

# **Polish Falcons of America**

# **Board Bulletin**

**November 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 Saturday, November 18, 2023 at the Doubletree Hotel in Pittsburgh, Pa.*

*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. 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.*

## ***National Convention Update***

President Kuzma reported that there may be a change to the dates of the National Convention that were previously announced. The problem is a lack of hotel rooms for the proposed dates. Announcements will be made as soon as the issue is resolved.

## ***2024 Nominations Committee***

The Nominations Committee presented recommendations to the Board to the nominations process for National Directors, Board Chairperson and Board Vice Chairperson. After a thorough discussion, the Board voted to approve a motion that allows for a District to nominate an alternate National Director in the event the original nominee does not run for the position at the National Convention. Complete details will be sent to all District and Nest Presidents and will be published on the PFA website.

## ***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. There was also a presentation about new product development.

Sales results through the end of Q3 2023: There were 57 life insurance certificates issued, and 23 annuity certificates issued. Total certificates issued was 80. The average face amount of insurance for the new life certificates for the entire year was \$13,195. Also, there were 15 Fraternal Benefit Members added in the quarter.

### ***Certificates Report***

President Kuzma reported at the end of Q3 2023, there were 17,530 life insurance certificates, 3,191 annuity certificates and 89 Medicare supplement certificates in force. For the quarter, there was a decline of 76 total certificates. (Life decreased 58, annuities decreased by 15 and Medicare supplement decreased by 3.) There are currently 101 Fraternal Benefit Members.

### ***Financial Report***

Ryan Gregg, National Secretary/Treasurer and CFO presented the financial report for the third quarter of 2023. The net loss to surplus at the end of the quarter was \$347,295. Total surplus at the end of the quarter was \$2,626,200. The net loss from operations at the end of the quarter was \$371,844.

### ***Nests in Good Standing***

First Vice President Del Busse reported the standing status of each Nest:

NEST	DISTRICT	CITY	STATE	STANDING
3	II	Chicago	IL	Not
4	VI	South Bend	IN	Not
6	IX	Buffalo	NY	Good
8	IV	Pittsburgh	PA	Good
17	I	Newark	NJ	Good
31	XIII	Detroit	MI	Good
36	V	Southwestern	CT	Not
41	IV	New Kensington	PA	Good
42	II	Chicago Heights	IL	Good
45	II	St. Louis	MO	Good
52	IX	Rochester	NY	Good
65	V	Union City	CT	Good
68	V	Meriden	CT	Good
74	IX	Auburn	NY	Not
77	IV	Carnegie	PA	Good
79	XIII	Southgate	MI	Good
80	VI	South Bend	IN	Not
86	XIII	Hamtramck	MI	Good

88	V	New Britain	CT	Not
97	IV	Windber	PA	Not
104	I	Newark	NJ	Good
118	IV	Pittsburgh	PA	Good
123	IX	Erie	PA	Good
128	VII	Duryea	PA	Not
146	IV	New Castle	PA	Good
147	IV	Mt. Pleasant	PA	Not
159	IV	Ford City	PA	Good
163	VII	Mocanaqua	PA	Good
171	VII	Philadelphia	PA	Good
172	V	West Warwick	RI	Good
176	IV	Pittsburgh	PA	Good
182	IV	Ambridge	PA	Not
188	V	Salem	MA	Not
247	IV	Donora	PA	Not
276	VI	Muskegon	MI	Good
307	V	Southington	CT	Good
336	XIII	Jackson	MI	Not
430	IX	Auburn	NY	Not
485	V	Chelsea	MA	Good
493	IX	Batavia	NY	Good
519	V	Middletown	CT	Not
538	IV	Midland	PA	Good
556	IV	Jerome	PA	Good
564	VI	La Porte	IN	Good
580	V	Pittsfield	MA	Not
610	IX	Erie	PA	Good
652	XIII	Lansing	MI	Good
811	V	New Britain	CT	Good
822	I	South River	NJ	Not
907	II	Cicero	IL	Good

946	I	Hillsborough	NJ	Not
956	I	Ozone Park	NY	Not
972	XIII	Bay City	MI	Good

### ***Scholarship Committee Report***

Committee Chairperson Trish Del Busse reported that the first Nest 92 Certification Program Scholarship was presented to Margaret F. Callery, a Member of Nest 17, Newark, N.J., for obtaining her real estate license in Florida. For further details about this new scholarship program, please contact Vice President Del Busse or visit the PFA website,

### ***2024 Youth Programs***

Chris Puskar, National Physical Education Director, reported on her plans for youth programs for 2024. As in past years there will be a Future Leaders Conference, Bowling/Curling/Volleyball event and National Youth Camp. Details will be announced soon.

### ***Family Fraternal Awards***

Dan Michalak, National Second Vice President, presented all the nominees for the 2023 Family Fraternal Awards. The winners, as determined by secret ballot by the Board was: Nest with a building—Nest 8, Pittsburgh, Pa; and Nest without a building—Nest 45, St Louis, Mo. Each Nest will receive a \$500 prize.

### ***National Golf Tournament***

National Golf Commissioner Trish Del Busse reported that the 2024 National Tournament will be held in Jackson, Mich., with Nest 336 as host. She added that this Tournament will be held on August 9-10, a Friday and Saturday, instead of the traditional Thursday and Friday. Details will be forthcoming.

### ***National Bowling Tournament***

National Bowling Commissioner Janet Knauber reported that the 2024 Tournament will be held in Ambridge, Pa., with Nest 182 as host. The dates are April 25-27. This is the first time Nest 182 will be the host. Registration will open December 1 online. Paper applications will also be available. All information related to the tournament, housing, etc., can be found on the PFA website and magazine.

### ***Falconette Commission***

Falconette Commission Chairperson Patricia Capozoli reported on the successful results of the October raffle. The net profit for the May raffle was \$2,338.59. She added the following about the raffle since its inception:

- For the past seven years, we have conducted three raffles per year for a total of 21 raffles.
- The average net income per raffle is just over \$2,000.
- The total contributions for National Youth events are approximately \$40,000.

### ***Poland Tour***

President Kuzma reported that the 2024 Poland tour was a great success. Twelve people enjoyed the tour of Northern Poland. The trip also included a visit to the new Polish Falcons historical exhibit at the World War II Museum in Gdansk.

### ***New Polish Falcons Exhibit in Poland***

President Kuzma stated that IPN (Institute of National Remembrance) officially opened a new Polish Falcons exhibit at the new World War II Museum in Gdansk, Poland. It is an expanded version of the exhibit that was opened at the Pulaski Museum in Warka. The exhibit will remain open at the Museum until January 2024. He added that IPN is still working on plans to bring the exhibit to the United States in the future.

### ***Polish American Congress Elections***

President Kuzma announced that he was elected as Vice President of American Affairs of the Polish American Congress at the annual meeting of the Congress held in October. Previously, President Kuzma served as Secretary of the PAC. Replacing him as Secretary is Steve Flor, a Member of Nest 52, Rochester, N.Y.

### ***Polish Elections***

President Kuzma reported that PFA National Headquarters was used as a polling location for the recent elections in Poland in October. Just over 100 people visited the office to cast their votes.

### ***Upcoming 2024 Board Meeting Dates***

The dates for the Board meetings prior to the National Convention in 2024 are:

February 10 (Virtual)

May 18 (In person)

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