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2023: The Year of Transformation Update



Martin H. Wachna, Jr.
Chief Executive Officer
Polish National Union of America

The Board of Directors and Management Team are excited to announce that the "2023 Year of Transformation of the PNU" continues to move forward. Since the beginning of January 2023 the Board of Directors Merger Committee and

the Management Team have been working diligently and swiftly on the transformation of the Polish National Union. In this article we will give an update on what has transpired.

Since March of 2023, the management team of the PNU and the PNA have met to continue with the merger negotiations. Many items have been discussed and agreed upon between the organizations. As of April 3, 2023, the PNU and the PNA have an agreement of understanding for merger of the PNU into the PNA. Currently, the attorney for the PNU is in the process of drafting a merger agreement for review by both parties. While we are not able to disclose the terms of the agreement at this time, we can report that this agreement will benefit the members of the PNU as well as the members of the PNA.

The process now is the agreement will be presented to the Board of Directors of both organizations for review. Once the documents have been reviewed, each board will need to approve the terms of the agreement. Then a notice will be placed in the Straz for the members of the PNU to review and provide comments directly to the Home Office. This notice will remain in effect for 60 days. The Board of Directors of both organizations will then submit to the conventions of

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PNU District & Branch Meeting Schedules

District 1: Thursday, June 1, 2023 @ 6:00 at Frank Bednash Memorial Library, 2nd floor of the National Church Center, Scranton, PA Contact District Director, Julie Andrzejewski for details.

District 2: To be determined. Contact District Director, Leslie Pietrowitz for details.

District 3: Tuesday, May 30, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Contact District Director, MaryAnn Zarek for details.

District 4: Monday, June 19, 2023 @ 2:00 p.m. at the Bp. Peplowski Fellowship Hall, 6298 Broadway in Lancaster, NY Contact District Director, Beverly Basinski for details.

District 5: Saturday, July 15, 2023 at 1:00pm hosted by Holy Trinity Parish,

200 Grace Street, McKees Rocks, PA Contact District Director, Melissa Snee for details.

District 6: Thursday, August 10, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m. central via Zoom

Contact District Director, Christine Wachna for details.

District 7: June 4 following Family Picnic. Contact District Director, Suzanne Sniezek for details.

District 10: Monday, June 10, 2023 @ 7 p.m. via Zoom Contact District Director, George Urciuoli for details.

2023 Straż Article Submission Deadlines

You are invited to submit articles and pictures regarding PNU events in a timely manner and relevant to the time period in which the Straz will be published. You are requested to send articles in Microsoft Word format and pictures in either jpeg or png format. All submissions are to be sent via email to executive02@pnu.org by the deadline dates listed below. Thank you for your cooperation.

<u>Issue Month</u>	Submission Deadline	<u>Issue Month</u>	Submission Deadline
February	January 15	August	July 15
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each organization, the agreement in order to ratify the decision of the Board of Directors. The PNU will use the members of the 2019 Convention for ratification.

The PNA has many benefits, annuity and policy offerings that combined with the benefits of the PNU, will put you, the member in the best possible light. The strength of the PNA will afford you, the membership of the PNU confidence that the organization will be viable for the next 115 years.

The mission of the PNU continues and the Board of Directors continues to position itself to be strong for the next 115 Years. These are very exciting times in the PNU and you the member are going to be the ones that benefit from this transaction.

Please continue to purchase new policies or annuities during this time as they will all become a part of the merger. **More** Benefits, **more** types of Policies, **more** types of Annuities are what your Management Team and Board of Directors are doing for you.

Fraternally, Martin Wachna CEO, Polish National Union of America



Members of the PNU Board of Directors and Officers participated in the annual Supreme Council Meeting of the Polish National Catholic Church in Manchester, NH April 25 & 26, 2023

(left to right)
Very Rev. Rob Nemkovich
Kathy Nemkovich
Most Rev. Anthony Mikovsky
Martin Wachna
John Andrzejewski
Michael Mietlicki

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Family Day Picnic & Raffle

Sponsored by the Polish National Union of America District 7

Bring Your Family & Friends

Sunday, June 4, 2023

Free Admission

On the grounds of

Holy Cross Parish

2311 Pulaski

Hamtramck, MI, 48212

I-75 exit 55, east on Caniff, north on Fleming

Holy Mass at 12:00 p.m.

