

South Central Section 99s Business Meeting  
Saturday, October 15, 2022  
Corpus Christi, TX

Governor Laurie Adams Peake called the meeting to order at 8:46 AM, CT. 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, and a NIFA Report was added after Website/Approach.

**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.

Ambassador – 0	Nebraska – 1
Arkansas – 2	Northeast Kansas – 0
Austin Hill Country – 3	Oklahoma – 5
Brazos River – 0	Pike’s Peak – 0
Colorado – 4	Rio Grande Norte – 3
Dallas – 3	San Antonio – 3
El Paso – 2	Shreveport – 0
Ft. Worth – 5	Texas Dogwood – 0
Golden Triangle – 1	Tip of Texas – 1
Houston – 8	Wichita Falls – 0
Kansas – 0	Section-At-Large – 0
Lake Charles – 1	From other sections – Mid-Columbia - 1

**Introductions**

Director Kathy Clark introduced the current officers (Governor Laurie Peake, Vice Governor Jill Shockley (not present), Secretary Terry Fiala, Treasurer Elizabeth Frankowski, Directors Kathy Clark & Lisa McWilliams, and Immediate Past Governor Dr. Monica Randolph-Graham), Nominating Committee Chair Trina Southard, and other committee chairs of the South Central Section. We had one International Board member present: Aileen Coverdell. She also noted that the SCS has had four International 99s presidents: Jan McKenzie and Susan Larson (both present), Jody McCarrell (not present), and Lu Hollander (not present). Three previous SCS Governors were present: Jan McKenzie, Gretchen Jahn, and immediate past governor Monica Randolph-Graham. 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 42 attendees representing 14 chapters of the South Central Section, plus 1 attendee from other sections for a total of 43 attending. She declared that we had a quorum.

**Previous Board and Business Meetings Minutes**

The minutes of the Spring Business Meeting, held March 26, 2022 in Boulder, Colorado, were reviewed by Laurie Adams Peake and Elizabeth Frankowski. They were posted on the website. 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 Fall Board Meeting, held September 27, 2022 via Zoom, were read by the Review Committee of Jill Shockley and Sara Tompson. The Secretary noted one correction: on page one, final sentence should read, “The board approved unanimously via email to appoint Jill to the position of Vice Governor.” She asked if there were any corrections to the Spring Board Minutes. Since there were none, the minutes stood approved with this correction and will be posted to the website.

The Secretary announced the review committee for today’s minutes, Monica Randolph-Graham and Lisa McWilliams.

### **International Representative Report**

International Treasurer Aileen Coverdell of the Mid Columbia Chapter presented the report from the International Conference. The International Conference in Charleston was well attended. One Person One Vote was initiated at this conference instead of the previous process of issuing delegate slips to Chapters. The Fall IBOD meeting will be November 4-5 in Oklahoma City. Spring elections are coming up, with two open International Director positions, two nominating committee members, and all attendees were encouraged to run. Intent to seek elections forms are due December 31<sup>st</sup>. She encouraged attendees to nominate others for the International Awards, which can be found on the International web site. She discussed the Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative (PPLI) and encouraged participation. Discussion has occurred about International dues, which are for International only. Sections and Chapters do not have dues – if they collect funds they must be considered donations and not dues. The next International Conference is October 27 through November 2, 2023 hosted by the Arabian Section in the country of Jordan. Aileen acknowledged the other International Board members and thanked the South Central Section for hosting her.

### **Governor's Report**

Governor Peake hired an IT consultant to resolve the problem of being locked out of our web site, which has now been resolved. The previous web master has retired and we are looking for a new web master and Approach newsletter editor. Those interested should contact Laurie. Becky Smith stepped down as Vice Governor and the Board unanimous approved Jill Shockley as Vice Governor. Laurie thanked Mary Helen Dunnam for hosting the section meeting. Last night's recruitment was a success. Laurie has been mentoring a young student pilot who recently soloed, and Laurie encouraged attendees to mentor others. Also asked attendees to volunteer for the upcoming Let's Fly Now event in Texarkana, tentative dates of April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. Monica Randolph-Graham reported that the \$5000 sponsorship from Texas A&M Texarkana is still available pending a reschedule date, as well as a partnership with The Scholars, a nonprofit in Texarkana which provides education and arts opportunities for underprivileged youths.

### **Future Section Meetings**

Kathy Clark announced the upcoming section meetings.

Spring 2023 Meeting – El Paso, TX, hosted by the El Paso Chapter, April 21-23, 2023

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

Spring 2024 – Northeast Kansas Chapter, location and dates TBD

Fall 2024 – Houston, TX, hosted by the Houston Chapter, dates TBD

### **Treasurer's Report**

Elizabeth Frankowski discussed the financial report. The left column was passed as proposed budget last spring, the center column is actual expenditures, and right column is the difference between them. Most of our income comes from dues, so far this year \$1619.50. We have not received any other donations. We started with a checking balance of \$5747.84, added to receipts to get \$7367.31, minus withdrawals of \$2476.66, which gives us a current balance of \$4890.65. Second report is a simplified recap of the full report. Governor Peake added that the IT consultant Curtis from TechLive has also donated quite a bit of time, and he will provide a report.

