



Approach Lite

For those of you who did not get to the South Central Section meeting in Oklahoma City, you missed a great meeting.

Friday afternoon we went by bus to OU and met with some of the Metrological students and watched them prepare and fly their weather drone. These drones fly up to 350 feet to record weather from the ground to this level. It was very interesting to watch them go through the check list before flight like a pilot would do before flying their plane.

Friday night the Oklahoma Chapter held a welcome reception for us at Headquarters, the food was delicious---so much variety you had to sample a little of each dish. After dinner the Museum was open to any who wanted to visit. It is really a remarkable place.

Saturday morning the Business meeting began with the Call to Order by Governor Stephenie Roberts. A quorum was declared and minutes of last meeting approved.

Our International Representative was Director Leslie Prellwitz, she gave us an update of things happening at the International level. The 99s website has been revamped making it easier to get navigate it. Now you can also renew your information online. The Directory is going to print. If you want a copy notify Laura at Headquarters. The cost is \$15 plus shipping. Electronic voting has been approved by the International Board.

Sue Osbourne, our Nominating Committee Chairman, stated that the applications for new board members are on the website. If you have any questions email her at sueav8s@q.com.

Kris Irvin Herron, 501(c)(3) Advisor, stated a number of chapters have not submitted their financial reports for filing with the IRS. She needs them ASAP.

Kay Alley, Membership Advisor stated we need to be more interactive with our first time attendees at our meetings. It was decided that a red ribbon be attached to the badges of first time members so we can recognize them and make them feel welcome. Kay provided a blue folder for each chairman to keep them up to date on what is required of them.

AEMSF packets are available on the website for those interested in applying.

Martha Molina, Awards Advisor, will send out a list of previous awards for our consideration. She needs a list from each chapter of awards we want to have recognized.

Jill Shockley provided us with the latest Legislation news.

Ellie Block indicated that February 17 is the deadline for Approach articles and pictures.

Carol Sutton reported on the AEBM stating that all the heating and A/C to be replaced. The Forest of Friendship is wondering if The 99s would be involved in taking it over. The new Chairman is Anne Shaneyfelt and Carole Sutton is the Treasurer.

Jerry Anne Jurenka is the new International NIFA Chairman. If you are interesting in helping with NIFA please contact Jerry Anne. She is hoping chapters will donate to NIFA so that we can increase the amount of the scholarships given out to \$1000, \$750 and \$500.

Jody McCarrell was presented her plaque for the Achievement Award she was awarded at International in Ottawa.

Cathy and Reni gave an update on the 2017 Conference, reminding chapters about the centerpieces they are asked to make for the International Awards Banquet. Chapters may have the centerpiece represent their chapter or area. Contact Carol Brackley regarding acceptance of centerpieces. Cathy & Reni also requested members of the SCS register ASAP. You can choose activities later. If you want a t-shirt before the conference contact Cathy Prudhomme.

The Endowment Fund presented a check for \$82,294.46 to the Building Maintenance fund to pay for the new stairs to the Museum of Women Pilots.

The invitation from Shreveport was given for the Fall Section Meeting. The dates are October 5-8, 2017.

Don't forget the Spring Section meeting in San Antonio on May 6. We will have a business meeting and an overview & tour of the Conference hotel. The Business meeting will be late enough the morning that you can come in that day. We do hope you will stay to help with last minute plans for International Conference.

Heather Sterzick Dirkson of the Oklahoma chapter gave a great presentation on her flying career and experiences at the Saturday Banquet.

A big thank you to Oklahoma Chapter for a fun, fun weekend!