

absolutely or in trust, and hold and, unless otherwise restricted by the terms of the gift or devise, encumber, convey, or otherwise dispose of, any real property, or any estate or interest in real property (except property within the exterior boundaries of a System unit), as may be necessary and proper in carrying into effect the purposes of the National Trust.

(h) **CONTRACTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS RESPECTING PROTECTION, PRESERVATION, MAINTENANCE, OR OPERATION.**—The National Trust may contract and make cooperative agreements with Federal, State, or local agencies, corporations, associations, or individuals, under terms and conditions that the National Trust considers advisable, respecting the protection, preservation, maintenance, or operation of any historic site, building, object, or property used in connection with the site, building, object, or property for public use, regardless of whether the National Trust has acquired title to the property, or any interest in the property.

(i) **ENTER INTO CONTRACTS AND EXECUTE INSTRUMENTS.**—The National Trust may enter into contracts generally and execute all instruments necessary or appropriate to carry out its corporate purposes, including concession contracts, leases, or permits for the use of land, buildings, or other property considered desirable either to accommodate the public or to facilitate administration.

(j) **OFFICERS, AGENTS, AND EMPLOYEES.**—The National Trust may appoint and prescribe the duties of officers, agents, and employees as may be necessary to carry out its functions, and fix and pay compensation to them for their services as the National Trust may determine.

(k) **LAWFUL ACTS.**—The National Trust may generally do any and all lawful acts necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes for which the National Trust is created.

(Pub. L. 113–287, § 3, Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3250.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
312105 .....	16 U.S.C. 468c.	Oct. 26, 1949, ch. 735, § 4, 63 Stat. 928.

In subsection (h), the words “local agencies” are substituted for “municipal departments or agencies” for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code.

**§ 312106. Consultation with National Park System Advisory Board**

In carrying out its functions under this chapter, the National Trust may consult with the National Park System Advisory Board on matters relating to the selection of sites, buildings, and objects to be preserved and protected pursuant to this chapter.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
312106 .....	16 U.S.C. 468d.	Oct. 26, 1949, ch. 735, § 5, 63 Stat. 929.

The words “National Park System Advisory Board” are substituted for “Advisory Board on National Parks,

Historic Sites, Buildings, and Museums” because the Board was renamed when section 3 of the Act of August 21, 1935 (known as the Historic Sites, Buildings, and Antiquities Act (ch. 593, 49 Stat. 667)) was amended by section 9 of Public Law 91–383, as added by section 2 of Public Law 94–458 (90 Stat. 1940).

**CHAPTER 3123—COMMISSION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF AMERICA’S HERITAGE ABROAD**

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**§ 312301. Definition**

In this chapter, the term “Commission” means the Commission for the Preservation of America’s Heritage Abroad established under section 312303 of this title.

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<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
312301 .....	no source.	

**§ 312302. Declaration of national interest**

Because the fabric of a society is strengthened by visible reminders of the historical roots of the society, it is in the national interest to encourage the preservation and protection of the cemeteries, monuments, and historic buildings associated with the foreign heritage of United States citizens.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
312302 .....	16 U.S.C. 469j(a).	Pub. L. 99–83, title XIII, § 1303(a), Aug. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 280.

**§ 312303. Establishment**

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established a commission to be known as the Commission for the Preservation of America’s Heritage Abroad.

(b) **MEMBERSHIP.**—The Commission shall consist of 21 members appointed by the President, 7 of whom shall be appointed after consultation with the Speaker of the House of Representatives and 7 of whom shall be appointed after consultation with the President pro tempore of the Senate.

(c) **TERM.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in paragraph (2), a member of the Commission shall be appointed for a term of 3 years.

(2) **VACANCY.**—A member appointed to fill a vacancy on the Commission shall serve for the remainder of the term for which the member’s predecessor was appointed.

(3) **MEMBER UNTIL SUCCESSOR APPOINTED.**—A member may retain membership on the Commission until the member’s successor has been appointed.

(d) CHAIRMAN.—The President shall designate the Chairman of the Commission from among its members.

(e) MEETINGS.—The Commission shall meet at least once every 6 months.

(f) COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES.—

(1) COMPENSATION.—Members of the Commission shall receive no pay on account of their service on the Commission.

