

South Central Section 99s Business Conference
In-Person and Zoom Hybrid Meeting
Saturday, March 26, 2022
Boulder, Colorado
The Minutes

Governor Monica Randolph-Graham called the meeting to order at 8:37 AM, MDT, on March 26, 2022. She welcomed all the in-person attendees and those on Zoom. She pointed out there were handouts of all the important information on their desks. Two changes were made to the printed Agenda, and she asked if there were any other additions. As there were none, the agenda stood as written and could be changed later if needed.

Vice Governor Laurie Adams Peake presented the guidelines for Zoom attendees and in-person attendees at our hybrid meeting.

Invocation

Lisa McWilliams of the Nebraska Chapter provided the invocation. She also asked for a moment of silence for anyone suffering loss and for the country of Ukraine.

Roll Call

Secretary Kathy Clark began the Roll Call of Chapters and their delegates. She reminded everyone to sign in on the yellow sign-in sheet. Everyone present is automatically a delegate. Lisa McWilliams and Governor Randolph-Graham provided the number of Zoom attendees. Delegate slips for tax purposes were provided to all attendees.

Ambassador – 0	Lake Charles – 0
Arkansas – 2	Nebraska – 2
Austin Hill Country – 1	Northeast Kansas – 1
Brazos River – 0	Oklahoma – 2
Colorado – 12	Pike’s Peak – 2
Dallas – 2	Rio Grande Norte – 4
El Paso – 0	San Antonio – 0
Ft. Worth – 3	Texas Dogwood – 2
Golden Triangle – 1	Tip of Texas – 0
High Country – 0	Wichita Falls – 0
Houston – 5	Section-At-Large – 0
Kansas – 0	From other sections – 4

Introductions

Vice-Governor Laurie Peake introduced the current officers and committee chairs of the South Central Section. She also noted that the SCS has had four International 99s presidents: Jan McKenzie and Susan Larson (both present), Jody McCarrell (Zoom), and Lu Hollander (not present). We had some International Board members present: Cathy Prudhomme, Robin Hadfield, Monica Randolph-Graham, and Minetta Gardinier. We also had visiting Section Governors: Deb Dreyfuss of the Mid-Atlantic Section and Mae Marquet of the SE Section. Laurie Peake also welcomed all new members, members from other sections, and the four first-time attendees.

Total Attendance, Quorum Declared

Kathy Clark stated that we had 43 attendees representing 13 chapters of the South Central Section, plus 4 attendees from other sections for a total of 47 attending. She declared that we had a quorum.

Previous Board and Business Meetings Minutes

The Secretary reported that the minutes of the online Zoom Fall 2021 Board Meeting held on October 7, 2021 were read by the Review Committee of Laurie Adams Peake and Elizabeth Frankowski. As these minutes had not been covered at the last business meeting, they are being presented now. They were posted on the SCS website, emailed to all registered attendees, and printed copies were provided for those attending in-person. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes, thus they stood approved as reviewed and posted.

The minutes of the Fall Business Meeting, held October 16, 2021 in McKinney, Texas, were reviewed by Laurie Adams Peake and Elizabeth Frankowski. They were posted on the website and emailed to all registered section attendees. A paper copy was provided for those attending in-person. The Secretary asked if there were any corrections or additions. As there were none, the minutes stood approved as reviewed and posted.

The minutes of the Spring Board Meeting, held March 11, 2022 via Zoom, were read by the Review Committee of Laurie Adams Peake and Elizabeth Frankowski. They are posted on the website and were emailed to all registered attendees, plus a paper copy is provided for those attending in-person. The Secretary asked if there were any corrections to the Spring Board Minutes.

One correction was provided. A name spelling should be changed from *Sara Thompkins* to *Sara Tompson*. Hearing no more corrections, the Spring Board Minutes will be corrected and reposted. The Review Committee for today's minutes will be Laurie Adams Peake and Elizabeth Frankowski. Kathy Clark thanked them for agreeing to serve on this committee.

