeting: PACT’22 > Thursday, December 15, 2022 at 3 PM ET via Skype

AGENDA: this report will be read and its items discussed

zk 12/12/22

PAC_IDC - Meeting #25

Wednesday – November 2, 2022 8 PM – 11:34 PM New York Time

Participants: Andrzej, Gienek, Jola, Krzysiek, Zbyszek

„Ostatnio wolność słowa polega na mówieniu tego, co ktoś zdecydował, że wolno.”
(Lately, freedom of speech is that you can say what someone decided you could say)

What has happened since the last Thursday meeting?

- Katyń Monument is being dug around and under the granite blocks – Andrzej informed us about the details and concerns of experts.
- On Sunday afternoon (Oct.30), Krzysztof Gajda, President of the Polish Association of Texas, organized a second meeting on the situation at Orchard Lake Schools (OLS).
- Rep. Quigley (IL #5) sent his decision in writing: he will vote for H.Res.664, but will not be a co-sponsor. The info from Krzysiek.
- Zbyszek spoke with Owen Toomey, Legislative Advisor to Rep. Tom Suozzi and he learned that 8-9 thousand documents, during the Congress session, are waiting for a vote (no wonder that we have problems with obtaining co-sponsors for H.Res.664), a resolution or bill may be reintroduced at the next session of congress. Also, Zbyszek asked to consider co-sponsoring H.Res.1367 by Rep. Suozzi, which is a Discharge Petition to force a vote on H.R.82, a bill to repeal WEP & GPO.
- Terezin II was quietly planned with no media fanfare and started Nov. 2nd in Prague. Andrzej shared with us Wojtek's message.
- Efforts are underway to acquire co-sponsors for H.Res.664 (WWII Resolution) and H.Res. 1367 (Discharge Petition). Zbyszek sent a reminder on PAC_ND Forum about H.Res.664 and Wojtek to PASI members re H.Res. 1367.

What we worked on:

- Based on what is known, Andrzej, Jola and Zbyszek prepared a proposal of tasks for an inter-organizational group that should be formed to deal with OLS matters:
 - writing a letter to Archbishop Allen Vigneron asking him not to liquidate the Seminary that will be signed by several Polonia organizations (the letter has already been prepared by Polish American Association of Texas and the proposed group could help in collecting signatures),
 - meeting with Regents by the Representatives of Polonia (after a careful planning),
 - searching for candidates for Regents.

What was decided:

- Information that Zbyszek received from the office of Rep. Suozzi will be checked by the participants of our weekly meetings by contacting their Representatives.
- Jola reminded about developing contacts with our congressmen.
- We should continue calling members of the Poland Caucus with a request to co-sponsor H.Res.664.
- This Sunday (Nov.6), there will be a meeting of activists representing several Polonia organizations. In addition to obtaining info on OLS from a variety of sources, the goal will be to establish a Coordination Team to address the Orchard Lake Schools issues.

Next meeting: PACT'22 > Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 3 PM ET via Skype

AGENDA: this report will be read and its items discussed

zk 11/08/22

PAC_IDC - Meeting #24

Wednesday – October 5, 2022 8 PM – 11:41 PM New York Time
Participants: Andrzej, Dianne, Gienek, Jola, Krzysiek, Ryszard, Tomek, Wojtek.

This meeting was moderated by Andrzej (as in the first Wednesday of September due to my presence in Poland).

The report was prepared based on recording.

What has happened since the last Thursday meeting?

- To date 42 Congressmen have signed the H.R.82 Discharge Petition.
[A discharge petition is a petition signed by the members of the House of Representatives to bring a bill from committee to the floor for consideration. A discharge petition requires the signature of an absolute majority of the members which is signature of 218 members. Discharge petitions are moved when the committees delay the reporting of bills thus making it not possible to discuss in the legislature.]
- Wojtek: the first Conference on the trial for the Katyń Monument will be held on 30 October. An additional \$ 20,000 will be required to cover the court fees. A person will be hired to help in our case.
- Tomek sent the list of members of Congressional Caucus on Poland.
- Former Regent, John Roland was arrested at Orchard Lake Schools during unveiling of the Józef Haller monument.

What topics were discussed:

- WEP & GPO repeal. Dianne informed us of the recently Discharged Petition that has been filed on Sept.30. Only 2 Democrats signed the Petition but they eventually withdrew their support. So the massive Democratic support for H.R.82 was a bluff. Nancy had nothing to add to the last Notes prepared for our meeting with Rep. John Larson. Only 42 Senators are cosponsors of S.1302. Senate Committees were examined. Wojtek: Rep. Nancy Pelosi does not want this bill to be backed by Democrats.
- H.Res.664. The letter to Director Badowski written by Zbyszek was mentioned.
- The Katyń Monument. The current situation and possible future scenarios were discussed. Jola asked about financial support for PASI efforts to save the Monument from being covered. She proposed drawing up a list of Polish American donors.
- Arguments for voting for and against in Polish elections were presented.
- Orchard Lake Schools (OLS). Jola presented the actions of Janusz Roland and the details of his arrest. Gienek referred to documents describing the laws governing non-for-profit organizations. It was reminded that the land of OLS belongs to the diocese.
- Annual meetings of CPA and KPA. These meetings may be interesting as CPA will be held in OLS and the PAC due to elections the next year.

What was decided:

- Gienek proposed and his idea of Inviting a Regent to the meeting of the Coalition of Polish Americans (CPA) was accepted.

Next meeting: PACT'22 > Thursday, Oct. 15, 2022 at 3 PM ET via Skype

AGENDA: this report will be read and its items discussed

zk 10/13/22

PAC_IDC - Meeting #23

Wednesday – September 7, 2022 8 PM – 11:41 PM New York Time

Participants: Andrzej, Dianne, Gienek, Jola, Krzysiek, Ryszard, Tomek,

This meeting was moderated by Andrzej and was recorded.

The report was prepared based on recording.

What has happened since the last Thursday meeting?

- The letter to Polonia was posted on the Orchard Lake Schools (OLS) website.
- The bill S.1302 (the repeal of WEP & GPO) was cosponsored by 2 consecutive Senators (42 in total). We need to convince at least 18 more.
- Jola called her Rep's DC office to co-sponsor H.Res.664 and is waiting for a response. She asked members of the Polskie Lobby to contact their congressmen.

What topics were discussed:

- WEP & GPO repeal. Dianne informed us about current situation: the petition was signed by 97,000 people (I checked, as of today: 101 thousand). The man who prepared the petition collects the emails of everyone who signed the petition, so he has an easy way to send updates to signatories. As of today (Sept.14), 299 congressmen have become co-sponsors of H.R.82. Just a reminder: there was a motion by Rodney Davies R (IL-13) on July 15 (Rep. who introduced H.R.82 on 01/04/2021) to put the bill on the Consensus Calendar.
- H.Res.664. Krzysiek reminded that only repeated daily calls to DC Rep's offices and leaving a message to the Legislative Aide could bring success. An Appeal to Polonia, a proposal for Frank Spula, originally prepared by Krzysiek was presented.
- Orchard Lake Schools (OLS). The letter to Polonia signed by Stephen Gross, Chairman of Board of Regents, was described by Jola as propaganda. According to her only a court trial can make the Regents transparent and cooperate with Polonia. Opening a separate branch for girls at HS helped OLS financially as tuition fees from HS for boys were not enough to cover all costs.
- How to engage Polonia in political and other activities. The following issues were discussed: cooperation between old and new generations, between organizations, how to arouse young people's interest in activities, and the positive impact of belonging to scouts. Jola mentioned that the largest percentage of Polish Americans lives in Michigan. It was mentioned that usually young people easily succumb to leftist propaganda, are negative towards the Church and generally do not like to get involved in anything offered by Polish American organizations. Most people need to be approached individually with ideas that can attract them.

What was decided:

- As suggested by Tomek, we should write about OLS in church bulletins, get PAC interested in the situation in this institution and renew contacts with John Cebrowski, as Gienek also proposed, and ask him to engage in negotiations with the Regents.
- We have to:
 - a) call our Senators to co-sponsor S.1302, and convince Polonia to get involved,
 - b) sign the petition to repeal WEP & GPO and share it with others:
<https://sign.moveon.org/petitions/elimination-of-the-unfair>
 - c) continue to acquire further co-sponsors for H.Res.664

Next meeting: PACT'22 > Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022 at 3 PM ET via Skype

AGENDA: will be announced

zk 9/13/22

PAC_IDC'22 - Meeting #22

these meetings are to exchange info and talk about projects
Wednesday – August 3, 2022 8 PM – 11:41 PM New York Time

Participants:

Andrzej, Gienek, Halina, Jola., Krystyna, Mariusz, Tomek, Wladek, Wojciech M., Zbyszek

We had an important guest. This meeting was recorded: go to Skype, address PACT'19.

What has happened since Thursday's meeting?

- Jola: yesterday an agreement was reached between the accusers of Orchard Lake Schools on the one hand and Fr. Król and the Regents on the other. It was a surprise that the process ended so quickly. It was expected to last for years. How much it cost has not been disclosed.
- Zbyszek sent a request to lobby Congressmen to sponsor H.Res.664 and Senators to sponsor S.1302. The message was posted on PAC ND, PASI and PACT mailing lists.
- Andrzej, Krzysiek and Zbyszek polished the script for the meeting with Rep. Larson
- Zbyszek talked with Fr. Piotr Rożek and Dr. Stanisław Śliwowski about their possible candidacy for Regents. After reflection, a few days later, Stanisław decided not to run, because he does not have time to fully engage in OLS affairs

What we talk about:

- Katyń Monument: Wojciech told us what he knows about recent matters re the Monument. We learned that: the project of beatification of the area around the Monument will cost 7 million dollars. The Monument will be covered with plywood to protect it. The Apron will be removed, as it is not stable. The pavement was once laid on sand and is removed without jeopardizing the Monument, as its base is concrete. His organization was promised access from the west, and the controversial benches will not be installed either. So far, the plans have not been updated. They have already talked to 5 city councilors no other group has done so. The recent PASI lawsuit did not help. Antagonizing of councilors will not help. The way of communication with councilors should be short and to the point. They are too busy with many other things. Andrzej's comment: Wojciech's organization isolated itself from Polonia, probably at the request of EPASID, so others do not know what Wojciech's organization is doing. Gienek: there are those who want a monopoly on suffering, which is why the Monument is under attack. Does the Board of Education recommend bringing students to the Monument, asked Krysia? Zbyszek: what will happen if Wojciech's expectations fail?
- The script for a meeting with Rep. Larson. Andrzej read the last draft. Krysia criticized the aggressiveness of the text.
- Orchard Lake Schools (OLS) and how they are administered. About anti-Polish attitudes of most Regents. There are 29 Regents, plans are to add another 3. 13 are pro-Polish. We learned about the original and current requirements to become Regent.

