

**SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION NINETY-NINES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MARCH 10, 2021  
THE MINUTES**

The Board of Directors of the South Central Section of The Ninety-Nines met in an online Zoom meeting on Wednesday, March 10, 2021. Governor Monica Randolph-Graham called the meeting to order at 8:33 PM. After introducing herself to the new attendees, she informed everyone that the meeting was being recorded for the minutes, and as soon as the minutes were written and approved, the recording would be deleted.

Governor Monica Randolph-Graham asked each attendee to introduce herself, the chapter of which she is a member, and any offices held presently or in the past.

Laurie Adams Peake, Vice Governor South Central Section, former Dallas Chapter Chair  
Becky Smith, Austin Hill Country Chapter, Director South Central Section  
Kathy Clark, former Houston Chp. Co-Chair, Secretary South Central Section  
Kathy Spahr, Nebraska Chapter, Director South Central Section  
Aileen Hummel, Ft. Worth Chapter, Treasurer South Central Section  
Elizabeth Frankowski, Houston Chapter, Assistant Treasurer South Central Section  
Gretchen Jahn, Colorado Chapter, Immediate Past Governor  
Kathy Quinlan, Chapter Chair Austin Hill Country  
Jo Cunningham, Secretary, Rio Grande Norte Chapter, Albuquerque, N.M.  
Jan McKenzie, Colorado Chapter, Past Governor SCS, Past President of Int'l. 99s  
Ann Shaneyfelt, Northeast Kansas Chapter, former AEBM Trustee  
Jerry Anne Jurenka, Texas Dogwood Chapter, Past SCS Governor  
Ashley Perez, San Antonio Chapter  
Krystal Henke, Secretary San Antonio Chapter  
Beth Polcari, Dallas Chapter Chair  
Sarah Rickman, Newsletter Editor Pike's Peak Chapter, Women Pilots Museum Trustee  
Mariah Baker, Ft. Worth Chapter Chair  
Chloe Cholet, Treasurer Ft. Worth Chapter  
Carol Sutton, Nebraska Chapter, past AE Museum Board Member, Past SCS Governor  
Jane Link, Colorado Chapter Chair  
Ellen Herring, Chicago Chapter, former AE Scholarship Trustee  
Lisa McWilliams, Nebraska Chapter Chair  
Camelia Smith, Arkansas Chapter, Airmarking Chair, Past Secretary of SCS  
Martha Molina, Arkansas Chapter Chair, Awards Chair of SCS

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Secretary's Report**

Kathy Clark, Secretary, stated that the minutes of the last board meeting on October 6, 2020 were reviewed by Aileen Hummel and Laurie Adams Peake and are posted on the website. She asked if there were any corrections or additions to be made to the minutes. Since there were none, the minutes were approved as written.

Becky Smith and Laurie Adams Peake were asked to be readers for the minutes of the board meeting and the business meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Gov. Monica Randolph-Graham called on Treasurer Aileen Hummel for the financial report. Aileen turned it over to Assistant Treasurer Elizabeth Frankowski, who reported that our beginning bank balance on October 1, 2020 was \$6408.28. Since then, we have collected \$1487 in dues rebates from International, giving us a total of \$7895.28 before expenditures. We spent \$3459.92 in expenditures approved at the last meeting, giving us an ending balance of \$4435.36 as of March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021. As we are not having in-person meetings, expenses were lower than in years prior to 2020. There were no questions about the financial report.

Gov. Randolph-Graham recommended that we not make the donations that we did last fall, in order to have funds available to assist the Dallas Chapter in hosting the fall South Central Section Meeting. The Dallas Chapter has stated that they could have a shortfall of \$5000 from loss of hotel bookings. Elizabeth Frankowski stated that we expect to have \$1000 of income before next fall, enabling us to easily assist the Dallas Chapter.

Question raised by Jerry Anne Jurenka: Did the \$750 for NIFA Awards go to the 99s Headquarters or to NIFA itself?

Answered by Elizabeth Frankowski: The \$750 went to the 99s Headquarters with the stipulation that it was for NIFA Awards.

