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MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP

Saturday, February 21, 2026, Noon, Cossacks' Room

Pursuant to notice duly given to all members of the All Cossacks' Union of San Francisco, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation (the "Company"), a meeting of the Company's Membership was held at the above date and time and in the given manner. The Company Secretary kept the minutes of the meeting. The directors were present (if indicated with "x") in person or by electronic means. A quorum of the membership was present.

Directors	Position	
Constantin Koloboff	Ataman/ President	x
Paul Vuksich	VP/ Secretary	x
Oleg Bolshakoff	Treasurer/CFO	x
Palina Suhonos	Director	
Natalie Krassovsky	Director	x
Snezhana Wilson	Director	
Nadine Buick	Director	x
Eugene Krassovsky	Director	

1. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

The Prior Minutes of the Annual Meeting with respect to actions taken on November 23, 2024 (the "Prior Minutes") were read. After a general discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED: That the Prior Minutes be and hereby are approved and the Secretary of the Company is hereby authorized and directed to record the Prior Minutes in the minute books of the Company.

2. REPORTS

President Report: Recapitulated our successful events: Kazachi-Radonitza Commemorative Panihida, 100 Year Gala Celebration and Old Russian New Year's at the Red Tavern. Thanks to Nadia, Natasha and Oleg for making our Room organized and nice.

Vice President Report: Our website is the most accessible to general public. Other museums are offline and require appointments. Perhaps only 2 other Cossack 501(c)(3) entities in US. Recently, Ukrainian Cossack groups have appeared in US seeking 501(c)(3) status for purposes like wounded warriors. ACU should seek to link with foreign Cossack entities. Should put more of ACU history helping Cossacks immigrate etc. online. Annual event schedule is posted on the website.

CFO/ Treasurer Report: Annual filings made: tax returns, federal and state 990 N and 199, DOJ, SEC.

A. 2025 Financials were presented in writing and approved.

Secretary's Report: Reading of Old and New Business

Current membership number is 52. We need current members to recruit new members, particularly younger members. The membership application may be downloaded from the website.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Directors to January 1, 2027. The size of the board is 10. The current directors of the board are Constantine Koloboff, Paul Vuksich. Oleg Bolshakoff, Patina Suhonos, Natalie Krassovsky, Snezhana Wilson, Nadine Buick, and Eugene Krassovsky. The board has the power to fill two vacancies.
- B. Notice of Offices. Until the next election of directors, the offices of the ACU are Ataman, Vice-President, Treasurer/CFO, Asst. Treasurer, Secretary, Asst. Secretary, Membership and Historian. The Board may create additional offices.
- C. Dues. Membership Dues for 2026 are \$25/member or \$40/family, due by January 1, 2026.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ratify Honorary Members - None
- B. Nominate Honorary Cossacks - None
- C. Ratify member's exclusions – None
- D. The board is considering another Cossack event for October each year, perhaps a memorial service after the liturgy for St. Alexi or those remembered in the Cossack memorial at the Serbian Cemetery.
- E. Paul will work to put the immigration biography historical documents on the website.
- F. Ataman and the VP will prepare an official thank you letter for Natalie Sabelnik for her work on the Gala, particularly creating the historical Cossack displays. Truly great work.

5. RESOLUTIONS None

6. OMNIBUS RESOLUTION

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously:

RESOLVED: That each of the officers of the Company is authorized and empowered to take such other actions and sign such other documents as may be

necessary or advisable to carry out the intent and accomplish the purposes of the foregoing resolutions. Unanimous adoption of this omnibus resolution does not modify abstentions or no votes recorded for a resolution.

7. FUTURE MEETINGS

The Board scheduled the next meeting for February 6, 2027, 12:00PM in Cossacks' Room.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20pm.

/s/ Paul Michael Vuksich, Secretary of the Meeting



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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, February 2, 2026, 6PM

Pursuant to notice duly given to all directors of the All Cossacks' Union of San Francisco, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation (the "Company"), a special meeting of the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board") was held at the above date and time and in the given manner. The Company Secretary kept the minutes of the meeting. The following directors were present (as indicated with "x") in person or by electronic means and constituted a quorum:

Directors	Position	
Constantin Koloboff	Ataman/ President	x
Paul Vuksich	VP/ Secretary	x
Oleg Bolshakoff	Treasurer/CFO	x
Palina Suhonos	Director	
Natalie Krassovsky	Director	x
Snezhana Wilson	Director	
Nadine Buick	Director	
Eugene Krassovsky	Director	x

1. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES - N/A
2. REPORTS

President Report: None

Vice President Report: Our website is the most accessible to general public. Other museums are offline and require appointments. Perhaps only 2 other Cossack 501(c)(3) entities in US. Recently, Ukrainian Cossack groups have appeared in US seeking 501(c)(3) status for purposes like wounded warriors. ACU should seek to link with foreign Cossack entities. Should put more of ACU history helping Cossacks immigrate etc. online.

CFO/ Treasurer Report: Annual filings made: tax returns, federal and state 990 N and 199, DOJ, SEC

Secretary's Report: None

3. OLD BUSINESS – N/A

4. NEW BUSINESS

Meeting sought by Natalie Krassovsky to discuss Large Circle and increased Cossack visibility and cooperation. Gene will coordinate chairs with Scouts for Large Circle. Need further discussion on a St. Alexi Day on October 18. Natalie will discuss and schedule with Scout president Old New Year's 2027 in Scout Hall.

5. RESOLUTIONS - None

6. OMNIBUS RESOLUTION

7. FUTURE MEETINGS

The Board scheduled the next meeting for May 5, 2026, 6PM in Cossacks' Room.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM.

Paul Michael Vuksich, Secretary of the Meeting

All Cossack Union SF Planning Meeting for 100th Commemoration of Cossack Union
Thursday, August 14, 2025 – 5:30pm via Zoom

- 1. Roll-Call:** Following directors in attendance in alphabetical order: Ataman Koloboff, Tanya Bolshakoff, Nadine Buick, Natalie Sabelnik, Palina Suhonos, Paul Vuksich
Directors not in attendance: Oleg Bolshakoff, Gene Krassovsky, Natalie Krassovsky, Snezhana Wilson
Following volunteers attended: Alexei Krassovsky, Katherine Snider, Sasha Wilson
Not in attendance: Lana Krassovsky-Melamed, Susie Motoviloff, Vika Sabelnik, Nicky Suhonos, Sasha Whooley
- 2. Scribe for the meeting** – none established. (N.Sabelnik took notes; Ataman will review & acting-Secty. will send out)
- 3. Banners & program brochure** - Due to Sasha Wilson's presence at the meeting, the first order of business was focused on the design of the website (which all agreed was a good job) and to replace the current site currently under construction. Paul Vuksich will work with Sasha Wilson to replace current site. Sasha Wilson also sent samples of proposed banners and program brochure covers for review. All thanked Sasha for his work and confirmed that Vika will continue working with him in "advisory capacity" to facilitate with formatting and final printing (Sasha will work on the brochure, while Vika will consult and arrange for printing).

Sponsors & advertisers: N.Sabelnik requested that all potential sponsors and advertisers send in their form to reserve space in the brochure, which will need to be accommodated for specific space and any filler material needed (this needs additional time and N.Sabelnik advised that she may be away 2 weeks in September and early part of October. She requested that "reservation forms" be sent in by Sunday with ads to be sent in no later than end of August in order to meet deadlines. Per earlier email from N.Krassovsky, she advised that HVC Choir would be sending their form & ad shortly. N.Sabelnik also reported that Russian American Women's League had sent her confirmation that they would sponsor at \$2000 level. N.Sabelnik did not think that there would be any other sponsors, although she emailed a reminder last week to submit reservation for space by Aug.15. P.Vuksich advised that he would find out re Serbian Benevolent Fund on Sunday and advise after that. T.Bolshakoff said she would take out an ad and would also send in her reservation form. G.Krassovsky, representing Russian Center had advised earlier that they would take out a full page ad, but as he was out with COVID, we'll need to wait for their form & ad. N.Sabelnik will continue to follow up on the other potential ads that had been promised. Sasha Wilson said his banner had space for the sponsors (per the form) and they should also be listed on the website. N.Sabelnik will follow up with sponsors and send logos to be added to site & other promo material.

4. Russian Center contract: Sasha Whooley, who was unable to attend sent in a report on the RC Contract. She reported re the parking garage which would cost approximately \$750 for the night and is still waiting on final confirmation from the parking manager with estimated fee per car of \$15. She will confirm as soon as she has the final quote. She continues to work on the contract with the RC board and will get the contract to ACU for review, signature and deposit. N.Sabelnik advised that her Morgan Stanley advisor sent a check to Russian Center (as RC has tax-exempt status) for \$500 as a donation (no need to include ad for them) to offset the rental costs. Cossacks will need to apply for ABC license (P.Vuksich has already done this), 2 security guards (P.Suhonos will contact Black Bear re this) and insurance coverage (O.Bolshakoff will handle this).