What was decided:

- Group working on the script of the meeting with Rep. Larson will have to meet again, this time with Krysia to make the script less confrontational.
- For 3 openings, it would be beneficial to find 10 potential candidates for Regents.
- Wladek proposed to find ways to strengthen Polishness in OLS,
- Jola reminded us: we shouldn't be afraid to ask questions to those who represent us,

Next meeting: PACT'22 > Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 3 PM ET via Skype

AGENDA: will be announced

zk 8/6/22

PAC_IDC'22 - Meeting #21

these meetings are to exchange info and talk about projects

Wednesday – July 6, 2022 8 PM – 11:08 PM New York Time

Participants: Andrzej, Gienek, Halina, Jurek R., Ryszard, Tomek, Władek, Zbyszek

This meeting was recorded. You can listen to it on Skype PACT'19.

What has happened since Thursday's meeting?

- Andrzej organized a Zoom meeting between Fr. Wróbel, KUL Professor and Polonia activists concerned about the Orchard Lake Schools (OLS).
- Ryszard sent us an article about OLS:
<https://www.polishweekly.com/2022/05/orchard-lake-regents-cancel-polish-fair-polish-seminary-michigans-polish-community-fighting-back-sunday/>
- Zygmunt wrote an article "Changes in the Polish arm forces":
<https://kuryerpolski.us/pl/Page/View/defense-24-poland-2022>
- Zbyszek took part in the Zoom meeting organized by PASI last Sunday to repeal WEP-GPO to which reps of American teachers were invited.
- Celina will share Halina's proposal with Krzysztof Nowak, Chairman of the Katyń Monument Committee to organize a demonstration.
- Jurek sent us Articles of Association (May 24, 1929), 4 amendments and 2015 By-Laws of OLS during the meeting.

What we talk about:

- Andrzej was asked to read the report from our last meeting and some points were corrected and some briefly discussed.
- We spent most of our time discussing the non-profit corporation: Orchard Lake Schools.
- Tomek shared the story of the successful fight for the church in Cleveland. An important lesson: the determination of the leader is the key to achieving the goal.
- Jurek described the situation in Detroit before and after the crisis in that city.
- How an organization can receive a donation from Poland.
- The Zoom meeting organized last Sunday by PASI on the repeal of WEP/GPO was interrupted by pornography and profanity. Jurek mentioned a similar incident during a press conference on the occasion of the visit of John Paul II in Poland in 1997. The recent one, which took place during the Smoleńsk report, was also mentioned. We wondered how this could be possible and how to prevent it.

What was decided:

- Gienek proposed to open a branch of KUL in OLS in order to preserve Polishness. Andrzej will check what Fr. Wróbel thinks about it.
- Władek repeated his initiative of helping Polish Mission/Institute in OLS by involving world-wide Polonia in artistic and educational projects, especially young people.
- Tomek will try to connect the leader of the fight for the church to our next meeting

Next meeting: PACT'22 > Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 3 PM ET via Skype

AGENDA: reading the report #21 (PAC_IDC), Katyn Monument, H.Res.664 and H.R.82, Orchard Lake Schools.

zk 7/10/22

PAC_IDC'22 - Meeting #20

Wednesday – June 1, 2022 8 PM – 10:37 PM New York Time

Participants: Andrzej, Andrzej P., Gienek, Halina, Peter, Ryszard, Wlodek, Zbyszek

We welcome the new participant Piotr Kornacki member of the PAC-Missouri's Board. As proposed by Krzysiek the meeting was recorded. You can listen to it on Skype PACT'19.

News from organizations:

- Polonia Technica: Victor Kiszkiel, President sent a link <https://www.szip.org.pl/> to the 5th World Congress of Engineers in Gliwice to be held on June 23-25;
- PAC-Missouri: Marek Waniolka and Gienek prepared a note in Polish and English which can be used as a press release informing about an attempt to cover the Katyn Monument by changing the surroundings. Piotr: they will organize a picnic whose main goal is to attract new members;
- PAC-New Jersey: Andrzej talked to Sławek Platta, esq. who returned from Poland. He will write a letter to the Jersey City Board and our task will be to gather the signatories. Andrzej also informed the Consulate about the situation re "improvements" around the Katyn Monument;
- The team that prepared the Katyń Lesson (Andrzej, Krzysiek, Zbyszek) finished editing the English version of the Katyń Lesson as suggested by Dr. Gene Sokolowski;

What we talk about:

- According to Gienek, it is the Speaker of the House who most likely decides whether a bill will be voted on. The number 290 would force Rep. John Larson to give his opinion. Teachers have fought to repeal WEP & GPO since 2001. Why they have not been successful yet? It only affects 2 million and that could be the reason;
- Whether moderator's permission is required and how one can join our meetings;
- John Czop is going to talk to Rep. McCarthy, Minority Leader about H.R. 82 and Res.;
- Captain Emil Kornacki, brother of Peter's father was one of the donors of Katyn Monument and his Virtuti Militari is placed on the pedestal;
- What we can learn from teachers, how they were able to get 270+ cosponsors
- Which words are moving Polonia? How to approach them to join a project. Wlodek: we should use the word „walka” because that mobilizes Poles. He proposed a phrase re H.R.82 „wspólnie razem zwyciężymy tym razem” (Together we will win this time);
- How to publicize the issue concerning the Katyń Monument;
- The last version of “Invitation to join Polonia's weekly meetings” was read and a few improvements were made.

What was decided:

- Gienek: a) We should develop close relations with American teachers and not work alone but together with them,
b) We must press Larson to give a favorable opinion on H.R.82,
c) We should convince McCarthy (minority leader) to be a co-sponsor;
- The name of Dr. Gene Sokolowski as editor will be added to the Katyń Lesson;
- Dr. Krystyna Zamorska will also be asked by Zbyszek to review the Katyń Lesson;

Next meeting: PACT'22 > Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 3 PM ET via Skype

AGENDA (proposal): reading and responding to report #20 (PAC_IDC), what was done re Katyn Monument, invitation to our weekly meetings, lobbying for H.Res.664 and H.R.82

zk 6/6/22

“communication and exchange of views can help in finding a compromise”

News from organizations:

- PAC-Long Island; Zbyszek presented a list of Events and Projects that he prepared for the Election Meeting of their division. The guests who attended this meeting open to the public were impressed and joined the division. He suggested that each division prepare a similar list as this could help raise members' morale, motivate them to be active and attract new members. The list is provided under the report.
- PAC-Michigan; Wladek received description of five cases when Poland's involvement changed the world's history. He only mentioned little-known details about the Polish pilots during the Battle of England and why their method of combat was so effective. This info can be used to attract new members to our organizations making them proud to be Polish.
- PAC-Missouri; Gienek proudly announced that website of their division's was already visited by over 100 thousand people and although Editorial Board decides what is published, he is the main driving force behind this project. <https://pacmissouri.org/>
- PAC-New Jersey; Andrzej summed up his commitment and shared what he knows about DeMarco's new attempts to minimize the exposure of the Katyn Monument. DeMarco is a developer who wanted to remove the Katyn Monument from its current location. Andrzej will observe moves of the City Hall and keep us informed about the situation.
- PAC-Ohio; Tomek told us about the successful 3rd May Parade organized by his division last Sunday. He showed us a short clip. It was not raining during the Parade, as they feared and everyone involved was satisfied with the financial success. Tomek has established promising contacts with valuable people who have expressed an interest in joining their division. Ukrainians were invited and participated in the Parade. Tomek talked to the president of their organization.

We wondered:

- what will be the best sender of the letter to congressmen concerning H.Res.664
- why organizations do not participate in these weekly open meetings.

What was decided:

- Zbyszek will prepare another text informing about weekly meetings and encouraging reps of organizations and non-members to join the meetings
- Zbyszek will send the link to the IRS E-form
- All who receive these reports should take part in the information campaign by telling others about these meetings
- Andrzej will send the info about the Katyn Monument and how we should react
- Wladek will send us the events that changed the world thanks to Polish actions
- All who receive these reports are asked to send important info to zkoral@aol.com, they will be forwarded to Gienek and he will decide together with the Editorial Board what to publish on the Missouri website

Next meeting: PACT'22 > Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 3 PM ET via Skype

AGENDA (proposal): what was done, Katyn Monument, information text about the meetings, distribution of the letter to congressmen re H.Res.664, rally in DC repealing the WEP, Ukraine zk (began to write in Bermuda at the Horseshoe Bay 5/06/12 and finished 5/12/22)

Polish American Congress - Long Island Division

Events and Projects – 2022

(began preparing in February, Zbyszek Koralewski)

A. Events in which members of PAC-LI were participating or are going to participate.

February 2 - [Congress of 60 Millions](#) in Miami, Florida
March 10 – opening campaign rally for governor of NYS in Manhattan (min. donation \$250)
April 24 - 3 PM, St. Hedwig Parish Hall – PAC-LI Election Meeting
April – the whole Polonia reads to children
April 23 - 9 AM- 5:30 PM – Tadeusz Kościuszko Conference, West Point, NY
May 1 – The 3rd May Constitution Celebration in Glen Cove, Long Island
May 8 – Dinner celebrating St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr in Manhattan 150th Anniversary of the oldest Polish Church in New York (PAC-LI took the ad in their Journal)
May 11 – Maria Skłodowska- Curie Professional Women Assoc. Scholarship Fundraiser
May 30 – Memorial Day Observance w/ local government officials
June 24 – Man of the year (Richard Brzozowski), Pulaski Association of Professional Men
September – Commemoration of Warsaw Uprising's Heroes in Saturdays Schools
September 15 – Polish Heritage Day in Copiague organized by Polonia of Long Island
Fall – visiting the Siberian Memorial Museum in Poland
October 1 - Pułaski Parade Day in Manhattan
October 15 – Dzień Dwujęzyczności (Bilingualism Day)
November 11 – Veterans Day w/ American Legion in Floral Park, Long Island
November 11 – Action of MEIN (Ministry of Education) "Szkoła do Hymnu" on line

