

IOM'24 – Meeting #1 Wednesday – January 3, 2024 8:00 – 9:24 PM EST

Participants: Andrzej, Dr. Gene, Szymon, Zbyszek.

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

- The participants of this meeting spent Christmas and New Year with their families.
- The Coalition of Polish Americans quickly reacted by sending a protest letter after the new left-wing government dissolved the public television station TVP.
- Zbyszek started preparing summaries of last year's meetings, highlighting issues that we should address again.
- Zbyszek started working on the Polish version of the brochure about Poland replacing the text in the Polish Americans Contribution column with text that would be specific to Poles.
- Jonathan Silverstein is hosting another meeting, this time with Rep. Marcy Kaptur on Thursday, January 25, 2024, from 9:00-10:00 AM Central Time via Microsoft Teams. She will be taking Q&A on "Freedom Means Never Surrender."
- Zbyszek, after including all suggestions to the WWII Commemoration and Compensation Resolution, sent it to several interested people from the PACT group.

### **We talked about:**

- Dr. Gene made a few minor corrections to the draft WWII Commemoration and Compensation Resolution, which Andrzej immediately implemented.
- The Polish Club at UT and its extremely consistent activities. No other Polish American organization can compare with them.
- The importance of educating young people especially in Poland and around the world. This is necessary to build a civil state. Szymon suggested that instead of developing close relationships with American legislators, we should devote our time and energy to this project. Dr. Gene rightly described what needs to be done: teach a critical thinking. However, no one had any idea how to do it.
- Situation in Poland after a new government of Donald Tusk took over.

### **What was decided:**

- Everyone who can should contact their congressional representative's office and schedule a meeting with the legislative team re the Compensation Resolution.
- Dr. Gene will attempt to attend a WEP/GPO Task Force meeting on Monday.
- Dr. Gene will meet with his Representative, Abigail Spanberger, in January and ask her to sponsor the Compensation Resolution. She is a Democrat who prides herself as being the most bipartisan Democrat in the House of Representatives.

### **REMINDER that can be useful in encouraging people to join our meetings:**

Any person who wants to be useful, anyone who wants to be involved in changing what can be changed, by working with other motivated people. Thanks to close cooperation in a friendly environment, we increase the mental power of the group. We are able to focus on important matters that correspond to our capabilities. Also, joining us is free, no application is required, there is no obligation to attend every meeting, our group is not formally structured, we respect personal political views, we accept members of any organization or non-affiliated people. We cooperate with variety of organizations and individuals.

**Next meeting:** PACT24 > Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 3 PM EST via Skype  
**AGENDA:** current events + this report will be read and commented on

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**PACT'24 – Meeting #1** Thursday – January 11, 2024 3:00 – 4:04 PM EST

Participants: Andrzej, Dr. Gene, Halina, Jola, Ryszard, Zbyszek.

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

- Dr. Gene submitted question for Marcy Kaptur (as Jonathan Silverstein had asked to do before the meeting with her) whether she was going to support the Compensation Resolution now (she promised to get involved after the election in Poland). This is in reference of the meeting with the Congresswoman on January 25 organized by the Polish Club at UT. Zbyszek wonders if Jonathan will present Gene's question, because questions are screened beforehand (once Zbyszek's question was omitted, because "did not fit").
- Andrzej at his PAC -New Jersey Division meeting reminded to contact legislators from Ways & Means re WEP as Gene had requested.
- Zbyszek called Andrew Garbarino's Long Island office re the Compensation Resolution and was directed to call his DC office and contact Mr. Garbarino's legislative team directly. Zbyszek followed the advice and received an email to the head of the Legislative Team [Kevin.Ganon@mail.house.gov](mailto:Kevin.Ganon@mail.house.gov)
- Andrzej spoke at the Katyn Monument last Sunday during a demonstration (~100 people showed up) against the unconstitutional behavior of the new Polish government.
- John Czop informed Zbyszek that Lech Walesa was invited by the organizers of the 60 Million event which will take place in February in Miami. This is an expensive event for the participants, Halina recalled when she was there with Zbyszek last year.
- Arkadiusz Mularczyk, head of the reparations team, told PAP (Polish Press Agency) that he will soon submit a draft resolution to the Sejm where "We will call on the government to take action during this parliamentary term on the international forum to seek war reparations from Germany."