5. Tax-exempt status update: P.Vuksich advised that he had received a letter informing ACU that the tax board was currently reviewing the request and would advise; he will keep ACU posted re developments on the status.

6. Caterers/no host bar – N.Krassovsky was unable to attend, but sent in her report that Esposto's were aware of the event, and she would work with them re coordinating the dinner and bar portion of the event. There was no further discussion as it was premature for any final decisions until later, when there would be more of a formal count closer to the date. N.Krassovsky would also coordinate with the "appetizers" & "desserts" for the cocktail hour & afterwards.

7. EventBrite invitation: A.Krassovsky finalized the invitation with updated QR code (all thanked him for the good job he did, albeit being out of the country during that time). It is up on the current website that is and P.Vuksich

confirmed that he would follow up with Sasha Wilson to update with his new revised site. The invitation has already been sent out on various newsletter announcements and on social media (request for all to add to their personal accounts).

Since the Scouts' extended their RSVP date until August 15 (we were advised that they had 130 attendees as of this date), it was presumed that guests would potentially wait until after Labor day weekend to purchase tickets. While no tickets have yet been ordered, there has been traffic of interest on the site. N.Sabelnik inquired that she had made copies of flyers with prior QR info and left them at several churches if the code could still be used. A.Krassovsky said he would go and revise to make sure that it was working and request to Alexander (his father) to announce at church. All were requested to send, post, spread the word and invite their family and friends.

8. **DJ Music** – After last month’s estimate for DJ, which G.Krassovsky submitted, the board inquired if there was a less-expensive option. Following K.Snider’s research on other less expensive DJ’s and email information, T.Bolshakoff inquired re recommendation from DJ Matt who had been used at various events in the SF Bay Area Russian-American community. DJ Willie gave a quote for \$2000 for 7pm to 1am, which the committee felt was a better option and agreed to have T.Bolshakoff coordinate with him re a playlist with potential input from S.Krassovsky-Melamed (who agreed to work on playlist during last meeting) and other members of the planning committee.

9. **Entertainment** – In addition to the logistics of the flag ceremony, which will need to be coordinated closer to the event (e.g. space for DJ and flags on the stage, flag holders etc.), other potential entertainment during dinner was discussed. It was agreed to have Vladimir Riazantsev (bayan) and Andy (balalaika) perform to play music, as well as a few Cossack dances, N.Sabelnik brought up the possibility of a small group of Russian singers from Seattle, WA, who performed professionally in concerts and were amenable to coming down with no cost to Cossack Union for transportation and accommodations (they would arrange where to stay locally on their own and possibly drive down with others who may wish to attend) and would not require a cost for their performance, other than entrance fee for each to the event. The committee agreed that this sounded like an interesting option as they were not only professional, but also a group that would sing Cossack songs and would be new to our audience. N.Sabelnik will send info with links of their singing to the committee to make a decision before Sunday, so she can arrange with them, before they’re not available.

10. **Exhibit** – N.Sabelnik was asked which photos she was still missing and advised that she was still waiting from those who promised, and if she doesn’t receive shortly, she would either use the ones she cropped from other photos or not have a photo for that ACU President. She also advised that she had been working with and received or will receive documents and other material from historian on Pacific Rim immigration, from Vladivostok, from directors of GARF (National Archives of Russian Federation) and Solzhenitsyn House of Russians Abroad, both from Moscow. She also requested to send any photos of past Cossack events, which could potentially be used as fillers for the exhibit. She hopes to have several exhibit stands on the history of the Cossack Union.

11. **Other** – No other business was brought up as several of the attendees requested to end the meeting early.

12. **Schedule next meeting** - the next meeting of the ACU Board & Planning Committee was scheduled for Wednesday, September 10 **at 5:30pm via Zoom**. Since N.Sabelnik was unsure when her travel dates would be for September, Alexei Krassovsky offered to set up the next Zoom meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.



Scribe of this meeting, Natalie Sabelnik
Date: 08/15/25

Reviewed and approved by Ataman, Constantine Koloboff
and signed by ACU V-P and acting Secretary, Paul Vuksich

All Cossack Union SF Planning Meeting for 100th Commemoration of Cossack Union
Tuesday, July 9, 2025 – 5:30pm via Zoom

1. Roll call of directors in attendance in alphabetical order: Ataman Koloboff, Oleg Bolshakoff, Tanya Bolshakoff, Nadine Buick, Gene Krassovsky, Natalie Krassovsky, Natalie Sabelnik, Palina Suhonos, Paul Vuksich, Snezhana Wilson
Following volunteers attended: Alexei Krassovsky, Lana Krassovsky-Melamed, Vika Sabelnik, Sasha Sabelnik-Whooley
2. Scribe for the meeting – none were established. (N.Sabelnik took notes; Ataman will review)
3. Approval of minutes of June 10, 2025 meeting – minutes of the last meeting were approved by P.Vuksich, V-P in the absence of Ataman, before emailing. No other comments were made re minutes.
4. Finalization of Invitation including event pricing, design, where to send, where to post?
N.Buick made suggestion to revise verbiage to invitation verbiage proposed by N.Sabelnik to ACU Board members w/costs to attend, discounts, payment options, deadline to RSVP. N.Sabelnik advised that her thought was to include all pertinent info in this invitation in order to hand out to some community members that may not be familiar with online invitations. A.Krassovsky sent his proposed design for an E-Brite invitation, which all agreed was very well done. He will email his proposed invitation and committee will send what to list on the invite in lieu of Save the Date (the flyer for Save the Date had already been made before, and this should replace that one). Age limit was determined to be 21 for drinking age. Committee agreed that as soon as flyer has been completed, it can then be posted on the ACU website, emailed and sent out to all ACU members and community members.
5. Music for dancing – Gene Krassovsky advised that the DJ that we had discussed during last meeting was not available. Lana Melamed suggested he contact the musicians that played at Kolya Collaco's wedding to check pricing and availability as soon as possible to insure we have music.
6. No-Host Bar – Committee discussed payments for drinks at the bar, and how many bartenders needed to adequately serve the guests. While currently Esposto's (caterer) is providing 2 bartenders, committee questioned if there should be 3. It was agreed that these bartenders are professional and could handle various payment methods – including cash, square, Venmo and other methods proposed for ACU to establish. Discussion was made about passing any percentages of payment to the customers, which would need to be noted on a sign at the bar. Possibility of drink tickets was vetoed, as guests would need to be in line twice to buy ticket & then for the drink.

Inventory of the available alcohol supplies was brought up later in the meeting and P.Suhonos advised that she and her husband had the supplies from the Radonitsa and the Old New Year's and will email the list for review by the board and any recommendation of any supplies that would need to be added.
7. Caterers – N.Krassovsky has agreed to be the point person for Esposto's Catering and will check with them if bartenders are familiar with certain type of payments, besides cash. N.Krassovsky read off the proposed menu and committee agreed that appetizers (hors d'oeuvres) and desserts would be provided by ACU. The food committee was proposed as: N.Krassovsky, N.Buick, T.Bolshakoff, P.Suhonos, Katya Koloboff and Sasha Whooley).

Since caterers were not providing their linens, Sasha Sabelnik-Whooley reported that N.Buick had purchased some black linens (currently stored in the CRA office) that would be used for future ACU events. N.Buick inquired about napkins and S.Whooley advised that there was a box of black napkins at Russian Center that she would open and advise the count (most likely approx.100 napkins) and the remainder could be ordered. She commented that black napkins hold their color and do not show stains when washed as white or cream napkins do. The committee also discussed other decorations and agreed that gold & black balloons could be added and in lieu of helium could be simply blown up. S.Whooley also advised that Russian Center had the gold chair covers and gold chargers and that she had purchased some nice birch-tree w/lights for centerpieces that could be used, as well.

8. Parking – all agreed that it would be necessary to rent the parking facility across the street from the Russian Center and asked S.Whooley to inquire about costs. An amount of approximately \$1,000 was estimated for the cost of rental with a discount for our guests (ACU could advertise discounted parking on the invitation).

9. Raffle vs. Silent Auction – since ACU does not have 501(c)(3) status, we're unable to solicit big items requiring tax-exempt ID for silent auction, so decision was made to have the regular raffle that ACU has during the Old New Year's celebration. As long as we don't advertise and the raffle is more of a fundraising effort/game participation during the event, we can have the raffle and sell tickets as we had done in the past. Palina Suhonos (with K.Snider's help) will solicit items from the board, as well as ACU members and community.

10. Program – A.Krassovsky brought up in his discussion re the E-Brite invitation a spot for the program. While the committee felt the heading "Agenda" may be misleading as for a meeting, he will attempt to change to program if possible. The actual program was discussed with agreement that 7:00-8:00pm would be listed as Cocktail Hour, 8:00pm- Opening ceremony with prayer, followed by Ataman speech and beginning of dinner and then, dancing. Times could be changed if need-be. Committee also discussed possibility of having a "vodka toast" after Ataman's speech, and S.Whooley advised that as long as that "toast" was a part of the ticket, this would be OK. And, the no-host bar was a separate license. G.Krassovsky was proposed as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. It was also agreed that the program would be listed in the program brochure. N.Krassovsky also advised that Vova, her husband, was working on verbiage to request a congratulatory letter/proclamation from the Metropolitan of ROCOR to be received by Ataman, on behalf of ACU. The board vetoed the idea of congratulatory/thank you letters to previous Atamans.

