

Polish Falcons of America

Board Bulletin

August 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 August 23-24, 2019 that was held at Polish Falcons National Headquarters 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 2 Financial Report. The net gain to surplus at the end of the quarter was a loss of \$272,513. Net loss from operations was \$200,666. The operating results were an improvement from Q1. Total admitted assets now stand at \$67,669,649.

Sales/Marketing

Druh Kuzma reported on the sales results for the second quarter of 2019. For the second quarter, there were 40 life insurance certificates issued. Fifteen annuity certificates were issued. Total certificates issued in Q2 was 55. Also, there were three Fraternal Benefit Members added in the quarter. The average face amount of insurance for the new life certificates for the year was \$11,080.

Certificates Report

President Kuzma reported at the end of Q2 2019, there were 19,229 life insurance certificates, 3,454 annuity certificates and 243 Medicare supplement certificates in force. For the quarter, there was a decline of 91 total certificates. (Life declined 110, annuities decreased by 15 and Medicare supplement did not change.) There are currently 54 Fraternal Benefit Members, an increase of 2 in Q2. (NOTE: The number of annuity

certificates reported at the end of Q1 in the last report was incorrect. It should have been 3,469, not 3,429. This report has the correct number of annuity certificates.)

New National Headquarters Office Space

President Kuzma reported to the Board that the lease for a new office space for National Headquarters is almost complete. The lease for the current space expires later this year and the Board agreed that a smaller office at a lesser rate is in the best interest of the organization. Watch the website and magazine for more important announcements about the space.

Physical Education Director's Report

National Physical Education Director Chris Puskar reported on three recent programs. First was the Youth Camp Day at the Polanka facility in Hillsborough, N.J. Over 40 children attended and had a great time participating in various activities throughout the day.

Second, Druhna Puskar, along with First Vice President Del Busse and National Director Patty Capozoli attend the Sokol Slet held in Buffalo, N.Y. Members of the Sokols have attended recent PFA events and we decided to return the favor. She reported that collaboration with the Sokol groups is growing.

Third was the National Camp held at the SNPJ Rec Center in Western Pennsylvania. Over 20 children had a great time for an entire week at the end of July.

Druhna Puskar pointed out that many participants of past Future Leader Conferences played a big role in the Camp Day in New Jersey and the National Camp.

Falconette Commission

Falconette Commission Chairperson Druhna Patricia Capozoli reported that the May 2019 Lottery Raffle was the best ever with a profit of \$2,395.59. Proceeds helped fund the PFA National Volleyball Tournament, National Camp, and the Camp Day in New Jersey. Almost \$4,000 was donated to the National Camp. The next raffle by the Commission will be held in October 2019. Information has been sent to all Nests and Districts.

IPN Agreement Update

President Kuzma reported that the team from Institute of National Remembrance (IPN) will arrive in Pittsburgh on Aug. 25. Work has begun on sorting through the historic archives of PFA for transport to Poland. 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.

Scholarship Committee

Scholarship Committee Chairperson Druhna Patricia Del Busse reported the Committee met and discussed new ways to attract more applicants for the program. Druhna Del Busse

obtained information from other fraternal organization's scholarship programs for the Committee to review.

Nests in Good Standing

First Vice President Patricia Del Busse presented the list of PFA Nests in Good Standing as of August 24, 2019. They are:

NEST	DISTRICT	CITY	STATE
3	II	Chicago	IL
4	VI	South Bend	IN
6	IX	Buffalo	NY
8	IV	Pittsburgh	PA
17	I	Newark	NJ
31	XIII	Detroit	MI
36	V	Southwestern	CT
41	IV	New Kensington	PA
42	II	Chicago Heights	IL
45	II	St. Louis	MO
52	IX	Rochester	NY
65	V	Union City	CT
68	V	Meriden	CT
74	IX	Auburn	NY
80	VI	South Bend	IN
86	XIII	Hamtramck	MI
88	V	New Britain	CT
104	I	Newark	NJ
118	IV	Pittsburgh	PA
123	IX	Erie	PA
172	V	West Warwick	RI
176	IV	Pittsburgh	PA
188	V	Salem	MA
208	VI	Derby	CT
247	IV	Donora	PA
276	VI	Muskegon	MI
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
564	VI	LaPorte	IN
580	V	Pittsfield	MA
610	IX	Erie	PA
652	XIII	Lansing	MI
725	II	Milwaukee	WI

811	V	New Britain	CT
827	II	Chicago	IL
907	II	Cicero	IL
946	I	Hillsborough	NJ
956	I	Ozone Park	NY
972	XIII	Bay City	MI

Communications Director Report

Communications Director Courtney Caughey-Stambul presented a revised Come Together Program to the Board. Come Together was created to inspire Members to gather their family and friends to make a difference in their local communities. More details will be available on the PFA website and Sokol Polski magazine.

Legion of Honor

The PFA Legion of Honor Commandery held a meeting at National Headquarters on Aug. 21-22, prior to the Board Meeting. LOH Grand Master Frania Tracz reported that the Commandery made some minor changes to the awards application form and decided to provide a guide for Nests on how to present awards. The Commandery also created a list of suggested guidelines to help Nests identify potential award candidates and complete the applications. The Board approved a recommendation from the Commandery regarding a new program that will be announced at a later date.

National Bowling Tournament

PFA National Bowling Manager Janet Knauber reported that PFA Nest 80, South Bend, Ind., will be the host of the 82nd National Tournament in 2020. The dates are April 23-25, 2020.

She added that there is still not a host for the 2021 Tournament. If any Nest or District is interested in being host, please contact Druhna Knauber.

National Golf Tournament

National Golf Commissioner Mary Whalen reported to the Board that the 2019 Tournament was “outstanding.” There were 72 golfers in attendance. The weather cooperated and the courses were in great shape. The festivities at the Polanka all went well and the food was delicious.

President Kuzma thanked all the volunteers and staff from National Headquarters who helped make the Tournament a success. They included: First Vice President Trish Del Busse, Secretary/Treasurer John Kuzmirek, Sales Director John Denning, Physical Education Director Chris Puskar, District IV National Director Patty Capozoli, John Nicpon. District IX National Director Becky Sienkiewicz and her sister Marcia Popovich and her son Michael. President Kuzma also thanked the Committee members from outside National Headquarters who helped plan the Tournament: Tony Pol (Nest 610, Erie, Pa.), Bobby Joe Gorny (Nest 4, South Bend, Ind.) and Ed Ciesla (District I National Director).

PFA Neat 610, Erie, Pa., will be the host of the 2020 Tournament. Bids are now being accepted for the 2021 National Tournament. 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

Q4 2019 Nov. 22-23

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