



# 2024 BOARD NOMINEES

For the Election of Officers at the upcoming National Convention, the following is a list of candidates as approved by the National Directors, based on the recommendations of the Nominations Committee. Please note: Jeffrey R. Beilfuss is shown as the Alternate Candidate for District II. In the event that Thomas Eckert is elected as Vice Chairperson, Jeffrey will be the candidate for the District II National Director position.

**Nominated Position:  
Board Chairperson**

**Daniel Michalak**

Nest: 68  
District: V  
Member Since: 11/1973

**Educational Background  
& Work Experience**

**Does the nominee possess a college/university four-year degree?**  
No.

**If No, please describe the nominee's past 10 years.**  
Borough of Naugatuck, CT Electrical Inspector and Assistant Building Official, Wilcox Tech/Platt High School Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, President of the International Municipal Signal Association.

**Has the nominee ever been a member of the PFA Board of Directors?**  
Yes.

**If Yes, how many terms did the nominee serve?**  
3.

**Has the nominee served as a PFA Nest or District Officer?**  
Yes.

**If Yes, please describe positions held:**  
Nest 63 Past President (25 Years), Treasurer, and Instructor. District V Treasurer, Past President, Budget Committee, and Investment Committee.

**Has the nominee ever served on any other Board of Directors?**  
Yes.

**If Yes, please describe:**  
New England IMSA Past President and Past Treasurer. NE Fraternal Congress Past President and Board of Directors.

**Does the nominee have knowledge or experience of not-for-profit organizations?**  
Yes.

**If Yes, please describe:**  
Dan has been actively involved in the finances at the National, District, and Nest level of the Polish Falcons. He has been involved in the administration of the Sons of Herman and St. Mary's Club in Meriden, CT.

**Does the nominee have knowledge or experience of fraternal organizations?**  
Yes.

**If Yes, please describe:**  
Sons of Herman: Harmonia Lodge # 2, Treasurer; NE Fraternal Alliance; Elected as President of District V and Nest 68 of the Polish Falcons of America; Vice President of Polish Falcons of America and District V.

**Does the nominee have knowledge of Polish Falcons of America's governance structure?**  
Yes.

**Please include any other information to support your nomination here:**  
Dan has been an active participant in the governance of the Polish Falcons of America for more than 12 years. Prior to his election a Vice President, Dan was actively involved in both the Nest and District level. He has vast experience in the organization and administration of a number of non-profit organizations. He is a key investment advisor for the District, Nests, St. Mary's Club and the Sons of Herman.

**Nominated Position:  
Board Vice Chairperson**

**Thomas Eckert**

Nest: 907  
District: II  
Member Since: 03/1964

**Educational Background  
& Work Experience**

**Does the nominee possess a college/university four-year degree?**  
Yes—Institution: Valparaiso University, Degree: Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, Graduation Year: 1983.

**Has the nominee ever been a member of the PFA Board of Directors?**  
Yes.

**If Yes, how many terms did the nominee serve?**  
4.

**Has the nominee served as a PFA Nest or District Officer?**  
Yes.

**If Yes, please describe positions held:**  
District II Instructor (4 years), Nest 1 President (9 years), District II National Director (18 years).

**Has the nominee ever served on any other Board of Directors?**  
No.

**Does the nominee have experience or knowledge of not-for-profit organizations?**  
Yes.

**If Yes, please describe:**  
PFA National Director (18 years), Budget Committee Chair (12 years), Audit Committee Chair (8 years), Executive Compensation Committee Chair (8 years).

**Does the nominee have knowledge or experience of fraternal organizations?**  
Yes.

**If Yes, please describe:**  
Active Member of the PFA for 59 years. Policy member of PNA (Polish Language School) for 8 years, and PRCUA (Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Group for 4 years).

**Does the nominee have knowledge of Polish Falcons of America's governance structure?**  
Yes.

**Please include any other information to support your nomination here:**  
As a Member of the PFA Board for 18 years, I have unique insight to the needs and challenges the Organization has faced in the past and present times. I hope to lend my leadership, skills and abilities to help successfully guide the organization and its membership into the future.