### **Nominating Committee Report**

Trina Southard reported that the committee will soon begin recruiting for the 2024-2026 officers. Requirements are posted on the web site. Deadline is October 2023 and the terms begin June 2024. She encouraged members to run for offices.

### **Membership Report**

Membership Chair Jo Cunningham was unable to attend, and Director Lisa McWilliams reported in her absence. She reported that the Section has 976 members and 121 members have joined or renewed since June 2021. This SCS conference aims to recruit new members, and invitations were extended to flight schools and local pilots for last night's meet and greet. Going forward we intend to continue inviting women to future conferences and local events.

## **Directors' Report**

Kathy Clark spoke to Laura Ohrenberg at headquarters and added that out of 976 members and 925 are current. There are 163 student pilots and 121 new or reinstated members. We have 4 past International Presidents. 32 members have 50 or more years of membership in the Ninety-Nines, and 64 are life members. Other news from states in our sections was reported. Sedgwick County in Wichita, Kansas has blocked wind turbines from being within 10 miles of the airports due to the effects of wind turbulence. In Oklahoma, the Governor signed a bill into law which gives \$2 million for aviation infrastructure and economic development. According to the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission, the aviation and aerospace segment supports 260,000 jobs that generate \$11.7 billion in payroll, with an average salary of \$73,300. There is a pilot shortage and airlines are recruiting, offering tuition reimbursement.

## **501c3 Chapter Financial Reports**

Kris Irvin-Herron was unable to attend, report will be posted.

## **Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship**

Kaylee Jeffries was unable to attend so Lisa McWilliams read Kaylee's report. We have 10 AE scholarship applications from our section and we are aiming for additional future applicants. AE chapter chairs should help applicants refine and strengthen their applications. The process has changed, and now applicants must log in to the international website to start their applications.

## **Aviation Legislation**

Nancy Wright provided her first report to the section. Every six months she checks for new legislation in each state in the section. At the federal level there was a cleaner, quieter airplanes act signed into law in August 2022 as part of the transportation bill. It is a step toward removing lead from airplane fuel. Kansas House Bill 2239 was signed into law and gave a tax credit to aviation employees/employers and gave tax relief to students. Nebraska Legislative Bill 763, related to recreational runways and liability, did not pass. Colorado House Bill 22-1109 concerning sales/use tax exemptions for on-demand air carriers did not pass. Oklahoma State Bill 1461, aimed at increasing the number of direct commercial flights to Oklahoma, has been signed into law.

## **Aerospace Education**

Angie Slingsluff absent, report will be posted.

## **Website and Approach**

Laurie reiterated that we have no webmaster. We are seeking a replacement and utilizing a consultant in the meantime.

## **NIFA**

Sue Osborne gave the National Intercollegiate Flying Association (NIFA) report provided by Marilyn Shafer, the NIFA Chair for International. Marilyn attended NIFA nationals in May 2022. The Ninety-Nines contribute to the Women's Achievement Award for female pilots and Sue asked for contributions. Marilyn worked with Ninety-Nines headquarters to support the award, and hosted a social at the regional NIFA competition in Lakeland, FL. She is contributing some photos and information about the competition to the Ninety-Nines Magazine. Sue asked the South Central Section to consider a contribution to the award.

## **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, Patricia Burruss from Dallas, Tracy Short from El Paso, Mariah Baker from Fort Worth, Cindy Selle from Golden Triangle, Michelle Trobaugh from Houston, Sandra Leder from Lake Charles, Lisa McWilliams from Nebraska, Trina Southard from Oklahoma, Nancy Wright from Rio Grande Norte, Reni Baker from San Antonio, and Mary Helen Dunnam from Tip of Texas.

## **Old Business**

Let's Fly Now is a work in progress for Texarkana, Spring 2023. The High Country Chapter disbanded in spite of efforts by the Colorado Chapter to help. We are in search of a new web master and SCS Bylaws Advisor.

### **New Business**

There was no new business.

### **Spring 2023 Business Meeting**

Governor Laurie Adams Peake announced that the Spring 2023 Section Meeting will be April 21-23 in El Paso, Texas, hosted by the El Paso Chapter. Tracy Short reported that the conference will be at the Radisson Hotel next to the El Paso airport and the Business Meeting will take place at Million-Air FBO at the airport. Planned activities include a tour of the War Eagles Museum which has a section dedicated to the Ninety-Nines and features a good aircraft display, and a visit to La Vina Winery.

### **Recognition**

Laurie thanked Mary Helen Dunnam and members of the South Central Section Board for hosting this conference. Thanks also to past Governors for guidance, chapter chairs for continued work, and Aileen Coverdell for her service on the International Board.

### **Announcements**

Aileen Coverdell encouraged participation in Challenge Air events.

Lisa McWilliams reported that the 2024 International Conference is in Vancouver BC July 3-7, 2024.

Lisa McWilliams organized groups for afternoon activities.

Laurie Adams Peake announced that tonight's scheduled speaker Dr. Sheila Chamberlin is unable to speak this evening. Lisa McWilliams found a replacement: Paul Webb Chapman will join us instead. Encouraged participants to visit the hospitality room, bid for silent auction items, and attend the afternoon seminars.

Monica Randolph-Graham motioned to adjourn. Sue Osborne seconded.

There being no further business, Governor Peake adjourned the meeting at 10:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ferry Fiala, Secretary*

*South Central Section 99s*