

South Central Section 99s Business Meeting
Saturday, April 22, 2023
War Eagles Museum, Santa Teresa, NM

Governor Laurie Adams Peake called the meeting to order at 8:45 AM MT. She welcomed everyone, noted that everyone present is automatically a delegate, and presented the guidelines for attendees at our meeting. She asked for additions to the agenda.

Invocation

Kathy Clark of the Houston Chapter provided the invocation.

Roll Call

Secretary Terry Fiala began the Roll Call of Chapters and their delegates. She reminded everyone to sign in on the yellow sign-in sheet. Delegate slips for tax purposes were provided to all attendees.

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| Air Capital (Kansas) – 0 | Lake Charles – 0 |
| Ambassador – 0 | Nebraska – 0 |
| Arkansas – 1 | Northeast Kansas – 0 |
| Austin Hill Country – 4 | Oklahoma – 1 |
| Brazos River – 0 | Pike’s Peak – 0 |
| Colorado – 3 | Rio Grande Norte – 3 |
| Dallas – 1 | San Antonio – 1 |
| El Paso – 9 | Texas Dogwood – 3 |
| Ft. Worth – 1 | Wichita Falls – 0 |
| Golden Triangle – 1 | Section-At-Large – 0 |
| Houston – 5 | From other sections – 1 |

Introductions

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

Total Attendance, Quorum Declared

Terry Fiala stated that we had 32 in-person and 3 Zoom attendees representing 13 chapters of the South Central Section, plus 1 attendee from other sections for a total of 36 attending. She declared that we had a quorum.

Previous Board and Business Meetings Minutes

The minutes of the Fall Business Meeting, held October 15, 2022 in Corpus Christi, Texas, were reviewed by Monica Randolph Graham and Lisa McWilliams. 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 announced the review committee for today’s minutes, Jill Shockley and Sara Tompson.

International Representative Report

Corbi Bullock reported that all members have received their ballots and reminded members to vote by May 1st. Invited attendees to the International conference in October/November in Jordan. The Ninety-Nines will have two booths at Oshkosh, and volunteers are needed. Fall International Board Of Directors Meeting has been moved to August due to the timing of the International Conference, and all members are encouraged to attend. Announced the option to discontinue receiving the printed magazine and receive it digitally instead. Suggested giving the gift of a Ninety-Nines membership to honor a CFI, family member, or friend. The organization is seeking to hire a part time Development Manager – the full job description is posted on the International web site. The Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative is a great resource to help develop leadership skills in professional pilots. Introduced the current International Board members and encouraged members to contact them.

Governor's Report

Governor Peake reported that most chapters are thriving and growing with new student pilots and young women pilots are joining. Currently there are 1009 members in the section. Tip of Texas disbanded and remaining members have joined other chapters.

We have been looking for a webmaster volunteer, and Komal Rahane has stepped up to help. Our consultant Curtis has agreed to help with the transition.

Jill Shockley has volunteered to help revive the Approach and Approach Lite newsletters and we are seeking a volunteer to take them over on an ongoing basis. Jill attended the Amelia Earhart Hangar Museum opening in Atchison, Kansas. Laurie attended a compass rose painting and dedication to Jody McCarrell in Texas. Working with Tech Soup to donate a Quickbooks subscription to the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum.

Upcoming events - Let's Fly Now, May 6 & 7 in Texarkana, volunteers are needed.

Future Section Meetings

Jill Shockley announced the upcoming section meetings.

Fall 2023 – Fort Worth, TX, hosted by Fort Worth Chapter, September 29-October 1, 2023

Spring 2024 – Atchison, KS, hosted by the Northeast Kansas Chapter, April 5-7, 2024

Fall 2024 – Houston, TX, hosted by the Houston Chapter, September 27-29, 2024

Treasurer's Report

Elizabeth Frankowski reported that reports are available on the tables and gave a financial report. Proposed budget has been reviewed and approved by the board. Question about the \$3000 web site expense, which Elizabeth explained was spent on an IT consultant. Question about adding an International conference advertisement in the budget for next year. Cathy Prudhomme made a motion to add \$100 to next year's budget for the ad - second by Suzie Azar – voted and approved.

