

Polish Falcons of America
Report to the Board of Directors
September 1, 2022

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Disaster Relief

We received one application for Disaster Relief from the letters we sent to members in Missouri. The application was approved and paid. We are checking to see if we have members in Mississippi as there has been severe flooding near Jackson recently. We will send letters if we find members who live there.

New Fraternal Program

Courtney will publish the first announcement of the new COVID-19 Perseverance Program in the weekly newsletter on Wednesday, Aug. 31. She will also post on the website and social media.

Also, at its regular meeting on Aug. 29, the Executive Committee voted to approve a \$500 prize for each category of the program. This will be included in the announcement.

Legion of Honor Rules/Grand Master

Vice President Trish organized and helped with the meeting of the Legion of Honor Commandery on Wednesday, August 31 to elect a new Grand Master. I am pleased to announce that Druhna Joan Beilfuss was elected by the Commandery to serve as Grand Master. Druhna Beilfuss is a Member of Nest 907, Cicero, Ill., District II. She will fill the position until the 2024 National Convention at which time the Conclave will meet again to elect a Grand Master.

VP Trish did inform former District I President Elizabeth and then Acting President Walter Szuba, about the need for a meeting to fill the vacancy for the District I Commandery representative. The District did not hold a Legion of Honor Circle meeting to choose a new representative.

District I Update

As was reported, Druhna Laskowski resigned as District I President. Marek Byra originally stated he was going to resign but he has changed his mind and will remain in his position. Vice President Walter Szuba is filling in as District President. That leaves the District with three officers: President Szuba, Treasurer Byra and Secretary Anita Mente (She was at the Special Convention.)

I sent President Szuba an email explaining that the District has to hold a Plenary Meeting to elect a new President. He acknowledged receipt but was not clear about a Plenary Meeting. I sent him a follow-up clarifying that the election to fill the vacancy must be done at a Plenary Meeting. I asked that he let me know when the meeting will be held.

In the item above, VP Trish also sent him an email about the need for a meeting to fill vacancy. That has not been filled yet. She also reminded him that the District needs to fill the Golf Commissioner vacancy that was previously filled by Druh Ciesla.

To date, we have not received a response concerning the meetings.

Ukraine Aid Acknowledgements

VP Trish has sent Thank You notes to all those who donated to the Ukraine Aid program we did earlier this year. We collected over \$17,000. These funds, along with the PFA \$10,000 match, was sent to the Polish American Congress for distribution in Ukraine and the Polish Red Cross to help with refugees.

National Golf Tournament

VP Trish reported the National Golf Tournament held in South Bend, Ind., was a great success. There were 112 golfers. Nest 80 did a great job as host.

Nests in Good Standing

As requested at the last Board meeting, VP Trish did send all Directors the reasons why Nests in their Districts are not in Good Standing. We hope you will help clear up these matters so that all Nests can be in Good Standing.

Gift for Courtney

Courtney did receive her gift card and is most appreciative.

LOMA Course

I have been in contact with LOMA concerning the courses that will be required for Board members following the 2024 National Convention. Here is what I have learned so far:

- 1) Courses are designed to be taken individually, not in a group setting.

- 2) There are no specific courses for Board members, so we will have to choose the ones we will use.
- 3) The total course time is generally 8-16 hours.
- 4) When completed, there is an exam at the end of each course.

I talked with the PRCUA President about the courses since they also require Board members to take LOMA courses. He explained that PRCUA requires completion of four different courses that must be completed within six months of taking office.

I will share the course catalog and the courses PRCUA requires at the November Board meeting.

Poland Tour

For the Poland Tour, I will not be in the office from Sept. 13 through Sept. 30. I will have full access to my cell phone, texts, and email. I will be checking daily.

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

Czołem!

*Respectfully submitted,
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