

**South Central Section Ninety-Nines  
Online Zoom Board of Directors Meeting  
March 11, 2022  
The Minutes**

The Board of Directors of the South Central Section of The Ninety-Nines met via online Zoom on March 11, 2022. Governor Monica Randolph-Graham called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM. Vice Governor Laurie Adams Peake made the introductions.

**Secretary's Report**

Kathy Clark reported that the last Board Meeting was held via Zoom on October 7, 2021, and the minutes were read and approved by the Review Committee of Laurie Adams Peake and Elizabeth Frankowski. They were posted on the website and emailed to the entire Board. As there were no corrections, they stand approved as read.

The minutes of the last SCS Business Meeting held October 16, 2021, in McKinney, Texas were read and approved by the Review Committee of Laurie Adams Peake and Elizabeth Frankowski. They were posted on the website and emailed to the entire Board. As there were no corrections, they stand approved as read. The Review Committee for the minutes of the Spring, 2022 Board Meeting and the Spring, 2022 Business Meeting will again be Laurie Adams Peake and Elizabeth Frankowski. The Secretary thanked them for serving on this committee.

**Nominations Committee Report**

Jo Cunningham announced the nominees for each office of the upcoming election, as follows: Laurie Adams Peake – Governor; Becky Smith – Vice Governor; Terry Fiala – Secretary; Elizabeth Frankowski – Treasurer; Kathy Clark – Director; Lisa McWilliams – Director; Trina Southard – Nominating Committee; Sara Tompson – Nominating Committee; Jo Cunningham – Membership Chair. As there is only one nominee for each office, according to the SCS bylaws, the election can be done by acclamation at the business meeting. Their terms will begin June 1, 2022.

**Membership Report**

Jo reported that the SCS has 977 members, which is a gain of 13 from the last meeting, but we have also lost some members. She encouraged more social event meetings to maintain memberships, as well as gathering with other pilot groups to promote interest and enthusiasm for flying.

**Treasurer's Report**

Assistant Treasurer Elizabeth Frankowski provided the financial report. The Governor had emailed copies of the financial report to all the Board members, and they were shown on the screen. The beginning balance was \$5218.61. Receipts totaled \$4028 from the following: dues rebated from International, ads in or donations to The Approach, "Host to Host" seed money repaid from Dallas Chapter, and miscellaneous. Expenses totaled \$1492.78, leaving a balance of \$7753.83. Elizabeth went through each line of the financial report and expected budget needs for the coming year. Discussion followed. The Approach is on the website and is no longer mailed out. There is one member, Wally Funk, who wants a hard copy, and the Governor takes care of that. The nominal Zoom expense has been well-justified, as not only has the South Central Section used Zoom, but also many of our chapters have used it for their meetings in these times of dealing with Covid-19 or long travel distances. The Governor thanked Elizabeth for her work on the financial and budget reports.

The Board discussed donations. Former Governor Gretchen Jahn reminded us that we like to keep around \$5000 in the checking account to budget for yearly expenses. Governor Monica Randolph-Graham suggested the following donation amounts: \$300 for the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship fund, \$1000 to the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum in Atchison, Kansas, \$1000 to the Museum of Women Pilots in Oklahoma, \$500 to the Endowment Fund, and \$750 to NIFA. All members of the Board were in agreement.

**Governor's Action Items**

**Let's Fly Now Event, Texarkana**

The Governor reported that we will still do the event, but it has been postponed from its initial date of April 2-3, 2022, because of Covid and our speakers coming from all over the USA. Our team is still partnering with The Scholars and Texas A&M – Texarkana to determine a date for Fall, 2022.

## **The Approach**

Jo Cunningham, Nominations, sent the pictures and information about the candidates for the upcoming election of SCS officers well before the deadline for The Approach. However, the SCS Business Meeting is March 25-27, and The Approach is not coming out until April. The Governor will ask Heather Hodge to send the pictures and information out in a special newsletter.

## **501c3 Compliance**

The Governor has been working on 501c3 compliance, and noted that each chapter must have a minimum of 7 members. It was discovered that the High Country Chapter only had 5 members. The Governor contacted Deborah Gaul, the Chapter Chair, to discuss their status, but all 5 of the members are elderly. The High Country Chapter met and decided to disband and send their funds to International Headquarters. Gretchen Jahn gave a bit of history on the chapter. It was founded by a former Colorado Chapter member who moved to the Grand Junction area. That individual has passed on, and the chapter has lost members and the energy to keep it going. The Governor will look into the Grand Junction area for the possibility to recruit new members.

Corporate Compliance Project: The Governor went to International Headquarters in Oklahoma City March 2, 2022, to look through the files and archives for letters of incorporation and other documents of incorporation for each SCS chapter, but she found none. There are a few chapters that are in compliance with state requirements for incorporation, but the documentation of incorporation must be resubmitted from time to time, according to the laws of each state. In Texas, for example, the documentation must be resubmitted every 4 years. If a chapter is involuntarily dissolved, with only a short period of time passed, it can be a simple process by completing a short form and paying a \$25 fee. In Colorado, the documentation must be done every year, and is a more lengthy process. The Governor seeks to provide that tracking information in the South Central Section manual, or in a packet for new chapter officers in order for each chapter to be current on incorporation documents, as well as suggest to the International Board to incorporate this in the Section and Chapter Leadership manuals.

## **SCS Fall 2022 Convention**

Vice Governor Laurie Peake reported that the Fall Section meeting will be hosted by the Tip of Texas Chapter and held October 14-15, 2022 in Corpus Christi, Texas at the Emerald Beach Hotel. There are many good options for activities, including the beautiful Texas State Aquarium, the South Texas Botanical Gardens, and The Art Museum of South Texas. There will also be a luncheon and tour on the USS Lexington on Saturday, October 15, after the Business Meeting. The cash bar, banquet, speaker, and awards will be Saturday night from 5-9 PM. Mary Helen Dunnam, Chapter Chair, will contact the Naval Air Station to invite women pilots stationed there. Elizabeth Frankowski is also working with Mary Helen to set up a special bank account with Paypal to facilitate registration payments for the Fall Convention. As the Tip of Texas is a very small chapter, we will ask the Houston, San Antonio, and Austin Chapters to help with the section meeting in many areas, such as hospitality room, transportation, lobby check-in/registration, etc.

There are 2 nearby airports to the hotel, one of which is the main Corpus Christi airport. The speaker, Dr. Sheila Chamberlain, is the first African-American woman in the US Army to fly a Blackhawk helicopter as an intelligence pilot. The SCS will provide her with hotel room, two meals, and the basic SCS speaker's fee. We will also be looking into fund raisers, such as a silent auction to help with expenses of the Fall Convention. The Governor and Vice Governor of the South Central Section are working to help Mary Helen Dunnam revive the small Tip of Texas Chapter by inviting all women pilots in nearby areas to the Friday Night Welcome Reception at the hotel.

As there was no other business, Governor Monica Randolph-Graham adjourned the meeting at 5:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathy Clark, Secretary*

*South Central Section Ninety-Nines*