### **We talked about:**

- Dr. Gene introduced us to a new Alert on HR.82 and its Senate version S.597. Currently, 50 senators are co-sponsors, and an additional 11 are needed.
- Should we wait until we hear a clear statement from the new Polish government on compensation for Poland for WWII? Ryszard noted that the issue of reparations is perceived negatively by legislators and gave the example of African-Americans seeking compensation for slavery in California. Zbyszek saw no connection or comparison with the Polish case. Dr. Gene: PASI has decided to wait until the reaction of the new Polish government is known.
- The report from the last meeting was read.
- Films about Poland available on the Netflix were discussed by Jola and Dr. Gene.

### **What was decided:**

- Dr. Gene asked us to join the Call to Action: The National WEP/GPO Repeal Task Force is launching our 2024 campaign next week on 16 January to press 10 targeted House members and 10 targeted Senate members to advance H.R. 82 and S. 597. Details in Gene's email or please contact him or Zbyszek directly.
- Dr. Gene will NOT meet with his Representative, Abigail Spanberger until he receives the green light from PASI which is awaiting plans of the new Polish government re compensations for WWII.

**Next meeting:** PACT24 > Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 3 PM EST via Skype

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

**PACT'24 – Meeting #2** Thursday – January 18, 2024 3:00 – 4:57 PM EST

Participants:

Andrzej, Dr. Andrzej, Dr. Gene, Gienek, Halina, Jola, Jurek B., Ryszard, Szymon, Zbyszek.

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

- Gienek recovered from weeks of Covid-related complications and we are delighted to have him back.
- Halina and Zbyszek organized a reunion meeting of the Oginski Choir at the Polish American Museum. Good times were recalled, Christmas and other songs were sung.
- After the event in Museum, Halina and Zbyszek went to a restaurant for Tom Suozzi's rally. There were at least 100 of us. We managed to talk to some of the participants. His opponent in the upcoming special election on Feb. 13 is Jewish woman Mazi Pilip (R).
- Tim Kuzma, PAC VP for American Affairs hosted the 3rd meeting of PAC division and national organization Presidents on Tuesday at 8:30 PM EST. 17 people participated.
- Gienek mentioned a letter of Senator Vance (R-OH) to Secretary Blinken:  
<https://www.vance.senate.gov/press-releases/senator-vance-slams-biden-administrations-silence-on-polish-government-attacks-on-press-freedom/>

### **We talked about:**

- Dr. Gene asked us to continue the campaign to put pressure on 10 members of Ways & Means Committee and Senators for the next 3 weeks. It is not too late to get involved in this project and encourage your friends to join.
- Andrzej and Ryszard summarized the last meeting organized by Kuzma. Tim agreed with Bozena, Mark and Michael that PAC should remain impartial re recent events in Poland. Other speakers were against it. Ryszard was not allowed to present the PAC-LI statement regarding the behavior of new Prime Minister, Donald Tusk.
- 60 Million Congress in Miami. Last year's participants shared their opinions. Participation in the event is very expensive. There is no follow-up to decisions made a year ago. This event does not serve Polonia or Poland in any way. It is about showing off. <https://60mln.pl/en>
- The report from the last meeting was read.
- We sang a Polish birthday song for Ryszard, who will turn 93 on Saturday, wishing him to be active, have good humor and health until he is at least 120 years old.

### **What was decided:**

- Zbyszek will prepare a draft of questions for Suozzi (D) and Mazi Pilip (R) and will consult them with PACT participants before presenting them to the candidates.
- Dr. Gene asked us all to spread the word about the WEP/GPO Repeal Alert Action. He prepared all necessary documents. Gienek liked what is on the PASI website, which makes it very convenient to contact the 10 members of the Ways & Means Committee: [https://joinpasi.org/index.php/markup\\_hr82/](https://joinpasi.org/index.php/markup_hr82/)
- PAC-LI will defer sending the proposed Commemoration-Compensation Resolution and related documents to Rep. Andrew Garbarino.
- Zbyszek: Mr. Kuzma should be informed that PAC-LI was shocked and does not appreciate the way its President was treated during the last PAC meeting on Jan. 17.
- Jola suggested contacting the candidate for Congress in Toledo, Ohio.  
R J Majewski tel. 419 - 318 – 9878, website: rjforohio.com

**Next meeting:** PACT24 > Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 3 PM EST via Skype  
**AGENDA:** current events + this report will be read and commented on

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## **PACT'24 – Meeting #3**

Thursday – January 25, 2024

3:00 – 5:43 PM EST

Participants:

Andrzej, Dr. Andrzej, Dr. Gene,  
Gienek, Halina, Jola, Jurek B.,  
Tomek, Zbyszek.

