

**South Central Section 99s Business Meeting**  
**Saturday, April 6, 2024**  
**Amelia Earhart Airport, Atchison, KS**

Governor Laurie Adams Peake called the meeting to order at 9:13 AM CDT. She welcomed everyone and announced that everyone attending is a delegate. Jill Shockley presented the guidelines for attendees at our meeting. Laurie asked for additions to the agenda. Agenda was approved with no changes.

**Invocation**

Linda Meyer of the Northeast Kansas Chapter provided the invocation.

**Roll Call**

Secretary Terry Fiala began the Roll Call of Chapters and their delegates.

Air Capital (Kansas) – 2	Lake Charles – 1
Ambassador – 2	Nebraska – 5
Arkansas – 2	NE Kansas – 4
Austin Hill Country – 2	Oklahoma – 1
Brazos River – 0	Pikes Peak – 0
Colorado – 4	Rio Grande Norte – 4
Dallas – 6	San Antonio – 1
El Paso – 2	Texas Dogwood – 2
Ft. Worth – 1	Wichita Falls – 0
Golden Triangle – 1	Section-At-Large – 0
Houston – 6	From other sections – 1

**Introductions**

Vice Governor Jill Shockley introduced the current officers: Governor Laurie Adams Peake, Vice Governor Jill Shockley, Secretary Terry Fiala, Treasurer Elizabeth Frankowski, Parliamentarian Jerry Anne Jurenka, Nominating Committee Chair Trina Southard, Directors Kathy Clark and Lisa McWilliams, and other committee chairs and advisors of the South Central Section. She acknowledged all previous SCS and current International Board members present and welcomed all first-time attendees.

**Total Attendance, Quorum Declared**

Terry Fiala stated that we had 46 members in attendance in-person and via Zoom, with attendees representing 15 chapters of the South Central Section (SCS), plus 1 attendee from other sections for a total of 47 attending. She declared that we had a quorum.

**Previous Board and Business Meetings Minutes**

Secretary Terry Fiala stated that the minutes of the Fall Business Meeting, held September, 2023 in Fort Worth, Texas, were reviewed by Patricia Burruss and Monica Randolph-Graham. They were posted on the website. The Secretary asked if there were any corrections or additions. As there were none, the minutes stood approved as reviewed and posted.

The Secretary requested reviewers for today’s minutes. Shelby King and Sara Tompson volunteered.

**International Representative Report**

International Vice President Minnetta Gardinier reminded attendees to vote in the International Election, which has a deadline of May 1<sup>st</sup>. Minnetta requested volunteers to assist at upcoming air shows and events including Oshkosh. She announced the upcoming International Conference July 3-7 in Vancouver BC hosted by the West Canada Section, with an on-time registration deadline of May 31<sup>st</sup>. She invited attendees and their chapters to support the 2024 Conference via sponsorships and program ads, with a deadline of May 1<sup>st</sup>. She announced two new initiatives: bimonthly chapter leadership meetings and quarterly section leadership meetings. Minnetta requested volunteers for any of the multiple opportunities in the organization, and interested members should reach out to President Robin Hadfield. Minnetta discussed the Beverley D. Sharp Aviation Diversity Award, which recognizes diversity and inclusion in the field of aviation. This award will be offered annually by the Ninety-Nines to Chapters or Sections. There will be a gala event in Washington DC on May 1, 2024 to kick off the award and support its fundraising efforts.

Minnetta discussed the Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative (PPLI) program, acknowledged recent graduate Shelby King, announced the next application deadline of July 1<sup>st</sup>, and encouraged interested members to apply.

Fall International Board of Directors (IBOD) meeting is coming up November 1-2 in Oklahoma City, and all members are welcome to attend.

Minnetta acknowledged the IBOD members. She thanked everyone for being members and volunteering for the organization.

### **Governor's Report**

Governor Laurie Adams Peake thanked the Northeast Kansas Chapter for hosting the Section. She announced that the slate of candidates will be installed at tonight's banquet. The SCS has 1112 members and growing. Currently we are transitioning website administration from the tech company to members June Stewart and Komal Rohane. Laurie enjoyed attending the 2023 International Conference in Jordan and encouraged members to attend the future international conferences and IBOD meetings in Oklahoma. She reiterated the importance of voting in the International election.

