



## **SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION APPROACH LITE – FALL 2020**

Governor Monica Randolph-Graham called the online Zoom meeting to order at 9:05 am, CDT. There were 59 attendees, 49 were SCS members representing 16 chapters.

International Director Dee Bond reported that the International Board has decided to offer an indiscriminate handout for membership dues in the form of “buy one year, get one year free.” The International Board initiated a Webinar series on a variety of topics and held the first Wednesday of every month at 7 pm CDT. Current job listings are located under a yellow tab on the ninety-nines.org website. Companies with job offers are also encouraged to list them through Dee Bond. The International Board meeting will be held, virtual online, on November 6-7, 2020. All members are invited to attend.

The Museum of Women Pilots and The Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum are having financial difficulties. They are presently only open two days a week. Members are encouraged to visit the virtual museum tours, and chapters are asked to donate to the museums to keep them operating.

The International Board is seeking nominations for several annual awards for 99s or non-99s. Please consult The 99s’s website for information about the Awards and on how to submit your nominations. The deadline is January 31, 2021.

The International Nominating Committee Chair, Susan Larson, reported that there are two positions coming up for International Director.

Mackenzie Burghart, the Director of Development for the Atchison Amelia Earhart Foundation and the Amelia Earhart Hangar Museum, gave a presentation about the museum, their goals (to bring Amelia Earhart’s story to life), exhibits, interactive activities, and educational projects.

Marilyn Shaefer, NIFA International Chair, reported that NIFA needs \$5750 for the 99s Women’s Achievement Awards and is still seeking donations. Please send donations to NIFA through The 99s website.

The 99s Museum of Women Pilots is requesting donations to complete the education center, to pay for speakers, and for the operating cost of the museum. They are open two days a week.

Bonnie Johnson, Trustee Chair of The Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum, reported that the museum is currently open on Fridays and Saturdays by appointment. Donations are appreciated for roof repairs.

Governor Monica Randolph-Graham reported that the present goal of the SCS is to open up lines of communication with the chapter chairs. Training series and leadership seminars on Zoom have been implemented for the chapter chairs. All members of the SCS are also invited to attend.

A Zoom account for the Section was purchased and will be shared with the chapters for their meetings. If chapter chairs are interested, please contact Governor Monica Randolph Graham.

Governor Monica Randolph-Graham introduced the following new advisors and committee chairs for 2020-2022: Sue Osborne – Section NIFA Advisor, Susan Larson – Mentor Advisor, Aileen Hummel – AE Memorial Scholarship Advisor, Committee Chair, and Martha Molina – Awards Chair.

Laurie Adams Peake announced the upcoming section conference schedule as follows:

March 19-21, 2021 – Lake Charles & SE Section New Orleans Chapter (to be held in Baton Rouge)

October 15-17, 2021 – Dallas Chapter (to be held in McKinney)

Spring 2022 – Colorado Chapter

Fall 2022 – of Texas Chapter (Corpus Christi area)

Becky Smith reported on membership retention and recurrency. Becky sends email reminders to anyone whose membership is past due. SCS membership has decreased slightly from 917 to 909 since the April 2020 meeting.

Treasurer Aileen Hummel reported that the financial reports and budget are posted on the website. The beginning balance on June 21, 2020 was \$5242.29. After receipts and expenditures, the balance as of October 1, 2020 is \$6408.28. An Assistant Treasurer position, filled by Elizabeth Frankowski, was voted in by the SCS Board. Elizabeth summarized the Financial Report and announced the donations proposed by the SCS Board. All online votes were in favor of the new proposed donations.

The Governor reported for Heather Hodge, Webmaster and Approach Editor. The first reminder for articles or pictures for The Approach will be sent February 7, 2021 with a deadline of February 14. An appeal was made for someone with technological skills to volunteer to help Heather.

Awards Committee Chair, Martha Molina shared that Melissa Sandstrom has been added to the committee. The Awards Committee is offering two new contests. Contact Martha for more information if interested or would like to suggest more awards. The Aerospace Education and Aviation Legislation Reports are on the website.

Kris Irvin-Herron reported with the 501(c)(3) information. The deadline for chapters filing the 990N was Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Aileen Hummel, the AE Scholarship Chair, encouraged everyone interested to apply for the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship. The application and information are online, and the deadline to the chapter is January 1, 2021.

Monica Randolph-Graham announced a new position, Section Membership Advisor. If interested, send an email to her at [governor.scs@gmail.com](mailto:governor.scs@gmail.com).

The Dallas Chapter will now host the Fall 2021 meeting. Lake Charles and NOLA Chapters are hosting the joint spring 2021 conference March 19-21, 2021 in Baton Rouge, LA. However, due to being severely hit by hurricanes last Fall, the two chapters will make a determination on January 1, 2021 whether the conference will be in-person or a virtual online meeting.

Vice Governor Laurie Adams Peake presented a calendar of upcoming events which can be found in the SCS Fall 2020 Business Meeting Report. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am CDT.