Oginski Male Choir reunion, Jan. 13  
at the Polish American Museum

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

- Response to Tim Kuzma, regarding not allowing Ryszard to present the PAC-LI position on the situation in Poland was prepared by Zbyszek with help of Andrzej and Krzysiek (5 people signed it, the remaining participants were afraid or did not care).
- Zbyszek's emails going from PASI's link to Rep's ended in spam as undeliverable.
- Ryszard managed to place a PAC-LI ad in the bulletin of St. Hedwig Church.
- The meeting with Rep. Marcy Kaptur took place this morning (11 people participated, including 5 from outside of the Polish Club at UT)
- Dr. Gene sent emails re H.R.82 separately to each Rep.
- Tomorrow Jola will take part in a meeting with Marek Skulimowski from the Kosciuszko Foundation re Polish Study at Wane State University. KF gives money to this department. Also Invited were: Wisniewski, Raczkowski, Bankowski, Walawender.

### **We talked about:**

- Dr. Gene explained why we are focusing only on 10 members of the Ways & Means Committee and not all 43. According to some sympathetic staffers, these 10 are the most influential and the WEP/GPO Repeal Task Force recommends contacting them.
- What is the best way to email Congressmen and Senators about WEP/GPO.
- According to Ms. Marcy Kaptur compensation is a bilateral matter between Poland and Germany, she recommends building bridges and going to courts (Jews did not go to courts). The elections are coming and we can mention it to her. Dr. Gene and Zbyszek: we could use some of her wordings in the Resolution. A close alliance between Poland
- and the United States, is in the interest of both countries which is why the US should support Poland in the matter of compensation for WWII.
- The report from the last meeting was read.
- Suozzi or Mazi who would be better for us. How can we check this - that is the question.
- Tomek did not receive a response from Mr. Majewski who will run against Rep. Kaptur.
- Who are the leaders the Platforma Obywatelska (PO)?

### **What was decided:**

- Dr. Gene will talk tMałgosia Ciuraszkiewicz about removing the "optional" description in front of the email window and adding a space for organizational affiliation.
- Zbyszek did not have time to prepare a draft of questions for Suozzi (D) and Mazi Pilip (R). This should be done soon.
- Andrzej passed on Krzysiek's suggestion to ask Rep. Marcy for a meeting with members of Polish American organizations, as she recently accepted an invitation from a student organization.
- Jola suggested obtaining a response from Ms. Marcy's in writing.
- Tomek will go to the Town Hall meeting of his Congressman, Max Miller Ohio (R).
- Tomek asked us to visit his PAC division's website <https://www.pacoh.org/>

**Next meeting:** PACT24 > Thursday, February 1, 2024, at 3 PM EST via Skype  
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**PACT'24 – Meeting #4** Thursday – February 1, 2024 3:00 – 5:34 PM EST

Participants: Andrzej, Dr. Andrzej, Dr. Gene, Gienek, Halina, Jola, Tomek, Zbyszek.

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

- Zbyszek wrote a draft of questions for Tom Suozzi (D) and Melesa Mazi Pilip (R).
- PASI has prepared a letter to Polish politicians re the concerns of the Polish diaspora caused by recent actions of Tusk's new government.
- Jola participated in a meeting organized by KF re the Polish Study at Wane University.
- Dr. Krystyna sent Zbyszek a message from the organization "Foundation Leader 100".
- Tomek went to a Town Hall meeting and talked to his Rep. Max Miller (R-OH #7).

### **We talked about:**

- About the questions that Zbyszek prepared for the candidates (Mazi & Suozzi) running in the special elections in the NY 3rd district. The elections will take place on Feb. 13.
- PASI letter on the situation in Poland and how to increase the importance of the letter.
- PASI's plan to put pressure on legislators re H.R.82. Dr. Gene's clear, well-prepared explanation was read.
- Jola's meeting with Marek Skulimowski from the Kosciuszko Foundation re Polish Study at Wane State University. KF, after the reaction of this department, which ostentatiously announced that it did not need \$20 k from KF, will stop sending donations.
- Zbyszek recalled the life of Fr. Rożek, Halina Dick Traum's life and his achievements.
- The purpose of the visit in the US of Luis Brus, President of the Leader100 Foundation ((he is an Argentinian who has been living in Poland since 1996). The info from Adam Domaradzki sent to Zbyszek: Luis wants to exchange experiences in different countries on the practices in involving parents in the upbringing of the young generation. Luis will participate in a congress in the Philippines in February, and will travel from there to USA in March. Materials for teachers, parents and students - children and teenagers aged 6 to 18 (for developing 25 social competences and 156 age-appropriate habits) can be found here: <https://leader100.pl/kompetencje-leader100/>. The materials are currently available in Polish, Spanish and Portuguese. The meeting should take place in New York (meeting date to be determined: from Tuesday, March 12 in the afternoon to Thursday, March 14). Purpose of the meeting: to present materials and consider translating them into English. Luis will first visit California, Texas and Boston.
- The report from the last meeting was read.

