

Polish Falcons of America

Board Bulletin

January 2021

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 November 18-19, 2020 and a special meeting on December 29, 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 Minutes

After reviewing the draft of the National Convention Minutes presented by Convention Secretary Joseph Sobota the Board approved the Minutes for distribution. The Minutes can be found on the PFA website. Hard copies of the Minutes will only be available upon request, as we did with the last Convention.

Special Convention

The Board voted to postpone the Special Convention from July 2021 to July 2022 due to the continuation and uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic.

District I National Director

The Board unanimously voted to elect Malgorzata Los of Nest 956, Ozone Park, N.Y., as the new National Director of District I.

Secretary/Treasurer & CFO

The Board approved President Kuzma's appointment of Ryan Gregg as National Secretary/Treasurer & CFO.

Appointed Officials

The Board approved the appointments by President Kuzma of the following:
Courtney Caughey-Stambul—Communications Director
Christine Puskar—National Physical Education Director
Richard J. Federowicz—Legal Counsel
Rev. Timothy Whalen—National Chaplain
Janet Knauber—National Bowling Commissioner
Patricia Del Busse—National Golf Commissioner

2021 Fraternal Programs

The Board discussed the status of the upcoming fraternal programs in 2021. Physical Education Director Puskar reported that the Volleyball Tournament scheduled for early April will be held in November. She also said the Future Leaders Conference will be held virtually throughout 2021. A National Youth Camp is still scheduled for late July.

There was also discussion about the National Bowling and Golf Tournaments but no decisions were made. President Kuzma stated that he will arrange a meeting with Nest 45, St. Louis, Mo., (Tournament Host) to discuss the Bowling Tournament.

COVID-19 Issues

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 six months to help Nests as they slowly begin to reopen. The Board also voted to extend the COVID Relief Program for Members for another six months. Information on these programs can be found on the PFA website.

New Insurance and Annuity Products

The Board approved the addition of a new Multi Year Guaranteed Annuity and a new Term Life Insurance plans for adults. Both products are in the in the final stages of development and should be available in the spring of 2021.

Financial Report

Ryan Gregg, National Secretary/Treasurer and CFO, presented the 2020 Quarter 3 Financial Report. The net loss to surplus at the end of the quarter was \$234,002. The net loss from operations at the end of the quarter was \$38,631. This is an improvement of the prior year’s operation.

Sales/Marketing

Druh Kuzma reported on the sales results for the third quarter of 2020. For the quarter, there were 32 life insurance certificates issued. Forty annuity certificates were issued. Total certificates issued in Q2 was 72. Also, there were two Fraternal Benefit Members added in the quarter. The average face amount of insurance for the new life certificates through the entire year was \$10,395.

Certificates Report

President Kuzma reported at the end of Q3 2020, there were 18,854 life insurance certificates, 3,353 annuity certificates and 183 Medicare supplement certificates in force. For the quarter, there was a decline of 82 total certificates. (Life declined 72, annuities increased by 22 and Medicare supplement decreased by 32.) There are currently 41 Fraternal Benefit Members, a decrease of 5 in Q3.

District Conventions—2021

Since the Constitution allows a four-year term for officers, a District can decide not to hold a Convention this year and keep its officers for an additional two years, if the District cannot hold a Convention due only to the pandemic. (This does not apply to District VI as those officers are currently completing a four-year term.) Also, Districts are encouraged to hold their Conventions later in the year (but still before the Oct. 1 deadline). A District can hold its Convention in-person or virtually.

Nests in Good Standing

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

NEST	DISTRICT	CITY	STATE
3	I	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
77	IV	Carnegie	PA
79	XIII	Southgate	MI
80	VI	South Bend	IN
86	XIII	Hamtramck	MI

88	V	New Britain	CT
118	IV	Pittsburgh	PA
123	IX	Erie	PA
124	XIII	Sagniaw	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
907	II	Cicero	IL
946	I	Hillsborough	NJ
956	I	Ozone Park	NY
972	XIII	Bay City	MI

Highlighted means Nest owns a building

Scholarship Programs

The Board approved several important changes to the PFA Scholarship Programs as recommended by the Scholarship Committee.

- 1) The Membership requirement for the Starzynski Scholarship Program was reduced from four years to two years.
- 2) The Membership requirement for the Gorecki Scholarship Program was reduced from six years to four years.
- 3) The scholarship amounts for the Starzynski Scholarship Program were increased as follows:
 - a. Achievement \$,1500 to \$1,750
 - b. Involvement \$1,000 to \$1,250
 - c. General \$750 to \$800

Applications for Scholarships are now available on the PFA website.

Upcoming 2021 Board Meeting Dates

Q1 2021	March 13
Q2 2021	June 12
Q3 2021	August 21
Q4 2021	November 20

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