Collecting School

Supplies For Hamtramck

> Public Schools

Food, Fun, Games Music & Dancing

Activities & Games for Kids





Raffle Tickets \$1.00 each

Drawing at 3 p.m.

First Prize --\$200 Cash

Second Prize-- \$100 Cash

Third Prize-- \$50 Olive Garden Gift Card

Fourth Prize-- \$50 Home Depot Gift Card

Fifth Prize-- \$50 Best Buy Gift Card

Sixth Prize-- \$50 Applebee's Gift Card

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PNU Board of Directors: Report of Actions

Report of Actions Taken by the Board of Directors of the PNU during a regular board meeting held March 23, 2023

OPENING

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Polish National Union of America was held on March 23, 2023 via Zoom video conference. The meeting was opened by CEO Wachna. All board members were present. All members of the Internal Audit Committee were present.

Minutes

The minutes for the regular board meeting held December 8, 2022 were distributed prior to the meeting. CEO Wachna asked for corrections or additions. None were noted. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as presented. The motion passed.

PNU TRANSFORMATION

Merger Subcommittee Report

CEO Wachna called upon committee chairman to report regarding the work of the committee. The first item covered under the report is a review of the presentation distributed to the Board which contained information about the process that the committee was going through in order to identify a merger partner and information about the initial proposals received. The chairman reviewed the process with the Board.

The Board was informed by CEO Wachna that there were items associated with the transformation discussion that required action on the part of the Board in the form of a motion. The discussion regarding the items resulted in the following motions.

After hearing the progress report of the Merger Committee and the indication that most of the major discussion points have been agreed to a motion was made and seconded to authorize the executive officers to continue discussion and negotiations with the Polish National Alliance as the primary merger partner for the PNU. There was some discussion on the motion. At the conclusion of the discussion a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

A second motion was made and seconded to approve Attorney Todd Martin as legal counsel associated with the merger process. The motion passed.

Letter of Intent

As a part of the Merger Committee discussion it was noted that the letter of intent to merge would be the next step in the process. It was explained that the Letter of Intent is a

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nonbinding letter expressing intent to merge as well as the agreed upon terms of the merger.

After a brief discussion regarding the Letter of Intent a motion was made and seconded to authorize the executive officers to prepare a nonbinding letter of intent to merge with the Polish National Alliance and containing the negotiated points of agreement once they are approved by the Board of Directors of the PNU. The motion passed unanimously.

STANDARD REPORTS

Standard reports for Spójnia Inc., monthly membership and the Annual Statement were given during this portion of the board meeting. Each report was considered separately with respect to any discussion and questions. Membership Reports and the Annual Statement were distributed to the PNU Board of Directors prior to the meeting. Minutes of the Spojnia Inc. Board were distributed prior to the meeting. The Spojnia Inc. Report was given verbally. Discussion and questions followed.

At the conclusion of the discussion regarding the Annual Statement CEO Wachna called for a motion to receive the standard reports. A motion was made and seconded to receive the standard reports. The motion passed.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

CEO Wachna did not submit a written report regarding the activities of the CEO prior to the board meeting. A verbal report was given which highlighted work done as the CEO since the last meeting.

CEO Wachna also reported on the activity in the mortgage department and the change in the frequency of issuing volumes of the Straz. The Straz was scheduled to be issued on a monthly basis.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Exonerations

There were none to consider.

<u>Correspondence</u>

CFO Andrzejewski reported that there were four thank you letters received associated with get well gifts sent from the Board. Two additional letters were received from the audit firm used to perform the annual audit. They were standard letters associated with the work to be done.



Branch Affairs

There was nothing to consider.

<u>Annual Statement Related Items</u>

A number of annual statement related documents were distributed to the Board prior to the meeting for their review. The documents distributed were briefly reviewed with certain aspects of the documents either being highlighted or discussed. No action was taken in the form of a motion in relation to the items presented.

Non-ordinary Adjusting Entries

The adjusting entries made to close the books at the end of 2022 were distributed. They were briefly discussed and reviewed with the Board. After a brief discussion a motion was made and seconded to approve of the entries presented. The motion passed.