11. Program Brochure – Vika Sabelnik sent Sasha Wilson some examples of program brochures and will work with him re ad placements and fill-in, such as history, which Ataman said he would work with N.Sabelnik to finalize for the brochure. V.Sabelnik will also prepare a "Sponsor" page of logos. N.Sabelnik will also work with them re possible other material to fill-in gaps, as she's also working on possible Exhibit, including a stand of former Atamans (ACU Presidents). She requested family members to send photos of their "Atamans" (N.Krassovsky for V.Metlenko; N.Buick & T.Bolshakoff for V.Motoviloff & N.Buick and C.Koloboff for himself and Kochneff).

12. Sponsors & Advertisers – O.Bolshakoff informed that he only received payments for sponsorship from Congress of Russian Americans and St.John of Kronstadt. Two other sponsors – Russian American Women's League (S.Whooley) and St.Vladimir's Russian Home (C.Koloboff) pledged \$1000 from their organization and will send in their form with payment shortly. O.Bolshakoff also advised that he received payment for advertising from Duggan's Funeral Home. Other organizations that had pledged advertising were the HVC Choir and Russian Center with full page ad, but no form, ad or payment has been received. P.Vuksich also advised that he sent

out info to the Serbian Benevolent Society and hopes to hear from them shortly; he will advise. N.Sabelnik advised that she sent out approximately 50 solicitations and P.Vuksich also about 10 more from the ACU email. A few other organizations advised her that they plan to take out ads (Museum of Russian Culture, Russian Imperial Union Order, Russophone-Russian LA) and will need to be followed up.

All forms & ads go to the email that O.Bolshakoff checks and he will forward ads to S.Wilson and Vika Sabelnik. Payments also should be sent to him. O.Bolshakoff requested that any predicted expenses should be sent to him, so that he can estimate for the budget.

13. Banners – The committee agreed on having 2 banners – one with the 100th anniversary of the Cossack Union and another with just the official name and logo. P.Vuksich inquired whether we should change the current logo which lists ACU established in 1926 (though it was agreed established in 1925; the first Grand Ball was held in 1926). It was agreed that est.1926 would be misleading and he said he would send out a revised logo. Vika Sabelnik advised that the best size of banner would be the approx. 6 ¾ ft. high x 3 ½ ft. width at approx. cost of \$125 per banner when ordering two, but would wait for discount offers that she receives from prior vendors where she has ordered. In the meantime, she will work with S.Wilson and A.Krassovsky on potential banners' design.

14. Other – Committee inquired when set-up could begin at the Russian Center for the Gala Banquet. S.Whooley advised that set-up could begin on Thursday, as currently there were no tenants there, and she would arrange to have tables and chairs set up by whatever time needed, so that any ACU committee members could come in for chair covers, table settings and anything they would need to bring in advance, including any of the drinks. N.Krassovsky would find out from the caterers when they would need to come in, and when they would need to have a final count of attendees.

The next meeting of the ACU Board & Planning Committee was scheduled for **Thursday, August 14 at 5:30pm via Zoom.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm



Scribe of this meeting, Natalie Sabelnik
Date: 07/11/25



Reviewed and approved by
ACU V-P and Acting Secretary, Paul Vuksich

All Cossack Union SF Planning Meeting
for 100th Commemoration of Cossack Union
Tuesday, June 10, 2025 – 5:30pm via Zoom

1. Roll call of directors in attendance in alphabetical order: Ataman Koloboff, Nadine Buick, Gene Krassovsky, Natalie Krassovsky, Natalie Sabelnik, Palina Suhonos, Paul Vuksich, Snezhana Wilson
Following directors did not attend: Oleg Bolshakoff, Tatiana Bolshakoff,
Following volunteers attended: Alexei Krassovsky, Lana Melamed, Susie Motoviloff, Katia Sabelnik-Snider, Sasha Sabelnik-Whooley, Vika Sabelnik
2. Scribe for the meeting – none were established. (N.Sabelnik took notes; P.Vuksich will review)
3. Approval of previous minutes of May 7, 2025 meeting – minutes of the last meeting were approved by P.Vuksich, V-P in the absence of Ataman, before emailing. No other comments were made re minutes at current meeting.
4. **Status of 501(c)(3)** - Ataman inquired re the status of the 501(c)(3) filing since P.Vuksich had filed and O.Bolshakoff advised earlier that ACU check had cleared. Ataman was hoping to receive matching funds for contribution up to \$3,000 from Chevron, and was unable to last year due to lack of the tax-deductible status. K.Snider inquired if ACU received the final determination letter, which usually is sent out at filing. P.Vuksich advised that ACU did not. Since ACU will have issues with requesting donations for Silent Auction and other donations, she offered to file on-line, as she had done for other organizations (both first time filing, as well as re-filing of established organizations). P.Vuksich will provide her with the needed information to do this filing.
5. Since Archbishop Kyrill blessed to contact Metropolitan Nikolai at Synod, New York for a congratulatory letter, Ataman asked N.Krassovsky to ask her husband if he would be able to write the correct verbiage for this request. N.Krassovsky advised that she would have him contact Archbp.K to inquire whether it was appropriate for Metropolitan or Archbishop to write this letter (or proclamation).
6. **DJ:** Gene Krassovsky advised that the DJ that was initially recommended for the banquet was unavailable, but that he was in contact with another potential DJ (Mikey & Donny), who had done some events at the Russian Center and had an extensive playlist.
7. **Ticket pricing & discounts:** Based on what was agreed during last Planning meeting of 05.07.25, and per further discussion, it was concluded that invitations would be made and sent at a later date, not to conflict with the upcoming Scout's celebration on August 31. K.Snider advised that she would send ACU Treasurer a template for break-even analysis and offered to design a proposed invitation (both for online, as well as hard copy to mail) and would work with A.Krassovsky re the invitation. A.Krassovsky advised that he would work on the Eventbrite version, but needed account info to complete. N.Sabelnik will connect A.Krassovsky with O.Bolshakoff.
8. **Payments at event:** A.Krassovsky also recommended that a "Square" be setup for ACU for payments. It was agreed that the "Square" (with a minimal fee of less than 3%) was very user-friendly and could be used for the bar, the Silent Auction, ticket purchases, etc., as well as later for any other payments. He agreed to facilitate on setting this up.
9. **Sponsors:** N.Sabelnik sent out separate emails to each of the various community organizations soliciting sponsorships. Following organizations replied to sponsor: St. John of Kronstadt (\$3000), CRA (\$2500), RAWL (\$1000) & St.Vladimir's Russian Home (\$1000). Other organizations that were contacted: Russian Imperial Union Order, Russophone, Black Bear Security, Cinderella Bakery, Rossinca Heritage School, Russian Connections, St.John's Volunteers). Potential sponsor reply came in from Museum of Russian Culture that they would consider sponsorship Gene Krassovsky advised that Russian Center would take out a full page ad in lieu of sponsoring, N.Krassovsky also advised that the HVC Choir would take out a full page ad. P.Vuksich advised that he would bring up the possibility of sponsorship from the Serbian Benevolent Society at their upcoming meeting and advise. N.Sabelnik will follow-up with the other organizations.
10. **Advertisers:** N.Sabelnik advised that while she contacted a few potential advertisers, solicitation of advertisers should come from the ACU email address and asked P.Vuksich to send it out. He agreed and asked for the list. N.Sabelnik advised that she will resend the spreadsheet of potential advertisers to him. She had sent this list earlier and appealed to directors or volunteers to suggest any other potential advertisers. They can still recommend with any other suggestions.

11. **Marketing/advertising** – it was agreed that the ACU website will need to be updated to have the invitation readily visible for potential guests, donors, sponsors, advertisers in order to access the information readily. S.Wilson thanked P.Vuksich for giving the password to her son, A.Wilson, earlier that day. P.Vuksich said that A.Wilson was working on a revised website, and once he has that completed and approved, he will need to maintain the website and in an expeditious manner. S.Wilson advised that since A.Wilson currently has exams at the university, he will add the article re Radonitsa in Russian/English on the website as soon as possible after his exams.

Other websites proposed were: CRA, Russian Center, Russian Life newspaper, Russian Life magazine events. Newsletters: CRA (Sabelnik), Santa Rosa church (Sabelnik), Burlingame church (S.Wilson), HVC (N.Buick) monthly events newsletter. Facebook – personal accounts, email distribution. Mail invitations per distribution list (ACU) and others.