International Representative Report

International Director Robin Hadfield of the East Canada Section gave the report. She reminded everyone to vote in the upcoming election for international officers. She noted that the International Conference will be in Charleston, South Carolina July 9, 2022. There will be seminars, tours, and guest speakers. If any chapters want to honor or recognize a member, they could place an ad in the International Conference program. The hotel is the Francis Marion Hotel, and more information is on the website. The International Board developed a strategic plan and is working on the various objectives of that plan. The end goal is to increase our membership by 5% a year through 2024. The 99s are using many varieties of social media more extensively to reach out and communicate with members. She thanked Texas chapters for running the "*Let's Fly Now*" program. The International 99s have gained control of Louise Thaden's Travelaire which she flew in when she won the all-women pilots' 1929 transcontinental Women's Air Derby, aka "The Powder Puff Derby" by humorist Will Rogers. This airplane is now at the Kansas Aviation Museum in Wichita, KS and will be featured in a showcase exhibit about the 99s and other women pilots. The 1929 transcontinental Women's Air Derby was the event which led to the founding of the International 99s, women pilots' organization.

Business Work in Progress

Governor Randolph-Graham has been investigating all chapters for 501c3 compliance. She is working with two chapters: High Country and Tip of Texas. Efforts are being made to recruit more members for these chapters, so that they will not have to dissolve. There is a US Navy base in Corpus Christi, from which we hope to recruit more members, particularly at a reception event at the Fall 2022 Business Meeting in Corpus Christi.

The "*Let's Fly Now*" program that was scheduled in the spring in Texarkana was postponed because of the recurrence of Covid. There will be multiple speakers, educational classes, and flying events. It will be rescheduled in the fall, date tbd.

Jo Cunningham, membership chair, will be working on increasing our membership. There was a question about the Host to Host program. Vice-Governor Laurie Peake answered to say that she is working with the Tip of Texas chapter hosting the upcoming section meeting. Host to Host seed money is provided as a loan by the Section to help the hosting chapter prepare for the next meeting.

Vice-Governor's Report

Laurie Adams Peake reported that she helped Shelby King and her great team of the Colorado Chapter in preparing the present SCS meeting in Boulder. She is also currently assisting the Tip of Texas Chapter of Corpus Christi, TX for the Fall 2022 Meeting. She has also assisted the Governor in planning the rescheduled "*Let's Fly Now*" event in Texarkana. She has also assisted new student pilots and participated in various activities for the Dallas chapter. She will be assisting with 501c3 compliance for all SCS chapters.

Future Section Meetings

The Vice-Governor announced the upcoming section meetings.

Fall, 2022 Meeting – Corpus Christi, TX – October 14-16, 2022, hosted by Tip of Texas Chapter

Spring, 2023 Meeting – El Paso, TX, hosted by the El Paso Chapter, date tbd

Fall, 2023 Meeting – High Country Chapter of Grand Junction, Colorado area, date tbd

Spring, 2024 Meeting – Fort Worth, TX, hosted by Fort Worth Chapter, date tbd.

Election of New Officers

Jo Cunningham, Nominating Committee Chair, presented the slate of new officers. She thanked Gretchen Jahn, Kaylee Jeffries, the Governor, and all those who helped her in this task. As there is one candidate for each office,

the vote can be confirmed by acclamation (loud applause, no vote) as defined by Robert's Rules of Order and SCS bylaws. The 2022-2024 slate of officers to begin term June 1st were confirmed by acclamation with membership applause.

Governor: Laurie Adams Peake, Dallas Chapter
Vice-Governor: Becky Smith, Austin Hill Country Chapter
Secretary: Terry Fiala, Colorado Chapter
Treasurer: Elizabeth Frankowski, Houston Chapter
Director: Kathy Clark, Houston Chapter
Director: Lisa McWilliams, Nebraska Chapter
Nominating Committee: Katrina (Trina) Southard, Oklahoma Chapter
Nominating Committee: Sara Tompson, Northeast Kansas Chapter

Short Break announced by the Governor at 9:41 AM.

Meeting Resumed at 10 AM.

The Governor reminded all in-person attendees that they could refer to their paper copies, as the print on the slides was very small.

