



South Central Section Ninety-Nines

Spring 2019

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Here is a recap of The 99s South Central Section Spring Meeting on March 23, 2019 in Kearney, Nebraska. There was a total of 31 delegates in attendance from nine chapters.

It will be 90 years since The Ninety-Nines first met at Curtiss Field on November 2, 1929. There will be a celebration at the International Conference in Dayton, Ohio in July, as well as, a dinner reception during the International Board of Directors Meeting at the Museum of Women Pilots in Oklahoma City on November 2nd.

Gretchen Jahn announced that as of February 2019, the South-Central Section has 904 members with 18 new members this year as a result of the marketing plan that international is implementing.

Monica Randolph-Graham shared that the Dallas Chapter will host the 2020 Spring meeting and the Colorado Chapter will host the 2021 Fall Section meeting with all other chapters, in the section meeting rotation after Fall 2021, moving forward one year.

Elizabeth Frankowski reported that the checking account ending on March 22, 2019 showed a balance of \$6,198.74.

The past year's activities at the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum were shared by Ann Shaneyfelt. Bonnie Johnson has joined the Board of Trustees.

The Annual Forest of Friendship Celebration is on September 20-21 this year. Ann Shaneyfelt is challenging all sections to have at least two new inductees each year.

Jacque Boyd reported that there were 85 applications for the Fly Now Award and 18 were funded. Sixty-five Amelia Earhart Scholarship applications were submitted and one third have been forwarded to outside judges.

Museum of Women Pilots - The Penny Nagy Education Center will be moved to a new location in the museum with additional interactive displays and the Military area will be enlarged.

National Collegiate Flying Association Competition will be on May 13-19 and hosted by the University of Wisconsin.

The current Endowment Fund is over two million dollars with \$148,000 available in dividends to be allocated for building improvements and projects.

The SCS 99s Facebook page is not open to everyone and can be joined only with approval. There are currently 137 Facebook members and all section members are encouraged to join.

SCS *Approach* has a new editor, Heather Hodge.

Website - Linda Horn with Heather Hodge will modernize the website and would welcome suggestions.



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Records of retention and scanning for international have been completed and chapters may send their records for scanning.

Gretchen Jahn, Chair of the International Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee, reported on modernization of the bylaws to comply with Delaware law and with the goal to make what is being said clear, useful, and usable by members. There will be a proposed amendment with the first set of these changes, plus an amendment to address several election process issues. On June 4, 2019 a webinar is scheduled to review the proposed bylaws amendments.

Proposals were presented for donating the appropriated \$2000.00 from the budget. The delegates at the meeting approved the following: \$500.00 for the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum, \$500.00 for the Museum of Women Pilots, \$500.00 for NIFA, \$250.00 for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund and \$250.00 for the Endowment Fund.

An invitation to the Fall Meeting hosted by the Brazos River Chapter to be held in Abilene, Texas in October 25-27 was given. At this meeting, there will be a dedication and celebration of Charter Member Vera Dawn Walker at her gravesite with the grave marker purchased by the South Central Section.