Nominating Committee Report

Trina Southard expressed the importance of members stepping up to serve on the Board of directors. Directed members to the web site, complete the Intent to Seek Election form. The next term begins June 2024 through May 2026.

Membership Report

Kathy Clark presented the report. We have 1009 members in the section, an increase since Fall 2022. 103 new/renewed members since September 2023. Going forward we intend to invite women pilots as to section and chapter events, which has created a lot of interest. More people are requesting information about the Friends of the Ninety-Nines.

Directors' Report

Kathy Clark reported that there have been protests over flight training written testing. In 2018 the FAA awarded an exclusive contract to PSI testing centers. They have reduced the fees they pay to administrators, causing them to quit offering testing. This creates diminished access to testing and a disruption to flight training.

ForeFlight has bought Cloud Ahoy.

501c3 Advisor Report

Jill Shockley reported for Kris Irvin-Herron that the full report will be posted on the web site. Kris sends a report each February for all chapters, and will also file the 990-N for chapters if desired. Chapter financial report must be sent by August 15th so she can compile the section report. FY23 forms will available shortly.

Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship

Kaylee Jeffries sent a report. Jill read the report that an Ambassador Chapter member won a scholarship this year, and Kaylee thanked committee members. The next deadline is December 31st and complete details are on the international web site. Contact Kaylee with questions.

Aviation Legislation

Nancy Wright – a lot of action during this year’s legislation sessions. Federal level, Senate bill – Let Experienced Pilots Fly act, increasing the mandatory retirement age from 65 to 67, sponsored by a range of senators. Congress is looking at legislation to reduce the near miss incidents. State level - Colorado Senate bill criminalizes to a level 6 felony for pointing a laser at an aircraft, signed into law in March. Washington state, prohibiting the sale of unleaded avgas in 2030, passed through the House and is working its way through the Senate. In New Mexico Senate bill introduced to prohibit sale of leaded avgas as of 2028, held up in committee.

Aerospace Education

Angie Slingsluff – 20 chapters reported education activities. 2 are currently planning future activities. Angie has ideas for activities available upon request. Full report will be posted online.

NIFA

Sue Osborne reported that NIFA discontinued gender-specific awards. Marilyn Shaffer, Int board rep, wants to pursue a women’s achievement award through the 99s and universities.

Website and Approach

Komal Rahane will be taking over the web site soon. Jill Shockley discussed the Approach newsletter’s diminished presence recently. We are seeking someone to take it over and possibly re-think its format. Her goal for now is to start back up with an abbreviated newsletter to increase communication and interaction.

Jill.I.shockley@gmail.com – please add her to newsletter distribution lists.

Chapter Chair Reports

Each Chapter representative had 2 minutes to give its report. The following chapters gave reports: Camelia Smith from Arkansas, Sarah Wendt from Austin Hill Country, Sue Osborne from Colorado, Laurie Peake from Dallas, Tracy Short from El Paso, Cynthia Self from Golden Triangle, Kathy Clark from Houston, Jill Shockley reported for Lisa McWilliams from Nebraska, Laurie Peake reported for Sara Tompson from NE Kansas, Trina Southard from Oklahoma, Nancy Wright from Rio Grande Norte, Glenna Sue Wood From San Antonio, and Jerry Anne Jurenka from Texas Dogwood.

Old Business

Excited to have the Let’s Fly Now event. Sara Wendt shared details of the event coming up May 6 & 7 in Texarkana.

Laurie Peake announced the disbandment of the Tip of Texas Chapter.

New Business

There was no new business.

Fall 2024 Business Meeting

Governor Laurie Adams Peake announced the Fall Section Meeting, September 29- October 1, 2024.

Recognition

Laurie thanked everyone in El Paso for arranging our meeting and the Board for their service. She thanked the past SCS governors, chapter chairs, and Corbi Bullock for representing the International Board.

Announcements

Tracy Short announced details for the afternoon activities.

There being no further business, Governor Peake adjourned the meeting at 10:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Fiala, Secretary

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