12. **Silent auction items** – Palina Suhonos reported that she started collecting items and K.Snider advised that she would prepare a solicitation letter. N.Sabelnik received agreement for donations from: John Sokoloff (set of his CDs), Andrei Gorbatenko (season tickets for 4 to SF Academy Orchestra), Alla Ranskaya (autographed book “Humpback Horse”), possible Helen Nowak (portrait studio sitting w/photo package). Since CRA gets a donation from Alla Sokolov for the “Troika” lithograph, N.Sabelnik asked S.Wilson to contact Alla Sokolov for this donation. Nadia Buick advised that she contacted Nick Stez re donation from Woodenhead Winery, describing to him how she knew him from the cathedral and Russian School. He did not respond. Based on his negative attitude in the communication that she read in the contact info, it was agreed that she would not follow up on this request. Other recommended items are: Tickle Pink Inn, restaurant vouchers, jewelry, books, sports memorabilia, game tickets, symphony, opera, specialized packages (wine, vodka, etc.). Where to receive these items was discussed, and it is not feasible to have them sent to the ACU office, as no one is there. N.Sabelnik will discuss separately with P.Suhonos how best to handle receipt of items.

9. **Caters/No-host bar** - Catering information/menu was provided by Esposto’s (N.Krassovsky) and Red Tavern (P.Suhonos). The committee (N.Krassovsky, P.Suhonos, N.Buick, S.Whooley) reviewed costs and what was included, and it was determined that Esposto’s was the best choice, mostly because not only cost was lower, but they had the staffing needed to insure that the event will not be a strain on the directors and volunteers, and they provided bartenders, linens, dishes etc. and would remove and wash them offsite, themselves. Red Tavern did provide more Russian style food and appetizers and it was discussed that ACU could provide many of the ethnic appetizers and could potentially order some from Red Tavern. Also discussed re having a congratulatory shot during Ataman’s speech, but not advertising it, as it will be included with the price of admission, but there will be a No-Host bar during the event.

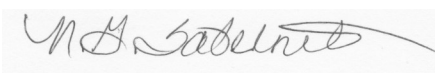
10. **Other:**

Linens – N.Buick advised that she donated 20 black 120” linens; she and S.Whooley are storing them at the Russian Center for ACU use, such as the banquet, Old New Year’s and any other events.

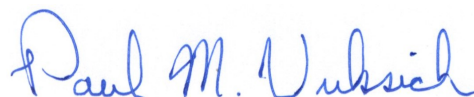
Banner – It was agreed that ACU would order 2 banners for use at the banquet (one on the stage; one in the Gold Room for selfie photos). These banners are retractable and easy to set up and store. Vika Sabelnik will research costs and work with S.Wilson on designing the banners, which she will send to ACU for review and approval.

11. Next meeting scheduled per availability of Oleg and Tanya Bolshakoff was agreed to: **Wednesday, July 9, 5:30pm**

12. Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm



Scribe of this meeting, Natalie Sabelnik
Date: 06/11/25



Reviewed and approved by
ACU V-P and acting Secretary, Paul Vuksich

All Cossack Union SF Planning Meeting
for 100th Commemoration of Cossack Union
Wednesday, May 7, 2025 – 5:30pm via Zoom

1. Roll call of directors in attendance in alphabetical order: Nadine Buick, Natalie Sabelnik, Palina Suhonos, Paul Vuksich, Snezhana Wilson Following directors did not attend: Ataman Koloboff, Oleg Bolshakoff, Tatiana Bolshakoff, Natalie Krassovsky, Gene Krassovsky
Following volunteers attended: Alexei Krassovsky, Susie Motoviloff, Katia Sabelnik-Snider, Sasha Sabelnik-Whooley, Nicky Suhonos, Sasha Wilson
2. Scribe for the meeting – none were established. (Paul Vuksich had to leave at 6:00pm; N.Sabelnik took notes)
3. Approval of previous minutes of March 24 meeting – minutes of the last meeting were approved by Ataman, before emailing. No other comments were made.
4. **Ticket pricing & discounts:** The first and most important item on the agenda was to determine prices & discounts and to be able to add the QR code and begin advertising on the website.

It was agreed that \$150.00 per person was a reasonable, affordable price for attendance. ACU members (in good standing, meaning paid their dues at time of purchasing the ticket) would receive the discount price of \$125, as well as anyone purchasing prior to September 20 (postmarked or paid by 09/20). Those buying tickets after that date would pay \$150 pp. Tables of 10 would also be provided with a discount of \$1250 for the table (with complete payment for the entire table, as opposed to per person). The RSVP date would be October 1, since caterers need to know the number of attendees 2 weeks in advance, and assuming there would be stragglers at the end, caterers would allow a plus/minus for attendance.

ACTION ITEM: N.Sabelnik will draft a preliminary invitation with costs, dates and info outlined for board approval before final distribution. The QR code will be added to the flyer on the website (and for any distributed) at that time. Sasha Wilson advised that he was redesigning the ACU website, but could provide a “landing site” for ticket info and ordering. He and Alexei Krassovsky will work together to determine how best to do this for the ACU website.

5. The question of allowing a **“dancing only” ticket** was discussed. Per Ataman Koloboff’s email earlier to the board, he was opposed to having a “sock hop” atmosphere by providing a dancing only admittance. Alexei Krassovsky advised that the Russian Nobility Association has that option at their annual ball and it gives the younger generation an opportunity to attend without the dinner, but are still required to wear formal attire to the ball. Discussion ensued with the youth volunteers, who advised that this was a good opportunity to bring in the youth, while making it affordable. Upon further debate re cost of admission (\$75 vs \$50pp), the majority felt that the idea was to bring in a younger group (21+) and they most likely could only afford the \$50 charge. As the prime reason, wouldn’t be doing this to make more money, but to attract the more younger generation to ACU and they would still be purchasing drinks at the bar, so ACU could still make more money. A.Krassovsky mentioned that the RNA Ball charges \$500 pp w/dinner and \$200 pp for dancing only, but this ball is held at a fancy hotel and has been an annual event for over 80 years. But all still come in formal attire. While the RNA still sell tickets at the door, it was decided that dancing only would still require that tickets be purchased in advance.

Further discussion was held over timing of the cocktail hour, dinner hour and dancing only then. It was suggested that Cocktail hour would be 7:00pm until approximately 8:00pm with dinner starting at 8:00pm until about 9:30pm, and dancing could begin at 10:00pm (assuming that some early arrivals for dancing would come perhaps as early as 9:30pm, they would be escorted to the bar room where the elevated bar tables would be set up until tables in the auditorium would be cleared and music would commence).

6. **As marketing and promotion** of the Gala Banquet was discussed, it was agreed that more use of Social media would need to be used, ACU website would need the invitation on the Home page, anyone with a Facebook page should add to their Facebook, and the possibility of EventBrite was brought up. **ACTION ITEM:** Katia Snider and Alyosha Krassovsky agreed to look into setting this up, and discuss with ACU Treasurer, Oleg Bolshakoff re options for payment (e.g. Venmo, checks, etc.). N. Sabelnik also suggested to ACU Membership Secretary, Nadia Buick to send out another reminder to pay dues with revised information regarding discount to the Gala Banquet. **ACTION ITEM:** N.Sabelnik will create a notification with information to be emailed to ACU members by Nadia Buick.

7. **Sponsorship:** N.Sabelnik advised that she created a Press Release, which was approved by Ataman, and will approach potential sponsors. Thus far, ACU has two sponsors – St. John of Kronstadt Health Care Center (\$3,000) and Congress of Russian Americans (\$2,500). She is certain that we may be able to get more and will work with ACU Treasurer, Oleg Bolshakoff to advise of any funds coming in. Sasha Whooley said Russian Center will have their meeting in a week and she will bring up that question to the board. The Press Release had a form for potential sponsors and advertisers that will also be sent to all on our Planning committee in the event of other possibilities. N.Sabelnik will also obtain logos from the sponsors to be able to include on a page of sponsors for the Program Brochure, as well as on posters during the event. N.Sabelnik will work with Vika Sabelnik and Sasha Wilson, who is formatting the brochure.

8. **Advertising for the brochure:** N.Sabelnik also advised that she had a list of potential advertisers and while she can approach a few of them, it's best if the remainder are sent from the ACU email address. Paul Vuksich agreed to do this. **ACTION ITEM:** N.Sabelnik to send the Press Release, along with the form for potential sponsors and advertisers with spreadsheet of advertisers, which will indicate which ones N.Sabelnik will handle, and majority have email addresses for Paul Vuksich to email from ACU e-address). Any of the planning committee members will also receive a copy of the Press Release with the form in the event, they think of someone else, not on the list, to add or to approach on their own.

9. **Program brochure:** Vika Sabelnik, who created most of the CRA anniversary and event brochures agreed to guide Sasha Wilson, who designed the Gala Banquet flyer and agreed to format and produce the brochure. N.Sabelnik will work with Ataman to provide some of the content for the brochure (including history); Sasha Wilson will do the layout of the ads, which will be forwarded to him from email that Oleg Bolshakoff set up for this event. (cossacks100gala@gmail.com)

10. **DJ Music:** Sasha Whooley spoke on behalf of Gene Krassovsky who had agreed to contact DJ Matt (Ruffio) re playing at the Ball. She advised that DJ Parrot was very unprofessional at the latest disco night last Friday at the Slavic Festival and according to Russian Center, they would not ask her to play there again. Unfortunately, Gene had not yet been able to ask DJ Matt, so Nicky Suhonos texted DJ Matt during the meeting, who will get back to him with availability and costs. **ACTION ITEM:** Nicky Suhonos will negotiate with DJ Matt and advise. Katia Snider also suggested to check with GIGSalad, a platform that had lists of other DJs, performers, et al.