B. Projects, in which PAC-LI has been involved in 2022

- H.Res.664 (WWII Resolution) - working on passing it in the House
- Katyn Lesson – working on distribution (our idea and execution in cooperation with others)
- Auschwitz Exhibit – finding places where can be presented
- WEP – cooperating with other organizations on repealing it
- Inter-divisional Cooperation – finding a way to make it reality
- Ambassador Mark Brzezinski – organizing the meeting between Mark and Polonian organizations
- Kościuszko Foundation – writing the reaction to the play "Zagłada"
- PACT – organizing weekly meetings with Polonian activists
- New York State governor – campaigning for Rep. Tom Suozzi
- 10th year Anniversary of PAC-LI – organization of a special event
- "Obława Augustowska" - after the book has been translated, publishing process
- "Flavor of Poland" – supporting producers
- Katyń Monument – its preservation through cooperation with other people and organizations

Weekly Meetings via internet are conducted on Thursdays at 3 PM and on first Wednesdays of a month at 8 PM. To join meetings via Skype, type: PACT'19. These meetings are open not just for the PAC Executive Committee's officers and National Directors but also to all who are interested in exchanging info, sharing ideas and their work, or those who are willing to help in realization of projects. The meetings began in 1917 and are continuation of Inter-divisional meetings in Albany (2012-16) that were held at that time in person ahead of PAC National Directors' Meetings. There is no any fee or registration required. The mission of meetings is to strengthen the meaning of Polonia (wzmocnić znaczenie Polonii). Short reports are placed on paolongisland.org website. The group that meets weekly adapted the name PACT = agreement between individuals to meet and work together for the good of Poland, Polonia and the US.

PAC_IDC'22 - Meeting #18

Wednesday – April 6, 2022 8 PM – 10:22 PM New York Time
Participants: Gienek, Halina, Jacek, Krycia, Ryszard, Wlodek, Wojtek, Zbyszek

“Do all you can for people without thought of personal gain”

Inter-divisional Conferences are held on first Wednesdays of a month at 8 PM New York's Time, as most of you wished. They create a great opportunity not just for PAC National Directors and officers of the PAC Executive Committee but also for those who are NOT PAC members, to meet informally where info, ideas and projects can be exchanged and discussed without any fees, membership requirements or restrictions. If you or your organization looks for a support on any project, join in and present your request.

What was done (or not done as planned) since the last Thursday's PACT meeting:

- Ryszard met with Marek Skulimowski, President of the Kosciuszko Foundation, at the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Polish and Slavic Center in the Polish Consulate last Thursday > Ryszard asked Marek why we (20 organizations were signatories) have not received a reply concerning the play “Zagłada” > Marek feels that he does not have to answer (his email is attached);
- Gienek sent us the link to register for the rally in Washington DC concerning H.R.82 that is organized by American organizations on Wednesday, May 18;
- We learned from Jacek that thank you letter prepared by Gienek a couple months ago to supporters of H.R.82 has not been sent yet;
- Jacek presented how messages in forms of letters or emails can be easily send to members of Congress using his template on PASI website;
- Halina, Ryszard, Stefan, Steve and Zbyszek were representing PAC-LI at Rep. Suozzi's campaign rally for governor of NY State at the Polish National Home in Glen Cove the last Saturday, April 2 (picture is attached under the report) > Zbyszek got tips from Steven, Suozzi's Assistant how to push H.Res.664 for voting.
- Zbyszek collects signatures under the letter to congressmen concerning H.Res.664.

We talked about:

- If a threshold of 290 cosponsors can automatically force a bill for voting (presently there are 268 cosponsors of H.R.82);
- Zbyszek would like us to lobby for H.Res.664 at the same time when we will be in DC;
- Richard talked about the conversation with Marek Skulimowski and his reaction.

What was decided:

- Wojtek will find out about details from a teacher in Arizona who is responsible for the rally for H.R.82 in DC and will send them to us > we decided that, those who can, should participate in the rally and represent immigrants;
- Andrzej will send the info about the rally in Washington DC on May 18 on PAC and Coalition Forums (registration is open until May 7);
- We should try to contact other ethnic groups and inform them about the rally;
- Andrzej will send the letter to Rep. Larson, signed by all who marked YES when the action was started last year, with CC to members of his committee;
- Andrzej will modify the thank you letter by adding a request to send zip+4 code and he will send it to all who marked YES when this action was started last year.

Next meeting PACT'22 > Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 3 PM ET via Skype
(during the Holy Week we will NOT meet)

AGENDA: Current events + what has been accomplished + new assignments zk, 04-09-21

-----Original Message-----

From: Marek Skulimowski <mskulimowski@thekf.org>

To: Richard Brzozowski <brozo@verizon.net>

Sent: Tue, Apr 5, 2022 9:36 pm

Subject: Our conversation

Dear Richard,

It was nice seeing you at the consulate the other day.

With reference to the letter, I am not planning to reply to it, as none of the signers had seen or read the play. The event was open to public, so anyone could come and make one's judgement.

I hope you enjoy other KF programs, and I highly recommend the upcoming webinar about Zuzanna Ginczanka on Thursday: https://www.thekf.org/kf/events/KF_Online_Programs/written-n-the-margins-zuzanna-g/

With best regards,

Marek Skulimowski

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Richard Brzozowski, present President and
Honorary President of
PAC-LI with
VP for Youth Affairs, Marta Wesołowski
at the Polish Consulate celebrating
50th Anniversary of P&S Center



Polish National Home, April 2, 2022

Tom Suozzi in the center with Diana Reyna, running mate for governor of New York

PAC_IDC'22 - Meeting #17

Wednesday – March 2, 2022 8 – 10:50 PM ET

Participants: Gienek, Halina, Krysia, Tomek, Wladek, Zbyszek

"let's be useful"

1) What was done (or not done as planned) since the last Thursday's PACT meeting:

- The reply to Ms. Schmidt has NOT been sent yet, but with Gienek's slight changes was finally signed by Leszek on behalf of CPA and now waits for Staszek's signature;
- The letter to KF concerning the play "Zagłada" with 20 signatories was sent via FedEx to President, Marek Skulimowski by Zbyszek;
- Zbyszek did NOT send the info to ND_Forum about our reaction to the anti-Polish event in KF because of his concern of taking attention from the war in Ukraine;
- The reply to Rep. Larson prepared by Gienek has NOT been sent yet;
- A message was sent to Dr. Iwona Korga to promptly review the Katyn Lesson
- Zbyszek & Halina went to Rep. Suozzi's opening campaign rally for governor of NY State, at Sheraton Hotel in Manhattan, yesterday evening (Zbyszek talked to Tom's Campaign Coordinator about moving the WWII Resolution forward).

2) We talked about:

- the situation in Ukraine;
- forgotten Soviet's atrocities against Poles;
- the reply to vice minister Anna Schmidt concerning the calculation of social security;
- Gienek's reply to Rep. Larson on behalf of Krysia - we were reading it and polishing;
- the letter to KF regarding the play "Zagłada";
- pressure by Jewish organizations to bring "Maus" to the classroom;
- disinformation about Poland regarding refugees from Ukraine on twitter.

3) What was decided:

- Krzysiek proposed 2 weeks ago to change the format of reports - at this meeting, after reviewing the last PACT report, his proposal was approved by all participants;
- Krysia will send the reply to Rep. John Larson Thursday evening (tomorrow);
- Krysia and Zbyszek will try to communicate with Mr. Mariusz Bielski and ask him to send his own letter to Rep. Larson (Mariusz is his constituent) regarding H.R.82;
- Gienek will prepare a draft of the letter to Rep. Larson that will be distributed among Polish organizations to be signed;
- Each of us will ask organizations, which we know, to sign the letter regarding Maus prepared by PASI, as per Wojtek request (Gienek forwarded this message to us):

Next meetings:

PACT'22 > Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 3 PM ET via Skype

PAC_IDC > Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 8 PM ET via Skype

AGENDA (proposal):

Current events + what has been accomplished since the last meeting + new assignments

zk, 03-04-21

(this meeting was held while Halina and I was in Miami and this report was written while we were sailing along the east coast of Cuba)

PAC_IDC'22 - Report #16

these meetings are to exchange info, ideas and talk about projects

Monday – January 31, 2022, 8:00 – 10:22 PM EST

“Inspect what you expect”

Participants: Andrzej, Gienek, Halina, Krzysiek, Ryszard, Wlodek, Zbyszek,

1) This is what the Albany inter-divisional conferences taught us. Zbyszek reminded everyone about Richard Brzozowski's idea of North-East regional PAC meetings which took place in Albany from 2012 to 2016. During those meetings participants shared progress in regard to their respective projects, and exchanged information and ideas. The primary goal, however, was to jointly prepare lists of issues deemed important to Polonia and present them to the Executive Committee and to the National Directors, encouraging them to address those issues. Our 8- hour Saturdays meetings were typically held 4 weeks ahead of PAC Conventions. Unfortunately, what we prepared with great care was ignored. Even more unfortunate was the fact that we were labeled 'rebels', in spite of our constructive intentions. Our patience with the PAC leadership ended back in 2016. So; in 2017, a new concept was born; where we would no longer ask anyone to consider and integrate our ideas, but we would pursue implementation ourselves. That is how PACT was borne. As it was in case of meetings in Albany, we are committed to the concepts of openness and problem solving, of transparency and dialogue, to all who want to work for the good of American Polonia.

2) The PAC leadership's behavior. Participants expressed their frustration; emails and proposals are being ignored from PAC's members, so there should be no surprise that projects are undertaken without consultation and cooperation with the officers of the Executive Committee. They ignore us, and we should ignore them. Our organizations are registered on their own and Frank Spula cannot force us to be inactive. Majority of PAC National Directors represent organizations that are not politically oriented, so they may not be so much interested in politics. we should obtain information which organizations belong to the PAC and by whom they are represented. Why initiatives by the EC are more important than by PAC divisions, this rhetorical question was also asked.

3) The issue of WEP. Krystyna learned from a staffer that Rep. John Larson, Chair of the Subcommittee on Social Security, proposed a new bill in October last year H.R.5723 which has 199 sponsors, only democratic so, it has no chance to pass. Only a part of the bill is the elimination of WEP. According to Gienek its purpose is to kill H.R.82. Mr. Larson should be asked why he did it, instead of introducing for voting H.R. 82 which has a bipartisan support of 247 congressmen.

