



SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION APPROACH LITE SPRING 2020

Governor Gretchen Jahn called the first online South Central Section Business Meeting to order at 9:25 am CDT. There were 39 South Central Section delegates in attendance representing 11 chapters.

Incoming South Central Section Officers for 2020-2022 were introduced and are as follows: Governor Monica Randolph-Graham, Vice-Governor Laurie Adams Peake, Secretary Kathy Clark, and Treasurer Aileen Hummel, Director Kathy Spahr and Director Becky Smith. Nominating Committee members include Kaylee Jeffries, Jo Cunningham, and Gretchen Jahn.

International Director Robin Hadfield announced that The Ninety-Nines International Conference and Career Expo for this year, 2020, was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic and is rescheduled for July 7-11, 2021 at the same location in Long Beach, CA. The 2020 Annual International Business Meeting will take place online on July 11 at 8:30 am PDT. Subsequent conferences will be in Charlotte, North Carolina in 2022, Jordan in 2023 and Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada in 2024.

A discussion ensued regarding redirection of Chapter and Section levels funds normally donated to outside organizations supported by The Ninety-Nines during this time of financial stress. The YouTube/99s Don't Rush Challenge video, Instagram and Facebook pages are examples of how The Ninety-Nines are staying globally connected.

All chapters are advised to beware of internet scams and to be vigilant with emails, texts, and phone calls. It was reported that two sections have lost money due to scams. General Council Cecile Hatfield pointed out that all requests for wire transfers over \$500 from a treasurer should be confirmed by their Chapter Chairman or Section Governor.

As of April 21, 2020, there were 917 South Central Section members representing 24 chapters. Several chapters are now having online meetings.

An SCS goal was to provide section meeting online registration which was designed by Heather Hodge. This new registration process will be implemented for the Fall Section Meeting.

The Aviation Legislation and Aerospace Education Reports can be found on the website.

Kris Irvin provided the 501(c)(3) Report and announced that chapters who would like her to file the 990-N Report, it is important to indicate this on the Chapter Financial Report.

A special thank you to South Central Section Scholarship Chairman Rebecca Hempel and her committee for their work with the Amelia Earhart Scholarships and Fly Now Awards.

The 2020 Fall Section Meeting will be hosted by the Dallas Chapter on October 15-18 followed by the Spring Section Meeting hosted by the Lake Charles and NOLA Chapters on March 19-21, 2021. The 2021 Fall meeting is to be hosted by the Tip of Texas Chapter, the 2022 Spring Meeting by the Colorado Chapter and the 2022 Fall Meeting by the El Paso Chapter.

Treasurer Elizabeth Frankowski presented the Financial Report which is also posted online. As of April 21, 2020, ending balance in the checking account balance is \$5020.29. It was noted the Host to Host money provided to the Dallas Chapter for the Spring Section Meeting will be retained for hosting expenses at the Fall Section Meeting.

The Approach Editor Heather Hodge reported that the first reminder for submissions will be sent August 23, 2020 with the deadline on September 6. A paragraph is requested to accompany pictures that are submitted for *The Approach*.

The South Central Section website is in its first phase of change. Also, the website has achieved a non-profit status. Thank you to Webmaster Linda Horn for assisting with the knowledge and transfer to Heather Hodge.

The Governor's Award was given to Heather Hodge in appreciation for her contributions to the South Central Section Newsletter, the South Central Section Website and *The Approach* publication.

A Blue Tile Number SE 39 on the Compass Rose at The Ninety-Nines Headquarters was presented to Governor Gretchen Jahn by the South Central Section Officers in gratitude for her service as governor.

Laurie Adams Peake, Chairman of the Fall Section Planning Committee, provided an invitation to the "Wild Wings of the West" Section Meeting on October 16-18.

Governor Jahn thanked the outgoing Board of Directors and expressed appreciation of accomplishments achieved during the last two years.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 pm CDT