

Polish Falcons of America

Board Bulletin

June 2019

The Board Bulletin is a summary report on the topics discussed and the actions taken by your National Board of Directors at its meeting on May 31 and June 1, 2019 that was held at Polish Falcons Nest 8 in Pittsburgh, Pa.

This report is emailed to more than 2,300 individuals with email addresses registered on the PFA website. In addition, it will be posted to the PFA website and published in the Sokół Polski magazine. The PFA National Board of Directors believes strongly in creating a culture of transparency and wants Members to know what issues the Board deals with and the reasons behind Board action on particular issues. We encourage you to read the report carefully and to contact any Board Member or PFA President and CEO Timothy Kuzma if you have any questions, comments, or concerns about the items or actions contained in this report.

Contact information for all Board members and the PFA executive staff is listed at the conclusion of this report.

Financial Report

John Kuzmirek, National Secretary/Treasurer and CFO, presented the 2019 Quarter 1 Financial Report. The net gain to surplus at the end of the quarters was a loss of \$231,523. Net loss from operations was \$160,551. Total admitted assets now stand at \$67,614,9811.

Sales/Marketing

Druh Kuzma reported on the sales results for the first quarter of 2019. For the first quarter, there were 43 life insurance certificates issued. Fourteen annuity certificates were issued, and there were 13 Medicare Supplement Plans sold in Q1. Total certificates issued in Q1 was 74. Also, there were six Fraternal Benefit Members added in the quarter. The average face amount of insurance for the new life certificates in Q1 was \$12,790.

Certificates Report

President Kuzma reported at the end of Q1 2019, there were 19,339 life insurance certificates, 3,429 annuity certificates and 254 Medicare supplement certificates in force. For the quarter, there was a decline of 91 total certificates. (Life declined 68, annuities decreased by 16 and Medicare supplement increased by 7.) There are currently 52 Fraternal Benefit Members, an increase of 2 in Q1.

Independent Audit Report

Earl Lukehart and John Sommers from the auditing firm McKeever, Varga and Senko, presented their annual audit report to the Audit Committee and Board of Directors. The auditors reviewed the report in detail and reported that it was a clean report.

Medicare Supplement Insurance

Based on the decision of the Board at the last meeting, President Kuzma informed the Board that PFA will no longer be selling Medicare Supplement Insurance as of July 1, 2019. PFA will continue to service the contracts for the Members who currently have a Medicare Supplement Plan.

Physical Education Director's Report

National Physical Education Director Chris Puskar reported on the outcome of the National Volleyball Tournament held in April in Pittsburgh. While the attendance was smaller than usual, everyone had a great time. Druhna Chris stated that several players from the University of Pittsburgh Women's Volleyball Team were at the tournament to conduct a workshop and referee the matches.

She also reported that all prizes for the Walking Program for 2018 have been delivered.

National Youth Camp

Druhna Puskar reported that the PFA National Youth Camp will be held July 21-28 at the SNPJ Recreation Center in western Pennsylvania. Registration is now open via the PFA website.

PACCF Youth Poland Trip

Druhna Puskar also reported that 16 young Falcon members will be travelling to Poland this summer as part of the Polish American Congress Charitable Foundation trip.

Falconette Commission

Falconette Commission Chairperson Druhna Patricia Capozoli reported that the May 2019 Lottery Raffle was another success and the raffles will continue in 2019. Proceeds helped fund the PFA Future Leaders Conference and National Volleyball Tournament, and will help at the upcoming National Camp. The next raffle by the Commission will be held in October 2019. Information is being sent to all Nests and Districts.

Agreement with IPN

President Kuzma reported that he has been negotiating an agreement with the Institute of National Remembrance (IPN) in Poland to transfer the historic archives of PFA to IPN. The primary purpose of the transfer is to preserve the archives for posterity, but it is also to create a comprehensive inventory of the collection, digitize all the documents and photos and make the collection available to historians, researchers and other institutions in Poland. Representatives from IPN visited National Headquarters earlier this year to review the archive and negotiations began thereafter. The Board of Directors reviewed the Agreement and voted to proceed with the transfer. More details will be provided on the PFA website and magazine.