(2) EXPENSES.—While away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services for the Commission, members of the Commission shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as individuals employed intermittently in the Government service are allowed expenses under section 5703 of title 5.

(Pub. L. 113–287, § 3, Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3252.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
312303(a) .....	16 U.S.C. 469j(b).	Pub. L. 99–83, title XIII, §1303(b), (d) through (f), Aug. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 280.
312303(b) through (f).	16 U.S.C. 469j(d) through (f).	

In subsection (c), the text of 16 U.S.C. 469j(d)(2)(B) is omitted as obsolete.

**§ 312304. Duties and powers; administrative support**

(a) DUTIES.—The Commission shall—

(1) identify and publish a list of cemeteries, monuments, and historic buildings located abroad that are associated with the foreign heritage of United States citizens from eastern and central Europe, particularly cemeteries, monuments, and buildings that are in danger of deterioration or destruction;

(2) encourage the preservation and protection of those cemeteries, monuments, and historic buildings by obtaining, in cooperation with the Secretary of State, assurances from foreign governments that the cemeteries, monuments, and buildings will be preserved and protected; and

(3) prepare and disseminate reports on the condition of, and the progress toward preserving and protecting, those cemeteries, monuments, and historic buildings.

(b) POWERS.—

(1) HOLD HEARINGS, REQUEST ATTENDANCE, TAKE TESTIMONY, AND RECEIVE EVIDENCE.—The Commission or any member it authorizes may, for the purposes of carrying out this chapter, hold such hearings, sit and act at such times and places, request such attendance, take such testimony, and receive such evidence, as the Commission considers appropriate.

(2) APPOINT PERSONNEL AND FIX PAY.—The Commission may appoint such personnel (subject to the provisions of title 5 governing appointments in the competitive service) and may fix the pay of such personnel (subject to the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5), as the Commission considers desirable.

(3) PROCURE TEMPORARY AND INTERMITTENT SERVICES.—The Commission may procure tem-

porary and intermittent services to the same extent as is authorized by section 3109(b) of title 5, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the daily equivalent of the maximum annual rate of basic pay then in effect under section 5376 of title 5.

(4) DETAIL PERSONNEL TO COMMISSION<sup>1</sup>.—On request of the Commission, the head of any Federal department or agency, including the Secretary of State, may detail, on a reimbursable basis, any of the personnel of that department or agency to the Commission to assist it in carrying out its duties under this chapter.

(5) SECURE INFORMATION.—The Commission may secure directly from any department or agency of the United States, including the Department of State, any information necessary to enable it to carry out this chapter. On the request of the Chairman of the Commission, the head of the department or agency shall furnish the information to the Commission.

(6) GIFTS OR DONATIONS.—The Commission may accept, use, and dispose of gifts or donations of money or property.

(7) USE OF MAILS.—The Commission may use the United States mails in the same manner and on the same conditions as other departments and agencies of the United States.

(c) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT.—The Administrator of General Services shall provide to the Commission on a reimbursable basis administrative support services as the Commission may request.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
312304(a) .....	16 U.S.C. 469j(c).	Pub. L. 99–83, title XIII, §1303(c), (g), Aug. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 280, 281.
312304(b) .....	16 U.S.C. 469j(g).	

In subsection (a)(2), the word “Secretary” is substituted for “Department” because of 22 U.S.C. 2651 and 2651a(a).

In subsection (b)(3), the words “under section 5376 of title 5” are substituted for “for grade GS–18 of the General Schedule (5 U.S.C. 5332(a))” because of section 529 [title I, §101(c)(1)] of the Treasury, Postal Service and General Government Appropriations Act, 1991 (Public Law 101–509, 5 U.S.C. 5376 note).

**§ 312305. Reports**

As soon as practicable after the end of each fiscal year, the Commission shall transmit to the President a report that includes—

(1) a detailed statement of the activities and accomplishments of the Commission during the fiscal year; and

(2) any recommendations of the Commission for legislation and administrative actions.

(Pub. L. 113–287, § 3, Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3253.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
312305 .....	16 U.S.C. 469j(h).	Pub. L. 99–83, title XIII, §1303(h), Aug. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 282.

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be “COMMISSION”.