

INTRODUCTION

The mission of the Peace Corps Iran Association is to preserve the legacy of the Peace Corps in Iran, foster a better understanding of Iran in the U.S., and build a climate of mutual understanding between Americans and Iranians.

The Austin conference this May created extraordinary momentum for action! We need your help in focusing that energy. Whether you were at the conference or not, please weigh in on the following 6 areas of interest—both from the perspective of what PCIA should be doing and your own level of interest in participating. Your response is essential in implementing our shared vision. Thank you.

ADVOCACY: A PCIA advocacy committee will pursue cultural and educational exchanges and support members in taking public positions to influence policies and decisions, such as the Nuclear Agreement with Iran.

1. How important is it for PCIA to undertake these activities?

1 - Not Important 2 - Somewhat Important 3 - Important 4 - Rather Important 5 - Very Important

Create drafts of position letters on issues important to PCIA members to adapt and send to congressional representatives and media.

Provide information and education to expand understanding of Iran issues.

Sponsor speakers and events to promote understanding of Iran issues.

Other ideas:

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ENHANCING THE LEGACY OF PEACE CORPS IN IRAN

PCIA maintains a growing database of individuals who were Iran volunteers. It publishes a newsletter, KhabarNameh, which highlights past and current experiences of Iran RPCVs. Publication of an anthology of writings by Iran volunteers about the Peace Corps experience is in the works. We also seek a solution to the issue of long-term archiving of PCIA records.

2. Please indicate your level of interest in being a part of these activities.

	1 - Not interested	2 - Somewhat interested	3 - Interested	4 - Rather interested	5 - Very interested
Contributing to the forthcoming anthology of writings by Peace Corps Iran authors.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Providing editorial assistance for the forthcoming anthology.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Contacting and encouraging Iran RPCVs to be part of PCIA.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Resolving the issue of long-term archiving for PCIA records.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other ideas:

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION BY PCIA MEMBERS

Outreach focuses on generating information and/or materials, and engaging in educational activities.

3. How important is it for PCIA to undertake these activities?

1 - Not very important 2 - Somewhat important 3 - important 4 - Rather important 5 - Very important

Conducting educational, cultural, and/or professional exchanges between Iranians and Americans.

Developing educational materials for use in schools and the community.

Developing a Sister City relationship between an Iranian city and an American one.

Planning for a PCIA-sponsored trip to Iran.

Hosting online discussions, such as a book club.

Other ideas:

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OUTREACH THROUGH STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS WITH ORGANIZATIONS THAT SHARE OUR INTEREST IN IRAN

A new direction for PCIA—for example, several conference attendees indicated an interest in developing connections to professional organizations with such contacts.

4. How important is it for PCIA to pursue this type of outreach?

1 - Not very important 2 - Somewhat important 3 - Important 4 - Rather important 5 - Very important

Connecting with organizations that collaborate with Iranians in education, culture, and the arts and sciences.

Connecting with organizations that advocate in the U.S. on behalf of Iran issues.

Building alliances with Iranian-American arts and cultural organizations.

How important are these types of collaboration for PCIA?

Other ideas:

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COMMUNICATIONS: WEBSITE, NEWSLETTER, PUBLIC RELATIONS, ETC.

5. Please indicate your level of interest in working with PCIA on communications

1 - No. I am not able to help 2 - Maybe, I might be willing to help. 3 - Yes. I am willing to help.

I have technical knowledge of WordPress and want to contribute expertise to the operation of PCIA's website.

I have photos I can contribute to the PCIA website (tech skills not needed).

I am able to contribute written content to the PCIA website (tech skills not needed).

I can help edit the PCIA website content (tech skills not needed).

PCIA is considering developing a blog.

Participating in writing, editing, and production of KhabarNameh.

Other ideas:

FUNDING FOR PCIA'S ACTIVITIES

This is an ongoing issue for the organization.

6. Please indicate your level of interest and/or support for the various options below.

1 - No - Not interested 2 - Somewhat interested 3 - Interested 4 - Rather interested 5 - Yes - Very interested

a. Do you think PCIA should charge modest or pay-what-you-can dues?

b. Are you willing to assist PCIA in identifying other funding sources?











c. Are you willing to assist with grant-writing efforts for specific projects?

Please indicate other ideas and/or your expertise in fund-raising.

PRIORITIES FOR THE FUTURE

How important are the following for PCIA?

* 7. Please rank this list of activities with 1 = least important and 5 = most important. Please do not leave any item blank.

		Advocacy
		Legacy of Peace Corps in Iran
		Outreach, Education, and Special Projects
		Strategic Partnerships
		Website

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PCIA COMMITTEES

The Board will soon set up committees relying mainly on volunteer participation and leadership.

8. Would you be interested in joining a committee on:

	1 - No	2 - Maybe	3 - Yes
Advocacy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Legacy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outreach/Education	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Strategic partnerships	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Communications (including newsletters and website)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Funding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other ideas:

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YOUR INVOLVEMENT WITH PCIA

9. Please indicate your involvement with the following:

	1 - No, Never	2 - Occasionally	3 - Yes, Frequently
I visit the PCIA website.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I view Austin conference videos on the website.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I read PCIA's newsletter, KhabarNameh.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I read the President's monthly newsletter, From the Field.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I visit PCIA's public Facebook page.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I visit PCIA's private Facebook group.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
May we communicate with you on Mail Chimp (as we do in the president's monthly newsletter, From the Field)? (1 = no, 5 = yes)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Did you attend the PCIA reunion and conference in Portland, OR in 2011? (1 = no, 5 = yes)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Did you attend the NPCA gathering in Boston in 2013? (1 = no, 5 = yes)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Did you attend the PCIA reunion and conference in Austin in 2015? (1 = no, 5 = yes)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you attended the 2015 conference in Austin, PCIA would like to know the most significant things you took away from this experience. You can help by writing a short, signed description below. Please indicate if you are willing for this to be posted on PCIA's website.

PLEASE TELL US HOW WE CAN CONTACT YOU

10. Please tell us how we can contact you.

Name:

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City/Town:

State:

ZIP:

Country:

Email Address:

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