Treasurer's Report

The Assistant Treasurer, Elizabeth Frankowski, gave the Treasurer's Report, which included the Checking Account Balance Sheet, the more detailed Financial Report, and the Proposed Budget for 2022-2023. The beginning balance on June 1, 2021 was \$5218.61. Total receipts for the year were \$4345.00. Expenditures amounted to \$1523.46, giving a bank balance of \$8040.38 as of March 18, 2022. Elizabeth went through all line items of receipts and expenditures on the Financial Report page and on the Proposed Budget page. The "Host to Host" seed money is \$500 given to a chapter hosting a section meeting to help with initial expenses, to be repaid once the chapter has made a profit after the section meeting. If the chapter did not make a profit and cannot repay the seed money, it can submit a financial report showing where it lost money.

Speakers' fees – \$300 x 2

Zoom license – \$150 – available for SCS meetings, also all SCS chapters

See Elizabeth Frankowski's reports for more information.

Suggestion was made by Cathy Prudhomme to consider supporting the International Conference by purchasing a ¼-page ad in the program. We could honor our 2020-21 award winners while we were only having Zoom meetings, and/or celebrate Wally Funk's trip into space.

Jan McKenzie suggested a ¼-page ad for each. Discussion followed. Afterwards, Cathy Prudhomme made a motion to purchase a ¼-page ad in the International 99s Conference program. Susan Larson seconded. The Governor asked: All in favor, say Aye. All were in favor; none were opposed.

Jan McKenzie volunteered to take the Action Item to obtain the names of said Award Winners from the website. The Governor can also send a list to Jan of Award Winners she presented at the Fall 2021 Meeting. Cathy Prudhomme said she would send the form to Elizabeth Frankowski.

Vice-Governor Laurie Peake made a motion to approve the budget and donations as stated in the proposed budget, as follows:

Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund – \$300

Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum – \$1000

The 99s Museum of Women Pilots – \$1000

Endowment Fund – \$500

The 99s NIFA Awards Fund – \$750

Jerry Ann Jurenka seconded. The Governor asked for any further discussion. There was none. She asked all in favor to say Aye; all attendees said Aye. No one was opposed. The motion carried.

Webmaster

Laurie Adams Peake asked if anyone was interested in assisting with the Section Website or Newsletter, to please contact Heather Hodge, Webmaster.

501c3 Chapter Financial Reports

As Kris Irvin-Herron, the 501c3 Advisor, was unable to attend, Laurie presented her report. The fiscal year ends May 31st. The Chapter Financial Report Form will be posted on the SCS website shortly after that and will be due August 15th to Kris Irvin-Herron. IRS form 99M will be due October 15th. If you wish for Kris to file your chapter's report, check the appropriate box.

Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship

Kaylee Jeffries reported online from Zoom. Scholarship applications are due to your Chapter AE Scholarship Chair by January first, after which it goes to the Section Chair by January 15th. Then the Section Committee sends them to the Trustees for final judgment. You must have been a member of the 99s for at least one year before applying. Also, you must have flown at least 5 hours in the previous 6 months, ending on December 31st. We have a great resource on our website to help applicants.

Endowment Fund

For those unfamiliar with the Endowment Fund, it was established as a permanent investment fund to provide financial support to the International 99s. Our SCS member Stephenie Roberts of the Texas Dogwood Chapter is one of the six Trustees of the Endowment Fund. She reported that the fund has enabled the organization to keep dues lower and more affordable for members of our organization. As of March first, the Endowment Fund has \$3.5 million, and the Trustees are very dedicated in taking care of your money. The fund pays for ads on the internet to promote our organization. She asked members to consider making periodic small donations to the Endowment Fund. The fund only uses the interest off the principal to help with yearly expenses of the 99s.

NIFA

Sue Osborne made the NIFA report. She thanked the SCS for their donation to the NIFA Awards Fund, which goes towards the Women's Achievement Awards at NIFA competitions. NIFA stands for National Intercollegiate Flying Association. Some of the colleges and universities in the US have flight teams. You can support NIFA by being a competition or scoring judge. Our country is short of pilots, and this is a great way to support young people to become pilots. The next competition for the Colorado area is in October, and Sue will send out a notice in *The Approach* with more information later.

Aerospace Education

Angie Slingluff reported that the Arkansas, Houston, and San Antonio Chapters had aerospace education activities. The Arkansas Chapter used hybrid Zoom and in-person meetings to share interflying sessions. Houston and San Antonio had *Let's Fly Now* events, and Houston also participated in a Young Eagles event and the Girls in Aviation Day. It is estimated that we will need 10,000 pilots soon, so find ways to encourage young people to get interested in aviation. She has information for activities for Girl Scouts. Also, there are useful websites and videos on YouTube to encourage flying for young people. She has a folder with educational activities which she is happy to share with anyone interested.