The Governor then asked for a vote from the Board to approve the budget to go forward to the membership at the business meeting. All were in favor, and the budget was approved.

### **Director's Report from Becky Smith**

Becky emphasized the importance of Chapter Chairs reaching out and getting to know their members. This is key to retaining high membership numbers.

### **Proposed Bylaws**

The Governor presented for Beverly Stephens, who was unable to attend. The Treasurer's term would change from one year to two years with a repeat of 2 years allowed within a 6-year period. This has been written in the SCS Approach and is in the registration information for the upcoming business meeting.

### **Awards Committee**

The Governor made the Awards Committee report for Martha Molina. For the upcoming business meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup>, the Awards Committee would like to offer two awards. One will be for a first-time attendee. The names of the first-time attendees will be placed into a drawing, and Martha will select and announce the winner during the March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. The winner will receive Eileen Collins' new book, which will be delivered to the winner at home after the book's availability on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The second award will be for student pilots. The names will be placed in a drawing, and the winner will receive a year's subscription to Flying Magazine. The cost of those two awards will be \$41.99. The Governor asked for the awards to be approved by the board, and there were no objections.

The Governor asked Elizabeth Frankowski to place another \$100 into the Awards Committee budget, and there were no objections.

The Awards Committee members are Martha Molina, Mary Latimer, Kathy Spahr, and Melissa Sandstrom of Nebraska. She is learning to fly in Florida and recently soloed!

The Awards Committee is asking Chapter Chairs to reach out to their membership or fellow aviators to donate various kinds of prizes. One award suggested would be a free "new experience" ride in a different kind of

airplane, such as a Stearman, a float plane, or a Piper Cub. Other prize offering ideas include headphones, a travel award, or a plaque for special recognition. The Awards Committee seeks to offer enjoyable and exciting awards to pull in younger members.

There are four different categories proposed for awards.

1. Student pilots who have soloed.
2. Pilots who have gained new ratings.
3. Pilots who have received a new endorsement.
4. New pilots who have just received their pilot's certificate.

Laurie Adams Peake added that in her team meeting, they have proposed adding a “*Professional Wings Panel*.” The Dallas Chapter has many members who can assist student pilots and young pilots who are seeking to progress in their professional paths.

### **Open Position**

Governor Randolph-Graham noted that we have an opening for the position of Aviation Legislation Chair. Jill Shockley has left that position to become a trustee with the Museum of Women Pilots. If you are interested in filling this position, please contact Governor Randolph-Graham.

### **Results of Two Surveys by Gov. Randolph-Graham**

Governor Randolph-Graham will send out a revised agenda for the business meeting, which will include copies of the meeting minutes, the budget, the Chapter Chair Survey, and the Section Member Survey for South Central Section Meetings.

Governor Randolph-Graham went through the highlights of the surveys, which she had made available to the SCS members.

### **A. Chapter Chair Survey**

From the survey results, Governor Randolph-Graham revised the agenda for the business meeting to have two breakout rooms. The topic of the first breakout room will be to discuss creating relationships in our localities, whether with other aviation associations or various community organizations. The topic of the second breakout room is the “*First Flight*” program, which was once called the “*Fly Now*” program. As more people get vaccinated, it is anticipated that Covid-19 will be under control. We expect many people will feel more comfortable to meet in person and travel, creating opportunities to have flying events.

Director Becky Smith reported that, in the Austin Hill Country Chapter, they have a new student pilot who has reached out to other student pilots in their chapter through Zoom meetings. A member who recently received her CFI-rating has also been joining them. The proposal under consideration is to open up these Zoom meetings to other pilots in the entire South Central Section. The student pilots could share their experiences, communicate with each other, and ask their questions to the new CFI member.

Beth Polcari, Dallas Chapter Chair, asked if she could inform her chapter members of this new proposal, as in the Dallas area they have many student pilots learning and CFI-rated members teaching at the nearby flight schools at Addison, Ft. Worth, McKinney, and Mesquite. Becky Smith asked her to please wait until she had spoken privately with the student pilot and CFI to determine if they would be willing to expand their group to include the entire SCS section for this communication idea.