**Nominated Position:  
National Director**

**Jeffery R. Beilfuss**

Nest: 907  
District: II  
Member Since: 11/1970

**Educational Background  
& Work Experience**

**Does the nominee possess a college/university four-year degree?**

Yes—Institution: ITT Technical College, Degree in Project Management, Graduation Year: 2014.

**If Yes, please describe the nominee’s past 5 years of work experience.**

I was involved in managing different types of construction projects for Mercy and MacNeal Hospital. Design, Budget, Manage projects from start to finish.

**Has the nominee served as a PFA Nest or District Officer?**

Yes.

**If Yes, please describe positions held:**

District II President, Golf and Bowling commissioner.

**Does the nominee have any additional leadership experience in an organization or in a business?**

Yes.

**If Yes, please describe:**  
Nest level projects and events.

**Does the nominee have experience or knowledge of not-for-profit organizations?**  
Yes.

**If Yes, please describe:**  
I have fostered dogs for Central Indiana Lab Rescue. Participated and planned events including Pictures with Santa for the dogs.

**Does the nominee have knowledge or experience of fraternal organizations?**  
Yes.

**If Yes, please describe:**  
Other than the Falcons, I only have knowledge of the PNA and Sokol.

**Does the nominee have knowledge of Polish Falcons of America’s governance structure?**  
Yes.

**Please include any other information to support your nomination here:**  
I have attended years of Falcon events, meetings and conventions. Worked on many projects for the organization. I am comfortable in a management position and can quickly learn any skills needed for this position.



**Nominated Position:  
National Director**

**Thomas Eckert**

Nest: 907  
District: II  
Member Since: 03/1964

**Educational Background  
& Work Experience**

**Does the nominee possess a college/university four-year degree?**

Yes—Institution: Valparaiso University, Degree: Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, Graduation Year: 1983.

**If Yes, please describe the nominee’s past 5 years of work experience.**

Employed at Cornerstone Building Products, a.k.a Union Corrugating for the last 10 years as a General Manager/ Plant Manager at Union Corrugating's largest facility. Duties and responsibilities for the Fayetteville, NC location's full P&L responsibility, budgeting, strategic planning, production and manufacturing, EHS program, quality, delivery, hiring and firing, etc.

**Has the nominee served as a PFA Nest or District Officer?**  
Yes.

**If Yes, please describe positions held:**  
District Instructor for 4 years, Nest 1 President for 9 years, National Director for 17 years.

**Does the nominee have any additional leadership experience in an organization or in a business?**  
Yes.

**If Yes, please describe:**  
Described in previous section regarding work experience.

**Does the nominee have experience or knowledge of not-for-profit organizations?**  
Yes.

**If Yes, please describe:**  
I served as HOA president at Halls Point Waterfront Community for 10 years and currently serve as Secretary/ Treasurer for the Parkview Manor Condo Association for the last 4 years.

**Does the nominee have knowledge or experience of fraternal organizations?**  
Yes.

**If Yes, please describe:**  
Actively involved Member of the PFA since early 1970s.

**Does the nominee have knowledge of Polish Falcons of America’s governance structure?**  
Yes.



**Nominated Position:  
National Director**

**Ryan James Wesolowski**

Nest: 8  
District: IV  
Member Since: 2018

**Educational Background  
& Work Experience**

**Does the nominee possess a college/university four-year degree?**

Yes—Institution: Duquesne University, Degree: Bachelor of Science in Accounting, Graduation Year: 2018.

**If Yes, please describe the nominee's past 5 years of work experience.**

Eat'n Park Hospitality Group: various roles including Accountant, Senior Accountant and Systems Analyst (5.5 years). Primanti Bros: Financial Analyst (1 month).

**Has the nominee served as a PFA Nest or District Officer?**

Yes.

**If Yes, please describe positions held:**  
Nest 8 Financial Secretary, District IV Vice President.

**Does the nominee have any additional leadership experience in an organization or in a business?**

Yes.

**If Yes, please describe:**  
President of my bowling league and Student Supervisor at Duquesne University.

**Does the nominee have experience or knowledge of not-for-profit organizations?**

No.

**Does the nominee have knowledge or experience of fraternal organizations?**

Yes.

