

**THE NINETY-NINES SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION
FALL BUSINESS MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2020**

Governor Monica Randolph-Graham called the online Zoom meeting to order at 9:05 AM CDT and welcomed all the attendees. Director Kathy Spahr provided the invocation. The Governor welcomed new members and first-time attendees.

The Governor called on Secretary Kathy Clark to read the roll call. The Secretary handed off to Director Becky Smith who did the roll call through technology.

At the completion of the roll call, Becky Smith announced that we had 59 attendees. Of this there were 49 members of the South Central Section representing 16 chapters.

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

A quorum was declared by Kathy Clark. Vice Governor Laurie Peake introduced the South Central Section Board: Governor Monica Randolph-Graham, Vice-Governor Laurie Adams Peake, Secretary Kathy Clark, Treasurer Aileen Hummel, Assistant Treasurer Elizabeth Frankowski, Director Becky Smith, and Director Kathy Spahr.

The Nominating Committee consists of the following members: Gretchen Jahn (former Governor of the SCS), Jo Cunningham, and Kaylee Jeffries.

The Vice Governor also introduced the following Committee Chairs and the President: Angie Slingluff – Aerospace Education; Jill Shockley – Aviation Legislation; Beverly Stevens – Bylaws; Kris Irvin-Herron – 501(c)(3); and International 99s President – Corbi Bulluck. The President expressed her appreciation to all The 99s who give of their time to our organization. She recognized the value of being able to attend virtually in these difficult times as she was attending both the South Central Section and Southeast Section meetings concurrently.

The International Board of Directors and Past International Presidents from the South Central Section were welcomed.

The Secretary reported that the minutes of the April 25, 2020 virtual business meeting were reviewed by Linda Horn and Gretchen Jahn and are posted on the website. There being no corrections, the minutes stand approved.

The minutes review committee for the Fall Business Meeting of the SCS are Jo Cunningham and Aileen Hummel.

The proposed bylaw change has been placed on hold until the Spring Business Meeting.

International Report

The International Report was given by Director Dee Bond of New Zealand. Because of financial hardships caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, the Board has decided to offer an indiscriminate handout to members for membership dues in the form of “buy one year, get one year free.” Each month there will be a random drawing of those who have renewed, and one member will receive next year’s membership free. The Board has also initiated a Webinar series which will cover a variety of topics and will be held the first Wednesday of every month at 7 PM Central Time. The previously established Webinar system will also continue, with the next one on October 20th at 8 PM in conjunction with Sirius XM. The topic will be Navigating NEXRAD.

Although jobs and careers have been challenged, the SCS has current job listings for members to view under a yellow tab on the website. Companies with job offers are also encouraged to list them at the website through Dee Bond. The International Board meeting will be virtual online and will be held November 6-7, 2020. All members are invited to attend. Also, members are invited to run for international board and trustee positions for next year.

The Museum of Women Pilots and The Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum are having a difficult time financially because of the Covid-19 lockdowns. They are presently only open two days a week. Members are encouraged to visit the virtual museum tours, and chapters are asked to donate to the museums to keep them operating.

All interested in the Amelia Earhart Scholarship are encouraged to begin work on their applications, as the process is lengthy. The deadline is January 1st, 2021.

The Board also seeks nominations for several annual awards for 99s or non-99s. The Board gives an Award of Achievement for Contributions to Aviation, an Award of Achievement to The Ninety-Nines, and an Award of Inspiration. The Award of Merit and The George Palmer Putnam Award are given to non-99s for support provided to our organization. Please consult The 99s’s website for information on how to submit your nominations. The deadline is January 31, 2021.

International Nominating Committee

The International Nominating Committee Chair, Susan Larson, reported that there are two positions coming up for International Director. To qualify to be on the International Board, one must have been a

member of The 99s for at least five consecutive years. The Nominating Committee for the International Board consists of Susan Larson, Diane Cole, Rosanne Isom, Virginia Rollin, and Margaret Wench.