### **What was decided:**

- Zbyszek will send the questions to candidates before special elections in his district #3.
- Everyone who receives PACT/IOM emails should participate in well-planned WEP campaign. Instructions will be sent on when, how and which group of Reps to contact.
- Andrzej recommended downloading Thunderbird, which saves time when forwarding emails without having to delete traces.
- Zbyszek will contact Rep. Marcy Kaptur and ask her to meet with Polonia organizations.
- Gienek suggested organizing open meetings to attract members to the organization.

### **Recommended:**

- 1) Please listen to Dr. Bogdan Kotnis' conversation with Robert Terzian, Esq., a retired government attorney about the book "Kaz: War, Love, and Betrayal". Any comment will help in creating more podcasts. Please post the link to your friends and on social media: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XIsHdURo3ZU>.
- 2) Dr. Andrzej's find, a mine of knowledge about the traces of Polish Americans: <https://www.amazon.com/Footprints-Polonia-Polish-Historical-America/dp/0781814359>

**Next meeting:** IOM'24 > Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 8 PM EST via Skype

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

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## IOM'24 – Meeting #2

Wednesday – February 7,

2024 8:00 – 10:21 PM EST

Participants: Andrzej, Dr. Andrzej, Dr. Gene, Gienek, Halina, Jacek, Jola, Jurek B., Zbyszek.

Suozzi fundraising at Bella restaurant in Little Neck on February 6 (6 PM -9 PM). Minimum donation was \$250 per person.

### What has happened since our last meeting?

- On Sunday, Zbyszek emailed questions with Ryszard's final touches to Tom Suozzi (D) and Melesa Mazi Pilip (R). Questions are posted on the PAC-Long Island website: [www.paclongisland.org](http://www.paclongisland.org)
- The 60 Million Congress ended on Sunday in Miami. Lech Wałęsa promotes a united Europe and the end of nation states. <https://60mln.pl/en/>
- PASI asked us for help in collecting the organization's signatures for their open letter to Polish politicians re the concerns of Polonia about the situation in Poland.
- PASI has started a 5-day Action Plan of sending daily emails to a group of Reps (8-9). Messages and instructions were prepared by Dr. Gene and Małgosia. Jacek worked for several days on a program that automatically sends signed e-mails to staffers of Reps.
- Zbyszek talked to Adam Domaradzki from the organization "Foundation Leader 100" about their education program that they want to present to Polish Saturday Schools and American Public Schools. He and Luis Brus, will try to join us at Thursday meeting.

### We talked about:

- Email action to Reps re the repeal of WEP/GPO initiated by PASI. Who participated and who received confirmation. Jacek provided us with the details.
- PASI Statement on the situation in Poland. Dr. Gene read the statement to us and discussion ensued. To whom the letter should be sent to? If we also want to send it to the media, it was suggested to change the title from "Statement" to "Open Letter". Reps of 5 PAC divisions present at the meeting agreed to have their names included in the letter: Florida, Long Island, New Jersey, North California, Missouri.
- Special Election in district #3 and its impact on the balance in the House.
- Should parents be responsible for their children's behavior
- 60 Million Congress. 4 years of Jurek's observation: This event is not for Polonia. People like to meet in Florida and have fun. This is a missed opportunity. Wałęsa said that he likes that globalization is progressing, such as the world's response to Covid.
- PAC-Michigan and their situation. Jola: they have 50 members and 20 organizations. They are the only division that owns a building. Their building is located in Hamtramck which became a Muslim town. Zbyszek told how "Community Centers" in Great Neck work. The trick is finding committed people, who care and who have the vision and skills needed to run the facility.
- Andrzej told us that the Polish National Home in Passaic was sold.
- The report of the last weekly meeting was read.

### What was decided:

- Halina & Zbyszek will try to meet with Melesa Mazi Pilip.
- We have once again postponed pressure on Reps re the Compensation Resolution.
- Andrzej & Zbyszek will collect signatures under a PASI letter re the situation in Poland.
- Andrzej: is it time to reactivate the Polonia for Trump movement?

