

# **Polish Falcons of America**

# **Board Bulletin**

**November 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 November 22-23, 2019 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 3 Financial Report. The net gain to surplus at the end of the quarter was a loss of \$123,256. Net loss from operations at the end of the quarter was \$19,897. The operating results were an improvement from Q1 and Q2. The net gain for from operations in Q3 was \$180,769. Total admitted assets now stand at \$67,107,521.

## ***New National Headquarters Office Space***

President Kuzma reported to the Board that the National Headquarters Office was successfully relocated to a new building in the first week of November. The new office is located at 1016 Greentree Road, Suite 201. It is less than one mile from the previous office. The office was fully operational quickly after the move. Telephone numbers, email, website, did not change.

## ***Sales/Marketing***

Druh Kuzma reported on the sales results for the third quarter of 2019. For the quarter, there were 26 life insurance certificates issued. Twenty-seven annuity certificates were issued. Total certificates issued in Q3 was 53. Also, there were two Fraternal Benefit Members added in the quarter. The average face amount of insurance for the new life certificates for the year was \$11,102.

### ***Certificates Report***

President Kuzma reported at the end of Q3 2019, there were 19,159 life insurance certificates, 3,429 annuity certificates and 243 Medicare supplement certificates in force. For the quarter, there was a decline of 95 total certificates. (Life declined 70, annuities decreased by 25 and Medicare supplement did not change.) There are currently 55 Fraternal Benefit Members, an increase of 2 in Q3.

### ***Physical Education Director's Report***

National Physical Education Director Chris Puskar reported on the upcoming programs for 2020.

There will be a National Youth and Adult Volleyball Tournament in March in LaPorte, Ind. The Future Leaders Conference will be held in conjunction with the National Convention in New Britain, Conn. Druhna Chris is planning to have the Future Leaders make a presentation at the Convention.

She added that PFA is going to try a series of at least four regional activities for our members. More information will be published on the website and magazine.

### ***Falconette Commission***

Falconette Commission Chairperson Druhna Patricia Capozoli reported that the October 2019 Lottery Raffle had a profit of \$1,715.599. Proceeds from this raffle help fund PFA youth programs such as the National Volleyball Tournament, National Camp and Future Leaders. The next raffle by the Commission will be held in January 2020. Information has been sent to all Nests and Districts.

### ***PFA and IPN Agreement Update***

President Kuzma reported that the four-person team from the Institute of National Remembrance (IPN) arrived in Pittsburgh on Aug. 26 and began their work of packing the PFA for transport to Poland. The crew packed 9 pallets of material that were shipped to Poland on Sept. 12. The pallets arrived safely in Poland in early November. 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 possible revisions to the scholarship application forms. The Committee reviewed applications from other fraternal organizations to determine if there were questions or processes that we could use to improve our program. New application forms will be available in December.

### ***Nests in Good Standing***

First Vice President Patricia Del Busse presented the list of PFA Nests in Good Standing as of November 23, 2019. They are:

<b>NEST</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>STATE</b>
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
146	IV	New Castle	PA
147	IV	Mt. Pleasant	PA
159	IV	Ford City	PA
163	VII	Mocanaqua	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
556	IV	Jerome	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

There are 10 Nests not in Good Standing:

77	IV	Carnegie	PA
79	XIII	Southgate	MI
97	IV	Windber	PA
124	XIII	Saginaw	MI
128	VII	Duryea	PA
147	IV	Mt. Pleasant	PA
171	VII	Philadelphia	PA
182	IV	Ambridge	PA
964	VII	Reading	PA
972	XIII	Bay City	MI

### ***Communications Director Report***

Communications Director Courtney Caughey-Stambul reported that the revised Come Together Program was launched Nov. 1. She is hopeful that Members, Nests and Districts will take advantage of the program. 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.

Due to the success of the Polish-American Heritage Month weekly emails, Courtney is going to publish weekly Polish-related Christmas emails that will focus on recipes, crafts, traditions, etc., starting in late November.

### ***Polish Elections***

Vice President Del Busse reported that Polish Falcons National Headquarters was used as a polling site for recent Polish Parliamentary elections held on Oct. 12. She stated that 85 Polish citizens visited the office to cast their ballots. This is the first time that voting in a Polish election was held in Pittsburgh, Pa.

### ***Poland Tour-2020***

President Kuzma reported on the successful PFA Tour of Poland that was held in October. Eleven people made the trip.

He added that the tour company, Polish Genealogy Tours, wants to discuss another tour in 2020, this time focusing on northern Poland. If a trip is planned, watch for announcements in early 2020.

***Upcoming 2020 Meeting Dates***

Q1 2020            March 13-14  
 Q2 2020            May 15-16  
 Q3 2020            Aug. 21-22  
 Q4 2020            Nov. 20-21

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