

South Central Section Ninety-Nines
Online Zoom Board of Directors Meeting
October 7, 2021

The Board of Directors of the South Central Section of The Ninety-Nines met via online Zoom on October 7, 2021. Governor Monica Randolph-Graham called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Vice Governor Laurie Adams Peake introduced the Board of Directors, members, and guests.

Secretary's Report

Kathy Clark reported that the minutes of the last Board Meeting held on March 20, 2021 were reviewed by Becky Smith and Laurie Adams Peake. They were emailed to the entire Board and are posted on the SCS website. There were no corrections.

There were two interim email votes by the Board. The first was a call by Gov. Randolph-Graham for the SCS to coordinate the "Let's Fly Now" program on June 12, 2021 in Atlanta, Texas to honor Bessie Coleman. The event was to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Bessie Coleman being the first African-American woman and first Native American woman to earn an International Pilot's license at the Hall-Miller Municipal Airport (KATA) in Atlanta, Texas. A motion was made by Gov. Randolph-Graham and seconded by Director Becky Smith to collaborate with Atlanta, Texas in honoring Miss Coleman.

The second email vote by the Board occurred June 6, 2021. A motion was made by Gov. Randolph-Graham to purchase thirteen Bessie Coleman T-shirts @ \$20 per T-shirt for a total of \$260. The motion was seconded by Becky Smith and was unanimously approved by the Board.

A Special Board Meeting was held August 31, 2021 to approve a future "Let's Fly Now" event in Texarkana for April 2-3, 2022. There was also a vote to approve a new Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Committee and to approve new members to other committees. The purpose is to encourage new member participation. Both were approved unanimously.

The minutes of the Special Board Meeting were read by Gov. Randolph-Graham. They are posted on the website and were emailed to all the Board members. There were no corrections, but as there had been no review committee, a vote was called to approve the minutes. All present voted to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting as written.

Kathy Clark asked Laurie Adams Peake and Elizabeth Frankowski to be the Review Committee for today's Fall Board of Directors' Meeting minutes and the upcoming Business Meeting minutes in McKinney, Texas on October 16. Both agreed to serve on the Review Committee.

Treasurer's Report

Assistant Treasurer Elizabeth Frankowski provided the Financial Report as of October 3, 2021, which was posted on the screen. Received monies included \$1401 from Section dues, a contribution from Boeing for \$300, and a donation of \$50 for "Fly Now" events, for a total of \$1751. Expenses were \$254.92 for the "Fly Now" Bessie Coleman T-shirts and \$38.22 to reimburse the Governor for the purchase of two books for the Awards Committee. The ending balance is \$6,676.57.

Gov. Randolph-Graham proposed that the SCS wait on donations to our regular groups until we find out if there are cost overruns at the upcoming Fall Business Meeting. The SCS wants to be in a position to help the Dallas Chapter if there are additional expenses or loss of deposits. There were no disagreements.

Awards Committee Report

As Chair Martha Molina was unable to attend, Gov. Randolph-Graham announced the two awards categories are for (1) first time attendee, and (2) a 99 member of twenty to thirty years. A drawing will be held, and each winner will receive a copy of Wally Funk's book, "Higher, Faster, Longer." Wally will sign the books to the winners. Cost of the two books was \$38.22.

Action Items

A survey will be sent out soon to encourage members to run for office in the SCS and to find out the reasons why members frequently do not want to run for office.

The study for guidelines for the 501c3 logo and its use by SCS Chapter websites is still ongoing.

Website and Newsletter

Gov. Randolph-Graham spoke for Heather Hodge who could not attend. She has training videos on how to use the website and G-Suite.

Director Becky Smith

Becky plans to send monthly emails to chapter officers, and committees with information and advice.

Chapter Chair and Section Member Surveys

Gov. Randolph-Graham reported that the Chapter Chair surveys were completed, and the information was emailed. The results of both surveys were shared at the last Section Meeting. The Chapter Chair transition tool is also on the website and was emailed to all the Chapter Chairs.

Texarkana Event

The SCS is partnering with a group called The Scholars to host a “Let’s Fly Now” event on April 2-3, 2022 in Texarkana. The Scholars are a 501c3 group that works with students of color to encourage them in many endeavors, including art and music. Texas A&M Texarkana will sponsor our event with \$5000, which will cover hotel costs and some expenses of the pilots. A diverse group of speakers and activities will be featured Saturday, April 2, 2022, including engineers, Latina and African-American women pilots, and interactive games in the Texas A&M Texarkana classrooms.

On Sunday we will offer flights to 100 students and 10 Texas A&M students or faculty for their first flight. There will also be a tour of the tower at the KTXK airport. Pat Keefer will do an interactive presentation on her Around the World Gold Medalist Flight. Texarkana Airport may possibly host a pancake breakfast fundraiser.

Nominations

Jo Cunningham gave a list of nominations for officers for the upcoming year.

Spring Section Meeting in 2022

Laurie Adams Peake has been working with Shelby King of the Colorado Chapter to advise her with details of hosting the next South Central Section conference. The Spring conference will be held in Boulder, Colorado at the Embassy Suites Hotel, March 25-27, 2022.

Fall Section Meeting 2021

Laurie Adams Peake stated that the Dallas Chapter turned down the AV equipment at the hotel because of the unreasonable \$5000 cost. She contacted the McKinney Visitors’ Center, and they graciously donated dual video setups, screens, projectors, microphones, and speakers. Her own technology expert also assisted in setting up.

Gov. Graham reported that the Dallas Chapter decided to pay \$250 for a private WiFi line for the business meeting and banquet. The Sheraton’s WiFi is for the entire hotel, and it was much too slow when tested for our meeting. The South Central Section will consider reimbursing Dallas for this expense.

Chapters in Need

Gov. Randolph Graham noted that some chapters do not have all the appropriate officers. Some are suffering from lack of members, in particular the Tip of Texas Chapter, located in Corpus Christi (KCRP) and covering much of south Texas. Mary Helen Dunnam fills all the officer spots. We hope to

hold a membership drive/social event for the 99s in Corpus Christi. SCS members plan to contact the flight schools in the area and also the Navy base.

Fund raising ideas: Flying Poker Run, Pancake Breakfasts.

Laurie Adams Peake reported that the hotel charges \$80 for a gallon of coffee, which was turned down. Members staying at the hotel will have access to coffee at the buffet breakfast. There are also coffee makers in the rooms.

New Business

There being no new business, Governor Randolph-Graham adjourned the meeting at 7:47 PM.

Reviewed by Elizabeth Frankowski and Laurie Adams Peake.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Clark, Secretary
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