**Next meeting:** PACT'24 > Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 3 PM EST via Skype

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

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**PACT'24 – Meeting #5** Thursday, February 15, 2024 3 – 5:40 PM EST

Participants: Adam D., Andrzej, Dr. Andrzej, Dr. Gene, Gienek, Halina, Jacek, Jola, Jurek B., Tomek, Zbyszek.

Adam Domaradzki from the Polish educational organization “Leader 100” joined our meeting. I would like to thank Andrzej for continuing to moderate the meeting after I left.

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

- Halina & Zbyszek could not find a way to meet with Melesa Mazi Pilip (R).
- Tom Suozzi (D) was elected in the special election that took place Tuesday, Feb. 13 in the NY district #3 where Halina and Zbyszek live. Tom received 53.9%, Melesa 46.1%.
- Changes in the education programs in Poland were announced. They will be implemented in September.
- President Duda and Prime Minister Tusk will visit at the White House on March 12: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2024/02/15/statement-from-press-secretary-karine-jean-pierre-on-the-visit-of-president-duda-and-prime-minister-tusk-of-poland-to-the-white-house/>
- New Polish Prime Minister, Donald Tusk wants to discuss WWII reparations with Berlin: [https://news.yahoo.com/polish-leader-wants-discuss-wwii-31137531.html?fr=sycsrp\\_catchall](https://news.yahoo.com/polish-leader-wants-discuss-wwii-31137531.html?fr=sycsrp_catchall)
- Sikorski: Poland supports a two-state solution which entails the existence of both Israel and a Palestinian state: [Sikorski: Poland recognizes the statehood of Israel and Palestine - English Section - polskieradio.pl](#)

### **We talked about:**

- We worked on the “Open Letter” (title changed from “Statement”). After discussion, Andrzej immediately implemented our suggestions. A preliminary list who should receive the letter: US House and Senate Members, Former US President Trump, US Ambassador Mark Brzezinski, Polish and American Media, Social Media.
- Adam Domaradzki presented the educational organization Leader 100 (originally, it listed 100 important habits that should be taught to children, over years this number expanded to 150) <https://leader100.eu/>. The institution was established in 2010 and currently employs 10 people, some of them work part-time, preparing materials for children and parents. The inspiration for creating the lessons came from the economics teaching methods developed at Carleton College: [https://serc.carleton.edu/econ/teaching\\_methods/index.html](https://serc.carleton.edu/econ/teaching_methods/index.html). Leader 100 has materials in Polish and Spanish. Soon they will have more than 60 e-books to offer. We talked how we can help and benefit from their program. Luis, the President of the organization will come to the US in March.
- Changes in educational programs in Poland which will be introduced in September.
- Movement for the Repair of Poland.

### **What was decided:**

- We will help Luis, President of Leader100 meet with teachers from New York area in person and via Zoom.
- Andrzej & Zbyszek will continue to collect signatures for the PASI Open Letter, after Wojtek's approval.

**Next meeting:** PACT'24 > Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 3 PM EST via Skype

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

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**PACT'24 – Meeting #6** Thursday, February 22, 2024 3 – 6:02 PM EST

Participants: Andrzej, Dr. Andrzej, Dr. Gene, Gienek, Halina, Jacek, Jola, Jurek B., Ryszard, Szymon, Zbyszek.

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

- A scheduler of Rep. Marcy Kaptur responded at 7 AM today to Zbyszek's request for a meeting sent on February 9. Juven Jacob asked for the following: Topics of conversation; Attendees; Time frame; Organizations involved.
- On Tuesday, Mr. Kuzma held another monthly meeting of PAC National Directors. 16 people attended, 5 were members of the PAC Board. According to Bozena, the 'Open Letter' attacks a new government and that she does not like.
- Tim Kuzma announced that the National Executive Council (PAC division Presidents) will meet next week. New dues and other issues will be discussed and decisions will be made by vote.

