

The Ninety-Nines, Inc.
International Organization of Women Pilots
South Central Section Fall Business Meeting
Colorado Springs, CO – October 1, 2005

Section Governor Kris Irvin called the business meeting to order at 8:30 am on Saturday, October 1, 2005. Secretary Diane Rose led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions

Vice-Governor Chris Swain introduced Susan Larson, International Treasurer and the International Board of Directors representative to our Section; Jody McCarrell, Past International President; Bonita Ades, past SCS Governor and Museum of Women Pilots trustee; Marjorie Richison, SCS Director and Chair of the Museum of Women Pilots; Kay Alley, Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum trustee; Carole Sutton, past SCS Governor and Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum trustee; and Anna Taylor, past SCS Governor. Chris also welcomed all chapter chairs and first-time attendees.

Governors Remarks

Kris Irvin commented on the fantastic International Conference held in New Zealand. Kris invited members to the upcoming International Board Meeting the third week of November in Oklahoma City.

Kris then opened the business portion of the meeting by asking the Secretary to call the roll.

Albuquerque – 1	Golden Triangle – 4	Rio Grande Norte – 3
Ambassador – 0	High Country – 1	San Antonio – 4
Arkansas – 1	Houston – 3	Shreveport – 0
Austin – 0	Kansas – 7	Texas Dogwood – 0
Brazos River – 1	Lake Charles – 0	Tip of Texas – 0
Colorado – 8	Nebraska – 2	Tulsa – 1
Dallas – 2	Northeast Kansas – 0	Wichita Falls – 0
El Paso – 0	Oklahoma – 4	Wildflower – 0
Fort Worth – 0	Pikes Peak – 4	At Large – 0
Purple Sage – 0		

Diane reported 46 members from 15 chapters present, and declared a quorum.

The minutes from the 2005 Spring Section Business Meeting in Grand Junction that were posted and distributed were approved as written. The Secretary thanked readers, Linda Horn, Colorado Chapter and Beverly Stephens, Golden Triangle Chapter, for reading the minutes. Diane then appointed Linda Horn, Colorado Chapter, and Holly Barr, Dallas Chapter, to read the minutes from the Colorado Springs Business Meeting and Anna Taylor, Albuquerque Chapter, as the motions person.

Treasurer's Report

Jan McKenzie reported an additional nine chapters donated to the *Approach* before the end of the fiscal year bringing the total to 19. An email to chapter chairs requesting a donation of \$2.00 per member has, therefore, been successful. Although we are not yet breaking even, donations to the *Approach* are continuing to climb. Our section funds were

changed from Morgan Stanley to MBNA because of fee charges. We are now receiving 3% (per annual) on our money market account as compared to our previous 1.36% with Morgan Stanley. Our six-month CD is earning 3.5%. Current excess revenues over expenditures are \$982.14. Jan reminded members that a decision was made at Grand Junction to postpone donations until the fall meeting because of our strained budget. A motion was made by Anna Taylor to donate \$1,000 toward the repair of the Archive Room floor at the Museum of Women Pilots. Susan Larson seconded the motion. Discussion followed with members approving the donation.

International Report

International Treasurer Susan Larson discussed the bylaws proposals that were presented at the New Zealand Conference. The proposal to clean up the language regarding trusts was passed. Also passed was the proposal to offer membership in the 99s to Light Sport pilots. The proposal to offer all WASPs membership in the 99s was withdrawn due to unclear wording in the proposal, and the prospect of including other organizations. Susan stated two directors are elected from the floor in odd numbered years with Lisa Cotham, New Orleans Chapter, and Joan Kerwin, Chicago Area Chapter being elected this year. There were a record 35 first-time attendees at the conference. The 2006 conference will be held in Washington, DC, July 5th thru the 7th followed by Denver in 2007 and Alaska in 2008. The Fall International Board meeting will be held in Oklahoma City November 17-19th at the Hilton Garden Inn. In closing, Susan happily reported that she received her commercial helicopter pilot rating.

Museum of Women Pilots Report

Chair Margie Richison said the Archive Room floor of the Museum of Women Pilots is sinking because the building was built on a swamp with fill dirt. A \$5,000 grant was received to buy storage boxes for the donated artifacts. At one point unexploded 50 caliber shells were discovered, WWI era, which required a call to the bomb squad for proper disposal. Historic discoveries, of a less volatile nature, are continually being found. The museum library was given a DVD recorder and will now have the ability to take old reel-to-reel and VHS tapes and re-record them. Margie is looking for a donation or grant of \$15-20,000 to complete this task. Help is always needed to catalogue and re-box donations. Margie encouraged all to volunteer at the museum, now open Saturdays. They are currently getting good media coverage but need other ways to attract visitors – perhaps a billboard in Oklahoma City? An upcoming project at the museum is to update the gift shop. A promotional DVD is also in the works.

Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum Report

Trustee Kay Alley asked members to view the display on the museum in the Hospitality/Fly Market during the conference. The museum is currently being readied for painting at a cost of only \$6,000. On July 24th (Amelia's birthday) the museum hosts the Amelia Earhart Festival to educate the community, complete with a fantastic fireworks display. Kay presented July birthday gifts to our Section Governor and Vice-Governor because they share Amelia Earhart's birthday. The Kansas Chapter has donated \$2,000 to the museum. The statue of Amelia Earhart in downtown Atchison, KS will not be moved. The cost to restore the 35 windows at the museum comes to \$85.00 each. They are still selling bricks for the sidewalk at \$100 or \$1,000 for a bronze brick. Kay invited everyone to visit the museum and the Forest of Friendship, which are both in Atchison, KS.

Nominating Committee

Phyllis Wells, Pikes Peak Chapter, Nancy Aldridge, San Antonio Chapter, and Lois Gronau-Fietz, Houston Chapter are the nominating committee for section officers. Phyllis reminded members that the Intent to Seek Election form must be received by November 30, 2005. The ballot will be printed in the next *Approach* with results being announced at the spring section meeting. New officers will be installed at the fall 2006 section meeting.

2007 International Conference

Conference Chair Jan McKenzie updated members on progress for the September 12-15th 2007 International Conference being hosted by the South Central Section. Tours, a welcome party, trustee meetings, an optional dinner, the business meeting, seminars, the awards banquet and world class shopping are being planned. At the 2006 International Conference the High Country Chapter will organize a skit to formally invite members to the 2007 Conference in the Boulder/Denver area. Jan has an action-item spreadsheet to keep the committee on track. The Houston Chapter volunteered to chair a “fun” 20-minute fashion show. Discussion followed. The conference theme – “Mountains & Memories 2007” is still in need of an official logo. Jan asked members and chapters to submit designs ASAP. Jan is planning on putting together a “Do’s and Don’ts” tip booklet for hosting an International Conference. Discussion followed.

OLD BUSINESS: None

ADVISOR REPORTS:

Membership

Governor Kris Irvin passed out a written membership report from Gloria Blank.

SCS Webmaster

Linda Horn reminded chapters that the section website will host a chapter page, if your chapter does not have its own website. Linda also stated that section board and business meeting minutes are posted on our website. There is a wealth of information on the International website – please take advantage of it.

Aviation Scholarships

Rose Lepore reported that of the eight AE scholarship applications sent to the trustees for 2005 we had four finalists and “four” winners. The AE Scholarship winners are: Bridget Rathjen and Janelle Baron, Pikes Peak Chapter; Carisse Craton, Colorado Chapter; and Victoria Croston, Houston Chapter. Connie Irvine of the Golden Triangle Chapter won the new Maule Award for tailwheel training. Two FWP Awards were also presented to Marijke Unger and Jaclyn Poon, both of the Colorado Chapter. The updated and completed application packages for 2006 must be in Rose’s hands by December 15th, the new deadline. Rose gave a detailed description of the different scholarships and awards available. The membership requirement has been dropped from two to one year and notarized signatures are no longer required. Rose reminded 99s that an applicant does not need to have a career focus – a personal goal is just as important. In closing, Rose asked previous AE winners to stand and be recognized.

International/SCS Bylaws

Beverly Stephens noted that Susan Larson has already discussed the updates to our International bylaws. On the Section level, Beverly stated that we are one of a very few sections that elects its officers in the spring but does not install them until the fall meeting. Anna Taylor suggested a change to the election and installation date for our section

officers is needed to better coincide with our fiscal year and allow for a smoother transition of officers. Discussion followed.

Aviation Legislation -- Advisor Charli Lamb was not present. No report.

Awards

Phyllis Scott will recognize chapters at the evening banquet for their accomplishments of the past year.

SCS Approach

Anna Taylor for Dottie Loveless thanked contributors for their articles and reminded members of the January 20th deadline for new articles. Anna stated that they are still having problems with the distribution of the *Approach* by the Albuquerque bulk-mail postal division. Jan McKenzie noted that she is always happy to receive monetary donations for the *Approach*.

Historian

Penny White said she tried calling members who may have been affected by the recent hurricanes in the Gulf. Penny reminded us to contact our young people, as they are the future of our organization.

NEW BUSINESS:

Section Meeting Rotation

Vice-Governor Chris Swain passed out a proposed section meeting rotation schedule. Chapters who have hosted a section meeting within the last five years would be exempt in the first alphabetical rotation. Discussion followed.

Governor's Closing Comments

Governor Kris Irvin thanked everyone for attending the fall meeting.

Spring Section Meeting Invitation

The Kansas Chapter presented a spirited skit inviting everyone to the Spring Section Meeting May 19 – 21st, 2006 in Wichita, Kansas.

Announcements

Vice-Governor Chris Swain gave departure and hospitality room information to attendees. Chris also noted that the next Region VI NIFA date is scheduled for October 18-22nd.

Governor Kris Irvin adjourned the meeting at 11:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane F. Rose, Secretary

Minutes read by: Linda Horn, Colorado Chapter
Holly Barr, Dallas Chapter