4) Priority projects. It was decided that we will work on:

- H.Res.664
- Katyn Lesson
- Auschwitz Exhibit
- Elimination of WEP
- Inter-divisional Agreement
- Ambassador Marek Magierowski
- Advertising of Center of Panna Maria
- Following the success of PAC Missouri Division's website

Recommended: O Jaruzelskim i Kiszczaku <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7XShLC0M5g8>

Interview with Dr. Kurek <https://youtu.be/RElh9ZZMSSY>

NEXT MEETING:

As usually, at the first Wednesday of a month March 2, at 8 PM ET

AGENDA will be announced

zk, 02-08-22

PAC_IDC'22 - Report #15

these meetings are to exchange info, ideas and talk about projects

Wednesday – January 5, 2022, 8:00 – 9:39 PM EST

“Small successes build big ones”

Participants: 3 Andrzejów; Burghardt, Niemyjski, Prokopczuk + Krzysiek, Wladek, Zbyszek, Zdzisiek

- 5) Summary of 14 Inter-Divisional Conferences.** The first meeting took place in November 2020. The purpose of these meetings has been to provide an opportunity for the Executive Committee (EC), National Directors and others to meet informally to exchange info, ideas and cooperate on projects. So far, representatives of most divisions enthusiastically embraced this form of communication but surprisingly officers of the EC are still reluctant to join. Reports from meetings can be found on the PAC-Long Island website. So far, we have been meeting via Zoom, from now on, we will use Skype (address to join: PACT'19). Zbyszek ended his summary: “I have a dream that one day every interested person learns about these meetings which hopefully become a platform for communication and cooperation, a guide and inspiration for the activities of the Polish American Congress and other organizations.”
- 6) The reduction of retirement caused by the WEP.** Thank you letters, have not yet been sent to those who participated in the action of supporting of H.R. 82. Jacek must be called and we must know why there is a delay. Teofil also needs to be contacted and reminded about writing a reply to minister Anna Schmidt.
- 7) Russians on the border of Ukraine.** All expressed a concern of possibility of the repetition of Yalta. We must be alert and monitor President's Biden talks and his moves. Wladek proposed to use the famous picture from WWII of a girl lamenting the death of her sister that could be sent to President Biden along with cards from Polish children reminding him what is at stake. He ended: a demonstration in front of the White House should be considered.
- 8) Reminding our children of their roots.** Wladek proposed to organize a contest in Saturdays' Schools titled: “Why Poland is important to me”. The sacrifice of volunteers of Haller's army whom some could not even speak Polish yet they risked their lives to fight for the country of their forefathers, should be reminded to students.
- 9) Attractive vacations.** Participants shared with their experiences with places they would recommend. Andrzej from Arizona, would like to go again to Bora Bora where water is crystal clear. Zdzisiek wants to go again on the cruise to Hawaii (he was there with wife and 7 other female friends). He had one of the best times of his life. Zbyszek mentioned about Riviera Maya which Koralewskis have discovered recently. Andrzej z New Jersey likes to rent a yacht and sail in Virgin Islands. Krzysiek goes frequently to Mexican resorts and that is probably where we will have a working vacation.

NEXT MEETING:

NOT as usually, at the first Wednesday of a month but this Monday,
January 31 at 8 PM EST

reason:

for this Wednesday, the EC announced the meeting of National Executive Council

AGENDA (proposal):

Priority projects - what we need to concentrate on

zk, 01-28-21

PAC_ IDC'21 - Report #14

these meetings are to exchange info and talk about projects
Wednesday – December 4, 2021, 8:00 – 10:27 PM EST

“Small successes build big ones”

We welcome a new participant who joined this meeting: Victor Kiszkiel,
President of Polonia Technica, Association of Polish American Engineers.

- 1) A new Ambassador to Poland.** Plan to meet with Mark Brzezinski was presented and discussed. We received info how to contact him. We debated who should be in the team representing Polonia and what specific subjects should be brought up. WEP, media, judicial system were mentioned. Richard reminded us about questions he already sent in August: As US Ambassador to Poland, how will you promote improved relations between Poland and Israel, a country the US strongly supports? Since you are charged with the responsibility for maintaining diplomatic relations and represent the President in matters of foreign policy, can you at this time share with us the main US position with Poland?
- 2) The Polish Student Association.** Zbyszek approached a group of students from the Fordham University at the recent event in the Pilsudski Institute. They expressed an interest in establishing a cooperation with our organizations.
- 3) Polish American Museum in Port Washington.** Richard told us about today's visitors, one local and the other from Brazil. They found the museum on the internet and being the 3rd generation of Polish Americans, they were interested to see it. For them the most amazing was the room dedicated to recipients of Nobel prize. They were surprised that so many of recipients were Polish born. And Richard was surprised that they did not know that Mikołaj Kopernik and Maria Skłodowska-Curie were Polish. Richard, who is a member of the board and goes to the museum at least once a week, invited all who could come to the event on Sunday, Dec. 12, at 2 PM. There will be guest speakers and two presentations: the Deputy Ambassador to the UN Mateusz Sakowicz will speak on the historical vehicle finds and rescues of the Polish Military, Government and museum in Poznan, Poland, the Polish Armor Museum. The Second Speaker Retired Colonel Rick Jung, who served two tours of duty at the USMA, West Point. The Colonel's presentation will cover Tadeusz Kosciuszko and West Point during the American Revolution. Also, there will be a dedication of two exhibits by the CMS.
- 4) How to activate Polonia youth.** Wlodek is writing an article for Gwiazda Polarna on this subject. He has interesting ideas and promised to share it with us. Ania (daughter of Krzysiek) was a member of Polish Student Club and told us what we could offer to students. Wlodek pointed out that the most important to be aware of is freedom in making decisions.
- 5) The elimination of the WEP.** Gienek, our lead person on the subject could not join us tonight. Andrzej told us about the meeting that took place this past Monday. Teofil (a lawyer that helps us) supposed to write a letter. We asked Andrzej to make sure that the letter to minister Anna Schmidt will be written and send.
- 6) Reason of state for the Polish diaspora.** Victor talked about importance of preparing a definition on this subject. Most Polish Americans have only American citizenship but many have dual. Both groups should feel some obligations to the country of origin.
- 7) Hearings of mayors of “Free Cities”, Dec.2.** Reactions of Coalition of Polish Americans and President of Polish American Congress were praised. Below are questions prepared by PACT in two days and emailed to all members of the House Subcommittee by Jacek.

NEXT MEETING: as usually, at the first Wednesday of a month: January 5, 2022 at 8 PM EST
AGENDA will be announced

Sent: Wed, Dec 1, 2021 1:54 pm

Subject: tomorrow's hearings, mayors of "Free Cities" - questions

To members of the Foreign Committee on Europe,

Polish Americans applaud the U.S. Congress' concerns about Poland. However, we notice that the U.S. Congress remained silent about the lack of democracy in Poland when post-communists controlled the country. Many legislators express doubts about the state of Polish democracy, even though Poland is presently governed by a democratically elected and very pro-American coalition.

1) Trzaskowski's recent request for direct funding for the City of Warsaw from the European Union, where Germany exerts decisive political influence while bypassing the Polish government, evokes historical memories of the "Free City of Gdańsk" (http://nyourpocket.com/gdansk/what-was-the-free-city-of-danzig_77251f). Such recollections carry very ominous historical connotations for Poles and Polish Americans alike.

QUESTION: Does Mr. Trzaskowski intend to weaken Poland, creating semi-autonomous city-states patterned after the "Free City of Gdansk" of 1939, as many Poles suspect?

2) Trzaskowski has been accused of gross negligence of mayoral duties during catastrophic environmental disasters when the raw, untreated sewage polluted the Vistula River from Warsaw to the Baltic Sea.

QUESTION: Why has Mr. Trzaskowski not resigned in the aftermath of such poorly managed environmental disasters, as he should? Can someone responsible for multiple environmental disasters be genuinely considered an innovative mayor?

3) Every year since his election as the Mayor of Warsaw, Mr. Trzaskowski has actively worked to prevent Poles from having a peaceful Poland's Independence Day parade in the nation's capital.

QUESTION: Is such deliberate curtailment of Free Speech and the Right of Assembly Mr. Trzaskowski's idea of "openness and tolerance"?

4) After the Warsaw Uprising of 1944, all one million inhabitants were expelled by the Germans and city burned down with flame throwers. When the Soviet Army walked in in January 1945 and communists started to rebuild Warsaw, all new apartments were reserved for communist officials and fellow travelers. That is why Warsaw remains a city of former communist officialdom.

QUESTIONS:

Can you describe your parents' affiliations with the former communist regime in Poland as well as the military dictatorship of general Jaruzelski? How did it affect your election and your rule in Warsaw as mayor?

QUESTIONS FOR THE SUBCOMMITTEE:

Why has the Subcommittee chosen as witnesses only mayors from the opposition parties in Poland and Hungary? Both countries have democratically elected governments and are allies of the United States, especially Poland, whose government is the most pro-American in Europe.

Aren't You afraid that these hearings can be construed as interference into Poland and Hungary's internal affairs and political support given to the German ambitions hoping to gain complete control over Central and Eastern Europe? Can programs designed to create divisions within Poland and Hungary and bypass and subvert their national governments be considered genuinely supportive of those countries?

Polish American Congress – Long Island Division, Richard Brzozowski, President

Polish American Congress – Michigan Division, Ann Bankowski, President

Polish American Congress – New Jersey Division, Andrzej Burghardt, President

Polish American Congress – North California Division, Dr. Andrzej Prokopczuk, President

Polish American Congress of Southern California, Inc., Edward Wojciech Jeśman, President

Polish Association in Texas, Dallas, TX - Krzysztof J. Gajda, President

Polish American Strategic Initiative, Edward Wojciech Jeśman, President

Jerzy W. Rozalski, Producer (Since 1978)

Polish Varieties Radio (Est. 1930) - WNZK 690 AM.