Guest Speaker

The Governor introduced Mackenzie Burghart, the Director of Development for the Atchison Amelia Earhart Foundation and the Amelia Earhart Hangar Museum. This museum is located at the Atchison Airport and is a \$12 million project. It has 17,000 square feet of useful space with ¼ designated as terminal space and ¾ assigned to the museum's educational exhibits, FBO, and flight school. In 2016, the Museum Board purchased a restored Lockheed Electra 10E from a fellow 99, who had hoped to complete AE's flight in it, but was unable and sold it to the museum. The museum is integrating its exhibits and interactive activities to the curriculum standards of Kansas and Missouri in an effort to attract nearby K-8th grade students. There are teacher education access benefits for materials to use in their curriculum. The museum's goals are to bring Amelia Earhart's story to life, increase recreational flying, promote the 99s, and bring awareness to all aviation careers.

Report from NIFA (National Intercollegiate Flying Association)

Marilyn Shaefer, International Chair of NIFA, reported that their goals are to raise money for their sponsorship fee and cash awards for the 99s Women's Achievement Awards. These awards are given to the top 3 women applicants. Amelia Earhart and Charles Lindbergh were two of the earliest NIFA judges, even before the 99s were created. Visit the International 99s website to sign up to be a judge at your regional NIFA Safecon. Thanks to the following chapters and individuals for their donations: Ambassador, Houston, Nebraska, Pike's Peak, Colorado, Sue Osborne, Monica Randolph-Graham, and Jerry Ann Jurenka. NIFA needs \$5750 for the awards and is still seeking donations. Please send a donation to NIFA through The 99s website, or if sending a check, write "NIFA awards" on the memo line. Look for Marilyn Shaefer's article in the November-December issue of the 99s magazine.

Museum of Women Pilots

Governor Monica Randolph-Graham next reported on The 99s Museum of Women Pilots on behalf of Lisa Cotham, Trustee Chair. The museum applied for a grant which would have provided funds to enhance their Youth Education Center and also enable them to host speakers. Unfortunately, they did not receive this grant. They are asking for donations to complete the education center, to pay their speakers, and for the operating cost of the museum. The Covid-19 pandemic shut the museum down a few months, and now they are open two days a week. The museum thanks all who have contributed.

Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum

Bonnie Johnson, Trustee Chair of The Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum, reported that the museum is currently in operation. There will be a drawing for their Garmin fundraiser on November 7, 2020 at 11:30 AM. They also have a promotional paper doll named Willow who travels the world, and who will be at both the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum and the Hangar Museum on November 11, 2020. The roof repairs for the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum will cost \$29,000. The funds that the museum has will not cover the entire cost, and the Board of Directors for the museum would appreciate donations or purchases from the gift shop. The museum is open Fridays and Saturdays by appointment.

Governor's Report

Governor Monica Randolph-Graham reported that the present first goal of the SCS is to open up lines of communication with the chapter chairs. On August 4, 2020, the first Zoom meeting was held with the chapter chairs, to determine their needs as well as to learn about their chapter activities.

On August 25, the Governor implemented a training series which was followed by a leadership seminar on September 21. The topic was "Resilience and Motivation." On November 10th, the SCS will have a Mentor Panel with Laurie Parker from the Southwest Section, Susan Larson from the South Central Section, and Joanne Campbell from the NY/NJ Section. On December 8th, the topic will be about fundraising. The invitation is open not only to the chapter chairs, but also to all members of the SCS.

The Board voted to have an Assistant Treasurer, which was filled by Elizabeth Frankowski. We are also launching a new Section Mentor Advisor, filled by Susan Larson. The Board purchased a Zoom account for the Section, and which will be shared with our chapters for their meetings. If chapter chairs are interested, please contact Governor Monica Randolph Graham. Zoom will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Governor Monica Randolph-Graham introduced the new advisors and committee chairs whose terms for 2020-2022 will begin November 1, 2020.

Sue Osborne – Section NIFA Advisor

Susan Larson – Mentor Advisor

Aileen Hummel – AE Memorial Scholarship Advisor, Committee Chair

Martha Molina – Awards Chair

Vice Governor's Report

Vice Governor Laurie Adams Peake will assist the local hosting conference chapters by providing guidance, documents, and The South Central Section Meeting Manual. She also provides forms and statistical information from past section meetings. The South Central Section Manual was recently overhauled, to decrease topic redundancy and to provide for overall better flow. Laurie announced the upcoming section conference schedule as follows:

March 19-21, 2021 – Lake Charles & SE Section New Orleans Chapter (to be held in Baton Rouge)

October 15-17, 2021 – Dallas Chapter (to be held in McKinney)

Spring 2022 – Colorado Chapter

Fall 2022 – of Texas Chapter (Corpus Christi area)