**We talked about:**

- The "Open Letter". Who signed it, to whom it will be sent and its translation. We learned that the letter was translated by Ania B., President of PAC-Michigan. The letter will be sent to President Andrzej Duda, Prime Minister Donald Tusk, Parliamentary Marshals, via the Polish Embassy. Also, to the Polish Press Agency, Polish American media.
- Visit of Luis Brusa, President of Leader100. The leaflet announcing his visit should be revised. In its current state it will be difficult to attract anyone to participate. Andrzej suggested helping them arouse interest in their educational program by writing in the leaflet: we are observing the collapse of the education system in the Western world and the Educational Foundation has come up with a proposal that can solve this problem. On the Leader 100 website, there is an example of six skill habits:
  - I put things back in place (suggested age: 5-7 years)
  - I take care of school supplies and the place of study (8-9 years)
  - I keep things tidy around me (10-11 years)
  - I have a daily plan and I follow it (12-13 years old)
  - I can schedule things in time (14-15 years old)
  - I can distinguish between important and urgent things (16-18 years old)
- Repeal of WEP/GPO: actions prepared by PASI to send e-mails to Members of Congress. Gienek had suggestions: not activate the links only on specific dates, and restore the link to the video from the rally in DC, where Dr. Gene spoke so eloquently.

**What was decided:**

- Andrzej, if necessary, will correct the translation of the "Open Letter" and send it to Wojtek J. for approval.
- Andrzej and Zbyszek will prepare a message for Dr. Dorota Andraka, Jan Kozak and teachers about a meeting with the Leader 100 EU.
- Zbyszek will seek signatures from PAC West Florida and Central New York.
- Jola will try to convince Leszek Pawlik, President of Coalitions of Polish Americans to sign the "Open Letter" and will send it to Gwiazda Polarna and Kuryer Polski.
- Zbyszek will reply to the scheduler of Rep. Marcy Kaptur.
- Gienek had a question about the lawsuit re the Katyń Monument. Dr. Gene will try to find out from Wojtek J.
- Jacek will tell us whether it will be possible to meet President Duda and PM Tusk.

**Next meeting:** PACT'24 > Thursday, February 29, 2024, at 3 PM EST via Skype  
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## PACT'24 – Meeting #7

Thursday, February 29, 2024 3 – 6:02 PM EST

Participants: Adam D., Andrzej, Dr. Andrzej, Gienek, Halina, Jacek, Jola, Jurek B., Ryszard, Tomek, Zbyszek.

### What has happened since our last meeting?

- Zbyszek sent an email answering the scheduler of Rep. Marcy Kaptur:
  1. topics of conversation: a) Poland caucus - goal and achievements, b) 85th Anniversary of the beginning of WWII, c) Human rights and freedom of speech d) Situation in the Middle East
  - 2) attendees: Presidents, members of the Boards of Polish American organizations (I will send names when the date and time will be announced)
  - 3) timeframe: less than an hour
  - 4) organizations involved: following organizations would like to participate: Polish American Congress, Coalition of Polish Americans, PASI, PASI EDU
- Andrzej wrote a letter on behalf of PASI to the Polish Embassy requesting a meeting with the Polish President and PM.
- Zbyszek and Andrzej sent emails to teachers of Polish Saturday Schools re a meeting with the President of Leader 100.
- Jacek didn't receive a response from the Embassy re the meeting with Mr. Duda, Tusk.
- Leszek Pawlik, President of Coalition of Polish Americans signed the "Open Letter".
- Tomek: On February 20, the Minister of National Defense, Wladyslaw Kosiniak Kamysz appointed former General of the Polish People's Republic Boguslaw Pak as the director of the Polish Army Museum.

### We talked about:

- The meeting of the National Director Council which was held on Tuesday. There were 16 participants (6 were EC officers). The draft of EC budget was presented. It was promised that the budget would be sent to divisions. \$5 k goes to teach the VP for PR how to use the website. Mr. Spula proposed reducing dues from 80% to 60%. Andrzej wanted to see the budget from last year. Mr. Spula was angry that many divisions signed the Open letter re the situation in Poland. National Directors dues \$300.
- Jacka's automatic email sending program was praised.
- Changing the hours of most of our meetings to evenings.
- Draft of PASI Statement on Ukraine. It has been read and discussed. Jola, Zbyszek and Andrzej from California did not understand the intention Volodya Putin would like it.
- Meeting with President of Leader 100, Luis Brusa on March 13.
- Importance and teaching of verbal communication, critical thinking, political involvement. Andrzej explained the meaning: Politics is a common concern for the common good. How to convince people to become politically active: if you are not interested in politics, politics will be interested in you. "Silence is golden" - an example of a proverb with the opposite meaning.
- The report from the last meeting was read and discussed.