**If Yes, please describe:**  
Experienced at Polish Falcons Nest 8, at least 5 years of service.

**Does the nominee have knowledge of Polish Falcons of America's governance structure?**

Yes.

**Nominated Position:  
National Director**

**Mark Albin**

Nest: 564  
District: VI  
Member Since: 1959

**Educational Background  
& Work Experience**

**Does the nominee possess a college/university four-year degree?**

Yes—Institution: Ball State University, Degree: Bachelor of Science in Accounting, Graduation Year: 1981.

**If Yes, please describe the nominee's past 5 years of work experience.**

Customer Service.

**Has the nominee served as a PFA Nest or District Officer?**

Yes.

**If Yes, please describe positions held:**  
Vice President of District VI.

**Does the nominee have any additional leadership experience in an organization or in a business?**

No.

**Does the nominee have experience or knowledge of not-for-profit organizations?**

Yes.

**If Yes, please describe:**  
With the Falcons.

**Does the nominee have knowledge or experience of fraternal organizations?**

Yes.

**If Yes, please describe:**  
With the Falcons.

**Does the nominee have knowledge of Polish Falcons of America's governance structure?**

Yes.

**Nominated Position:  
National Director**

**John Kowarik**

Nest: 36  
District: V  
Member Since: 06/1963

**Educational Background  
& Work Experience**

**Does the nominee possess a college/university four-year degree?**

No.

**If No, please describe the nominee's past 10 years of work experience.**

For the past 20 years, John has worked for the Dept. of Defense, DCMA at Sikorsky where he has been responsible for quality control, industrial manufacturing, contract management and issue resolution.

**Has the nominee served as a PFA Nest or District Officer?**

Yes.

**If Yes, please describe positions held:**

District V 2nd Vice President, Nest 208 Recording Secretary and 2nd Vice President, and Nest 36 2nd Vice President.

**Does the nominee have any additional leadership experience in an organization or in a business?**

Yes.

**If Yes, please describe:**

He is currently serving as a union representative. He is a past Chairman of the Derby Republican

Town Committee, past Police Commissioner; past member of Derby Board of Alderman and a member of Derby Zonina Bd. of Appeals.

**Does the nominee have experience or knowledge of not-for-profit organizations?**

Yes.

**If Yes, please describe:**

He has been a member of the PFA Board of Directors for 20 years and has served on numerous committees, including, membership and scholarship

**Does the nominee have knowledge or experience of fraternal organizations?**

Yes.

**If Yes, please describe:**

20 years on the PFA Board of Directors; member of audit and budget committees both on National and Nest level; 25 years Treasurer of Veterans Memorial of Derby.

**Does the nominee have knowledge of Polish Falcons of America's governance structure?**

Yes.

**Please include any other information to support your nomination here:**

John has been invaluable, involved, leader at the National, District and Nest levels for the Polish Falcons of America. He has served the City of Derby in various roles for many years. He has worked in both the Government and in private business and is highly experienced in business management.



## Nominated Position: National Director

### Thomas Washington, Jr.

Nest: 163  
District: VII  
Member Since: 2004

## Educational Background & Work Experience

Does the nominee possess a college/  
university four-year degree?  
No.

If No, please describe the nominee's  
past 10 years of work experience.  
Automobile Dealership  
Sales Manager (current  
position Salesperson),  
3 terms PFA National Director.

Has the nominee served as a  
PFA Nest or District Officer?  
Yes.

If Yes, please describe  
positions held:  
3 terms PFA National Director  
(2012-2023), Nest 163 Vice  
President (2011 to present).

Does the nominee have  
any additional leadership  
experience in an organization  
or in a business?  
Yes.

If Yes, please describe:  
Over 30 years auto dealership  
manager experience.

Does the nominee have  
experience or knowledge of  
not-for-profit organizations?  
Yes.

If Yes, please describe:  
12 yrs PFA Board experience,  
13 years Nest 163 VP.

Does the nominee have  
knowledge or experience of  
fraternal organizations?  
Yes.

If Yes, please describe:  
12 yrs PFA Board experience,  
13 years Nest 163 VP.

Does the nominee have knowledge  
of Polish Falcons of America's  
governance structure?  
Yes.

Please include any other  
information to support  
your nomination here:  
Served on Constitution Committee,  
District VII LOH Commander.

