

The Ninety-Nines, Inc  
International Organization of Women Pilots  
South Central Section Spring 2004 Business Meeting  
Houston, Texas, April 24, 2004

[Approved at the Fall 2004 Business Meeting](#)

Governor Frances Luckhart called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. on April 24, 2004. Past Governor, Sue Halpain gave the invocation. The minutes of the Fall 2003 meeting, that had previously been distributed, were approved with no corrections. Sandra Leder, secretary, called roll, reported 57 members from 13 chapters present, and declared a quorum.

Albuquerque 1	High Country 0	Rio Grande Norte 2
Ambassador 0	Houston 18	San Antonio 8
Arkansas 1	Kansas 0	Shreveport 0
Austin 0	Lake Charles 1	Texas Dogwood 0
Brazos River 1	Nebraska 0	Tip of Texas 0
Colorado 2	NE Kansas 0	Top of Texas 0
Dallas 2	Oklahoma 12	Tulsa 3
El Paso 0	Pikes Peak 3	Wichita Falls 0
Fort Worth 0	Purple Sage 0	Wildflower 0
Golden Triangle 3		At Large 0

The secretary thanked Kay Alley and Carole Sutton for reading the minutes for the fall meeting held in Tulsa. She appointed Diana Burton, Oklahoma Chapter, and Sherry Walker, San Antonio Chapter, to read the minutes from the spring meeting in Houston.

### **Introductions**

Vice-Governor Kris Irwin, introduced Jody McCarrell, International President, Elaine Morrow, International Vice President, Susan Larson, International Treasurer, Lu Hollander, past International President, and Anna Taylor and Sue Halpain, past Section Governors.

### **Governor's Remarks**

Governor Frances Luckhart stated that she thoroughly enjoyed being governor and thanked everyone for their support. She recognized the Houston Chapter for their hard work on the section meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Elizabeth Sutherland gave the treasurer's report, which showed a balance of \$2883.14 in checking and \$9724.03 in the Dean Witter account. Donations for the *Approach* totaled \$780.

### **International**

Jody McCarrell, International President, reported that the South Central Section was well represented at the International board meeting. Several bylaws and standing rules, mostly of a "housekeeping" nature, will be brought up at the conference. Membership is growing again. Jody and Susan Larson attended the EAA Fly-in at Oshkosh and the Women in Aviation meeting. The number of Ninety-Nines who are professional pilots is increasing and we are now being invited to many events nationwide. Average attendance at International Board Meetings has been 44 members.

Jody spent two weeks in New Zealand and attended the Asian Pacific conference with Susan and reported that they are ready for us next year. Jody pointed out that great plans are in store for the convention in Atlantic City in 2006 with a possible trip to New York City. She also advised that if flying commercially, better rates are available by flying into Philadelphia and taking the train to Atlantic City.

In giving a 501(c)(3) update, all audits are up to date and the Ninety-Nines are in complete compliance. The IRS has given the Ninety-Nines a high rating and the re-determination letter is on file at headquarters. Jody thanked the section for their support.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **ADVISOR REPORTS**

#### **Membership**

Phyllis Wells has attended all meetings and reported that there were 998 members when she took the office and now there are 985 in the section. She stated that the Ninety-Nines must balance new members with those that we lost. She suggested use of the Recruit and Retain booklet for ideas, also use of the web site.

#### **SCS Webmaster**

Linda Horn reported that the Chapter Chair Manual is now on the website. In this way it can be updated when necessary. Fourteen chapters have websites and Linda will assist those wanting help. The minutes of the section meeting will be posted on the website subject to approval. It was suggested that the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) be updated and placed on the website.

#### **Aviation Scholarships**

Rose Lepore reported that ten scholarships were awarded with three finalists and two winners coming from the South Central Section. Both winners, Sue Hughes and Sareana Kelly are from the Colorado Chapter. About 50% of the scholarship money comes from donations and the remainder from interest on money in the AE scholarship fund.

#### **Section Bylaws**

Beverly Stephens will submit three changes, eligibility of officers and directors, a change in the signature form for intent to seek election form, and change "66" to "Future Woman Pilot (FWP)." The other change is that there is no longer a mid-winter meeting. These changes will be published and voted on at the fall meeting.

#### **Aviation Legislation**

Charlie Lamb was not present but sent a handout.

#### **Awards**

Phyllis Scott urged everyone to let her know what has been done as soon as possible and at least by August first. She provided self-addressed stamped envelopes to be used for the reports.

#### **Approach**

There was discussion about the difficulties in getting the Approach delivered in a timely manner because of difficulty with bulk mail. Anna Taylor spoke for Dottie Loveless as to the possibilities of e-mail or other levels of postage.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Event Insurance**

Frances Luckhart reported that the rates for insurance has gone to more than \$10,000 with a minimum charge of \$125 per day for an event. The Governor's council concluded that to be fair to all sections, International should keep \$1 of the \$5 that is currently being sent to the sections.

### **Budget**

Elizabeth Southerland stated that she prepared one budget based on receiving \$4 from International dues and one based on \$5 received. After much discussion about only receiving \$4 from International because of the insurance increase, Lu Hollander pointed out that in order to remain a flying organization, the \$1 for insurance must be done. Adjusting donations was discussed as well as the re-establishment of a "Ways and Means" committee. Jan McKenzie moved that \$1 per section member be given to International Event Insurance to keep the section budget balanced, and to decrease donations on an even percentage to each donation to balance the budget. This would allow section money to remain intact, and then we could encourage members to increase their donations so that the South Central Section could donate at the same level we have been giving on an annual basis. The motion, seconded by Phyl Howard, carried. Various activities to generate funds were discussed.

### **Directory**

Section websites will be added to the directory. As soon as International conference is over the directory will be sent to the printer. The online directory has been modified to include member status and is also now being updated weekly.

### **Bylaws**

An update of bylaws will be put on the web that will be voted on at International. Frances Luckhart urged all chapters to look at these and send proxies for voting.

### **Invitation for Fall SCS Meeting**

The Rio Grande Norte Chapter invited everyone to Santa Fe, New Mexico for the fall of 2004. A mountain-flying course will be available with ground school. Diane Rose and Kelli King invited the Ninety-Nines to Colorado Springs September 30-October 2, 2005. Kris Irwin announced that the spring 2005 meeting will be held in Grand Junction, Colorado, hosted by High Country April 22-24, 2005.