11. **Entertainment:** It was decided that since this was not a concert or festival, entertainment would be left to a minimum. Palina Suhonos would coordinate entry of Cossack flags with various younger generation Cossack descendants. Both Vladimir Riazantseff with Andy playing bayan and balalaika and later dancing in Cossack costume were very entertaining and could play during the cocktail hour, as well as later during dinner. Music could also be compiled from a play list for during dinner hour or some other kind of presentation. Other possibilities for entertainment were tabled for future discussion. **ACTION ITEM:** N.Sabelnik to work with Snezhana Wilson (who had a doctor's appt. by this time and was not in attendance) re V.Riazantseff. In lieu of payment, they would receive comp entry/dinner at the event.

As for **speeches**, it was agreed there was no need for a lot of speakers, it may be appropriate to just have Ataman speak and be recipient of the proclamation from Metropolitan Nicholas of ROCOR church. N.Sabelnik said she spoke with Archbishop Kyrill, who gave blessing for Cossacks to approach the Metropolitan and request a proclamation. N.Sabelnik also reminded all re the possibility of Ataman presenting previous Atamans (Loukianoff, Buick, Sommer) with a proclamation from ACU. **ACTION ITEM:** N.Sabelnik to work with Ataman re obtaining proclamation for ACU and prepare for prior Atamans.

12. **Food:** Both Nata Krassovsky, who had approached Esposto's and Palina Suhonos, who had approached Red Tavern had sent the catering proposals to the Catering committee which included them with Tania Bolshakoff and Sasha Whooley. It was agreed that they would review for best price and best value (including choice of menu, appetizers and any extras) to determine which caterer to use. The approximate cost was \$85/pp which included food, servers, etc. and would allow ACU to bring in additional appetizers and desserts. Sasha Whooley advised that ACU could use the RC chair covers and chargers and suggested the gold (in lieu of the silver). Alex Krassovsky looked up 100 years and advised that it was called the "Diamond Jubilee", although so was 75, 80 & 90. It was agreed that gold and black was a stately color combination to use and decorations/flowers could be discussed at a later date.

13. **No-host bar:** There was a brief discussion re the no-host bar, as the planning committee had already agreed on having the bar in the auditorium at the last meeting. Paul Vuksich informed that he would again acquire the required ABC liquor license. Alexey Krassovsky advised that there was a possibility that he could get some donated beer and/or wine and could be either for consumption, sale at the no-host bar or for silent auction possibilities. Katia Snider said she had the ABC requirements that she would send to Alexey to determine what is allowable by their licensing.

14. **Silent Auction or Raffle:** A form of raising funds, these two options were brought up. While the raffle seemed a less time consuming option, the items would not raise as much money. Katia Snider also advised that while a Silent Auction was an approved method for fundraising by the city, a raffle required a permit. It was agreed to host a Silent Auction and Palina Suhonos agreed to oversee this committee. She did ask Katia Snider, whom she said was very creative and had good writing skills to help with obtaining items and producing bid sheets. Katia Snider agreed to work with Palina on the Silent Auction and said that she had a template to create the bid sheets and would write a proposed request letter for obtaining donations.

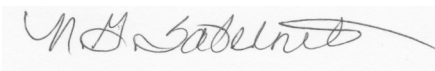
N.Sabelnik said she would send them a list of previous donors, whom they could approach, but reminded all that while ACU is a non-profit, it does not have tax-exempt status and some donors will only donate to 401 (c) 3 organizations. The letter should only state that ACU is non-profit with no mention of tax-exempt. Nadia Buick inquired about our status situation and said she would find out from Paul Vuksich where we stood with timing of receiving the status, if there could be a way of expediting the process. Some of our planning committee members were also asked to contact any of their restaurants, shops, etc. to see if they could get donations. **ACTION ITEMS:** Alexey Krassovsky was asked to contact Misha Kurtow for "Tickle Pink Inn" in Carmel, and Nadia Buick would contact Nick Stez to donate from "Woodenhead" winery (N.Sabelnik will email his contact info). Snezhana Wilson advised that she would ask Alla Sokoloff for their "Troika" lithograph. N.Sabelnik to send list of Silent Auction items to Palina & Katia, and Katia will write request for donation letter.

N.Sabelnik also advised that CRA had a very long black tablecloth from their prior Silent Auctions that could be used, since items showed up better on black, rather than white cloths.

15. Russian Center contract: Sasha Whooley said she would send the contract after RC board approval of costs to ACU Treasurer, Oleg Bolshakoff for signature and deposit, as well as requirements and contact information for Security guards (2 for this event) and garage.

16. Next meeting was scheduled for **Tuesday, June 10 at 5:30pm** to update results re Action items and move forward with organizing of the Gala Banquet.


17. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm



Scribe of this meeting, N.Sabelnik

Date: 05/08/25

Reviewed and approved by



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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

for the 100th Commemoration of Cossacks Union

Monday, March 24, 2025, 5:30 PM via Zoom

Pursuant to notice duly given to all directors of the All Cossacks' Union of San Francisco, a meeting of the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board") was held at the above date and time via Zoom. The Board Secretaries (VP/acting Secretary, Paul Vuksich and ACU Secretary, Snezhana Wilson) kept the minutes of the meeting.

ROLL CALL: the following directors were present and constituted a quorum: Constantine Koloboff, Paul Vuksich, Palina Suhonos, Natalie Krassovsky, Snezhana Wilson, Nadine Buick, Eugene Krassovsky, Natalie Sabelnik Not in attendance: Oleg Bolshakoff, Tania Bolshakoff

Other Attendees: Susan Motoviloff, Victoria Sabelnik, Sasha Whooley, Katherine Snider, Alexei Krassovsky, Lana Melamed Not in attendance: Sasha Krassovsky, Alyosha Sinkevich, Misha Sinkevich (unable to attend, but sent suggestions), Nicky Suhonos, Sasha Wilson (St.Petersburg, unable to attend due to time difference)

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES - Minutes of last meeting had been approved by Ataman, before emailing, and there were no comments made of the minutes during this meeting.

REPORTS - The planning meeting was chaired by Natalie Sabelnik who provided an agenda.

1. Location, Date & Time of event was determined at previous planning meeting for Friday, October 17, 7:30pm at Russian Center SF (RC). Archbp.Kyrill blessed the event, but advised that it must include lenten food. It was brought up later in the meeting to change the start time of the event to 7:00pm – TBD
2. Type of event – Per previous planning meeting, the board voted to host a Gala Ball w/dinner, exhibit, entertainment. Type of entertainment was discussed to include Riazantsev Cossack dance (S.Wilson will speak to him. He also played the bayan w/balalaika player during the beginning of our events which was agreed an added festive tone), Mark Lawrence, potential shashka display of swordmanship (N.Sabelnik will inquire); K.Snider also suggested Barynya dancers, as well as Belly dancers that did a sword dance (she will inquire re costs). S.Wilson advised that her son (who was lead soloist w/Sivka Burka Cossack Ensemble) hoped to come from Russia to SF for the event, and could potentially sing a couple of Cossack songs. Also, suggested and agreed that it should include the entrance with the Cossack flags (10 flags plus 1 U.S. and 1 Russia flag) as an opening ceremony with young men in Cossack or Russian uniform (P.Suhonos will coordinate for this ceremony). N.Sabelnik suggested asking Archbp.Kyrill to arrange for a Proclamation to the ACU (she will arrange w/AK) and to additionally present proclamations to the previous and current Ataman (N.Sabelnik can work with Ataman Koloboff on this).
3. Cost to attend, discount for members? Discounts for ACU paid members, early purchase, as well as tables of 10 were discussed and will be determined at a later date. Use of other payments, such as Zeffy were also discussed and agreed to create (K.Snider volunteered to set up Zeffy for ACU and will work with ACU Treasurer, O.Bolshakoff). K.Snider sent and inquired re Cost Analysis, which it was agreed that this could be done by ACU Treasurer for determining costs and discounts for the tickets.

4. Sasha Whooley reserved the RC for ACU and will forward contract for signature to ACU Treasurer, O.Bolshakoff, as well as information for license, insurance requirements, parking and security. It was agreed that ACU should rent the parking garage across the street and it was determined that ACU hopes to have around 200 guests and will need 2 security guards.

