

The Ninety-Nines, Inc.
International Organization of Women Pilots
South Central Section Spring Business Meeting
Grand Junction, CO – April 23, 2005

Section Governor Kris Irvin called the meeting to order at 9 am on Saturday, April 23, 2005. Letty Kolb of the High Country Chapter gave the invocation.

Introductions

Vice-Governor Chris Swain introduced Connie Wilds, International Director and our President's personal representative to our Section; Liz Lundin, Headquarters Manager; Sue Larson, International Treasurer; Frances Luckhart, International Director & past SCS Governor; Bonita Ades & Sue Halpain, past SCS Governors, and Marjorie Richison, SCS Director, trustees of the Museum of Women Pilots; Joan Kerwin, International Historian; Kay Alley & Carole Sutton, past SCS Governors, trustees of the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum; Madeleine Monaco, Amelia Earhart Scholarship trustee; and Anna Taylor, past SCS Governor. Chris also introduced our special guests: Julie Boatman, Technical Editor with AOPA Pilot magazine and Sherry Walker, San Antonio Chapter, a mother & mother-in-law of astronauts. Chris also welcomed the six first-time attendees.

Governors Remarks

Kris Irvin remarked at how busy she has become and what fun three-day all-day International Board Meetings were. Kris also serves as the International Awards Chairman and is on the International Finance committee.

Kris then opened the business portion of the meeting by asking secretary Diane Rose to call the roll. Diane reported 47 members from 16 chapters present, and declared a quorum.

Albuquerque - 1	Golden Triangle - 3	Rio Grande Norte – 2
Ambassador - 0	High Country - 5	San Antonio - 6
Arkansas - 2	Houston - 3	Shreveport - 0
Austin - 0	Kansas - 1	Texas Dogwood - 0
Brazos River - 1	Lake Charles - 0	Tip of Texas - 0
Colorado – 8	Nebraska - 2	Top of Texas – 0
Dallas – 2	Northeast Kansas – 0	Tulsa – 2
El Paso – 0	Oklahoma – 4	Wichita Falls – 0
Fort Worth – 1	Pikes Peak – 4	Wildflower – 0
	Purple Sage – 0	At Large – 0

The minutes from the 2005 Fall Section business meeting in Santa Fe that were posted and distributed were approved with the correction of Bonita Ades last name. Secretary Diane Rose thanked readers, Linda Horn & Jan McKenzie, Colorado Chapter and Sandra Leder, Lake Charles Chapter, for reading the minutes. Diane appointed Linda Horn, Colorado Chapter, and Beverly Stephens, Golden Triangle Chapter, to read the minutes from the Grand Junction Business Meeting and Director Marjorie Richison, Oklahoma Chapter, as the motions page.

Treasurer's Report

Jan McKenzie reported that 129 members out of 914 members do not pay dues because they are either life, FWP, academic or emeritus members, thus reducing income. Our biggest expense is the *Approach*, which has cost the Section \$2,556.77 thus far this fiscal year. Jan noted that only 10 Chapters out of 28 have paid the recommended \$2.00 per member to

support the *Approach*. These Chapters are: Dallas, Pikes Peak, Colorado, At Large, Houston, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Northeast Kansas, Golden Triangle, Austin, and High Country. Discussion followed. Excess revenues over expenditures: \$449.14 with a \$300.00 bill pending. Donations have not been made yet due to our budget crunch. The Morgan Stanley account currently has a balance of \$8,804.72.

International Report

International Director & our International Representative Connie Wilds commented on what a unique group of women we are and thanked the High Country Chapter for hosting our Spring Section Meeting. Connie brought us greetings from the International Board of Directors. She discussed our declining membership and the lack of renewals. Our past problems at Headquarters have been solved; however, our Collections Room floor is sinking. Repair costs will be close to \$50,000. Fund raising efforts such as Friends of 99s and Corporate Sponsors were discussed.

Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum Report

Carole Sutton stated that the restoration of the dining room was complete courtesy of the family of Lois Feigenbaum. The dedication will be Saturday, June 18, 2005 at 2:30 pm during the Forest of Friendship. Ways to contribute to the museum were suggested: seeking a grant, adopting a window for \$80.00 or buying a 'brick' at the museum (available in various price ranges).

2007 International Conference

Conference Chair Jan McKenzie reported that in November of 2004 the International Board of Directors approved our Section's bid for the 2007 International Conference. The Omni Hotel in the Boulder/Denver area will be the conference hotel on September 12-16, 2007. Standard rooms will be \$125.00 per night (plus taxes). Discussion followed on the proposed contents of the 300+ 'goodie bags'. The Nebraska Chapter will host the Fly Market; and FWP, Margot Plummer of the Colorado Chapter will be our official photographer. Ideas to boost attendance such as: side trips, tours, skits, optional dinner away from conference site, Awards Banquet and AE Scholarship Banquet were discussed.

