

South Central Section Fall Business Meeting

Amarillo, Texas

Saturday, September 13, 2008

Governor Jan McKenzie called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 13, 2008.

Invocation

Past Governor Chris Swain gave the Invocation.

Introductions

Governor Jan McKenzie introduced Susan Larson, International President; Kris Irvin-Herron, International Treasurer and past SCS Governor; Phyllis Scott, Museum of Women Pilots trustee; Nancy Aldrich, first vice-chairman of the Endowment Fund; Jerry Ann Jurenka, Nominating Committee; Sue Halpain, Bonita Ades and Dorothy Warren, past SCS Governors.

Governor's Remarks

Governor Jan McKenzie recognized committee members and others that have helped the section: Rose LaPore, Scholarship Chairman; Gloria Blank and Laura Richter, Awards Committee; Beverly Stephens, Bylaws Committee; Charlie Lamb, Legislation and parliamentary help; Kris Irvin-Herron, currently International Treasurer; Linda Horn, registration and Webmaster. Members are urged to contact the Governor by e-mail, etc. to share ideas and concerns. Also recognized were first time attendees, life members, and Chapter Chairs. Governor McKenzie has established two goals. First, contact each Chapter chair to get on their newsletter list. Reasons for members not renewing was chapters had no flying activities and no discussion of flying — not financial reasons, and no one asked them to be involved. She urged chapters to ask new members to do something, and consider multi-chapter meetings. The second goal is to reestablish the Mexico Section as a sister section. Governor Jan McKenzie and International President Susan Larson plan to meet with former Ninety-Nines and other women pilots in Mexico on September 26-28, 2008. She expressed thanks for the opportunity to serve.

Roll Call/Minutes

Governor Jan McKenzie opened the business meeting by asking those present to read the minutes from the 2008 Spring Section in Albuquerque. In the absence of Secretary Cathy Wappler, Jo Agee-Housler was asked to call the roll.

Albuquerque – 2	Golden Triangle – 3	Purple Sage - 4
Ambassador – 0	High Country – 0	Rio Grande Norte – 2
Arkansas – 1	Houston - 1	San Antonio – 7
Austin – 0	Kansas – 0	Shreveport – 0
Brazos River – 3	Lake Charles – 0	Texas Dogwood – 1
Colorado – 4	Nebraska – 0	Tip of Texas – 0
Dallas - 3	Northeast Kansas – 0	Tulsa – 2
El Paso – 0	Oklahoma – 2	Wichita Falls – 1
Fort Worth – 2	Pikes Peak – 0	Wildflower – 0
At Large – 1		

Jo Agee-Housler reported 39 members from 16 chapters were present, and a quorum was declared. (Later the Oklahoma Chapter reported 5 members present.) As there were no corrections, the minutes of the 2008 Spring Section meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Lisa Ward stated that she was honored to serve on the SCS Board and hoped to get better acquainted with Board procedures. She noted that the Financial Report distributed included FY 2007-08 Budget and also the FY 2008-09 Budget. There was a question regarding \$5500 donation to the Endowment Fund: the intention had been \$5000 to the Endowment Fund and \$500 to the Endowment Fund-Operations. Lisa Ward will request that this be reallocated. The SCS financial figures as of May 31, 2008 are:

Ending Checking Balance: \$6,157.08
Money Market and CD: \$9,598.65

Plans are to change the format of the Financial Report and to have it available on the section website.

International Report

International President Sue Larson reported that changes to all bylaws and standing rules under consideration were passed at the International conference in Anchorage, Alaska; new Chapter Chairman manual can be downloaded from the website when available; when the website is updated renewals can be done on-line; new member brochures are under revision. She checked membership by ranges in dates of joining and found that 51% joined in the current decade; 600 (10%) in the last year. Retention is the key to maintaining membership; later in the meeting we will do brainstorming on ways to help chapters. Use of e-network forums was discussed; Linda Horn could serve as a consultant for those interested. A Reynolds Foundation Grant of \$100,000 will help with repairs and maintenance to the Headquarters building; air-conditioning units have been purchased and will be installed soon; outside stairs, deck, and doors need attention. Please include her on chapter newsletter mailing lists. All members are invited to attend the October 24, 25, 2008 Fall Board Meeting. Susan urged us to keep membership forms with us at all times.