5. Food, drink, music – while various options for food were discussed, it was agreed that N.Krassovsky would contact Esposito's catering (often used at RC events) to inquire about costs and availability, so that ACU board would have minimum work to do during the event. S.Whooley added that the catering company would handle all setup, provides cleanup and staff, which will cut down on work and costs for ACU. Appetizers in the beginning and dessert could be handled by ACU board and volunteers. N.Buick proposed a cocktail piroshki party with their HVC sisterhood group. It was agreed that preferably the bar would be in the main ballroom and drinks would be served by professional bartenders (a requirement of the ABC licensing) as a no-host bar with possibility of a cart selling shots during the evening. Gene Krassovsky explained the nuances of serving and/or selling alcohol during the event. A complimentary champagne or vodka toast to be included in the price of the ticket was also discussed and will be determined at a later date. Regarding music, instead of DJ Parrot and Goga Engurasoff, it was agreed that Lana Melamed would contact Matt, a professional DJ and find out his cost for ACU.

6 Invitations, promotion – A flyer was already designed by Sasha Wilson (a graphic design student at University in St.Petersburg, Russia). The flyer is already on various websites, including ACU. N.Sabelnik has already included the flyer with "Save the Date" on her monthly announcements. P.Suhonos had prepared an announcement of member dues, Radonitsa and Save the Date, which she forwarded to P.Vuksich, current custodian of the website to send out from the ACU email account. Awaiting P.Vuksich to send out the announcement that P.Suhonos prepared. N.Sabelnik will continue adding the Save the Date flyer until a revised one with costs is prepared. It was agreed that the flyer should be available at various upcoming community events (e.g. churches, Slavic Festival, Radonitsa at Serbian cemetery et al).

7. Sponsors, advertisers, program brochure – N.Sabelnik advised that she will prepare a list of sponsors and advertisers that can be approached (most sent not under her name, so as not to be confused with CRA). She will forward the list to all members of the planning committee, who are requested to add any other potential advertisers/sponsors. N.Sabelnik pledged \$1000 sponsorship from CRA. Sasha Whooley will discuss re RAWL sponsorship, Susie Motoviloff will discuss with St.John of Kronstadt board re sponsorship/advertising, P.Vuksich will discuss with their Serbian Benevolent Society board and Ataman will contact St.Vladimir's Home. V.Sabelnik will send out the sponsor levels used at CRA and advertising sizes/costs as examples. K.Snider advised that the RC Festival brochure is an 8 ½ x 11" glossy (costs were much higher, but quality and size was bigger, and festival was 2 days with greater attendance). It was decided that the ACU program brochure should be 5"x 7". V.Sabelnik, who produced the CRA brochure, agreed to work with and guide Sasha Wilson, who would produce the ACU 100th brochure. V.Sabelnik will send a copy of the CRA brochure as an example to Sasha Wilson and connect with him directly.

8 Silent Auction as a possible fundraiser was discussed. In the beginning of the meeting, N.Sabelnik asked Alexei Krassovsky if he could help reach out to some potential donors. N.Sabelnik can also send a list of potential donors and facilitate with a request letter, but for the same reason should not be the one soliciting, so as not to cause confusion as a CRA event. Further discussion of the silent auction was tabled for later, after Easter and after the Slavic Festival.

9. Website – Alexei Krassovsky offered to put a QR code on the flyer and also agreed to work with the site for the 100th. Currently, P.Vuksich makes changes to the site and has sent website access to Sasha Wilson to review and revise the current site. Sasha will be helping ACU and P.Vuksich monitor and revise the website.

10. Other - Radonitsa, scheduled for Sunday, April 27 was brought up again with question re the time for the panihida at the Cossack Monument. The previous panihidas were always held at 1:30pm due to Fr.Alexander's availability to come from Santa Rosa. It was discussed whether it should be changed to 1:00pm since Fr.George Kaplanov would be presiding from HVC. However, it was determined that attendees to the panihida may have a difficult time arriving if coming from other churches and cities, so the time was left at 1:30pm. Ataman Koloboff will follow-up with P.Vuksich to correct the calendar on the ACU site to reflect the correct time, as well as change the verbiage to mailing the list of names (instead of emailing), per P.Suhonos previous write-up and finalize mailing the announcements per P.Suhonos to ACU members from the ACU email. The idea of placing flags on the graves of the Cossacks at Serbian was also discussed, and albeit a good idea, explained that 100 flags would not be feasible (different Cossack stanitsa have different flags, and we wouldn't necessarily know which one), as well as we may not know of all the Cossacks who are interred at Serbian. The idea of having red carnations with a Russian flag ribbon to place on the graves of the former Atamans buried at Serbian was brought up again. N.Sabelnik has ordered the Russian flags, and will get bunches of red carnations (artificial) for the Atamans per the list she had compiled and sent to the board some time ago.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The Board scheduled the next meeting for Wednesday, May 7 at 5:30pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23pm

By: Secretary of the Meeting

s/ Paul Michael Vuksich

All Cossack Union SF Planning Meeting
for 100th Commemoration of Cossack Union
Monday, February 24, 2025 – 5:00pm

1. Roll call of directors in attendance in alphabetical order: Ataman Koloboff, Tatiana Bolshakoff, Nadine Buick, Eugene Krassovsky, Natalie Krassovsky, Natalie Sabelnik, Palina Suhonos, Snezhana Wilson
2. Discussion re type of event to commemorate, venue, date and time – While having a lunch and showcasing Cossack material and having a service at the cemetery were considered, Ataman felt that not only because this was a 100th anniversary, worthy of a bigger event, a ball would also be a better opportunity to generate income (e.g. ticket sales, bar sales, possibility of a silent auction, advertising, sponsors, program brochure, donations, etc.).
3. The board agreed on the Russian Center grand ballroom (where Cossack Balls used to be held for many years) for the venue and Friday, October 17 for the date (time proposed was 7:30pm). Gene Krassovsky said he believed that the date may be available. ACTION ITEM: N.Sabelnik will inquire from Sasha Sabelnik-Whooley, who does the Russian Center scheduling and have her reserve the date for ACU.
4. The board was concerned that it would be difficult for the directors to take on a lot of the preparations (including cooking, set up and clean up) and strongly recommended that more younger adults be invited to join and spearhead committees. Additionally, there was concern that directors take on a more active role in participating for this big event. It was decided that directors would make contact with other Cossacks, organizations, communities in other cities/states to make certain that as many people would have an opportunity to attend, by contacting them well in advance. N.Krassovsky advised that she would contact Yulia Korobkova (Cossacks in LA), Palina Suhonos to contact Stanislav Holodkov (Cossacks in Seattle and Portland, Oregon), as well as Susie Motoviloff (to join a committee for organizing the ball) and Gene Krassovsky to contact Russian youth groups in New York to attend the ball (so they'd have more time to make plans for coming out in October), and to contact Sasha Krassovsky to join the organizing committee. Ataman said he would do some research on other Cossack organizations and groups in the U.S. and contact them to invite them to attend (N.Sabelnik added, if they can't attend, maybe send ACU a congratulatory letter for our archives). N.Sabelnik will also contact Sasha Sabelnik-Whooley and Vika Sabelnik to join the planning committee for our next meeting. We will ask them to join our next planning meeting.
5. Snezhana Wilson agreed to ask her son, Sasha, to create a preliminary flyer to "Save the Date", which we could begin promoting the ACU 100th anniversary, including on the ACU website, during the Slavic Festival (May 2-3) and other opportunities to advertise the event. ACTION ITEM: S.Wilson will contact her son to make the flyer by the end of this week and send to the board for approval.
6. It was decided that while we hope to have other events (e.g. lecture to Russian schools, exhibit, service at the cemetery) throughout the year, we should concentrate mainly on the ball, as we are all spread quite thin to take on too much at this time.
5. It was agreed that we should meet again to further discussions and planning. Ataman said he would find his spreadsheet and notes re the outline which was used for the Russian Life 90th anniversary ball and N.Sabelnik will also send her outline which was used for the CRA 50th anniversary. These outlines will help our planning.
6. Next meeting of the board (and any of the youth who will agree to work on or spearhead committees will also be invited) will be scheduled on Monday, March 24 at 5:30pm. N.Sabelnik took notes, since it was not confirmed who would be the secretary at this meeting, and will set up a Zoom meeting and send out the minutes, as soon as Ataman approves the minutes.
7. Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm and was considered a very productive meeting by all who attended.



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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tuesday, January 25, 2025, 5PM via Zoom

Pursuant to notice duly given to all directors of the All Cossacks' Union of San Francisco, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation (the "Company"), a meeting of the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board") was held at the above date and time and in the given manner. The Company Secretary kept the minutes of the meeting. The following directors were present (if indicated with "x") in person or by electronic means and constituted a quorum:

Directors	Position	
Constantine Koloboff	Ataman/ President	x
Paul Vuksich	Vice-President	x
Oleg Bolshakoff	Treasurer/CFO	x
Palina Suhonos	Asst. Treasurer	x
Natalie Krassovsky	Secretary	x
Snezhana Wilson	Asst. Secretary	x
Nadine Buick	Membership	x
Tatiana Bolshakoff	Director	x
Eugene Krassovsky	Director	x
Natalie Sabelnik	Historian	x

1. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

Reserved for next board meeting.

2. REPORTS

Ataman Report: Ataman asked the status of transition to 501(c)(3). Complemented all who made Old Russian New Years a success, particularly Palina.