In the survey, respondents were asked if the Chapter Chairs would like support to help them in the 99s organization as a whole. The response was 63% yes, 37% no. Some commented that they would appreciate transition information and mentoring assistance either from the SCS or the International 99s organization. Some noted the need for help in making their chapters more relevant during Covid. One commenter in the survey pointed out that there appeared to be a lack of knowledge with the organization in general, which inspired her to include more international and section history of the 99s in their chapter's monthly newsletters.

Governor Randolph-Graham thanked all the chapter chairs for their information and input.

## **B. Section Meeting Survey**

There were 121 participants in the section meeting survey, and Governor Randolph-Graham summarized their answers. Members who had been to at least one SCS meeting were 58%, and those who had never been were 39%.

Reasons for attending the SCS meetings included aviation tours and activities, as well as meeting new people and famous aviators. Also mentioned were sharing ideas, networking with other chapters, and personal enrichment. The attractiveness of and the distance to the meeting location were also factors. Several mentioned enjoying the educational seminars and hearing motivational speakers.

The main reasons for not attending a section meeting were: location too far, cost and time required for travel, or not being able to get time off from work.

The preferred business meeting format was the "Hybrid" or "Combination" meeting of online (virtual) and in-person simultaneously.

Saturday morning business meetings won the polling for preferred meeting time and date.

The results were shared with Laurie Adams Peake of the Dallas Chapter and a representative of the Colorado Chapter in order for them to utilize this information in preparation for upcoming SCS meetings which they will host.

### **Action Items**

Governor Randolph-Graham reported the following Action Items which are current and being addressed:

1. Create new Section Awards
2. Develop the Criteria
3. Have drawings for each of the awards
4. For Heather Hodge: Create Social Media Committee
5. For Heather Hodge: Spring Registration for the Dallas meeting

### **Fall 2021 Business Meeting Hosted by Dallas**

Question by Jo Cunningham (Rio Grande Norte, New Mexico): Where in Dallas will the South Central Section meeting be?

Vice Governor Laurie Adams Peake (Dallas) answered: It will be at the McKinney TKI Airport, and the hotel is the Sheraton. The manager at the Sheraton Hotel has redone the information to be correct for the fall meeting, **October 15-17, 2021**. The link for registration at the hotel and for the fall business meeting has been tested and appears to be in good working order on the SCS website. We have extended an invitation for all 99s to come and bring others to the meeting.

Question by Kathy Clark (Houston): Will the Dallas Chapter still have Kevin Lacey as their speaker?

Answered by Laurie Adams Peake (Dallas): The Dallas Chapter still plans to have Kevin Lacey, the airplane repossession expert seen on television, as their main event speaker for his presentation *“Fly It Like You Stole It.”*

### **501c3**

The guidelines on the 501c3 logo are still in the works with International.

### **Website Information**

Training videos on how to use the website and G-Suite technology will be implemented by Heather Hodge.

### **Communication with Chapter Chairs**

Monthly emails to chapter officers and committees are being sent with information, advice, and assistance. This was implemented in August 2020 by the Governor with chapter share events to discover the needs of the Chapter Chairs. The Governor also held a 4-part training series for the Chapter Chairs in 2020, then held a joint first meeting with the Chapter Chairs in January, 2021. Efforts will continue to be made in the future to meet the needs of the Chapter Chairs.

### **Action items**

1. Monica will work on Chapter Chair transition checklist.
2. Elizabeth Frankowski will work on Treasurer’s transition checklist.
3. Kathy Clark will work on Secretary’s transition checklist.

### **Student Pilots - Action Item**

Governor Randolph-Graham asked Directory Becky Smith to prioritize setting up the Zoom meeting with the Austin Hill Country Chapter student pilots and CFI to go section-wide. If the Austin Hill Country Chapter members decide not to do it, then perhaps one or more of the chapters at Dallas, Ft. Worth, or Golden Triangle can implement it.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

As there was no more business, Governor Randolph-Graham adjourned the meeting at 9:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Clark, Secretary, South Central Section Ninety-Nines