

Polish Falcons of America

Board Bulletin

May 2020

The Board Bulletin is a summary report on the topics discussed and the actions taken by your National Board of Directors at its regular meeting on March 13-14, 2020 in Pittsburgh, Pa., and a Special Meeting held by teleconference on April 2, 2020, and a regular meeting on May 15-16, 2020 held via Zoom.

This report is emailed to more than 3,600 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.

National Convention

At the special meeting, the Board voted unanimously to postpone the National Convention scheduled for July in New Britain, Conn. President Kuzma discussed the issue in a teleconference with the Pennsylvania Department of Insurance (PA DOI) and also sent a letter requesting the Convention be delayed until 2021. New plans for the Convention will be announced as soon as they are available.

COVID-19 Response

President Kuzma reported on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic to the operations at National Headquarters. All in-person National fraternal activities have been cancelled, and all efforts will be placed on promoting these events for 2021.

Office operations have been adjusted to comply with the orders of the Pennsylvania Governor. Much of the staff is working entirely remotely, while others are working on rotating schedules. PFA continues to provide the same level of service and support for all Members.

Executive Officers and staff are preparing for the transition back to “normal” operations once orders from the governor have been lifted and/or changed.

Financial Report

Ryan Gregg, National Secretary/Treasurer and CFO, presented the 2020 Quarter 1 Financial Report. The net loss to surplus at the end of the quarter was \$134,431. Net loss from operations at the end of the quarter was \$42,893. **NOTE: A complete 2019 Financial Report will be provided in the September issue of the magazine.**

Sales/Marketing

Druh Kuzma reported on the sales results for the first quarter of 2020. For the quarter, there were 47 life insurance certificates issued. Thirteen annuity certificates were issued. Total certificates issued in Q1 was 60. Also, there were five Fraternal Benefit Members added in the quarter. The average face amount of insurance for the new life certificates for the quarter was \$8,580.

Certificates Report

President Kuzma reported at the end of Q1 2020, there were 19,001 life insurance certificates, 3,338 annuity certificates and 215 Medicare Supplement certificates in force. For the quarter, there was a decline of 82 total certificates. (Life declined 57, annuities decreased by 25 and Medicare supplement did not change.) There are currently 59 Fraternal Benefit Members, an increase of 4 in Q1.

New Insurance Processes

Secretary/Treasurer and CFO Ryan Gregg presented information on creating new electronic processes for streamlining applications, claims and other service provided for our Members. DocuSign is the company that will be working with PFA to provide these services. The Board approved a motion to proceed with the program. Druh Gregg projects the new processes will be in place by September.

Physical Education Director's Report

National Physical Education Director Chris Puskar reported that the National Volleyball Tournament scheduled for late March was cancelled due to the coronavirus. She reported to the Board that the Tournament will be rescheduled for 2021.

Future Leaders Conference

Druhna Chris reported that the 2020 Future Leaders Conference will be held virtually in June 2020. Information is being sent via email and is available on the PFA website at polishfalcons.org/future-leaders.

Online Polish Youth Cultural Program

President Kuzma reported that the Polish American Congress Charitable Foundation is sponsoring a virtual Polish Youth Cultural Program in July. The two-week course is conducted in partnership with the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland. The Board approved paying ½ the cost for 15 PFA Members to participate in the program. More details can be found at polishfalcons.org/paccf.

2020 National Golf

President Kuzma reported that after discussions with Golf Commissioner Mary Whalen and Nest 610 President Bob Sulecki, it was decided to cancel the 2020 National Golf Tournament. Since there was no host designated for the 2021 Tournament, Nest 610 will be the host of the Tournament.

COVID-19 Relief Program

Druhna Puskar reported that 16 grants of \$250 have presented to PFA Members affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Applications are still being accepted and can be found by visiting polishfalcons.org/covid19.

Giving Tuesday—Support for Nests

Communications Director Caughey-Stambul reported that \$2,640 was donated by PFA Members to support Nests on Giving Tuesday. Funds will be distributed to Nests in early June.

Scholarship Committee

Scholarship Committee Chairperson Patricia Del Busse reported the Committee met and recommended the applicants for 2020-21 Dr. T.A. Starzynski Scholarships. The Board approved the following:

Mary Kus

Steven Hoffman, Nest 176, Pittsburgh, PA

Achievement

Nicholas Blessing, Nest 45, St. Louis, MO

Anya Hedrich, Nest 336, Jackson, MI

Cameron Stark, Nest 6, Buffalo, NY

Joanna Wypasek, Nest 36, Southwestern CT

Involvement

Nicholas Chodak, Nest 52, Rochester, NY

Daniel Doheny, Nest 827, Chicago, IL

Victoria Florczak, Nest 6, Buffalo, NY

Greta George, Nest 97, Windber, PA

Jeffrey Moravinski, Nest 163, Mocanaqua, PA

Zachary Pixley, Nest 4, South Bend, IN

Elizabeth Walker, Nest 564, LaPorte, IN

General

Phoenix Billings, Nest 68, Meriden, CT

Jordyn Gagliardi, Nest 580, Pittsfield, MA

Isaac Valasek, Nest 159, Ford City, PA

Isabel Valasek, Nest 159, Ford City, PA

Matthew Wiertel, Nest 3, Chicago, IL

At the May meeting, the Committee also recommended the applicants for the 2020-21 Gorecki Scholarships. The Board approved the following:

Mateusz Conrado, Nest 79, Southgate, MI
Matthew Dutczak, Nest 42, Chicago Heights, IL
Timothy Eckert, Nest 907, Cicero, IL

Nests in Good Standing

First Vice President Patricia Del Busse reported that the following PFA Nests are in Good Standing as of May 15, 2020:

NEST	DISTRICT	CITY	STATE
4	VI	South Bend	IN
6	IX	Buffalo	NY
8	IV	Pittsburgh	PA
31	XIII	Detroit	MI
41	IV	New Kensington	PA
42	II	Chicago Heights	IL
65	V	Union City	CT
68	V	Meriden	CT
74	IX	Auburn	NY
77	IV	Carnegie	PA
80	VI	South Bend	IN
88	V	New Britain	CT
118	IV	Pittsburgh	PA
146	IV	New Castle	PA
159	IV	Ford City	PA
172	V	West Warwick	RI
188	V	Salem	MA
208	V	Derby	CT
307	V	Southington	CT
430	IX	Auburn	NY
485	V	Chelsea	MA
493	IX	Batavia	NY
564	VI	La Porte	IN
580	V	Pittsfield	MA
610	IX	Erie	PA
652	XIII	Lansing	MI
811	V	New Britain	CT
827	II	Chicago	IL
946	I	Hillsborough	NJ
972	XIII	Bay City	MI

Communications Director Report

Communications Director Courtney Caughey-Stambul reported that because of COVID-19, the Easter Blessing brochures were not mailed this year as no in-person Easter Services were being held this year. The brochures will be available for 2021. She also stated that the June magazine will be reduced in size due to the change for the National Convention.

Since the COVID-19 outbreak, Courtney has been publishing an electronic newsletter twice a week to keep Members informed of what has been happening in the organization. She also provided data about the response of the Membership to the regular emails sent by the organization.

Poland Tour-2020

President Kuzma reported that while the fate of the 2020 Poland Tour is still undecided, the information is available on the PFA website. A final decision will be made in the summer. President Kuzma also reported about the possibility of a Christmas Tour in December. Watch the PFA website for new developments about the Tour.

Upcoming 2020 Meeting Dates

Q3 2020	Aug. 21-22
Q4 2020	Nov. 20-21

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