Personnel and Pandemic Operations Update

CFO Andrzejewski gave a brief report regarding the home office operations.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the report. The motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Investment Committee

Chairman Senkevitch was called upon to give a report from the Investment Committee. He reported that the committee met on March 20, 2023 to discuss various items related to the investment portfolio. During the meeting the mortgage rates and annuity rates were discussed. A recommendation to keep the annuity rates the same for the 2nd Quarter of 2023 as they were set for the first quarter of 2023 was made. It was also noted that the rates for mortgages are now being set automatically based on the Federal Reserve changes to the interest rate.

For purpose of the minute's record the rates set are as follows provided that there is not a rate change made by the FED.:

Residential:	Parish Loans:
10-year term – 7.50%	10-year term – 8.75%
15-year term – 7.75%	15-year term – 9.00%
20-year term – 8.00%	20-year term – 9.25%

Annuity special promotion rate for new contract deposits is set at 3.75% and existing contracts are set at 3%. Clergy annuities would be set at 3.5% with the additional half percent offer under the program.

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<u>Fraternal Activities Committee</u>

Chairman Michael Mietlicki was called upon to report on the Fraternal Activities Committee. He indicated a report and recent financials were distributed to the Board. During his report he pointed out that requests for fraternal event funding were received and granted to District 1 and 5. The distribution of Children's Day funds was also brought up for discussion. At the conclusion of discussion a motion was made and seconded to approve of the Children's Day distribution of funds for 2023 in accordance with past practice. The motion passed.

Education and Youth Commission

Chair Mary Ann Stankowski was called upon for a report from the Commission. She indicated that a written report and a financial report were distributed prior to the meeting. She reported that thirteen applications for stipends were received and one application for the Markiewicz Scholarship was received.

Board Liaison Committee

Chairman Gregory Senkevitch was called on to report regarding the committee activities. He reported that the committee met in March to review the financial results reported for the year 2022. The reserve calculations were also discussed.

Spojnia Credit Union

CFO Andrzejewski reported regarding the SCU. The current financials were reviewed with the Board. He reported that the annual meeting was held on March 18, 2023 and all of the officers stayed the same on the SCU Board. Since the merger of the PNU has been progressing the SCU has been working on a number of questions associated with how to serve the membership of the new partner.

The report on the credit union was the last item under committee reports. A motion was made and seconded to accept the committee reports as presented. The motion passed.

District Business

The Board reviewed the reports received from the districts. The board noted reports received from District 3,4,5,6 and 10. Meeting minutes were received from District Seven.

At the conclusion of the review of the reports a motion was made and seconded to receive the district reports submitted. The motion passed.

Old Business

None



New Business

Under the topic of New Business there were questions posed regarding the PNU website and the distribution of information regarding the partner chosen for the merger negotiations. A brief discussion followed.

Future Meeting Dates

The next regular meeting of the Board is set for June 5, 2023.

CLOSING

There was no additional business brought for discussion.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by CEO Wachna following a closing prayer.

This concludes the Report of Actions Taken at a regular meeting held March 23, 2023. As submitted the report is represented to be as accurate as possible regarding the content and matters discussed and the disposition of matters presented to the Board.

Respectfully submitted,
John C. Andrzejewski, III, CFO/Secretary



Membership: Death Reports

February:

Helen Kaiser Mary Kos

Ronald Lemanowicz

Elaine Gull
Celia Nowak
Sergius Kuharsky
Joseph Wieczerzak
Jayne Burczy
Cynthia Tagtmeir

Mieciu Babicz

March:

Peter Klein
Susan Klein
Virginia Traiforos
Edward Burczy
Joseph Olechny
Sophie Arber
Frank S. Leitkowski

Sam Taffera

Josephine H. Wrobel

Charles Hacic Albert Lesko Steven Dennis Joseph Syrokwash Frank Beneski David Petrosky

April:

Paul Almeida Richard Kus Richard Mc Connell Robert Nezelek Martin Panek Dorothy Zarnowski Helen Zuk

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Education and Youth Commission Report to the Board of Directors March 23, 2023

The first quarter meeting for the Education and Youth Commission was held on Tuesday, March 21st, 2023,at 7:00pm via Zoom. The year-to-date financials were submitted to the share point site for the Board of Directors, as well as the fourth quarter minutes (Dec 2022) for review. A recommendation was offered to update the account names for the two new scholarships offered thru the PNU Education & Youth Commission.