SCS Director's Report

Becky Smith reported that her primary focus has been on membership retention and recurrency. Becky sends email reminders to anyone whose membership is past due. Members are encouraged to renew their membership before three months past the due date to avoid being placed on "inactive status." However, because of financial issues for some, usually because of Covid-19 job losses, members can defer the year 2020 payment until 2021, at which time both years will be due. Our SCS membership has gone down slightly from 917 to 909 since the April meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Aileen Hummel reported that the financial reports and budget were posted on the website and were sent in the procedure email for this meeting. The beginning balance on June 21, 2020 was \$5242.29. After receipts and expenditures, the balance as of October 1, 2020 is \$6408.28.

Assistant Treasurer's Report

Aileen Hummel introduced the Assistant Treasurer, Elizabeth Frankowski, who summarized the Financial Report. Pat Keefer asked if the section and chapter receive a portion of the large payment made by a Lifetime Member. Former Governor Gretchen Jahn responded. A portion of the Lifetime Member payment are dues which are sent to the Section at the time the payment is made. Because there is no requirement for chapters to charge dues, no money is sent to the chapter.

Elizabeth Frankowski announced the donations proposed by the SCS Board.

AE Memorial Scholarship Fund	300
AE Birthplace Museum	1000
Museum of Women Pilots	1000
Endowment Fund	300
NIFA	500
Endowment Operations	<u>250</u>
	\$3350

Elizabeth Frankowski reported that we receive \$4.50 from each member who renews each month, which usually totals about \$2500. She also explained that the Section's expenses were less this time because of the online virtual meeting. Elizabeth made a motion to approve the donations recommended by the Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Julie Hall-den Boer. Governor Monica Randolph-Graham called for an online vote on the donations. Becky Smith reported that all votes were in favor of the new proposed donation amounts.

Webmaster's and Approach Editor's Report

The Governor reported for Heather Hodge, Webmaster and Approach Editor, as she was unable to attend. Reports and minutes are posted on the website. The first reminder for articles or pictures for The Approach will be sent February 7, 2021 with a deadline of February 14. Articles should be ready to be published without revisions. Any 99s submitting photographs should identify the people in them. An appeal was made for someone with technological skills to volunteer to help Heather with the website and The Approach.

Awards Committee Report

Martha Molina gave the Awards Committee report. Melissa Sandstrom has been added to the committee to get perspective from a new student pilot. The committee devised three major criteria for awards as follows:

1. Vision – Promote participation in chapters and SCS
2. Time – Gather information from Chapter Chairs
3. Money – Offer a variety of practical aviation-related prizes, donated from available resources

The committee also considered the following as important points of reference for awards:

1. Lowering the overall cost to the Section
2. Increasing the desirability of the prize
3. Recognizing chapters
4. Recognizing individuals
5. Being aware of the difficulties faced by smaller chapters

As such, the Awards Committee is offering two new contests. Chapters are requested to enter an essay about a meaningful event within your chapter during the previous 6 months. There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners that will be shared at our next SCS meeting. These essays may be published in the Approach and The International 99s Magazine.

The second is a Mentorship Contest for individual members. Write your experience about someone who has encouraged you in your flying, and share the qualities and tips that made your mentor the best.

Members who have earned a certificate or a new endorsement will be entered into one of two drawings during the SCS meeting for a new flight experience award. The member receives one drawing entry for each new certificate or endorsement. For example, perhaps the member received a taildragger or seaplane rating. Chapters are asked to have two new flight experiences per year to offer as awards. For example, an award could be a flight in a Super Cub, a seaplane, or a taildragger. Flight experience awards can also be given to young pilots to inspire them. When each chapter has two awards per year, it is helpful for the award winner to be able to use that award in her general region, as the SCS extends from Nebraska to south Texas, creating a distance or cost which may be prohibitive for some.

The committee will also recognize members who have been 99s for 50 or more years. As today's meeting is virtual, these members will receive a surprise in the mail to honor them. We would also appreciate our members sending a note of appreciation to our 50-year plus members when you receive the list.

If you would like to suggest more awards, please email them to SCS99awardscommittee@gmail.com .

The Awards Committee offered a prize today of a family pass to the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum in Atchison, Kansas and a choice of a T-shirt from the Museum. As the meeting is virtual, Becky Smith was asked to randomly point to the digital attendee list to choose a winner, who was Ellen Herron. Ellen accepted the T-shirt offer, but turned back the family pass prize. Becky randomly chose again, and the winner of the family pass was Carolyn Brooks.