### What was decided:

- Zbyszek will try to organize a meeting with PAC divisions.
- Zbyszek and Andrzej will continue to inform about meeting with Leader 100.
- Adam recommended reading "How to live wisely in the 21st century" by Ryszard Stocki.
- Tomek recommended reportage of DW about Polish children kidnapped in WWII: [The kidnapping campaign of Nazi Germany | DW Documentary \(youtube.com\)](https://www.dw.com/en/the-kidnapping-campaign-of-nazi-germany/a-63188888)

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### **IOM'24 – Meeting #3**

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

8 – 10:14 PM EST

Participants:

Andrzej, Gienek, Halina, Jacek, Jola,  
Ryszard, Zbyszek.

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Patriots imprisoned, brutally investigated  
and murdered for fighting communism.  
In their memory races are organized

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

- March 1, „Dzień Żołnierzy Niezłomnych”. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cursed\\_soldiers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cursed_soldiers)
- Zbyszek is organizing a meeting with the PAC Presidents on Tuesday, next week on March 12, at 8:30 PM. The main goal is to work on the proposal for dues paid to the EC. Jim Lawicki (Buffalo) and David Rydzewski (Wisconsin) did not respond.
- Andrzej received responses from Polish Saturday Schools teachers interested in meeting the President of Leader 100.
- Luis Brusa will be in DC and is looking for a translator. Jacek could possibly help.

#### **We talked about:**

- Which organizations and how much money they received from “Infrastruktura Polonijna”. Also, Foundations (sponsors) through which money is transferred to Polonia organizations. Jola found the website of MSZ and read this very interesting info to us. <https://www.gov.pl/web/dyplomacja/wyniki-konkursu-infrastruktura-polonijna-2024>
- PAC-Michigan elections. A change in the position of President is expected. Potential candidates and future plans were mentioned, as well as membership.
- What happened in PAC divisions: in New Jersey 4-5 energetic people joined the Board, PAC-Washington DC organized the annual Fall Bal and on Feb. 24 took part in pro-Ukrainian rally at the Lincoln Memorial (~500 people), Jacek talked to Ambassador and earlier to Ukrainians veterans at the airport that lost limbs, PAC-Missouri will participate in helping renewing passports (so far 80 people, are interested), they also received permission to place Pulaski's bust at a cemetery and got \$25 k from MSZ.
- Statement on Ukraine prepared by PASI. Jola: it is a pity that this was written.
- Immigrants from Poland after “Solidarity”.
- WEP/GPO repeal action and people involved in this project.
- PAC budget for 2024.
- Meeting with Luis Brusa next week.
- Farmers' demonstrations in Poland against the “Green Deal”.
- PAC division Presidents meeting on Tuesday.

#### **What was decided:**

- Zbyszek will send Jola samples of election flyers
- Gienek again proposed changing the hours of our meetings to evenings to accommodate those who work during the day. We will try to alternate the start times of meetings on Thursdays, from 3 to 8 PM.

#### **Recommended:** Jola's finding “White and Red Umbrella” by Joanna Wojdon

Zbyszek: “Bias on reporting” on NPR [MARCH 1, 2024 Measuring Bias in Israel-Palestine Coverage, and Mehdi Hasan's Approach to Covering the Region](#)

**Next meeting:** PACT'24 > Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 3 PM EST via Skype

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

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**PACT'24** – Meeting #8    Wednesday, March 14, 2024    3 – 6:02 PM EST

Participants:

Andrzej, Edmund, Gienek, Halina, Jacek, Jola, Jurek B., Szymon, Tomek, Zbyszek.

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

- Jacek helped Luis Brusa with translation in D.C. while meeting the authors of a book about the temperament (it took over 2 hours) at the Catholic information Center.
- Meetings: Tuesday, presidents and reps of PAC divisions via Zoom (organizer, Zbyszek) + about the results of research on the promotion of Poland abroad at the Consulate in New York (Halina participated), Wednesday, with the President of Leader 100 (organizer Andrzej and Zbyszek)
- Frank Spula, President of PAC and Leszek Pawlik, President of CPA signed a joint letter on Ukraine.