John and Dorothy Markiewicz Scholarship Fund Ernest J Gazda Scholarship Fund

Stipends:

- 13 stipend applications were received through the home office as well as via email. Publications have been present in the STRAZ editions.
- 1 application was received for The John and Dorothy Markiewicz Scholarship. A note to upload this scholarship to the PNU website was addressed. Publication for this scholarship was present in the STRAZ as well as sent to the emails for the Dioceses, Parishes and District Directors. A discussion to redesign this application will be addressed at our future meetings for the upcoming academic year 2023/2024.
- The Ernest J Gazda Scholarship is currently being established and once details are finalized with the family this will also be offered as an added incentive to our college members.

Cultural Items Pricing & Inventory:

Polish Pottery was purchased through a website of a store closing. All items were placed on display in the home office as well as photos sent to Marty Wachna for publication on the PNU website and Facebook page. Thank you to Joan Scheuneman for finding these items available for sale to help with the proceeds towards the Education and Youth Commission.

Unfortunately, due to the issue at hand with Ukraine at the present time we are unable to find the Pysanky eggs previously purchased.

Stipend Raffle Fund Raiser 2023:

A discussion to host this fundraiser was placed on hold until we meet at our next quarterly meeting.

Quarterly Meeting Dates for 2023:

June 13, 2023 @ 7:00pm via zoom

September 5, 2023 @ 7:00pm via zoom

December 6, 2023 @ 5:30pm in the National Church Center office of the Prime Bishop.

Respectfully Submitted, Mary Ann Stankowski, Chairperson



Membership Benefit



Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Scholarship Committee of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance is announcing that the applications are now available for the annual Scholarship Program. Applications can be obtained through eligible members of a Fraternal Benefit Society belonging to the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance, contacting the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance Secretary-Treasurer at Theresa@lpscu.org or 888-834-6614, or by accessing the PFA Website at www.pafraternals.org.

Applicants must:

- Be a resident of Pennsylvania and a member of a Fraternal Benefit Society that is a member of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance.
- Be a current year high school graduate attending an accredited college, university, trade school, etc. in the summer/fall as a full-time student (twelve semester credits).
- Obtain a recommendation letter from their Fraternal Benefit Society.
- Submit a 500-word essay on: "What has membership in a Fraternal insurance company meant to you".

Return the completed application, essay and letter of recommendation, postmarked no later than July 31st.

At least two \$500 scholarships will be awarded. Additional scholarships may be awarded depending upon available funds.

If you or your society has not received the information on the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance Scholarship, please contact Larry Golofski (412) 915-9035 or e-mail larry.fscla@gmail.com.

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Membership Benefit Application page 1



PENNSYLVANIA FRATERNAL ALLIANCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Return the completed application, essay and letter of recommendation, postmarked no later than July 31st, to: Larry Golofski, Chairperson * Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance Scholarship Committee * FCSLA Life * 1114 Surrey Lane * Vandergrift, PA 15690

Date: Date of Birth:	
Name:	Telephone: ()
Address:	
City/State/Zip:	
E-Mail Address	
Your Fraternal Benefit Society:	
College you will be attending in the fall:	
Scholastic Achievement (Honors/Awards)*:	
Extracurricular School Activities*:	
Civic (non-school) Activities*:	
*Information may be submitted on a s	separate sheet of paper. Please type or print.
Submit a 500-word essay on:	ernal insurance company meant to you".
essay I have written; and, further, that my applicat the decision of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance	is based upon my answers to these questions and the ion is in competition with other eligible persons and that e is final. This application is completed with my I void the award. The information that is provided in this
Signature of Applicant	Date



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Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance Scholarship Rules/Regulations/Requirements

Applicant must:

Be a resident of Pennsylvania and a member of a Fraternal Benefit Society that is a member of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance.

Be a high school graduate this year, attending an accredited college, university, trade school, etc. in the summer/fall as a full-time student (twelve semester credits). Proof of attendance must be submitted with application.

Obtain a recommendation letter from your Fraternal Benefit Society.

Submit a 500-word essay on: "What has membership in a Fraternal insurance company meant to you".

Return the completed application, essay and letter of recommendation, postmarked no later than July 31st, to:

Larry Golofski, Chairperson
Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance Scholarship Committee
FCSLA Life
1114 Surrey Lane
Vandergrift, PA 15690

Or, complete the application on-line at <u>www.pafraternals.org</u>, e-mailing the completed form and required documents directly to the Scholarship Committee.