Aerospace Education Report

The Aerospace Education Advisor is Angie Slingluff. Her reports are on the website.

Aviation Legislation Report

Jill Shockley is the Aviation Legislation Advisor. Her report is on the website.

501(c)(3) Financial Report

Kris Irvin-Herron reported with the 501(c)(3) information. The deadline for filing the 990N was Thursday, October 15th. Kris filed all chapter financial reports from the chapters who asked her to file their reports. A few chapters filed their own reports. Kris received chapter reports from all but three chapters: Golden Triangle, Tip of Texas, and Tulsa. Those financial reports must be turned in soon, and she can still file them.

Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Report

Aileen Hummel, the AE Scholarship Chair, encouraged everyone interested to apply for the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship. The application and information are online, and the deadline is January 1, 2021.

The Governor recognized the AE Memorial Scholarship Committee members for their time of service and commended them for their hard work. A 99s mask will be sent to all in gratitude.

Rose Lepore – 1997 to present

Clancy Maloney – 2014-15, 2016 to present

Cheryl Mora – 2018-2020

Rebecca Hempel – 2007-2020, 2017-2020 chair, outgoing chair

New Position Announced

Monica Randolph-Graham announced a new position, Section Membership Advisor. If interested, send an email to her at governor.scs@gmail.com.

New Business

There was no new business.

Dallas Chapter Appreciation

The Governor extends her thanks to the Dallas Chapter for attempting to host the spring 2020 meeting when the Covid-19 struck. Dallas contracted again with the hotel for Fall 2020, but they were forced to renegotiate because of continued widespread Covid-19. They will now host the Fall 2021 meeting.

SCS Spring Conference Information

Governor Monica Randolph Graham spoke on behalf of Sandra Leder for the Lake Charles Chapter and Lisa Cockburn, the Chair of Southeast Chapter NOLA. Lake Charles and NOLA are hosting the joint spring 2021 conference March 19-21, 2021 in Baton Rouge, LA. However, because of hurricanes which have hit Lake Charles and other parts of Louisiana severely, they have cancelled their contract with the hotel. The two chapters will make a determination on January 1, 2021 whether the conference will be in-person or a virtual online meeting. The SCS sends our best wishes to the people of Louisiana as they continue to cope with personal needs, cleaning up, and rebuilding in the wake of these hurricanes.

Calendar of Events

Vice Governor Laurie Adams Peake presented a calendar of upcoming events.

October 20, 2020 – Navigating NEXRAD Webinar sponsored by Sirius XM, 8 PM CDT

November 6-7, 2020 – Fall International Board of Directors Meeting online (99s website)

January 7, 2021 – Flashionary-online scavenger hunt, presented by Paradise Coast Chapter (99s website)

January 31, 2021 – Deadline for 2021 International Awards submission

January 31, 2021 – Spring deadline for the Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative Mentoring program

March 19-21, 2021 – Spring SCS Business Meeting, Baton Rouge, LA

April 13-18, 2021 – Sun 'N Fun – Florida

July 7-11, 2021 – International Conference and Expo, Long Beach, CA (register 99s website)

July 26-Aug. 1, 2021 – EAA Airventure, Osh Kosh, WI

July 31, 2021 – Autumn deadline for the Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative Mentoring program

Announcements

1. Feel free to contact Marilyn Shafer, NIFA, at grobbsmom@email.com or 813-245-1398.
2. From Shannon Osborne, New York/New Jersey – The International Forest of Friendship is working with greater Kansas City chapters on a compass rose at K59, Amelia Earhart Airport in first quarter 2021.
3. From Pat Keefer – Ideas for awards suggested were a new spot landing award by landing on the bell, or landing long or landing short events.

Closing Remarks

Governor Monica Randolph-Graham extended her thanks to all Board members and to Heather Hodge, Webmaster and Approach Editor, who was unable to attend. She also expressed her appreciation to the immediate past Governor, Gretchen Jahn, for her numerous hours of help in preparation for today's meeting. A special thank you was extended to Director Becky Smith for her perseverance in preparing the Zoom platform, sending procedure emails, and other technical help. The Governor expressed her gratitude for the accomplishments of everyone involved in preparation and planning for this meeting, as we face the challenges posed by the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM CDT.