Raised the issue of annual donation due for Cossack Room. After discussion, Palina will approach the new scout president to discuss some relief from current annual amount supported by explanation of past history. Consensus that payments should be made quarterly.

Vice President Report: The Secretary of State has approved and filed the Restated Articles of Incorporation for the transition to 501(c)(3) status. VP will proceed with seeking the federal tax exemption.

CFO/ Treasurer Report: Treasure presented the income statement for Old Russian New Year's which was a financial success. Total Revenue \$8,440.00, Expenses \$3,507.00, Profit \$4,932.40.

Secretary Report: Several applications for membership have been received, each with two Proposers given in subsequent emails. The Applicants are: Peter Loukianoff, Nick Sinkevitch, Paul Kuzubov, and Nick Suhonos.

Snezhana Wilson asked to resign her position as Secretary for good cause. The board understands and agreed.

Other Report:

3. OLD BUSINESS

None

4. NEW BUSINESS

Cossack ladies have taken responsibility to plan our 100th Anniversary commemoration.

5. RESOLUTIONS

MOTION 1 Upon motion duly made and seconded, and after a general discussion and call for a vote, a vote was taken: unanimous.

RESOLVED: That it be the pleasure of the Board that Paul Vuksich complete Snezhana Wilson term as Secretary. Paul Vuksich accepted.

MOTION 2 Upon motion duly made and seconded, and after a general discussion and call for a vote, a vote was taken: unanimous.

RESOLVED: That it be the pleasure of the Board that the applications for membership of Peter Loukianoff, Nick Sinkevitch, Paul Kuzubov, and Nick Suhonos are granted, subject to receipt of completed applications.

6. OMNIBUS RESOLUTION

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously:

RESOLVED: That each of the officers of the Company is authorized and empowered to take such other actions and sign such other documents as may be necessary or advisable to carry out the intent and accomplish the purposes of the foregoing resolutions.

7. FUTURE MEETINGS

The Board scheduled the next meeting for [Time and Date] at [Place]. TBD
The Board scheduled the next Large Circle for Saturday, November 23, 2024 at 1PM in the Cossacks' Room.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

By: Secretary of the Meeting



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MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP

Saturday, November 23, 2024, Noon, HVC Social Room

Pursuant to notice duly given to all members of the All Cossacks' Union of San Francisco, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation (the "Company"), a meeting of the Company's Membership was held at the above date and time and in the given manner. The Company Secretary kept the minutes of the meeting. The directors were present (if indicated with "x") in person or by electronic means. A quorum of the membership was present.

Directors	Position	
Constantine Koloboff	Ataman/ President	x
Paul Vuksich	Vice-President	x
Oleg Bolshakoff	Treasurer/CFO	x
Palina Suhonos	Asst. Treasurer	x
Natalie Krassovsky	Secretary	x
Snezhana Wilson	Asst. Secretary	x
Nadine Buick	Membership	x
Tatiana Bolshakoff	Director	x
Eugene Krassovsky	Director	x
Natalie Sabelnik	Historian	x

1. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

The Prior Minutes of the Annual Meeting with respect to actions taken on December 21, 2019 (the "Prior Minutes") were read. After a general discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED: That the Prior Minutes be and hereby are approved and the Secretary of the Company is hereby authorized and directed to record the Prior Minutes in the minute books of the Company.

2. REPORTS

President Report: President announced his age and encourage that a search for his successor be implemented.

Vice President:

The Vice President conducted elections by the Membership of matters specified in the Notice of Annual Meeting with these results:

1. Election to change the Company's nonprofit status from mutual benefit 501(c)(4) to public nonprofit 501(c)(3) – unanimous.
2. Election to approve and adopt the restated the articles and bylaws of the Company presented by the Board – unanimous.
3. Reelection of current Board and Officers – unanimous.

The Vice President conducted election by Board to grant the Treasurer/ CFO authority to pay usual operating expense in the ordinary course up to \$500 without Board action – unanimous.

The Attorney General of California has no objection to the Company changing its nonprofit status from mutual benefit to public nonprofit. Once the proposed articles of incorporation and bylaws and change of status are adopted by the Membership, the VP will seek federal approval and recognition of the change in status from 501(c)(4) to 501(c)(3).

CFO/ Treasurer Report: The Company financials have been reorganized and successfully passed scrutiny by the Attorney General of California. Funds are held in a checking account, savings account, a 4 month CD (\$75k @ 4.5%) and a 7 month CD (\$75k @ 4.5%). The balance sheet now also accounts for the value of the Company art portfolio. Financials were presented and discussed at the meeting.

Secretary Report: None

Other Report:

3. OLD BUSINESS

By unanimous written consent on or about April 11, 2024, the Board approved the proposed new articles and bylaws as part of the documentation submitted to the California Attorney General to change the Company's nonprofit status. Revisiting the proposed articles, the Board decided that the dissolution beneficiary should be designated in the future rather than as now, to Russian History Museum in Jordanville, New York.

4. NEW BUSINESS

The 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Company is tentatively scheduled for October 18, 2025. In addition to the date, directors discussed a possible day-time event to be held at the Russian Center (venue is reserved) with logistics to TBD.

Oleg Boshakoff reported that last week he received on behalf of the Company a copy of the classic Zaporozhian Cossacks painting by Ilya Repin from Fr. Alexander Krassovsky.

Snezhana Wilson's son (Alexander) has volunteered to assist with maintenance of the ACU website.

5. RESOLUTIONS

MOTION 1 Upon motion duly made and seconded, and after a general discussion and call for a vote, a vote was taken: approved by the unanimous vote of the members with no non-approval votes and no abstainers among the voters.

RESOLVED: That it be the pleasure of the Membership to approve the decision of board to change the Company's nonprofit status from mutual benefit 501(c)(4) to public nonprofit 501(c)(3).

MOTION 2 Upon motion duly made and seconded, and after a general discussion and call for a vote, a vote was taken: unanimous.

RESOLVED: That it be the pleasure of the Membership, having made read the same, to approve and adopt the restated the articles and bylaws of the Company presented by the Board at the meeting as necessary to change nonprofit status from mutual benefit to public nonprofit.

MOTION 3 Upon motion duly made and seconded, and after a general discussion and call for a vote, a vote was taken: unanimous.

RESOLVED: That it be the pleasure of the Board that the Treasurer/ CFO is authorized to pay usual operating expense in the ordinary course up to \$500 without Board action.

6. OMNIBUS RESOLUTION

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously:

RESOLVED: That each of the officers of the Company is authorized and empowered to take such other actions and sign such other documents as may be necessary or advisable to carry out the intent and accomplish the purposes of the foregoing resolutions.

7. FUTURE MEETINGS

The Board scheduled the next meeting for [Time and Date] at [Place]. TBD

The Board scheduled the next Large Circle for Saturday, November 22, 2025 at Noon in the Cossacks' Room.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

By: Secretary of the Meeting


Natalie Krassovsky
Corporate Secretary



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Agenda
and Minutes
The Large Circle

November 23, 2024	12:00 p.m. Pacific Time	HVC Social Room
Event	Comments	Official
1. Call to Order		Ataman Koloboff
2. Joint Prayer		Ataman Koloboff
3. Verification of Proper Notice and a Quorum	If no Quorum, Meeting adjourned until 1:00 p.m.	Ataman Koloboff Quorum Present
4. Election of Chairman and Secretary for Large Circle	Nomination and election by voice vote. Koloboff and Krassovsky	Ataman Koloboff Unanimous
5. Assumption of the Chair by VP Vuksich	Chairman shall state rules of procedure and discipline.	Paul Vuksich
6. Reading of the Organization Purposes	The purposes established in 1926 and incorporated in the Articles of 1949 The new proposed purposes approved by the California Attorney General	Paul Vuksich
7. Restatement of the 1949 Articles and Bylaws, Number of Directors and Term	Amend stated in Notice of Meeting will be read. Chairman will recognize members and permit discussion from the floor. Members will decide voice or ballot vote on amendment by voice vote.	Paul Vuksich Unanimous

8. Election of directors; 10.	Nominees are the current board. No nominations received pursuant to Notice	Paul Vuksich Chairman resumes Chair Unanimous
9. Directors Report.	2024 Ataman Comments 2024 Accounting and budget report	Ataman Koloboff Oleg Bolshakoff
10. New and Old Business. Topics: New Years, Serbian Cemetery, dues, other.	Members will be recognized by the Chairman. No agenda item submitted pursuant to Notice of Meeting	Chairman
11. Announcement of new members and welcome	New members will stand and be acknowledged.	Natalie Krassovsky
12. Scheduling of next Large Circle		Chairman November 22, 2025
13. Adjournment		Chairman

By Order of the Board of Directors

s/ Natalie Krassovsky
Natalie Krassovsky
Corporate Secretary
November 23, 2024



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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, 09/30/2024, 6PM via Zoom

Pursuant to notice duly given to all directors of the All Cossacks' Union of San Francisco, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation (the "Company"), a meeting of the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board") was held at the above date and time and in the given manner. The Company Secretary kept the minutes of the meeting. The following directors were present (if indicated with "x") in person or by electronic means and constituted a quorum:

Directors	Position	
Constantine Koloboff	Ataman/ President	x
Paul Vuksich	Vice-President	x
Oleg Bolshakoff	Treasurer/CFO	x
Palina Suhonos	Asst. Treasurer	x
Natalie Krassovsky	Secretary	x
Snezhana Wilson	Asst. Secretary	x
Nadine Buick	Membership	x
Tatiana Bolshakoff	Director	x
Eugene Krassovsky	Director	
Natalie Sabelnik	Historian	x

1. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

The President/ Ataman noted that the prior minutes of the Board with respect to actions taken on March 9, 2024 (the "Prior Minutes") had been previously circulated to the Board members for their review and approval. After a general discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED: That the Prior Minutes be and hereby are approved and the Secretary of the Company is hereby authorized and directed to record the Prior Minutes in the minute books of the Company.

