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By helping the University of Washington's Slavic Department to connect with communities outside the university and to raise support and funds for the department, the Advisory Board ensures that future generations in the Pacific Northwest will be able to learn about Slavic languages, literatures and cultures.

Board members are leading community volunteers. They are decision-makers who have influence among their peers, are capable of providing advice, assistance, support, and funding leadership and are committed to advancing research and education. They are advocates for the department and help disseminate information about our programs, courses, events, etc.

In turn, the department wants to learn about the concerns and wishes of their communities with respect to how it can help meet their educational needs. The primary function of community members on the Advisory Board is to assist Slavic faculty regarding program promotion and advocacy, curriculum innovation, and job placement for graduates.



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Native Slovene Polona Brooks, president of Slovenska miza, earned her master's degree in clinical neuropsychology from University of Texas in Tyler. She was a founding force in creating Slovene society Slovenska miza striving to connect people with Slovene heritage and those interested in Slovene language and culture in Seattle area. She is a strategy consultant and a case manager for Brooks Law Firm in Redmond, WA.



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