

Polish Falcons of America

Board Bulletin

May 2023

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 May 20, 2023 via Zoom.

This report is emailed to more than 4,000 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.

Scholarship Committee Report

National First Vice President Trish DelBusse announced the winners of the Richard C. Gorecki Scholarship Awards for the 2023-24 school year. The three recipients are Sheena Landy, Nest 519, Middletown, Conn.; Dorothy Kalinowski, Nest 176, Lawrenceville, Pa.; and Victoria Florczak, Nest 6, Buffalo, N.Y.

Financial Report

Ryan Gregg, National Secretary/Treasurer and CFO presented the financial report for the year ending December 31, 2022. The net gain to surplus at the end of the year was \$1,425,648. Total surplus is \$2,973,495. The net loss from operations at the end of the year was \$345,421.

2024 Nominations Committee

The Board of Directors selected members of the Nominations Committee for the 2024 National Convention. Committee members are Tom Washington, Tom Eckert, Patty Capozoli, Becky Sienkiewicz and Chuck Johns. The Board also voted Druhna Capozoli as Chairperson of the Committee. The Committee will establish qualifications for National

Directors, Board Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, which will be approved by the Board. The qualifications will be published in the late summer.

Sales/Marketing

Sales Director Jared Gostanczik and Secretary/Treasurer Ryan Gregg reported on the progress of the new systems and processes for the sale of life insurance and annuities. The online process for the Final Expense Plan is now available. Whole life, Term and Annuities will be added in the summer.

Sales results for 2022: There were 55 life insurance certificates issued, and 104 annuity certificates issued. Total certificates issued 2022 was 159. Also, there were 26 Fraternal Benefit Members added in the year. The average face amount of insurance for the new life certificates for the entire year was \$19,138.

Certificates Report

President Kuzma reported at the end of 2022, there were 17,842 life insurance certificates, 3,217 annuity certificates and 105 Medicare supplement certificates in force. For the year, there was a decline of 550 total certificates. (Life decreased 474, annuities decreased by 50 and Medicare supplement decreased by 26.) There are currently 77 Fraternal Benefit Members, a gain of 13 in 2022.

2023 Youth Programs

National Physical Education Director Puskar presented a report on the recent successful Bowling, Curling, Volleyball event that was held in Pittsburgh, Pa., in April. More than 30 Falcon Members of all ages participated in the program. She also reported on plans for the upcoming Youth Camp that will be held in July. Information for the Camp can be found at <https://polishfalcons.org/camp>.

Nests in Good Standing

First Vice President Del Busse reported the following Nests are in Good Standing:

NEST	DISTRICT	CITY	STATE
6	IX	Buffalo	NY
8	IV	Pittsburgh	PA
17	I	Newark	NJ
31	XIII	Detroit	MI
41	IV	New Kensington	PA
45	II	St. Louis	MO
77	IV	Carnegie	PA
79	XIII	Southgate	MI
86	XIII	Hamtramck	MI

104	I	Newark	NJ
146	IV	New Castle	PA
159	IV	Ford City	PA
172	V	West Warwick	RI
176	IV	Pittsburgh	PA
276	VI	Muskegon	MI
485	V	Chelsea	MA
493	IX	Batavia	NY
538	IV	Midland	PA
811	V	New Britain	CT
972	XIII	Bay City	MI

National Golf Tournament

National Golf Commissioner Trish Del Busse reported that plans are underway for the 2023 Tournament that will be held by Nest 493, Batavia, N.Y. The dates are Aug. 10-11. Courses and hotels have been secured. Registration will open June 1.

National Bowling Tournament

National Bowling Commissioner Janet Knauber reported that 33 teams participated in the Tournament held April 28-29. Nest 80, South Bend, Ind., was the host. The 2024 Tournament will be held in Ambridge, Pa., with Nest 182 as host. This is the first time Nest 182 will be the host.

A New Fraternal Program

Second Vice President Dan Michalak presented a proposal for a new Awards program for 2023 to recognize Member Families for the work they do for their Nest or District. The Board approved the program and announcements will be made as soon as possible regarding the details of the program, rules, deadlines, etc.

Falconette Commission

Falconette Commission Chairperson Patricia Capozoli reported that the May raffle is ongoing. Donations for the Bowling/Curling/Volleyball Family Weekend included socks, beanies, seat cushions and \$3,500 for a total of \$5,104.33. Final totals for the May raffle will be reported at the August board meeting.

New Legion of Honor Program

The Board voted to approve a new program for the Legion of Honor. Called "Beyond the Gold," this new program is being created to recognize those Gold Legion of Honor recipients who continue to work for the PFA well after receiving their Gold medal. Complete details for the program will be announced in June. The first Awards are scheduled to be presented at the National Convention in 2024.

Poland Tour

President Kuzma reported that registration is open for the 2023 Tour of Poland. The trip will visit Northern Poland. All details can be found on the PFA website.

Upcoming 2023 Board Meeting Dates

The dates for the remaining Board meeting in 2023 is:

August 26 (Zoom)

November 18 (In person)

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