2. REPORTS

President Report: None

Vice President Report: The Attorney General of California has no objection to the Company changing its nonprofit status from mutual benefit to public nonprofit. Once the proposed articles of incorporation and bylaws are adopted by the upcoming Large Circle, the VP will seek federal approval and recognition of the change in status from 501(c)(4) to 501(c)(3).

CFO/ Treasurer Report: The Company financials have been reorganized and successfully passed scrutiny by the Attorney General of California. Funds are held in a checking account, savings account, a 4 month CD (\$75k @ 4.5%) and a 7 month CD (\$75k @ 4.5%). The balance sheet now also accounts for the value of the Company art portfolio.

Secretary Report: None

Other Report:

3. OLD BUSINESS

By unanimous written consent on or about April 11, 2024, the Board approved the proposed new articles and bylaws as part of the documentation submitted to the California Attorney General to change the Company's nonprofit status. Revisiting the proposed articles, the Board decided that the dissolution beneficiary should be designated in the future rather than as now, to Russian History Museum in Jordanville, New York.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Palina Suhonos submitted her resignation as CFO/Treasurer. Oleg Bolshakoff has agreed to complete Ms. Suhonos' term as CFO/Treasurer while Ms. Suhonos has agreed to assume the office of Asst. Treasurer.

Oleg Bolshakoff has agreed that his residence shall be the mailing address for the Company.

The 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Company is tentatively scheduled for October 18, 2025. In addition to the date, directors discussed a possible day-time event to be held at the Russian Center (venue is reserved) with logistics to TBD.

Oleg Boshakoff reported that last week he received on behalf of the Company a copy of the classic Zaporozhian Cossacks painting by Ilya Repin from Fr. Alexander Krassovsky.

Snezhana Wilson's son (Alexander) has volunteered to assist with maintenance of the ACU website.

The distribution on our dissolution per our restated articles would be discussed and voted on during the Big Circle in November.

The time for the Big Circle was set at 11:00am.

The secretary advised that she would take notes in English (required for US organizations) and that the Assistant Secretary would also transcribe into Russian for archives/history.

The 100 year tentative date of the anniversary, in addition to the date, we discussed a day-time event to be held at the Russian Center (venue was reserved) with logistics to be discussed later by committee members (which we did not discuss).

Alexander Wilson will help with design and implementation of our website.

5. RESOLUTIONS

MOTION 1 Upon motion duly made and seconded, and after a general discussion and call for a vote, a vote was taken: unanimous.

RESOLVED: That it be the pleasure of the Board that Oleg Bolshakoff complete Ms. Suhonos' term as CFO/Treasurer and Ms. Suhonos assume the office of Asst. Treasurer.

MOTION 2 Upon motion duly made and seconded, and after a general discussion and call for a vote, a vote was taken: unanimous.

RESOLVED: That it be the pleasure of the Board that the Company make a contribution of \$250 to support an upcoming neighborhood event sponsored by our Lady of Kazan ROC in Guerneville, CA.

MOTION 3 Upon motion duly made and seconded, and after a general discussion and call for a vote, a vote was taken: unanimous.

RESOLVED: That it be the pleasure of the Board that whenever practicable records of the Company be maintained in Russian as well as English.

MOTION 4 Upon motion duly made and seconded, and after a general discussion and call for a vote, a vote was taken: unanimous.

RESOLVED: That it be the pleasure of the Board that the proposed and formerly approved articles be amended to provide that the dissolution beneficiary shall be designated in the future rather than as now, to Russian History Museum in Jordanville, New York.

6. OMNIBUS RESOLUTION

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously:

RESOLVED: That each of the officers of the Company is authorized and empowered to take such other actions and sign such other documents as may be necessary or advisable to carry out the intent and accomplish the purposes of the foregoing resolutions.

7. FUTURE MEETINGS

The Board scheduled the next meeting for [Time and Date] at [Place]. TBD

The Board scheduled the next Large Circle for Saturday, November 23, 2024 at 1PM in the Cossacks' Room.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

By: Secretary of the Meeting

UNANIMOUS WRITTEN CONSENT
IN LIEU OF A MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF ALL COSSACKS' UNION OF SAN FRANCISCO

We, being all the members of the board of directors of All Cossacks' Union of San Francisco (the "Corporation"), acting pursuant to section 5211(b) of the California Corporations Code, hereby consent to the adoption of the following resolutions and actions, all of which resolutions and actions shall be as valid and legal and of the same force and effect as though adopted at a meeting duly and validly noticed and held:

Oleg Bolshakoff shall act as the Treasurer of the Corporation until the next annual meeting where directors are to be elected and until a successor has been elected and qualified.

This Unanimous Written Consent shall be filed in the minute book of the Corporation and become a part of the records of the Corporation. This Unanimous Written Consent was executed with the electronic signatures by each director.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Unanimous Written Consent dated as of the 16th day of June 2024.



Natalie Krassovsky
Corporate Secretary

March 9, 2024

Cossack meeting at Nadia Buick's home:

Beginning of meeting 12:15pm

Present: Board members: Ataman C. Koloboff, P. Vuksich, N. Buick, N. Krassovsky, P. Suhonos(over the phone), and future board members - S. Wilson and T. Bolshakoff. Non-board Members: K. Koloboff, O. Bolshakoff, D. Wilson

Started with prayer – Tsaryu Nebesniy

Ataman Koloboff (CK) praised Palina Suhonos for a very well put together financial report on ACU. Paul Vuksich (Our Serb-PV) and attorney for ACU explained the main purpose of the meeting today: Status of ACU – moving forward from a 501C4 (Social Welfare) status to 501C3 – Public Charity; i.e. a status that applies better to our present situation as an organization and service that ACU provides.

In conjunction with our status change, if approved by IRS, PV proposed that we also change our Cossack room into a “museum” of our archived items (including paintings, renewed icons and other precious things). This change would allow people to deduct their donations as our Cossack room becomes an educational site to visit.

Articles of Incorporation and by-laws need to be changed from previous ones.

A 501C organization typically has less than \$5,000 revenue and changes the direction of the corporation.

The Bolshoi Krug (Big Circle) needs to vote to change status.

KK – In 1968 – the Civil Rights Act reflected that we are a religious organization.

PV stated that religious organizations don't file tax returns and, also have a requirement for diversity.

PV offering to help KK with St. Vladimir's case.

PV – when all documents are submitted, hopefully we can set a date for the BK (Big Circle).

All who were present accepted the motion unanimously to change status

NK will be taking a back seat as secretary while transitioning SW for the role. NK will stay on the board and SW will become full-time secretary, as well as a cultural recruiter helping spread the word about our ACU family and hopefully attract new young members. NK will also write up, for the last time, minutes to this meeting.

NK – also mentioned that there are plenty more events that the old ACU regime actively recognized, for example, Our Patron Saint (St. Alexis) – Oct. 18, Lientz – June 1. If we plan to expand our organization, new members need to be aware of our history and what we are all about – not just Cemetery tent and Old New Years.

It was discovered that in the old by-laws, we are allowed to have a range of 5-10 board members;

Therefore, we nominated Snezhana Wilson, Tatiana Bolshakoff and Natalie Sabelnik to join our board. All members present unanimously voted these 3 candidates in.

Among other subjects of interest, praise was given to P. and K. Suhonos and Sasha Sabelnik for their hard work and efforts coordinating this past Old New Years. Thank you Sasha for donating all your time in assisting us with this event.

NB – suggested that P.V. take on the role as Vice President of our Board for all of his tireless research, knowledge of the ACU history and the many legal and non-legal projects he took on to bring us up to speed in the contemporary world (i.e. website, status of organization, etc.)
CK – announced that the original \$50,000 check for investment was not invested because it was the wrong time. He tried to deposit it back into the bank, but the bank only allowed this transaction if the check had PS and NB signatures, so Nadine said she would deposit it next week at the First Republic bank near her home.

All items on the agenda have been discussed. There were no other questions or concerns.

Board will set a meeting date when changes are made in our by-laws and articles of incorporation (which PV will handle) and ratify all changes on line by email. Once ratified by the Board, we will set a date for the Big Circle.

1:49pm – Meeting adjourned

Prayer – Dostoino ect