

South Central Section 99s Business Meeting
Saturday, September 29, 2023
Vintage Flying Museum, Fort Worth, TX

Governor Laurie Adams Peake called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM CST. She welcomed everyone and presented the guidelines for attendees at our meeting. She asked for additions to the agenda. Agenda was approved with the change that Jo Cunningham is in attendance.

Invocation

Melody Kennedy of the Fort Worth Chapter provided the invocation.

Roll Call

Secretary Terry Fiala began the Roll Call of Chapters and their delegates. Delegate slips for tax purposes were provided to all attendees.

Air Capital (Kansas) – 0	Lake Charles – 0
Ambassador – 0	Nebraska – 0
Arkansas – 1	Northeast Kansas – 2
Austin Hill Country – 2	Oklahoma – 2
Brazos River – 0	Pike’s Peak – 0
Colorado – 5	Rio Grande Norte – 1
Dallas – 4	San Antonio – 0
El Paso – 2	Texas Dogwood – 3
Ft. Worth – 13	Wichita Falls – 2
Golden Triangle – 3	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, Parliamentarian Jerry Anne Jurenka, Immediate Past Governor Dr. Monica Randolph-Graham, Nominating Committee Trina Southard, and other committee chairs and advisors of the South Central Section. She 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 40 in-person and 3 Zoom attendees representing 12 chapters of the South Central Section (SCS), plus 1 attendee from other sections for a total of 44 attending. She declared that we had a quorum.

Previous Board and Business Meetings Minutes

Secretary Terry Fiala stated that the minutes of the Spring Business Meeting, held April 22, 2023 in El Paso, Texas, were reviewed by Sara Tompson and Jill Shockley. 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. Patricia Burruss and Monica Randolph-Graham volunteered.

International Representative Report

Leslie Prellwitz thanked the Fort Worth Chapter for their hospitality. She reported that nominees are being accepted for the International Awards. Complete details are available on the web site and in the 99s magazine. Deadline for nominations is January 31, 2024. Nominations are being accepted for International Board positions. Intent to seek election forms are due December 31, 2023. Information is on the web site or contact the nominating committee at nominating@ninety-nines.org. Ballots will be sent soon so Leslie requested that members ensure their contact information is current, and to send any corrections to headquarters. Members can opt for digital-only magazine delivery by contacting Laura at headquarters.

International Conference in Jordan currently has 300 attendees registered and there are waiting lists for activities. The business meeting will be a hybrid meeting and only credentialed members may vote either in person or via

Zoom. Credentialing will be open in early October and will be open for 21 days and will close 36 hours before the annual meeting.

Future IBOD Meetings in Oklahoma City will be March 1-2, 2024 and November 1-2, 2024. All members are welcome to attend.

Leslie provided guidelines for Section Meetings to help coordinate and encourage member and International Board representative attendance.

The 2024 International Conference will be held in Vancouver, BC, Canada on July 4-7, 2024. Registration opens in early November and pre- and post- conference tours are available. Chapters and Sections are encouraged to place ads in the conference program booklet.

Governor's Report

Governor Laurie Adams Peake reported that we have 1064 South Central Section members and growing, with a large number of student pilots. Section members have been participating in the Air Race Classic, flyouts, airmarkings, Oshkosh and other air shows, hangar hangouts and tower tours. Upcoming events include KTXK Texarkana compass rose painting on November 11 and volunteers are requested. Rio Grande Norte has their 20th anniversary in 2 weeks. South Central Section Let's Fly Now in Texarkana is being planned, date TBD. Several chapters are developing scholarships to encourage new student pilots. Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative (PPLI) is active and there's a seminar this afternoon. Okie Derby has raised over \$70K for scholarships. Laurie and Jill Shockley will attend the Rio Grande Norte celebration on October 14. Komal Rahane from the Houston Chapter is easing into the web site developer role and we are grateful for her expertise. Everyone is encouraged to attend the upcoming International Board of Directors (IBOD) meetings and International Conferences. She thanked everyone for attending and encouraged members to volunteer for leadership positions.

Vice Governor's Report

Jill Shockley reported that she and Laurie flew in the Okie Derby and hope to participate again next year. In early September she joined the San Antonio chapter for a Friday night social.

Yesterday's chapter chairman meeting was attended by eight Chapter Chairs. They discussed Amelia Bearhart's location and purpose, and future plans to share her amongst the chapters. Monica Randolph-Graham spoke and shared Amelia Bearhart was at her home and would bring to next section meeting.

Jill announced the upcoming section meetings:

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

Fall 2024 – League City/Clear Lake, TX, hosted by the Houston Chapter, September 27-29, 2024

Spring 2025 – Sulphur, LA, hosted by the Lake Charles Chapter, March 27-30, 2025

Treasurer's Report

Elizabeth Frankowski presented a budget and financial report. We started the year with \$7396.10 due to the fact that approved donations for last fiscal year were not paid out yet. We received \$1729.50 income from dues which is a total of \$9125.60. We have spent \$1800.00 on web site maintenance, \$159.80 for Zoom license, and \$500 donations each to Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum, Museum of Women Pilots, and the 99s Collegiate Award. Currently there is \$5665.80 in the account. The Board approved a 2024 International Conference program ad for \$100 at yesterday's Board meeting.

Governor Peake took a vote to approve the budget which passed with no opposition.

Endowment Report

Stephanie Roberts reported that the Endowment Fund had reached \$1M. She encouraged attendees to support the fund and to serve on the committee.

Nominating Committee Report

Trina Southard requested volunteers for the 2024-2026 section board. SOPs are posted on the web site and have additional details. Board members and nominating committee nominations are due October 31, will be elected at the spring SCS meeting, and will take office June 2024.

