

Polish Falcons of America

Board Bulletin

September 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 August 21-22, 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

The Board discussed the plans for the upcoming PFA National Convention which will be held virtually on Saturday, November 21, 2020. Meetings have been held with Nest and District Presidents about the details of the Convention. Delegate registration is open on the PFA website.

COVID-19 Response

President Kuzma updated the Board on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic to the operations at National Headquarters. The office still continues to function with the staff divided among those who work in the office and those who work from home or both. There is no timeframe established for resuming “normal” operations.

The Board approved a motion to extend the loan deferral program by another three months to help Nests as they slowly begin to reopen.

Financial Report

Ryan Gregg, National Secretary/Treasurer and CFO, presented the 2020 Quarter 2 Financial Report. The net loss to surplus at the end of the quarter was \$144,755. The net gain from operations at the end of the quarter was \$27,984. This is an improvement of the prior year’s operation.

Earl Lukehart from McKeever, Varga and Senko, PFA independent auditor, presented their annual audit report to the Audit Committee and to the entire Board. Mr. Lukehart stated that there were no issues with the audit and that it was an unqualified, or clean, audit report.

Sales/Marketing

Druh Kuzma reported on the sales results for the second quarter of 2020. For the quarter, there were 46 life insurance certificates issued. Twenty-six annuity certificates were issued. Total certificates issued in Q2 was 72. Also, there were six Fraternal Benefit Members added in the quarter. The average face amount of insurance for the new life certificates for the quarter was \$11,009.

Certificates Report

President Kuzma reported at the end of Q2 2020, there were 18,926 life insurance certificates, 3,331 annuity certificates and 215 Medicare supplement certificates in force. For the quarter, there was a decline of 82 total certificates. (Life declined 75, annuities decreased by 7 and Medicare supplement did not change.) There are currently 46 Fraternal Benefit Members, a decrease of 13 in Q2.

Digital Forms

Secretary/Treasurer and CFO Ryan Gregg updated the Board on the progress of new digital forms for many membership service processes such as new applications, death claims, change of address, etc. Druh Gregg projects the new processes will be in place and ready in October.

Physical Education Director's Report

National Physical Education Director Chris Puskar reported that the 2020 Virtual Future Leaders Conference held in June was a great success. She added that the Future Leaders are planning a Virtual Game Night for young members for the fall. The 2021 Future Leaders Conference will be held in conjunction with the Special National Convention scheduled for July 2021 in New Britain, Conn.

Druhna Chris added that she working on plans for a PFA Youth Camp for the summer of 2021. Details will be announced later.

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 Virtual Golf

President Kuzma reported that PFA will hold a Virtual Golf Tournament that will run through the end of September. The top prize is a free entry into next year's National Golf Tournament which will be held by Nest 610, Erie, Pa.

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.

Nests in Good Standing

First Vice President Patricia Del Busse reported that the following PFA Nests are in Good Standing as of August 21, 2020:

NEST	DISTRICT	CITY	STATE
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
77	IV	Carnegie	PA
80	VI	South Bend	IN
86	XIII	Hamtramck	MI
88	V	New Britain	CT
118	IV	Pittsburgh	PA
123	IX	Erie	PA
124	XIII	Sagniauw	MI
146	IV	New Castle	PA
159	IV	Ford City	PA
163	VII	Mocanaqua	PA
172	V	West Warwick	RI
176	IV	Lawrenceville	PA
182	IV	Ambridge	PA
188	V	Salem	MA

208	V	Derby	CT
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
564	VI	La Porte	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
946	I	Hillsborough	NJ
972	XIII	Bay City	MI

 Own a building

Communications Director Report

Communications Director Courtney Caughey-Stambul reported that she is working on creating a new PFA activities calendar that will be included in the magazine. Details will be announced as soon as they are available.

The pocket calendars that were sent every year to Nests will no longer be available.

Poland Tour-2020

President Kuzma reported that the 2020 Poland Tour was officially cancelled. He added that the Tour will be organized for 2021.

Upcoming 2020 Meeting Dates

Q4 2020 Nov. 18-19
National Convention Nov. 21

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