Dr. Krystyna Zamorska, Polish American Historical Association

PAC_ IDC'21 - Report #13

these meetings are to exchange info and talk about projects

Wednesday – November 3, 2021, 8:00 – 10:53 PM EST

“Czemu na niego się gniewacie, przecież on nic nie zrobił”
Why are you angry with him, he didn't do anything

- 1) **VPs for American Affairs.** We discussed what would be necessary to make an actual list of those VPs. It is known that the info on the PAC website is outdated. Divisions must be contacted and asked whom they will designate as a liaison to deal with American issues. A newly elected officer to the PAC EC has the will and clear vision how to keep all channels of communication with divisions open. All participants were congratulating and were glad that this choice could mean opening of a new era in the PAC history in which cooperating with the EC will be much easier.
- 2) **Increasing membership in organizations.** Organizing or co-organizing events is the best way to find new members. Those events should not be only political, other ones that will attract a crowd like concerts, historical anniversaries should be considered and worth the effort. Famous “zupki” of Mr. Rich Mazzella in Buffalo was mentioned as an example where hundreds of Polish Americans gather what makes it easy to advertise the local division of the PAC and to sign new members. It was reminded that one of the strength of any organization is the number of their members.
- 3) **Orchard Lake.** Władysław told us about results of the meeting on Nov. 14. There is a light in the tunnel. Father Witek attended the meeting, most likely the next person that will be responsible for this Polish American institution. A member of the EC offered a support, in case it would be needed. The seminar must be saved and Poland should help as a repay for efforts of Polonia that sent 22 thousand volunteers to Haller's army.
- 4) **HR 82.** Edmund participated in our meeting although it was 2 AM in Warsaw. He asked how can we practically use 20 thousand visitors on his Polonia 20/20 Facebook. Should this number be mentioned when petitioning congressmen? Władek suggested to distribute flyers in Polonia stores and parishes about the WEP with the instruction how to contact local legislators. According to Gienek 233 Reps support the HR 82 Bill. Dr. Prokopczuk suggested to find out who is the most critical in submitting this bill for voting. Most likely those are members of Ways and Means Committee. Edmund: there is a subcommittee specifically for the Social Security issues – they must be pressed by Polonia. Gienek shared with a link <https://ssfairness.org/>, to the organization that has the same goal: it fights for the elimination of WEP.
- 5) **HRes 664.** According to the assistant of Rep. Gregory Meeks, we need to convince at least 10 Congressmen that are members of the Committee on Foreign Affairs to become co-sponsors. The best bet is to use constituents for this mission and that is what we (Andrzej, Krzysiek and I) are going to work on. Any help in this matter will be highly appreciated.
- 6) **Poem.** At the end Władek presented his poem which is based on the Polish anthem.
- 7) **PAC_IDC.** Inter-Divisional Conferences will be continued – my attempt to end them failed.

NEXT MEETING as usually, at the first Wednesday of a month: Dec. 1, at 8 PM EST
AGENDA will be announced

zk, 11-07-21

PAC_IDC'21 - Report #12

these meetings are to exchange info and talk about projects

Wednesday – October 6, 2021, 8:00 – 10:30 PM EST

“Czemu na niego się gniewacie, przecież on nic nie zrobił”

Why are you angry with him, he didn't do anything

- 1) **WWII Resolution.** Andrzej Burghardt made improvements in the CPA's website to help visitors to contact their legislators with the request for a support of H. Res. 664. He guided during this meeting Andrzej Prokopczuk, MD through all the steps to the final acknowledgment that the message was received by his Rep.
- 2) **Polonia, what is it?** Władysław Bankowski made an amazing discovery. There is no explanation on the internet what this word means. It means that we have another important, interesting and challenging project for PACT. As an example, the website of Chicanos was presented. Preparing information about Polonia living in countries around the world will require cooperation with experts. Whom should we contact was discussed: Dr. Maria Szonert, Wiesław Gołębiowski, Jan Żaryn, IPN, PIAST, PIASA, Polish Students Organizations.
- 3) **Orchard Lake** – Władysław Bankowski described the situation and appealed to create a foundation to save this unique Polish American mission. In Wladek's opinion, we should do it as a repay for efforts of Haller's volunteers. We should do everything to keep the Orchard Lake in Polonia's hands.
- 4) **Anti-Polish events.** The importance of gathering info regarding all anti-Polish occurrences was again repeated (this idea was presented a few years ago). Problem is to find a person who would be willing to commit himself to diligently work on keeping the list of those events.
- 5) **Motivating phrases** were presented by Wladek. “Walczmy razem, bo w jedności siła -pamiętajmy co nas Wanda nauczyła” Let's fight together because there is strength in unity - let's remember what Wanda taught us. “Nigdy do tyłu, zawsze do przodu, bo jesteśmy dziećmi polskiego narodu” Never backward, always forward, because we are children of the Polish nation” A dollar or more for good causes will not impoverish donors, and will do a lot.
- 6) **Polonia Foundation.** This idea was presented again by Halina Koralewski. Another super project that waits for realization.
- 7) **Election in the Polish American Congress.** Resignation of Prof. Bajdek and of Mr. Pierchalski was discussed. Only known candidate, we know is Dr. Mark Pienkos. The list of candidates has been a secret. Nobody had a clue why.

NEXT MEETING:

as usually, at the first Wednesday of a month: Nov.3, at 8 PM EST

AGENDA will be announced

zk, 9-25-21

PAC_ IDC'21 - Report #11

Wednesday – September 1, 2021, 8:00 – 10:30 PM EST

"Those who only talk about problems, and do not try to solve them, are becoming problems themselves"

Participants: Andrzej, Gienek, Gordon, Halina, Herriota Jacek Joniec, Ryszard, Tomek, Zbyszek

Following PAC divisions were represented:

Arizona, California (North), Long Island, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, Ohio

None of the EC officers was present

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."

Mahatma Gandhi

1) Participation in PAC_IDC was summarized.

During 10 meetings, numerous presidents and reps of PAC divisions met. 3 divisions and officers of the Executive Committee (with one exception) have ignored these meetings.

It is worth to remind the 2019 Kuzma / Pienkos' survey, where one of suggestions was the initiation of steady communication among members and between members and the EC.

Finally, we have what PAC members requested for, a way to exchange info, where all of us can meet.

2) Activities of Arizona division was presented.

Close cooperation with a local Polish Catholic church and school was described. Every year scholarships are granted to eligible Polish students. Stanisław Michalkiewicz is visiting them every a couple of years. Wojciech Cejrowski, who lives in Arizona, is too expensive to organize a meeting with him.

3) The request for rescheduling the PAC ND Conference

was ignored by the EC. Only one proposal from PAC-LI for the by-laws' amendment was presented. As far as we know, nobody is interested to run in elections to the EC. Exception is a candidate that already had a position in the EC. It was decided to support him. There was no proposal for a resolution.

4) More on how to fight misinformation.

To methods once presented by Stefan, PAC-LI, VP for Polish Affairs, Chair of Committee Education of PAC North California add new proved and effective approach. Here is the summary what Gordon said. Concentrate on a detail you know is wrong and ask "where did you get this message from". If something is not accurate that is the spot to stick our sword. For example, in the letter to Mr. Blinken Secretary of State inaccuracies should be pointed. We have to remember that propaganda is aimed at education. When we meet an opponent, we can challenge him/her by picking a detail and and to talk about accuracy or inaccuracy of that detail.

5) Support for HR. 82 – update.

There will be a couple of versions of letter that will be sent to legislators in support of the bill HR.82. So far, over 60 Polish American organizations have signed the letter. As we know, Mr. Spula refused to sign the letter or to write its own. He likes to rely on telephone calls by PAC members. How many calls were made has not been announced.

6) A strong response to the Department of State's

intervention into internal Polish issues was recommended. The Coalition of Polish Americans is going to response. No news what the EC's plans are.

7) The reply concerning the proposed flyer for legislators

was received from VP for American Affairs. The flyer and reply were presented and discussed. The suggestion was made to send both on ND Forum.

Polecam wysłuchanie konferencji nt. obrony dobrego imienia Polski i Polaków

<https://republikapolonia.org/konferencja-srp-2021/>

NEXT MEETING as usually, at the first Wednesday of a month: Oct.6, at 8 PM EST
AGENDA will be announced

zk, 9-6-21

PAC_ IDC'21 - Report #10

Wednesday – August 4, 2021, 8:00 – 11:47 PM EST

"Those who only talk about problems, and do not try to solve them, are becoming problems themselves"

Participants: Andrzej, Gienek, Halina, Krzysiek, Ryszard, Tomek, Walter, Zbyszek

Highlights from the longest meeting so far:

- 1) **Request for rescheduling the PAC National Directors' Conference**
prepared by Koralewski on behalf of Walter Golebiewski, was presented. The sentence about Burghardt's warning of the PAC Executive Committee that Worldwide Research on Poles scheduled earlier its conference on the same days, was added. A few National Directors that plan to participate in both events would have to choose which one to attend. After Walter accepted the text, the request was sent at once to ND_Forum by Koralewski, as Walter has no access to this google group.
- 2) **The Consul General of Republic of Poland** is going to visit Ohio and will meet with leaders of Polonia organizations, Tomek Kacki told us. The occasion: John Paul II Polish American Cultural Center will be celebrating 20th anniversary of its founding on Saturday, August 7th 2021. The celebration will be combined with unveiling of monument "Eagles" by late Polish artist Andrzej Pityński. The celebration in Cleveland will be attended by Polish Ambassador to Italy, Anna Maria Anders, U.S., Marcy Kaptur Congresswoman and Consul General of Republic of Poland hon. Adrian Kubicki.
- 3) **Proposal to end Polish American Congress Inter-Divisional Conferences**
suggested by Koralewski was rejected by all participants. They argued that PAC_IDC creates a unique opportunity to meet without restrictions and formalities, between officers of the Executive Committee, Presidents of Divisions, National Directors and ordinary PAC members, to exchange info, share suggestions, discuss current issues, cooperate and talk about their projects.
- 4) **A newly established the Republika Polonia Association**, which brings together patriotic Poles from all over the world, organizes the conference which will take place in September 2021. The leitmotif of the event will be the role of people of Polish origin living outside the country in protecting the good name of Poland and Poles. The Government Plenipotentiary for the Polish Diaspora and Poles Abroad, Jan Dziedziczak, will be one of the honorary guests of the Conference. One of board members of the Association is Walter Gołębiowski. Motto of the Association: Polonia Semper Fidelis.
- 5) **Notes to the info, which received Edmund Lewandowski** from Director Robert Wójcik, are being prepared by Eugeniusz Brzyski. Gienek is our expert if it comes to the Polish retirement law. His contra-arguments have taken 11 pages, so far. It was decided to send Gienek's notes after consultation with a lawyer, to minister Anna Schmidt and director Wójcik and copies to ministers: Jan Dziedziczak and Marlena Małąg.
- 6) **HR. 82** to repeal the WEP – the letter, supporting this bill and S. 1302 signed by 33 organizations including 12 PAC divisions, will be sent soon to all legislators. As we know, Mr. Spula, despite of our persuasion, refused to sign this letter or write its own and discouraged PAC divisions to sign it. He insisted on calling own legislators. So far, we have not been informed how many legislators and which ones were contacted.
- 7) **The text of WWII Resolution** was approved by Rep. Suozzi (proponent of this Resolution) and sent to us after changes were made by members of House Foreign Committee. The Resolution was presented to participants of the meeting and we all worked on improvements proposed by Krzysztof Waz. The Resolution with corrections will be sent back to Suozzi's office.