### **Vice Governor's Report**

Jill Shockley announced the upcoming Section meeting rotation.

- Fall 2024 hosted by the Houston Chapter - September 27-29, 2024 in League City, TX
- Spring 2025 hosted by the Lake Charles Chapter - March 27-30, 2025 in Sulphur, LA
- Fall 2025 hosted by the Rio Grande Norte Chapter - dates and location TBD.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Elizabeth Frankowski presented the Financial Report. Our income has been in line with the budget so far this year. As for expenses, the largest expense has been for web site consulting. The donation amounts were from last fiscal year, approved last spring, but checks weren't written until after June 1<sup>st</sup> so they are appearing on this fiscal year. Ending balance is \$6586.19 and we still expect to receive additional section dues. The Proposed Budget for 2024-2025 shows us starting with \$4700. Most of the income is from section dues from 1112 members. Expenses are itemized with explanations.

Elizabeth announced that the Board recommends donating \$500 to the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum (AEBM), \$500 to the Museum of Women Pilots (MWP) and \$500 to the Women's Collegiate Award. Jill Shockley mentioned that the MWP has a matching award opportunity of 5-to-1 until June 30, and encouraged the SCS to make that donation in that timeframe. Susan Larson, Rio Grande Norte Chapter, suggested we add \$500 more to the budgeted \$1500. Jan McKenzie, Colorado Chapter asked for clarification on the Women's Collegiate Award. Minnetta explained that it does not yet exist and its formation is in progress. Carol Brackley, Houston Chapter asked for a clarification on the funds. Susan Larson moves that we contribution \$500 each to MWP, AEBM, and to the Woman's Collegiate Award. Jerry Anne Jurenka seconded. Discussion: Stephenie Roberts, Texas Dogwood, requested that SCS contribute to the Endowment Fund. Kaylee Jeffries, Dallas Chapter, requested we allocate Collegiate Fund money to the Endowment Fund due to the uncertainty of the Collegiate Fund. Jan McKenzie, Colorado Chapter, seconded Kaylee's concerns. Minnetta Gardinier, Iowa Chapter, reminded the group of the Beverley D. Sharp Award. Jill Shockley, San Antonio Chapter, motioned that we amend the motion on the floor by deleting the words the 99s Women's Collegiate Award and adding the 99s Endowment Fund for \$500. Jan McKenzie, Colorado Chapter, seconded. Discussion: Shelby King, Dallas Chapter, asked how to add the Beverley D. Sharp Award instead of the endowment fund, and Jerry Anne Jurenka explained. Patricia Burruss, Dallas Chapter, echoed Shelby's encouragement of diversity and would like to show that the SCS supports the founding of the Bev Sharp Award. 41 in favor of the amendment. 3 opposed. The motion is now amended. Governor Laurie Peake requested a motion to accept the budget as amended.

Patricia Burruss, Dallas Chapter, moved to amend the budget by deleting the word \$1500 and adding \$2000, and adding an additional donation of \$500 for the Beverley D. Sharp Aviation Diversity Award. The motion was approved with no opposition. Voting on the original motion as amended.

The donations were approved with no opposition: \$500 each to the 99s Museum of Women Pilots, 99s Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum, 99s Endowment Fund, and the Beverley D. Sharp Aviation Diversity Award.

Greta Moore, Austin Hill Country Chapter, asked about the TDB note on the budget, which applies to next fiscal year budget.

Elizabeth Frankowski motioned to approve the 2024-2025 budget as presented. Jill Shockley seconded. The motion passed with no opposition.

### **Endowment Report**

Stephenie Roberts reported that the 99s Endowment Fund has a value of nearly \$4M and the goal is \$5M. She encouraged members to support the fund. It exists to fill gaps for unexpected expenses.

### **Nominating Committee Report**

Trina Southard thanked the current board and announced upcoming board: Governor Jill Shockley of the San Antonio Chapter, Vice Governor Patricia Burruss of the Dallas Chapter, Secretary Marilyn Wolfe of the Houston Chapter, Treasurer Elizabeth Frankowski of the Houston Chapter, Directors Kathy Clarke of the Houston Chapter and Greta Moore of the Austin Hill Country Chapter. Nominating Committee members Shelby King of the Dallas Chapter and Jane Link of the Colorado Chapter. Since we only have one nominee for each position the officers will take their positions via acclimation and begin their terms on June 1, 2024.