OLD BUSINESS: None

ADVISOR REPORTS:

Membership

Gloria Blank discussed our retention problems. In May 2004 we had 955 members in our Section – currently we have 914 members. Liz Lundin noted that 90% of members not renewing their membership have been members for only one year. Past Section Governor and International Director Frances Luckhart noted that a few chapter officers were not members of 99s International. Discussion followed with emphasis on the chapters making new members feel welcome and involving them in chapter activities.

SCS Webmaster

Linda Horn informed members that minutes from board and section meetings are posted on our website. Committees are currently working on updating the Section SOPs for officers and Section Meeting SOPs.

Aviation Scholarships

Madeleine Monaco for Rose Lepore reported that the deadline for scholarships and awards has been moved to December 1st. Last year the membership requirement was dropped from two years to one year. For suggestions on improving applications, please ask Rose.

International/SCS Bylaws -- Beverly Stephens has no updates at this time.

Aviation Legislation -- Advisor Charli Lamb was not present; Kris Irvin distributed the spring report.

Awards

Phyllis Scott announced that she has the chapter awards forms with her and that they are also available in the *Approach* and on the Section website.

Scrapbook

Sue Larson proudly showed off the beautiful scrapbook that her two-year old Chapter, Rio Grande Norte has put together.

SCS Approach

Anna Taylor for Dottie Loveless thanked contributors for their articles. Plus, a reminder to those present that articles will be needed for the next *Approach*. Donna Miller, Colorado Chapter, will write the Spotlight Article for the next issue. The deadline for articles to Dottie is June 24. Anna outlined the cash flow problems the *Approach* is having. The strain on the budget is the same regardless of the number of copies printed because the set-up costs are the same. Discussion followed. The consensus of the members was to save the printed form of the *Approach*. Members quickly decided to "pass-the-hat" for on-the-spot donations. It was noted that the *Approach* is available on the Section website.

Historian

Penny White suggested giving our historical books to the library and giving little reminders of flying to members as a way to keep in touch.

Museum of Women Pilots

Margie Richison invited members to visit the museum. She stated that they have the largest collection of information and artifacts on women in aviation in the world. Also, to consider what you have that could be donated. Past Governor Bonita Ades suggested that a visit to the museum would be a great cross-country; and that help is needed June 2-18th to review and catalogue some of what they have accumulated.

NEW BUSINESS:

Event Insurance

Governor Kris Irvin stated that our Event Insurance after 9/11 has gone from \$1,800 per year to \$10,000. Chapters who have a flying event need to get this insurance, which is \$125 per event. International has requested \$1.00 back out of the \$5.00 from our section dues to help with this insurance, but they are still short \$3,300 for the insurance. The section dues are paid through our international dues for each section.

2004-05 Budget

Treasurer Jan McKenzie thanked members for their contributions to the *Approach* "pass-the-hat" fund, which came to approximately \$220. Linda Horn challenged life members, who do not pay dues, to match her donation to the section – a second check was promptly given.

The proposed budget is based on 775 section members with a dues rebate from International of \$4.00 per member and with \$1.00 staying at International to help cover the cost of the insurance. The budget was discussed and approved by members with an estimated beginning balance of \$1,379 in checking and \$8,875 in Morgan Stanley. The membership also approved a \$500 donation out of the Morgan Stanley account toward repair of the sinking Collections Room floor at Headquarters. Jan reminded chapters that there is no money set aside for the Special Event Section Meeting Fund but that the \$300 could be drawn out of Morgan Stanley if requested.

Section Meeting Rotation

Vice-Governor Chris Swain has two chapters lined up for upcoming section meetings: Fall 2006, the Purple Sage Chapter, and Spring 2007, the Nebraska Chapter. Chris discussed how chapters were picked in the past for section meetings. It was recommended by our Board that we go back to the alphabetical, by chapter, rotation selection system. Chapters who have hosted a section meeting within the last five years would be exempt in the first rotation. It was suggested that the year we are hosting the International Conference, we only have a business meeting on the Tuesday before the Conference. Chris will contact the Ambassador Chapter with a request to host this event.

New Zealand Report

International Treasurer Sue Larson reported that there is still time to make arrangements to come to the International Conference in New Zealand. Sue reminded members of the May 1st early bird registration deadline and how easily registration could be done on the 99s website.

Governor's Closing Comments

Governor Kris Irvin reminded members that Phyllis Scott is running for Trustee for the Museum of Women Pilots, Joan Kerwin is running for International Director, and Connie Wilds is running for another term as International Director.

Fall Section Meeting Invitation

Pikes Peak Chapter members Bridget Rathjen, Phyllis Wells, and Megan Brawley formally invited the membership to the Fall Section Meeting in Colorado Springs, CO on September 30, October 1-2, 2005.

Announcements

The Kansas Chapter announced that the Spring 2006 Section Meeting would be May 19-21 in Wichita, Kansas.

Governor Kris Irvin adjourned the meeting at 12 Noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane F. Rose, Secretary

Minutes read by: Linda Horn, Colorado Chapter
Beverly Stephens, Golden Triangle Chapter