Membership Report

Jo Cunningham reported that the SCS has 1057 members, an increase of 57 members since the spring meeting. Jo emphasized the importance of holding regular meetings and inviting other current and future women pilots.

501c3 Advisor Report

Jill Shockley reported for Kris Irvin-Herron. Kris has received all of the chapter financial reports and will file the section report by the October 16, 2023 deadline. Kris' full report will be posted on the web site.

Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship

Jill reported for Kaylee Jeffries. One of the Ambassador Chapter members received the scholarship for her multi-engine training. Kaylee's full report will be posted on the web site.

Aviation Legislation

Jill reported for Dr. Nancy Wright. A Louisiana house bill passed pertaining to oil and gas workers that requires each person being transported by aircraft to wear a life jacket containing a personal locator beacon. Federal house bill 3935 passed in July 2023. Its companion bill in the Senate is stuck in committee. These bills pertain to increasing the mandatory retirement age. The FAA has a new administrator, Michael Whittaker.

Aerospace Education

Jill reported for Angie Slingluff that members have participated in a variety of activities including Young Eagle flights, Let's Fly Now events, aero days, Girls in Aviation, women in science, GIFT activities, and others.

99s Women's Collegiate Achievement Award

Sue Osborne reported that the award is still in the formation process. This award was created as a result of NIFA discontinuing gender-specific awards. Marilyn Shaffer is trying to work with a specific college.

Website and Approach

Jill Shockley reported on the Approach newsletter, which was sent recently. She plans to add a portion to memorialize members. Upcoming topics include nominations, future section meeting details, and chapter activity reports.

Laurie reported about the web site that Curtis Garrison from Tech Live is still working on the web site and Komal Rahane is transitioning in gradually. It was requested that chapters report the passing of their members so the Section can make an announcement.

Chapter Chair Reports

Each Chapter representative had 2 minutes to give its report. The following chapters gave reports: Camelia Smith reported for the Arkansas Chapter, Greta Moore for Austin Hill Country, Patricia Burruss for Dallas, Debbie Torres for El Paso, Mariah Baker for Fort Worth, Heidi Kim for Golden Triangle, LuAnne Pfeifer for Houston, Linda Myer for NE Kansas, Trina Southard for Oklahoma, Jo Cunningham for Rio Grande Norte, Mary Latimer for Wichita Falls, Jane Link via Zoom for Colorado, and Stephenie Roberts for Texas Dogwood.

Old Business

Governor Peake called for volunteers for the compass rose painting November 11, 2023 in Texarkana, TX. She thanked Komal Rahane for her work on the web site. Laurie asked for submissions for the Approach newsletter, which should go to Jill Shockley. A By-Laws advisor is needed.

New Business

Jill Shockley asked for input on a possible 95th anniversary celebration for the Section. She inquired about interest in redesigning our Section logo, a few people said no leave it as is, and a few would like to see a refresh. Suggestions were made to update to the new logo and refresh the colors. Jill asked for someone to lead the project, and Cynthia Encinas of the Fort Worth Chapter agreed to chair the committee.

Jerry Anne Jurenka from the Texas Dogwood Chapter discussed the former NIFA award money (now 99s Women's Achievement Award). She suggested in the future putting the \$500 allocation back into the general budget to be used for other projects such as Let's Fly Now. Sue Osborne from Colorado expressed agreement.

Jerry Anne Jurenka from Texas Dogwood made a motion to take the money allocated for 99s Women's Achievement Award and put it back into the general section budget, LuAnne Pfeifer from Houston seconded. Stephenie Roberts from Texas Dogwood spoke in support as long as it could be used for educational purposes. Allie Hoyt from Fort Worth spoke in support of using those funds to support Chapters in their online presence. Gretchen Jahn from Colorado spoke in support of keeping the money in the section in a designated fund with an education purpose, but cautioned against using it for a scholarship fund in support of its section/chapter members because this creates a conflict with the IRS. Mary Latimer from Wichita Falls spoke in support of using it for education purposes that support the Ninety-Nines members. Treasurer Elizabeth Frankowski stated that we have already donated this year's money to International and asked whether attendees are suggesting we should ask for it to be returned or to be reallocated to the Amelia Earhart (AE) Scholarship Fund. Susan Haas from Houston suggested that we leave \$500 that we already sent but request it go to AE Scholarship.

Governor Peake asked for a vote on the previous motion to retain funds allocated for 99s Women's Achievement Award in future years, which passed unanimously.

Trina Southard moved and Anish Shapiro seconded a motion not to ask for the money back from International but to use the money for educational purposes going forward. The money has already been sent to NIFA. Cathy Prudhomme from Houston stated that we don't need this motion because future budgets have not yet been approved. Monica Randolph-Graham stated that the money has already been sent and we should not attempt to recall the money, suggests we dismiss the motion. Trina Southard withdrew the motion. Governor Peake reported that we will retain those funds in future years and discuss how they should be used. The Section will not attempt to recall this year's funds from International.

Julie Carson of Fort Worth requested that each chapter have a space on the Section's web site.

Spring 2024 Section Meeting

Linda Meyer and Tammy Willits announced the Spring Section Meeting, April 5-7, 2024 in Atchison, KS.

Recognition

Laurie thanked everyone in Fort Worth for arranging our meeting and the Board for their service. She thanked the past SCS governors, chapter chairs, and Leslie Prellwitz for representing the International Board.

Announcements

Fort Worth Aviation Museum is less than one mile away, has an outdoor exhibit of warbirds, and is free for all Ninety-Nines this weekend.

There being no further business, Governor Peake adjourned the meeting at 11:41 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ferry Fiala, Secretary
South Central Section 99s