**We talked about:**

- Why is there is an atmosphere in Poland of preparation for war, as Edmund informed us. Two possibilities were presented: according to Zbyszek, because Ukraine is falling, and according to Jola, that Tusk's government is distracting attention from the changes introduced by politicians.
- What was the real reason for inviting President Duda and PM Tusk to the White House on the 25th anniversary of Poland's accession to NATO. Gienek suspected that "nuclear sharing" was discussed behind closed doors.
- Meeting of 12 presidents and reps of PAC divisions on Tuesday at 8:30 PM. The main goal was to present a proposal for divisional dues that would be acceptable to the majority. Zbyszek suggested starting negotiations with the EC by offering 10%. There were also proposals of 20% and 30%. Most participants preferred to wait until the EC announces the budget for 2024.
- Meeting with Luis Brusa, President of Leader 100 on Wednesday at 7:30 PM. Luis comes from Argentina and moved to Poland because he got a good job offer there. He is a broker and learned Polish in 2 years. He is a member of Opus Dei. Through Zoom Luis presented a method of teaching children 100 + skills and values to 11 teachers of Polish Saturday Schools. He emphasized the importance of parental involvement. The program is currently used by over 350 schools, including 200 in Poland and the rest in Spain and south American countries. The program is available in Polish, Spanish, Catalanian, Portuguese and is prepared in English. Initially, 30 education specialists worked on it for a year and a half. Currently, 10 people are involved in its improvement, mostly par-time. Not only schools but also individuals can apply for access.
- PAC Financial Statement was sent to Ryszard for 2022 and 23 after the intervention of Zbyszek and Dr. Pienkos. Ms. Jaminska's comment was surprising: zk is no longer ND, so he should not ask for it.
- The PASI letter on Ukraine was criticized by all but one person.
- Responsibilities of the National Executive Council. We read the PAC By-laws.
- Youth education.
- Report from the last meeting was read and discussed.

**What was decided:**

- Gienek proposed shortening our meetings to an hour and starting them by reading the report from the previous meeting. This will require returning to using the pipe.
- PAC divisions should wait with paying dues until the budget is presented by the EC and the dues voted on by the National Executive Council.
- An additional meeting with Luis should be arranged.

**Next meeting:** PACT'24 > Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 3 PM EST via Skype

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

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**PACT'24 – Meeting #9**  
Thursday, March 21, 2024 3 – 5:07 PM EST

Participants: Andrzej, Edmund, Gene, Gienek, Halina, Jacek, Jola, Ryszard, Szymon, Ursula, Wojtek, Zbyszek.

We welcomed a new participant: Ursula.

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

- Jola was elected President of the PAC Michigan division. She has plans to increase membership to 100 people and wants to decide what to do with their building.

**We talked about:**

- The report from the last meeting was read and commented on.
- Progress on the WEP/GPO repeal project. Dr. Gene reported that the “natives” were becoming restless because they had not seen any action to advance the bill to the markup session. Gienek informed us that currently the bill is supported by 307 members of the House and 53 Senators.
- “Flavor of Poland”, series II. Krzysiek reminded us that we need to reach out to marketing specialists. Halina’s explained what she experienced and what could really work was simply personal contacts.
- An educational program for teaching values and skills to students prepared by Leader 100. Krzysiek: we have very limited time and resources and we have plenty of other projects. He argued that it would distract us from important projects. He very strongly opposed against getting involved in helping spread info about the Leader 100 program. Andrzej agreed with him. Zbyszek was of the opposite opinion, he saw a great opportunity in preparing young generation for adult life offered by this program. In his experience, it would take very little time and effort to advertise this to teachers.
- PASI Statement on Ukraine. Wojtek offered to answer questions. Zbyszek wanted to know what the purpose of writing this letter was and what Wojtek’s idea was to end the war in Ukraine. Instead of answering, Wojtek said there were too many emotions around these topics and instead offered to organize an educational meeting. Several meeting participants expressed interest.
- Resolution regarding Compensation. Participants were against resuming this project for the reason: that the new Polish government is not interested in obtaining compensation from Germany. According to Zbyszek this issue was still fresh since its global introduction last year by PiS. Therefore, we should not worry so much about the attitude of Tusk’s government. Keeping this issue alive would be a strategic move.
- The list of proposed projects that our PACT group could get involved was read.

**What was decided:**

- Zbyszek encouraged everyone who knows teachers, especially teachers of Polish Saturday Schools, to inform them about advantages of the Leader 100 educational program and explain how to obtain these programs.
- Wojtek invited everyone interested in educating "themselves". The meeting will be held via Zoom on Sunday, April 7 at 8 PM EST. Andrzej, Jola, Krzysiek, Ryszard, Ursula and Gienek expressed their interest.
- It was repeated that the EC should be informed about what the Presidents of divisions expect: no dues will be paid until the budget is presented by the EC and the dues are voted by the National Executive Council (EC).

**Next meeting:** PACT'24 > Thursday, March 28, 2024, at 3 PM EST via Skype  
AGENDA: this report will be read and commented on first + current events

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