At least one \$500 scholarship will be awarded. Additional scholarships may be awarded depending upon available funds.

Judging will be done by the Scholarship Committee of the PFA.

Awards will be announced by August 15th.



Fraternal Activities Committee

Fraternal Activities Committee Quarter 1 / 2023

Status

The FAC continues to meet quarterly. It last met via Zoom for the first quarter on February 13, 2023.

In March, District 5 requested financial support for its upcoming Food Drive. The request was approved for \$150.

Regarding the PNU Youth Scholarship for Convocations and given the PNU transformation, the FAC recommends the following program changes:

The scholarship be opened to all PNCC Youth and not limited to PNU members.

If this is approved, it is recommended one of the two letters of recommendation come

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Fraternal Activities Committee



from the applicant's pastor.

It was noted most youth today use Google Docs and not Microsoft Word. Consequently, the guidelines will be modified to accept recommendations in either Google Docs or Microsoft Word.

Regarding the Children's / Family Distribution, and given the PNU transformation, the FAC would like guidance regarding this year's distribution. Simply, will it occur this year in June?

Future Objectives

The team discussed the FAC Fraternal Activities Document and given the PNU transformation will begin to add new programs to the document to encourage branches and districts to enhance their local fraternal activities program.

Review requests for funding.

Next Meeting

May 15, 2023, via Zoom or as needed to review requests for funding.

Concerns

None

Submitted by Michael R. Mietlicki, Chair



Spojnia, Inc. Board of Directors

Spojnia, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes: March 14, 2023

Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky, called to order the March 14, 2023 video-conference of the Spojnia, Inc. Board of Directors at 7:03 pm. Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky offered invocation. Present on the call were: Michael Mietlicki, Mari Jane Stankowski, Paul Gorgol, Stacey Shrive, Andrew Humphries

Absent: Martin Wachna

MINUTES:

The minutes were sent out prior to today's meeting. A motion was made by Paul Gorgol seconded by Andrew Humphries, to accept the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIALS:

Prime Bishop Mikovsky Went over the 4 year financial report. He stated that the fees for the architect and the grounds can be found in operations, not capital gains. It will be sent to the Supreme Council and the Polish National Union of America. A motion was



Spojnia, Inc. Board of Directors

made by Stacey Shrive, seconded by Mari Jane Stankowski to accept the financial report. Motion passed unanimously.

RENTAL PROPERTIES:

The house has been taken down.

Happy Trails contacted Randy to state the 3 phase electric is not up to code. Also asked to have his water come from Waymart water instead of the well. If this change occurs, he will have to pay for the water, compared to no charge currently. Julie Andrzejewski will be asked to check on the electric code issue.

PROJECT UPDATE:

We have a signed contract with Grimm Construction for the Pavilion renovation. There may be an issue with back logs items and delivery dates. There were some slight changes that had to be made to get all items in on time. The architect reviewed these changes and gave his approval. Paul Kaspriskie sent change order on the front entrance and doors. Completion date is scheduled for July1st, provided there is no delay in receiving supplies. The project has started.

The board discussed purchasing a shed to store tool, paint cans, gas cans, etc until a garage can be built. A motion was made by Mike Mietlicki, seconded by Paul Gorgol to purchase the small unit. Motion passed unanimously.

Our new signage is in production. It won't be installed until the weather warms up.

Michael Mietlicki reported the Future Progress Surveys. 20 were received. He removed from the comments items that the board has already address. Next step is to categorize items, possibly group thing together. Hopefully this can be done by mid-April.

With the renovations and survey responses, the board discussed starting a Capital Giving fundraiser. An updated document was sent. We need to make some decisions on IRS charitable giving, trusts etc. A motion was made by Paul Gorgol, seconded by Michael Mietlicki to do a Capital Campaign for our future planning program. Motion passed unanimously

Stacey Shrive reported on bookings for the upcoming year. The board discussed insurance riders for all rentals. Riders must have a minimum for insurance and Spojnia Inc. listed on the rider. There should also be a second rider for alcohol, it is to be served. Paige McConlogue and Tim Prothero have been hired as summer staff.

Our next meeting in scheduled for April 18th at 7pm.

A motion was made by Stacey Shrive, seconded by Andrew Humphries.

Respectfully submitted,

Mari Jane Stankowski, Secretary, Spojnia, Inc.

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