### **Membership Report**

Jo Cunningham reported that there are 1112 members in the section, an increase of 45 people since the fall 2023 report. 129 members are new or renewed in the last 6 months. We intend to continue inviting women pilots to social events and are trying some different outreach events.

### **501(c)3 Advisor Report**

Laurie mentioned Kris Irvin Herron couldn't be here. No major changes. Report will be posted on the SCS web site.

### **Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship**

Kaylee Jeffries thanked the scholarship committee of Jane Link, Holly Blunk and Heidi Kim, and also the Chapter Scholarship chairs. This year we have had more applicants than in prior years. Held a webinar in December on the topic of how to submit a good application. Want to continue seminars and focus on including chapter scholarship chairs.

### **Aviation Legislation**

Nancy Wright reported that FAA Reauthorization Act of 2023 is working through Congressional committees. White House budget called for increased taxes on jet fuel for business aircraft which has not progressed. Kansas signed into law last year that blinking lights atop wind turbines may turn off if no aircraft are in the vicinity. Reno Air Races are moving to another city and the finalists are Casper, WY, Roswell, NM, and Pueblo CO, with the final city being announced in April. Colorado House Bill 1235, Reducing the Impact of Aviation on Surrounding Communities, is going through the legislation now, getting a lot of attention, and it is expected that other states will follow.

### **Aerospace Education**

Report will be posted

### **99s Women's Collegiate Achievement Award**

Report will be posted

### **Website and Approach**

SCS website – June Stewart and Komal Rohane will be taking over as webmasters. Kathy Clark will be taking over the Approach.

### **First Time Attendees**

Laurie acknowledged first time attendees, who were presented with a small welcome gift.

### **Chapter Chair Reports**

Each Chapter representative had 2 minutes to give its report. The following chapters gave reports: Allison Atkinson reported for the Air Capital Chapter, Janet Patton for the Ambassador Chapter, Camelia Smith for the Arkansas Chapter, Sarah Wendt for Austin Hill Country, Jane Link for Colorado, Patricia Burruss for Dallas, Melissa Keithly for El Paso, Heidi Kim for Golden Triangle, LuAnne Pfeifer for Houston, Alison Adams for Nebraska, Laura Burnham for NE Kansas, Trina Southard for Oklahoma, Jo Cunningham for Rio Grande Norte, Jill Shockley for San Antonio, and Jerry Anne Jurenka for Texas Dogwood.

### **Old Business**

- Let's Fly Now and Compass Rose in Texarkana – Sarah Wendt is working on this effort, it was canceled and rained out previously. New help has been enlisted from an EAA chapter and a new flight school.
- Approach Mini – thank you to Kathy Clark for stepping in.
- SCS Ad – we will be placing a business card sized ad in the International conference program.
- Amelia Bearhart – drawing was held to see which chapter takes her on aviation adventures and post photos, and the San Antonio Chapter was drawn.
- 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of SCS – coming up in 2025, a committee has been formed to commemorate.

### **New Business**

We have the opportunity of a donated airplane for the use of Ninety-Nines members. It would be placed into a flying club. We will discuss with legal counsel and decide next steps.

### **Invitation to Fall 2024 Section Meeting**

Members of the Houston Chapter invited attendees to the Fall 2024 Section Meeting, September 27-29, 2024 in League City, TX.

### **Recognition**

Laurie thanked everyone in the Northeast Kansas Chapter for arranging our meeting and the Board for their service. She thanked the past SCS governors, chapter chairs, and Minnetta Gardinier for representing the International Board.

### **Announcements**

Atchison Museums are open this afternoon.

Okie Derby is August 17.

Stephenie Roberts reminds attendees of the airplane bag raffle.

Jerry Anne Jurenka announces that Wally Funk will be inducted into the Texas Aviation Hall of Fame on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Kathy Clark mentioned the path of the eclipse on Monday, April 8, advising the probability of increased air traffic and PPR NOTAMs on that day.

There being no further business, Governor Peake adjourned the meeting at 11:43 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jerry Fiala, Secretary*

*South Central Section 99s*