New International Website

Linda Horn briefly discussed how to get on an e-network; reported that funding had been received to work on the 'new' International 99s website and the new functions it will include. Security requirements are delaying some functions.

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Kris Irvin-Herron reminded chapters of the IRS filing requirement with the deadline of October 15 each year and gave instructions on how to sign up. There is no penalty for the first 3 years, but it is very important and Kris will help if needed.

Amelia Bearhart: Bonnie Lewis won Amelia at the geocaching in Albuquerque, flew her on many adventures and took pictures. She will be passed on to the chapter who wins the Travel Trophy at subsequent section meetings.

Awards

Gloria Blank and Laura Richter presented the awards and examples of what some of the chapters did to earn the awards.

Membership	Colorado
Donations	Golden Triangle-1st, Colorado-2 nd
Aviation Activities	Rio Grande Norte-1 st , Colorado-2 nd
Visits to Aviation Facilities	Pikes Peak 1 st , Purple Sage-2 nd
Aviation Functions	Pikes Peak-1 st , tie for 2 nd - Rio Grande Norte and Colorado
Safety	Pikes Peak-1 st , Kansas- 2 nd
FAA Wings Program	Rio Grande Norte

Gloria Blank congratulated the winners and thanked Sherry Walker for preparing the certificates. Governor Jan McKenzie noted that she enjoyed hearing the various chapter activities.

Travel Trophy

San Antonio won the Travel Trophy, again. Bonnie Lewis surrendered Amelia Bearhart and encouraged San Antonio to take her on trips and take pictures to add to her book.

Scrapbook

Jerry Ann Jurenka presented the Scrapbook awards to Rio Grande Norte-1st and Golden Triangle-2nd. The scrapbooks were on view in the Hospitality Room.

Governor's Award

Jan McKenzie presented the Governor's Award to the Brazos River Chapter for their fly out to a school for children where they present educational programs on aviation, an activity they have done for 7 years.

New Business

Governor Jan McKenzie reported that the SCS Board recommends that a \$10,000 donation be made to the Headquarters Building Fund and that a challenge be issued to the Southwest Section to double our contribution. Needs were discussed by Bonita Ades, Sue Halpain, Beverly Stephens, and Susan Larson. Frances Luckhart noted that Kansas has made a donation. Other discussion concerned penalties for removing money from CDs. The motion was restated: The SCS Board moves that we donate \$10,000 to the Building Fund and challenge SW Section to double our contribution. The contribution is to be done at a time when no penalties would be incurred. The motion passed.

Nancy Aldrich stated that she had two motions to present regarding amendment to be presented to the next International 99s Conference. First: in Article V: Membership, Section 4, E, that 'private certificate' be replaced by 'higher certificate.' The motion passed. Second: Article X: Eligibility to Hold Office, Section I, B, to delete B 'The President and Vice-President shall have served one term on the Board of Directors at the time they assume office. Nancy Aldrich moved, Gloria Blank seconded the motion. After discussion Linda Horn called the question. The motion failed.

Special Recognition

Governor Jan McKenzie presented a cake to the San Antonio Chapter in recognition of its 50th Anniversary as a chapter of the 99s. The cake was enjoyed during break..

Brainstorming

After the break International President Susan Larson organized a brainstorming session about what International can provide to help chapters. Topics considered were Membership Retention, Technology, Public Relations, and Communication.

Governor's Closing Comments

A light lunch is available in the Hospitality Room. Meet the bus to Palo Duro Canyon at 1:20 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Cathy Wappler, SCS Secretary

Minutes read by Jo Agee-Housler, San Antonio and Gloria Blank, San Antonio