

Polish Falcons of America

Board Dispatch

April 2025

The new PFA Board Dispatch is a summary report on the topics discussed and the actions taken by your National Board of Directors at its regular meeting on Saturday, March 29, 2025 held in-person at the Green Tree Doubletree Hotel.

This report is emailed to all PFA Nest and District Presidents and to more than 4,000 individuals with email addresses registered on the PFA website. In addition, it will be posted to the PFA website. 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 Board Chairperson Daniel Michalak, any Board Member or PFA National President 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.

New National Director from District IV

The Board of Directors accepted the resignation of Ryan Wesolowski, National Director from District IV. Druh Ryan had to resign since he is now working full time as a Controller at PFA National Headquarters. The Board then approved Cheryl Paterni as the new National Director from District IV. Cheryl is a longtime member of Nest 8, Pittsburgh, Pa. She is currently President of the Nest. The oath of office was administered by President Kuzma.

Board LOMA Courses

As per the PFA Constitution, the Life Office Management Association (LOMA) conducted an educational course for the National Board of Directors on Friday, March 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The purpose was to improve the Board's knowledge of the life insurance business. The course will cover areas such as life insurance industry overview, insurance and annuity products, distribution, claims and others. Completion of the course satisfied the Board's qualification requirements.

Scholarship Awards

The Board approved the recommendations of the Scholarship Committee for the Starzynski and Gorecki Scholarship programs. Committee Chairperson Druhna Del Busse reported there were 12 Starzynski recipients and four Gorecki recipients. In addition, a \$100 donation will be made in each Starzynski recipients name that was indicated on their application. The grants totaled \$60,500. All recipients have been notified by Druhna Del Busse.

Nest 188 Dissolution

The Board approved to move forward with the dissolution process for Nest 188, Salem, Mass. The Nest has been inactive and not in good standing for some time. VP Del Busse will send letters to all Members explaining their options for the future of the Nest.

Nest 580 Loan Request

The Board approved a loan to Nest 580, Pittsfield, Mass., to improve the Nest's building. Loans are available to all Nests. Complete details and application forms can be found on the PFA website.

Sales/Marketing

Sales Director John Denning reported that new sales production for life insurance continues to show positive results. There will be some minor changes to encourage agents to sell our products. Druh Denning emphasized he is working on increasing sales of PFA annuities.

National Bowling Tournament

National Bowling Manager Janet Knauber reported that 43 teams have registered for the upcoming Tournament. It will be held April 25-26, 2025 in Erie, Pa., with Nest 610 as host. Also there are 40 bowlers for the 9-pin no tap that will be bowled on Thursday evening.

National Golf Tournament

National Golf Manager Trish Del Busse reported that everything is in order for the 2025 Tournament. Nest 182, Ambridge, Pa., is the host. The Tournament will be held Aug. 7-8.

Communications

Communications Director Courtney Caughey-Stambul reported that she has hired a new Social Media Coordinator to assist in managing PFA's online presence on platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, etc. She added that the Easter Brochures will once again be available for anyone who wants to share traditional Polish Easter customs.

Fraternal Career Development

Communications Director Courtney Caughey and Controller Ryan Wesoloski reported on their attendance at the Fraternal Career Development Series by the American Fraternal Alliance. The program was created to help young professionals in the fraternal industry to develop their leadership skills.

Nests in Good Standing

First Vice President Del Busse reported that only a few Nests are currently in Good Standing, but it is still early for Nests to return the required information. A more thorough report will be provided at the May meeting.

2025 Youth Programs

Chris Puskar, National Physical Education Director, reported on the successful Future Leaders Conference held in Pittsburgh in February. Because of the holiday weekend, the Conference was extended by one day this year. There were 19 young Falcon members in attendance, some as far as North Carolina. Presentations were made

Details for all the events can be found on the PFA website.

Poland Tour

President Kuzma reported that registration is open for the 2025 Poland Tour. Several people have already registered. The Tour this year will focus on western Poland and will include stops in Dresden, Germany and Prague, Czech Republic.

Upcoming 2025 Board Meeting Dates

The date for the remaining regular Board meetings in 2025 are:

May 31—Virtual

August 23—Virtual

November 22—In person

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