NEXT MEETING: as usually, at the first Wednesday of a month: Sept. 1, at 8 PM EST

AGENDA will be announced

PAC_ IDC'21 - Report #9

these meetings are to exchange info and talk about projects.
they are organized by PACT (Polish Americans' Cooperative Teams)
which mission is simple:
to strengthen the importance of Polonia (wzmocnić znaczenie Polonii)

Wednesday – July 7, 2021, 8:00 – 10:30 PM EST

these meetings are open to all who care about Polonia, Poland, and US
"Those who only talk about problems, and do not try to solve them, are becoming problems themselves"
Participants: Andrzej, Ann B., Gienek, Halina, Krzysiek, Ryszard, Stella, Tomek, Wlodek B., Zbyszek

1) COVID - a new discovery.

Ms. Magdalena Filcek, our Polish friend, revealed the mechanism of infection by the covid virus. To fight this disease, she proposed to use inexpensive off counter medications.

Her idea was already successfully tested in India. Have you noticed that there is no more alarming news coming from that country? (details under this report and in the attachment)

2) Mr. Spula's email to Z. Koralewski.

It was suggested to reply in the form that would help Mr. Spula to rethink his approach to the issue of the WEP. Regret was expressed that President of the PAC instead of cooperation chose confrontation.

3) Supporting HR. 82 and S. 1302 (to repeal the WEP).

So far 33 organizations signed the letter to legislators.

Surprisingly Mr. Spula, not only did not agree to support this action but strongly discouraged the PAC members to form a united front. In his opinion:

- to make a few telephone calls to some congressmen and senators is enough
- a letter to all 535 legislators is redundant and will only confuse them.

4) Reaction to Mr. Cohen's statement on CNN.

The congressmen on Long Island to whom letters were sent did not answer. Calls were made to their offices reminding them that we expect a reaction. To draw a public attention picketing is considered. Also, PAC-LI plans to meet with those Representatives, including Mr. Meeks and talk, not just about Holocaust revisionism, but also about HR. 82 and other issues important to local Polonia.

5) Writing the Resolution commemorating beginning of WWII,

to educate legislators about Poland, was proposed by Congressman Suozzi a month ago. The draft of Resolution was finished in cooperation with his assistant and soon should be distributed for consideration in Congress.

If anybody would like to talk to me, feel free to call: 718 – 343-4316

NEXT MEETING:

as usually, at the first Wednesday of a month: Aug. 3, at 8 PM EST

AGENDA will be announced

Dear Halina and Zbigniew,

I am sending very important information about **DISCOVERY of THE MECHANISM OF PATHOPHYSIOLOGY OF COVID-19.**

Yesterday's medical publication of it: https://www.medicalandresearch.com/journals/view_article/677

Now we know how to stop the symptoms and save people's lives.

I have discovered and described the hypothesis and two great doctors one pulmonologist from UAE and second anesthesiologist from Poland - they have checked it carefully, and they applied it in the real world and got amazing results.

The validity of this hypothesis was confirmed in one of hospitals in the United Arab Emirates and in India by Dr. Mayank Vats - as well as in patients undergoing surgery and mechanically ventilated patients with a history of COVID-19.

I am enclosing the official protocol from India where using antihistamines (Lewocetyryzine) on 04/05/2021 by Dr. Mayank Vats (the government adviser) caused a sharp decrease in the number of new severe COVID-19 cases from 09/05/2021 (just after 5 days of adding the antihistamines) and the decrease in the number of deaths from 23/05/2021.

Please read the **medical publication and attached recommendations** from doctors.

This is a GREAT SUCCESS of POLAND, UAE and India, which could help people all around the world to avoid to develop symptoms and to treat Covid19 now and in the future.

Please let me know what we could do together to deliver this wonderful message globally.

Yours,

Magdalena Filcek

tel. +48 608 733757

1. "Dear Dr Mayank Vats

- Please tell us about your experiences and observations with the administration of antihistamines to COVID patients.

Does this therapy reduce the risk of serious complications?"

Answer:

"First of all I would like to convey my heartfelt gratitude to Ms. Magdalena Filcek.

During the first wave of COVID, we used antihistamines to a very less extent because that time very little was known about the COVID pathophysiology, but as the research evolved and it was known about the role of various types of inflammatory cytogenetics, histamine, mast cells, interleukin etc. various markers of inflammation. And with the heat hypothesis by Ms. Magdalena Filcek and her extensive research about role of histamine in the inflammation cascade of COVID, and her regular scientific discussions with me and many eminent doctors and scientists, I started using antihistamines medicine cetirizine regularly in almost all patients and found significant beneficial results in terms of less symptoms like throat irritation, cough, shortness of breath and I would even say faster recovery from COVID during second wave especially in moderate to severe cases and in fact in all cases may it be mild, moderate or severe COVID and without any significant side effects of antihistamines.

In fact I am fortunate enough that Ms Magdalena discussed each and every aspect of these medicine and potential benefits for covid patients and with her scientific facts and perseverance we used it regularly in almost all patients in India and UAE and found drastic beneficial effects.

I would recommend to conduct proper case control matched students to prove this hypothesis and facts further so that covid patients would get faster and better recovery.

It's a great scientific hypothesis by Ms. Magdalena and found to be very effective in real world patients.

I congratulate her for her great hypothesis and hard work, patience and dedication.

This is to further confirm that's India introduced the antihistamines to government official protocols of Covid treatment following hypothesis and experience of Ms. Magdalena Filcek and Dr Mayank Vats. We both together had extensive discussions and literature review including the pathophysiology of covid affecting lung parenchyma and the role of histamine and mast cells as significant mediator of the inflammatory cascade in lung and whole body and how to prevent this cascade with antihistamines and practicality it was found very useful in almost all patients and hence I recommended to government of India to include antihistamines as a part of COVID-19 treatment regime based on the hypothesis and work of Ms. Magdalena Filcek.

She really did a miracle by finding a simple medicine which helped tremendously to COVID patients without any significant side effects.

She deserves honor international organizations for her simple but very effective hypothesis and proven by my practical experience being a COVID frontline doctor.

Thanx and regards

Dr. Mayank Vats

2. „Dear Dr Anna Skrzyniarz-Plutecka

- According to the theory we are talking about, giving the patient antihistamines can substantially reduce the risk of death. Serious damage from the respirator can also be avoided. Is it true?

Did the Doctor manage to confirm it? "

Answer:

"Antihistamines are probably not a panacea for everything, however, they are definitely worth attention and further research on their use in patients undergoing mechanical ventilation in the ICU and during surgery. One of the pathways presented in the hypothesis of Ms. Magdalena Filcek is the mechanism of histamine release from mast cells in the lungs under the influence of mechanical ventilation.

In most cases, artificial ventilation is based on the supply of a mixture of gases at room temperature and reduced humidity to the patient's lungs (physiologically, our lungs have a temperature of 37 ° C and 100% humidity). As standard, respirators and anesthesia machines are not equipped with active heat and moisture exchangers, heaters or air humidifiers.

This state of affairs may cause the release of histamine from mast cells in the lungs of patients and, consequently, lead to a histamine-cytokine storm - its result may be bronchospasm and a decrease in saturation, and even damage to the pulmonary parenchyma and barotrauma.

Advance administration of antihistamines can be effective in counteracting this reaction by reducing respiratory complications in mechanically ventilated patients.

A probable and systemic solution to this issue could also be a change in the standards for the equipment of anesthesia machines and ventilators - I mean ventilation based on warm and properly humidified air.

After getting acquainted with the mechanism described by Mrs. Magdalena and deeply analyzing it, I implemented antihistamines for prophylaxis and treatment with very good results, increasing the safety of the ventilated patients procedure both in the Intensive Care Unit and during surgeries.

In my opinion, the hypothesis described by Ms. Magdalena, and in principle thesis, is correct and should inspire the medical community to change the standards of dealing with patients undergoing mechanical ventilation." Dr Anna Skrzyniarz-Plutecka

PAC_ IDC'21 - Report #8

Wednesday – June 2, 2021, 8:00 – 10:44 PM EST

these meetings are open to all who care about Polonia, Poland, and US

“Those who only talk about problems, and do not try to solve them, are becoming problems themselves”

Participants: Andrzej, Andrew N., Gienek, Halina, Krystyna, Mark, Ryszard, Stefan, Stella, Tomek, Władysław B., Walter, Zbyszek

A few new people enriched the meeting – Thank YOU.

During the introduction, Walter presented his project of organizing a conference “The Immigration at the time of Martial Law”. The Conference will be held in the Center of John Paul II, in Clearwater FL, in October. Walter asked those who would like to share with their stories to submit papers. All are invited to participate in this Conference.

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We followed closely prepared earlier Agenda and I used it as a framework for this report.:

- 1) **The CNN interview w/ Rep. Cohen** – discussing the overall plan and finding persons interested to work on:
 - a. The brochure for the US Congress.
Zbyszek has an idea and began working on its implementation.
 - b. Briefings regarding Polish issues
Opinion of participants: It could be costly and have a minimum effect.
 - c. Resolution
This could be done and should be seriously consider, for example in conjunction with the anniversary of the outbreak of WWII.
- + action & proposal of Stefan Komar, PAC-LI VP for Polish Affairs

Stefan prepared a detailed rebuke. We had a lengthy discussion without a conclusion, what would be the best way to distribute Stefan's paper.

Special meetings will be called just to address this issue.

Mark mentioned about a nice conversation w/ Mr. Cohen who however stopped short to apologize for his gross misinformation.

Andrew proposed to meet with Mr. Cohen via Zoom and asked him how he could help to educate other legislators about Poland during WWII.