## Nominated Position: National Director

### Chuck Johns

Nest: 86  
District: XIII  
Member Since: 01/1986

## Educational Background & Work Experience

Does the nominee possess a college/  
university four-year degree?  
Yes—Institution: Telkyo Post  
University, Degree in Business  
Mgt., Graduation Year: 2001.

If Yes, please describe the nominee's  
past 5 years of work experience.  
Computer service manager  
at Unisys Corp 25 years.

Has the nominee served as a  
PFA Nest or District Officer?  
Yes.

If Yes, please describe  
positions held:  
Nest President.

Does the nominee have  
any additional leadership  
experience in an organization  
or in a business?  
Yes.

If Yes, please describe:  
Scouting Leader for 8 years.

Does the nominee have  
experience or knowledge of  
not-for-profit organizations?  
Yes.

If Yes, please describe:  
PFA since 1986.

Does the nominee have  
knowledge or experience of  
fraternal organizations?  
Yes.

If Yes, please describe:  
PFA since 1986.

Does the nominee have knowledge  
of Polish Falcons of America's  
governance structure?  
Yes.

Please include any other  
information to support  
your nomination here:  
Two term National Director  
for District XIII.

## Nominated Position: National Director

### Rebecca L. Sienkiewicz

Nest: 123  
District: IX  
Member Since: 11/1977

## Educational Background & Work Experience

Does the nominee possess  
a college/university  
four-year degree?  
No.

If No, please describe the  
nominee's past 10 years  
of work experience.  
Current National Director for  
District IX, 8 years. Current  
District IX recording secretary,  
Current Nest 123 Financial  
Secretary. Submitting all  
Nest payroll tax forms and  
reports as required to  
the State and Federal Govt.  
Retired after 35 years from the  
Harbor Creek-School-District  
in the business office. Proficient  
in Budgeting, purchasing,  
accounting procedures.

Have 35 years of experience  
in Budgeting and purchasing.  
Attended either via zoom  
or in person all National  
Director board meetings,  
special meetings as  
called by the President or other  
National officers. Past Audit  
committee member. Was on the  
2008, 2012, 2020 convention  
executive compensation  
committees assigned by the  
President. Worked to develop,  
along with the other committee  
members a way to review the  
Executive officers to submit salary  
adjustments (raises) each year.  
To examine officer performance  
and submit to the board of  
directors reports on their progress  
and recommendations for the  
executive board. Always worked  
for the good of the organization  
to keep Polish Falcons in  
good standing all around.

Has the nominee served as a  
PFA Nest or District Officer?  
Yes.

If Yes, please describe  
positions held:  
National Director, Nest Director,  
District Recording Secretary,  
Nest Financial Secretary, and  
Nest Physical Instructor,

Does the nominee have  
any additional leadership  
experience in an organization  
or in a business?  
Yes.

If Yes, please describe:  
Co-chaired National Bowling  
tournament at Nest 123 in  
2013. Also Co-chaired National  
Bowling Tournament for  
District IX in 2019. Chaired many  
Nest functions: Nest Reverse  
Raffle, Childrens Christmas  
and Easter Party/Co-Chaired).  
Fraternalist of the year 2014  
from the PA Fraternal.

Does the nominee have  
experience or knowledge of  
not-for-profit organizations?  
Yes.

If Yes, please describe:  
St. Stanislaus church in charge  
of Parish Functions: Parish day  
dinner, lenten dinners, organizing  
all the committees and dinners  
each year (7 years so far). Nest  
123, PFA National. Worked  
and chaired many events.

Does the nominee have  
knowledge or experience of  
fraternal organizations?  
Yes.

If Yes, please describe:  
PA Fraternal Alliance,  
Polish Falcons of America,  
St. Stanislaus church

Does the nominee have  
knowledge of Polish  
Falcons of America's  
governance structure?  
Yes.

Please include any other  
information to support  
your nomination here:  
Have worked for PFA for many  
years, on different committees  
as assigned by the President/  
District President/ Nest President.  
Currently chair of the PFA Budget  
committee, on the Executive  
compensation and Membership  
committee. Familiar with the  
Nests and in constant contact  
with the various Nests of PFA.