Aviation Legislation

Nancy Wright could not be present. Look for her report on the website.

Chapter Chair Reports

Each Chapter representative had 2 minutes to give its report. The following chapters gave reports: Arkansas on Zoom; Austin Hill Country – Becky Smith; Colorado – Jane Link; Dallas – Laurie Adams Peake; Fort Worth – Monica Randolph-Graham; Golden Triangle – Heidi Kim; Houston – Michelle Trobaugh; Nebraska – Lisa McWilliams; Northeast Kansas – Sara Tompson; Oklahoma – Trina Southard; Pike's Peak – Andrea Meruelo; Rio Grande Norte – Susan Larson; Texas Dogwood – Jerry Ann Jurenka.

New Business

There was no new business.

Fall 2022 Business Meeting

Vice-Governor Laurie Adams Peake informed everyone that the Fall 2022 Section Meeting will be October 14th – 16th in Corpus Christi, Texas, hosted by the Tip of Texas Chapter. The conference will be at the beautiful Emerald Beach Hotel, which has a wonderful outside bar and grill. It is located right on the beach. We will be hosting a

welcome invite and reception for any female pilots who would like to join. We are hoping to recruit some women pilots from the nearby US Navy base. Dr. Sheila Chamberlain will be the speaker.

Governor Randolph-Graham said she met Dr. Chamberlain at the *Let's Fly Now Event* in Atlanta, Texas in June, 2021. Dr. Chamberlain is the first African-American intel Army Black Hawk helicopter pilot. She is also the first Tuskegee Airwoman and the President of the Los Angeles Chapter.

Laurie also reported that Dallas Chapter 99 member Meridith Killian will present an informative discussion on proper communication as part of the *Talk2Tower* group. Optional activities are:

Lunch and tour of the USS Lexington museum ship
Texas State Aquarium
Art Museum of Texas
South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center
Corpus Christi Museum of Science & History – see artifacts of La Salle's shipwreck

Check the website for online registration soon.

Awards, Recognition

Jerry Ann Jurenka brought an award for 99 Wally Funk from the Longview, Texas, Zonta Club of Greater East Texas. They named Wally Funk as their *Woman of the Year*. Since Wally could not attend, Jerry Ann wished to present the award to Monica Randolph-Graham to take home to Wally, as both are in the Fort Worth chapter. Monica accepted for Wally.

Monica presented a surprise award to International 99s past president, Jody McCarrell, who was on Zoom. Monica presented Jody with the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award, in recognition of her 50 years of exemplary flight experience, distinguished professionalism, and steadfast commitment to aviation safety. Jody thanked everyone and then showed off her baby granddaughter, "a future 99," with a shirt that said "Upcoming Pilot." Monica thanked Jody's daughter, Cindy, and granddaughter, Megan, and also Stephenie Roberts and Jerry Ann Jurenka in setting up Jody's surprise award.

Monica asked everyone in the Colorado Chapter to stand, and we all gave them a round of applause for putting on a great South Central Section Meeting. Monica called out the names of those who helped: Shelby King, Lydia Baldwin, Jane Link, Terry Fiala, Sue Osborne, Stephanie Wells, Gretchen Jahn, Deborah Harlan, Emily Scott, and June Stewart.

Announcements

Gretchen Jahn said that BJ's Restaurant across the street was offering their weekly lunch special to all 99s today, which is normally only offered M-F.

Monica thanked everyone on Zoom for putting up with technical difficulties, and gave her appreciation for all those who traveled to Boulder to help support our great organization. She asked the current and upcoming Board members to stay briefly after adjournment.

Angie Slingluff said she would have her educational sheets available in the Landmark Room.

Patricia Jayne (Pat) Keefer said she was a second-generation 99, and that her mother, Marion Jayne, would be inducted into the Texas Aviation Hall of Fame on April 22nd in Houston.

Sara Tompson said her books would be for sale in the Fly Market.

The Chapter Chair Meeting will be in the same room.

There being no further business, Governor Monica Randolph-Graham adjourned the meeting at 11:17 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Clark, Secretary
South Central Section 99s