- 2) **The PAC office in Washington** – opinions and proposals. Andrew from Arizona division proposed a share leasing that is less costly and has other advantages like possibility to obtain a good size of Conference room, if needed.

Richard read the email that reflected the position of Long Island Division (below).

Dear Mr. Frank Spula and Executive Committee,

Your letter of May 21, 2021 once again brings to our attention the “crisis” concerning continued representation of the PAC in Washington DC. Rental of an office has strained PAC's finances. Nevertheless, PAC presence is essential for successful lobbying and in carrying our mission. The PAC Long Island Division strongly recommends the following to ameliorate the financial situation:

1. The PAC Charitable Foundation (PACCF) should establish a presence in Washington DC and share the cost of rental, operational support and staffing services.
The PNA should also consider such an opportunity.
2. Invite not for profit organizations in Polonia to use PAC's lobbying expertise and for a modest fee to promote their concerns.
3. Request the PACCF to establish an income generating fund for the PAC, which is a not-for-profit organization representing Polonia at large.
4. PAC's VP for Financial Development should obtain bids for professional fund raising.
5. Request annual support from the Polish and Slavic Credit Union. The Polish National Alliance (PNA) no longer supports the PAC.

Our findings:

- The PACCF has a treasury of thirteen to fifteen million dollars.
- During the period 2010 through 2019 PACCF donated \$1, 705,000 to various charities and causes. \$0.0 to PAC.
- The PACCF has a nine-member board, four of which are PAC members. Can we count on their support?
- PAC's president, Frank Spula is not on the PACCF Board but should be a non-voting member.
- Ms. Ania Karwan, member of a 2016 committee to study the relationship between PAC and PACCF made a number of constructive recommendations that have never been implemented.

The above recommendations, comments and observations are meant to be constructive and should not be interpreted as critical of the PAC, PACCF or any members of either organization. Polonia challenges us to be successful. Let's do so.

Sincerely,
Richard Brzozowski
National Director and President PAC Long Island Division

3) **Verification of organizations' list** and update on the repeal of the WEP.

Gienek explained in details all aspects concerning retirement of immigrants and appealed to sign petition supporting HR. 82, which can be found on Missouri Division's website: <https://pacmissouri.org/>.

Also, Gienek reminded that organizations' list is continued to be verified and all who are interested are welcome to join this strategically important project.

Edmund's idea, to post the info about aspects of full and proportionally calculated retirement by Polish authorities, on his Facebook side Fundacja Polonia 20/20 has been very successful, in a few days 15 thousand viewers visited his post.

4) **PAC Newsletter** – call for papers.

Richard was invited and delivered a noteworthy speech during the Memorial Day for American Association of War Veterans. Zbyszek encouraged him to send his speech together with some pictures to Mr. Mark Pienkos. Also, Zbyszek reminded all how important is to deliver reports from divisions activities to be published in the PAC Newsletter.

5) **Publishing the Katyń Lesson in the Asystent** for Polish teachers worldwide.

Zbyszek will work with Vice President of Association of Polish Supplementary Schools, Ms. Renata Jojka to include the Katyń Lesson plan that was prepared with Andrzej and Krzysiek's cooperation.

NEXT MEETING, the first Wednesday of a month: July 7, at 8 PM EST

AGENDA will be announced

zk, 6-7-21

My sincere Condolences to Jurek Bogdziewicz on passing of his father

We wish a quick recovery to Mr. John Cebrowski's wife

PAC_ IDC'21 - Report #7

these meetings are to exchange info and talk about projects.
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which mission is simple:
to strengthen the importance of Polonia (wzmocnić znaczenie Polonii)

Wednesday – May 5, 2021, 8:00 – 10:49 PM EST

these meetings are open to all who care about Polonia, Poland, and US
“those who only talk about problems, and do not try to solve them, are becoming problems themselves”
Participants: Andrzej, Gienek, John, Halina, Ryszard, Tomek, Władysław B., Zbyszek

- 1) **Support for H.R. 82** – how to reach organizations was discussed, as sending emails does not always work. Władysław suggested sending text messages, as according to him, only 30% addressees open emails. According to Zbyszek's experience emails must be followed by tel. calls. In both cases, tel. numbers are necessary and we do not have them. How and what for the list will be used was explained once again. John C. rightfully noticed that this should be a job for the PAC EC. Gienek shared with the EC his idea and requested to get involved – he was informed that this is not needed. Under this report is Mr. Spula's response.
- 2) **The text of new proposed bills** S.1302 and H.R. 2337 could not be obtained by Tomek and Zbyszek from their representatives.
- 3) **The list of organizations** in Excel that responded would be helpful to compare with the sending list. Those who did not respond should be informed again (Andrzej's proposal).
- 4) **The PAC's intervention to the libel** produced by the New Yorker. Stefan's exchange of emails with John Czop was examined and commented. Stefan's remarks were ignored by Mr. Czop, instead he mentioned other issues.
Wladek noticed that in the text of this letter should have been mentioned that the letter was going to be posted on organizational website and the editorial response would be published.
Stefan's final statements to John Czop:
Please stop using this line of reasoning to fend off false accusations against Poland regarding any role in the Holocaust other than as victim. You are doing a disservice to the Polish cause and making the situation WORSE. In no way does this issue take away from all your efforts and contributions on behalf of Polonia.
- 5) **Formatting of the list of organizations** was briefly discussed. Andrzej and Zbyszek will submit a proposal.
- 6) **Possible projects for Dr. Pienkos' team** were discussed (instead of working on Goals and Assignments for the EC, telling them what they should do):
 - a. help in verifications of organizations' lists
 - b. come with a list: why should I be proud of my Polish roots
- 7) **Benefits of knowing another language** was discussed and interesting facts were presented by Wladek: bilingual children have 2x faster memory, the structure of their brains is physically rewired.
- 8) **An educational website** was proposed by Zbyszek to be designed in the future specifically where lessons like the Katyn lesson and other educational material could be easily found.
- 9) **Danger of Communism** was discussed from the personal and scientific point of view. A fear that this system has already been under implementation in America was expressed.
Some of descriptions that were articulated:
thought control is one of the tasks of communism

(you have to be careful what you say, because you can be punished)
the communists are treacherous bandits
police state, looking for hooks, infiltration, denunciations, media propaganda

zk, 5-8-21

the response of PAC President to the idea of Consolidating
the Existing Polonia Organizations Around Common Goals.

January 28, 2021

Dear Mr. Brzyski,

I received a letter from the Missouri Division, which has caused concern for both me and the Officers of the Polish American Congress.

I appreciate the statistics you provided in your proposal. However, the Confederation that you are proposing to create already exists. For over 75 years, the Polish American Congress has been an umbrella organization representing various groups throughout the United States. The community objectives you suggest are part and parcel of the work that has been, and is continuously being done by the Polish American Congress.

Since its inception, the Polish American Congress has worked in the states where we have members to increase the involvement of the Polish American Community in American Civic Life and political processes. Through our advocacy, we encourage citizens to register to vote, and to cast their votes in local, state, and federal elections. We also work to increase Polish American community engagement in various ways, from participating in community events to being on community boards.

Therefore, your outline of recommendations is redundant as the initiatives you are proposing have already been set in motion for many years.

Too often, our community fails to live by the truism of, "United We Stand, Divided We Fall". Some of us seem to think that the more organizations we have, the stronger we are. But what this really does is cause confusion and feebleness within our community.

The better alternative to your recommendations is put aside our differences and band together in a united front to make our community stronger and more effective.

With Regards,
Frank J. Spula
President

before going to
the 3rd May Academy
at National Polish Home
in Glen Cove 2-5-21



PAC_ IDC'21 - Report #6

these meetings are to exchange info and talk about projects.
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to strengthen the importance of Polonia (wzmocnić znaczenie Polonii)

Wednesday – April 7, 2021, 8 – 10:12 PM EST

these meetings are open to all who care about Polonia, Poland, and US
"those who only talk about problems, and do not try to solve them, are becoming problems themselves"
Participants: Andrzej, Ela B., Gienek, Halina, Jurek B., Tomek, Władysław B., Zbyszek

- 1) Mrs. Ela Baumgartner is going to write the article about the WEP to the PAC Newsletter and presented her explanations and arguments why this law should be terminated.
- 2) Mr. Brzyski proposed to improve communication to look once a day at emails and if an answer is required to reply within 2 days.
- 3) Mr. Jeśman committed himself to send letters to all members of the US Congress when sufficient amount of Polish American organizations will respond.
- 4) The verification of organizations' lists will be continued (Mr. Bogdziewicz, Andrzej B. and Zbyszek K. will work on lists in their states: Florida, NJ and NY). We have to look for more volunteers to get involved.
- 5) The advice for Mr. Gordon: begin with a selection of school districts should be made and next the lesson should be presented as the first struggle for equality in America. Also, in the opinion of participants the lesson plan is too sophisticated and should be rewritten.

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 8 PM EST

AGENDA:

- 1) The verification of organizations' list and respondents to the appeal concerning HR 82.
- 2) New legislation proposals regarding the WEP
- 3) The Katyń Lesson
- 4) The Armenian Genocide and Srebrenica Genocide versa the PAC EC's position on the Katyń Massacre.
- 5) Celebrations of the 230th anniversary of The May 3rd Constitution (1791 – 2021)
- 6) The new mission of Dr. Pienkos' team.
- 7) An opinion on the PAC EC' letter written by Stefan Komar, PAC-LI VP for Polish Affairs:

Subject: Not the best response to the anti-Polish article in The New Yorker

I have two serious issues with the letter sent to The New Yorker. The statement that Nazi Germany did not want a collaborative state is misleading to the extent that I think it can be considered incorrect. Hitler wanted Poland to join in an anti-Soviet alliance which Poland refused to do. Nazi Germany at various times sought collaboration from individuals' underground units, and also from the Polish Underground, but was rebuffed time and time again. This statement also falsely suggests that Poland sought to collaborate with Nazi Germany, but a collaborative Polish state did not happen because Nazi Germany would not have it. No, a collaborative Polish state did not happen because Poles opposed Nazi Germany wholeheartedly. The letter writes of a surrender by Poland. Poland did NOT surrender. The government, along with troops left the country to continue the fight from abroad, while an underground state and military was created in German occupied Poland. Before the Polish American Congress sends a letter, it should make sure it is historically accurate, not misleading, and does not minimize the defiance of both the Polish nation or state towards the invading and occupying Germans. This specific issue has been raised before with Mr. Czop and it is hard to understand why the PAC continues to use these questionable themes in official correspondence.

