Polish Falcons of America Report to the Board of Directors February 27, 2024

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National Convention

Work is underway for the National Convention. I have reviewed a proposal for audio/visual needs for the Convention. That should be resolved in the next week or so.

Information about the Convention will be published in the upcoming magazine. VP Trish will also be sending information directly to all Nests and Districts.

Office Lease

The extension for the office space lease for National Headquarters was executed by both parties. I am glad that issue is behind us.

District I Update

Following our last meeting, I received the following message from our attorney in New Jersey regarding the license matter. The wheels of justice turn ever so slowly.

Good Morning Tim,

We have received a briefing schedule from the court. The deadlines are as follows:

3/28/24 – Appellant's Brief and Appendix Due 4/29/24 – Respondents' Brief and Appendix Due 5/13/24 – Appellant's Reply Brief Due

So, this means that District 1 must file by 3/28 and we then have until 4/29 to file our response. The appendix consists of documents that were in the record at the trial court level that the parties believe are relevant for the Appellate Division to review in making their decision. Since District 1 is the Appellant, they have the opportunity to file a final reply brief, just like we did as the moving party at the trial level. We do not have an opportunity to file any further response/reply after our initial brief.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I assume we will set up a conference call to discuss District 1's brief and our game plan sometime after 3/28. The arguments for both parties will essentially be the same as they were in front of the trial judge. District 1 will argue that the trial court erred in granting our motion based on the arguments raised before the judge. We will argue that the trial court made the correct decision on this motion and there is no basis for a reversal by the Appellate Division. The Appellate Division will conduct a de novo review of the trial court's decision, which means they do have to give the trial court any deference and can reach their own determination concerning the facts and evidence. The Appellate Division's role in this will be to determine whether the trial court properly granted the motion based on all of the facts and evidence that were before the judge at the time of the motion.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions. Thanks.

Mike

Also, at the meeting Malgosia asked about sending a message to the District regarding the plenary meeting to nominate a National Director. Following is the email she sent on Feb. 19. The email was reviewed by Legal Counsel

Hello Fellow District I Members,

As you are aware, District I is not in good standing because no District Convention was held in 2023 to elect officers. Please note, as per PFA's Constitution, it is mandated that the District has a plenary meeting to elect a National Director no later than March 1st, 2024. In accordance with the election process, all documentation related to the election must be submitted to National Headquarters within two weeks of the meeting.

Hope everyone is well.

Thank you.

Malgorzata Los

District I National Director

Banner Restoration

As of today we have received \$3,885 for the banner restoration. Please continue to ask members, Nests and your District to support the project. Thanks to everyone who contributed so far.

If you have any questions or need more information, please let me know.

Czołem!

Respectfully submitted, Timothy L. Kuzma President & CEO Polish Falcons of America