Scholarship Committee

Scholarship Committee Chairperson Druhna Patricia Del Busse reported the Committee selected the recipients of the 2019-20 Gorecki Scholarship Program. They are:

- Lauren Andrychowski, Nest 123, Erie, Pa.
- Claire McPherson, Nest 86, Hamtramck, Mich.
- Elena Kolano, Nest 118, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Details about the recipients will appear in an upcoming issue of the Sokol Polski magazine.

Nest Actions

Nests in Good Standing. First Vice President Patricia Del Busse presented the list of PFA Nests in Good Standing as of May 31, 2019. They are:

| NEST | DISTRICT | CITY | STATE |
|------|----------|-----------------|-------|
| 3 | II | Chicago | IL |
| 4 | VI | South Bend | IN |
| 6 | IX | Buffalo | NY |
| 17 | I | Newark | NJ |
| 31 | XIII | Detroit | MI |
| 41 | IV | New Kensington | PA |
| 42 | II | Chicago Heights | IL |
| 45 | II | St. Louis | MO |
| 52 | IX | Rochester | NY |
| 65 | V | Union City | CT |
| 74 | IX | Auburn | NY |
| 86 | XIII | Hamtramck | MI |
| 88 | V | New Britain | CT |
| 118 | IV | Pittsburgh | PA |
| 172 | V | West Warwick | RI |
| 182 | IV | Ambridge | PA |
| 188 | V | Salem | MA |
| 307 | V | Southington | CT |
| 336 | XIII | Jackson | MI |
| 430 | IX | Auburn | NY |
| 485 | V | Chelsea | MA |
| 493 | IX | Batavia | NY |
| 519 | V | Middletown | CT |
| 538 | IV | Midland | PA |
| 811 | V | New Britain | CT |
| 827 | II | Chicago | IL |
| 907 | II | Cicero | IL |
| 946 | I | Hillsborough | NJ |

Communications Director Report

Communications Director Courtney Caughey-Stambul reported that a new Facebook Live video featuring Cultural Commissioner Larry Kozlowski was held March 21.

She added that a new credit card processing system has been added to the website and is working better than past methods.

Courtney is continuing to work on improving the new quarterly format of the Sokol Polski magazine.

Camp Day at the Polanka

National Physical Education Director Chris Puskar reported that planning continues for the upcoming Camp Day to held June 15 at the Polanka in Hillsborough, N.J. The event will start in the morning and go through mid-afternoon with a variety of fun and games for all ages.

Legion of Honor

PFA Legion of Honor Grandmaster Frania Tracz presented a written report to the Board. She reported that the Legion of Honor Commandery will meet at National Headquarters on Aug. 21-22. The Commandery will discuss possible changes to the Legion of Honor rules, as well as preparations for the upcoming National Convention.

National Bowling Tournament

PFA National Bowling Manager Janet Knauber reported that the 81st National Bowling Tournament held in Buffalo, N.Y. was a success. PFA District IX was the host. All social activities were held at PFA Nest 6. Results of the Tournament have been posted to the PFA website and prizes are being mailed.

PFA Nest 80, South Bend, Ind., will be the host of the 2020 Tournament. The dates are April 23-25, 2020. Bidding is currently open for the 2021 Tournament.

National Golf Tournament

President Kuzma reported that registration was opened for the Tournament shortly after the conclusion of the National Bowling Tournament. There was an Early Bird incentive for those golfers who registered before June 1. Watch for more details on the PFA website.

Bids are now being accepted for the 2020 and 2021 National Tournaments. For questions or information on how to place a bid, please contact National Golf Commissioner Druhna Mary at whalenmh@yahoo.com.

Upcoming 2019 Meeting Dates

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| Q3 2019 | Aug. 23-24 |
| Q4 2019 | Nov. 22-23 |

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