PAC_ IDC'21 - Report #5

These Meetings are to exchange info and ideas + initiate projects.
They are organized by PACT (Polish Americans' Cooperative Teams) which mission is to strengthen the importance of Polonia (wzmocnić znaczenie Polonii)

Wednesday – March 3, 2021, 8 – 10:21 PM EST

these meetings are open to all who care about Polonia, Poland, and US

“those who only talk about problems, and do not try to solve them, are becoming problems themselves”

I am glad that these meetings began to attract more and more valuable people.
We talked about projects, new and in progress, how to make them successful.

- 1) To implement **Mr. Brzyski's project “cooperation between organizations”**, a team was formed: Andrzej Burghardt, Wojciech Jeśman, Tom Kącki.
 - a) The first assignment for this team is to write a letter, within the week, supporting the legislation intended to eliminate WEP. The issue of reducing social security through WEP for public workers is of the concern for many groups in the US including Polish community. Eugeniusz feels that it is a good problem to start, around which organizations can be united.
 - b) A huge undertaking to prepare a list of hundreds of Polish American organizations, was already done by Wojtek.
 - c) Next step will be the task to contact those over 600 organizations and find out which are interested in joining the network. For that step, more persons will be needed.
- 2) **Mr. Jeśman mentioned about his new initiative: Media Project** and its potential to reach a wide audience.
- 3) **Mr. Pienkos' PAC Newsletter was shown**, with an emphasis on articles describing specific projects, particularly: America council for Polish Culture (by Raymond & Cecilia Glembocki), School Curriculum – Request for comments (North California PAC Division, Mr. Gordon Black), POLISH PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS IN THE U.S.A. (by Robert Strybel), NATIONAL POLISH AMERICAN SPORTS HALL OF FAME.
- 4) **Mr. Burghardt presented Katyn lesson** prepared during PACT meetings. Constructive discussion followed how and where should be distributed.

I am very thankful to participants of this meeting for taking the time from their busy lives and contributing with their ideas, as well as their willingness to help and work on two projects: cooperation between organizations and dissemination of Katyn lesson.

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 8 PM EST

AGENDA: will be announced

zk, 3-4-21

PAC_ IDC'21 - Report #4

These Meetings are to exchange info and ideas + initiate projects
They are organized by PACT (Polish Americans' Cooperative Teams) which mission is
to strengthen the importance of Polonia (wzmocnić znaczenie Polonii)

Wednesday – February 3, 2021 7 – 10:21 PM EST

38 persons were invited:

Presidents of all PAC divisions + members of PAC EC + guests
these meetings are open to all who care about Polonia, Poland and US

“those who only talk about problems, and do not try to solve them, are becoming problems themselves”

Many issues were addressed. Here are some of them:

- 1) What public and politicians know about the last year Katyn Resolution proposed by the US Senate last year? - It would be interesting to find out. An article on this subject will be released at the proper time.
- 2) A reintroduction of the Katyn Resolution – what should be done first.
- 3) The answer of President Spula to Mr. Brzeski - maintaining the status quo was strongly expressed. The answer was supported interestingly only by three Executive Officers: Mary Anzelmo, Debby Majka and Mark Pienkos. No National Director was thanking Mr. Spula.
- 4) Coordination of organizations around common goals - steps were proposed and discussed:
 - a) making the list of organizations,
 - b) contacting leaders and explaining the idea,
 - c) creating a communication network with those who are interested in cooperation,
 - d) forming expert/executive teams
- 5) Possibility of elimination of WEP by newly introduced H.R.82 (last year #141) in the 116th Congress – how Polonia could and should get involved.
- 6) Where to find info about issues concerning retirement – Mr. Brzeski recommended to visit Missouri PAC's website. On the PAC-LI is the condensed guide that should be very useful for Polonia.
- 7) “Karta Polaka” – how it works was presented by Mr. Brzeski.

Reminder:

THESE MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL WHO CARE ABOUT POLONIA, POLAND AND US
if you wish to continue to receive these reports please write to me:

“I am interested in PAC IDC reports, I would like to receive them.

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 8 PM EST

AGENDA:

- 1) PowerPoint presentation of the English version of the Katyn Lesson
- 2) The article about the US Congress Resolution Katyn 2020
- 3) A list of Polish American organizations (work in progress)

PAC_ IDC'21 - Report #3

These Meetings are to exchange info and ideas + initiate projects
They are organized by PACT (Polish Americans' Cooperative Teams) which mission is
to strengthen the importance of Polonia (wzmocnić znaczenie Polonii)

Saturday – January 9, 2021 3 – 6:28 PM EST

33 persons were invited:

Presidents of all PAC divisions + members of PAC EC + guests
these meetings are open to all who care about Polonia, Poland and US

“Those who only talk about problems, and do not try to solve them, are becoming problems themselves”

The most important issues raised during this meeting:

- 1) All agreed that lecture about Katyń will help reinforce Polish identity. It must be translated. Both Polish and English versions we should send to teachers' organizations not just in the US.
- 2) We talked about cooperation with PIAST Institute.
- 3) Mr. Brzyski presented the idea to identify Polonia organizations, making their list and establishing communication channels with them.
- 4) Mr. Cebrowski recommended to contact Krzysztof Gajda and to invite him to our meetings.
- 5) Dr. Prokopczuk will send to Zbyszek a list from persons interested in our activities.
- 6) Mr. Brzyski talked about retirement issues (double taxation and WEP) that concerns thousands of Poles.

Reminder:

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if you wish to continue to receive these reports, please write to me:

I want to get PAC IDC reports.

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 7 PM EST

AGENDA:

- 6) presentation of the Katyn Synopsis for teachers
(proposal of this project was born during our 2nd meeting!)
- 7) article Katyn Resolution 2020
- 8) preparing a list of Polish American organization (idea presented at 3rd meeting)
- 9) catching carbon dioxide (prize for an inventor: \$100 millions)

. zk, 2-1-21

PAC_ IDC'20 - Report #2

These Meetings are to exchange info and ideas + to supervise the implementation of chosen projects organized by PACT which mission is to strengthen the importance of Polonia (wzmocnić znaczenie Polonii)

Saturday - December 12, 2020 3 – 6:28 PM EST

invitations were sent to all PAC divisions + PAC leadership + guests (33 persons)
these meetings are open to all who care about Polonia, Poland and US

"nie lekajcie się..."
St. John Paul II

We had an interesting exchange on the Katyń Resolution + issues of the great concern for PAC members + the PACT's emergence and its goals. The conversation was so absorbing that we had hard time to finish it.

Following actions were proposed:

- 1) a talk to Senator Menendez about details concerning rewriting the Katyń Resolution,
- 2) finding persons who are eager to be involved in socio-political matters and convince them to participate in IDCs,
- 3) a visit to the Senator of Ohio,
- 4) participants of the IDC will receive the contact list,
- 5) propose to the PAC EC to write a separate Resolution "concerning communists crimes committed on their citizens around the world" and remove this phrase from the Katyń Resolution which supposed to be dedicated to the 80th anniversary of genocide of Polish POWs murdered by Soviets - these things cannot not be mixed together.
- 6) those who want to work on implementations of projects will be encouraged to join Thursdays PACT's meetings.

Attached are answers to the PAC Administrator, Ms. Klara Wiśniewska.

Next meeting: Saturday, January 9, 2021 at 3 PM EST

AGENDA will be announced.

. zk, 12-13-20





Każda ulica udekorowana pawimi piórami ze zdjęciami zabytków jako zwornik
– tu widok na Sukiennice od strony ul. Szewskiej



szopka na pl. św. Ducha, w ciągu tygodnia brak turystów, ulice puste tylko czasem tubylcy
z lewej teatr im. Juliusza Słowackiego

PAC_ IDC'20 - Report #1

These Meetings are to exchange info and ideas + work on implementation of plans organized by PACT which mission is to strengthen the importance of Polonia ([wzmocnić znaczenie Polonii](#))

Saturday - November 14, 2020 3 – 5:38 PM EST

invitations were sent to representatives of all PAC divisions + PAC leadership.

24 Presidents and divisions' representatives accepted the invitation

these meetings will be open to all who care about Polonia, Poland and US

"If there is no way, make one"

The goal of this Conference: was to present the history of the 2020 Katyń Resolution and answer any questions participants would have.

Moderator, Mr. Andrzej Burghardt summarized over 17 pages of e-mails and short reports that were amassed on this issue. He did in-depth presentation of all the most important info and documents within an hour.

The main problem, as all know, with the Senate version of the Resolution is that the clause with naming the Katyń Massacre as a genocide was removed and the paragraph below was introduced:

"Whereas the Katyn Massacre fits into a larger pattern of Communist governments around the world persecuting their citizens and denying their people freedom, which has resulted in the deaths of up to 100,000,000 people since the Russian Revolution of 1917."

Polish POWs were not Soviet citizens – all participants understood it and supported a correction, there was no need to present arguments.

Andrzej's presentation had following sections:

1. Purpose of Resolution
2. Search for sponsors in US Congress
3. Struggle for the historical truth
4. Attempts to convince the PAC EC to join our efforts

After the presentation comments, opinions and ideas were exchanged.

It was suggested:

- 1) to send special thanks to Sonja
- 2) to prepare a questionnaire for parents and students of Polish Saturdays Schools concerning the Katyń Resolution
- 3) to write an article about history of the 2020Katytyń Resolution and distribute to Polish Media for publication
- 4) to invite to the next meeting PAC'S VP for Polish Affairs
- 5) to write a short summary from each meeting and distribute to all invited

All participants agreed that we should meet every month and continue to invite PAC Division Presidents and PAC leadership.

Next meeting: Saturday December 12 at 3 PM EST
AGENDA will be announced.

> this report can be distributed among your members and friends <



cold morning, 2 weeks ago - my roommates from room #9, here we are parting, there are going to Kozi Wierch I am going to Zawrat



I walked through Zawrat Pass to Hala ^ Gąsienicowa at the top of Zawratowa Turnia, there is a mountain goat there the pass is in a little bit to the right looking from the goat to the bottom of picture there is a pole with signs and man in blue pants standing by to help you find it, I marked it



Alex, Ada i Dominika climbed Kozi Wierch, the color of the sky was incredible