

**South Central Section Fall Business Meeting**  
**Fairfield Inn and Suites, Denton, Texas**  
**Saturday, October 3, 2009**

Governor Jan McKenzie called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM on Saturday, October 3, 2009.

Past Governor Chris Swain delivered the invocation.

**Introductions**

Jan McKenzie introduced the members of the South Central Section Board.

Vice Governor Jody McCarrell introduced the following special guests:

International Director Fran Strubeck

Past SCS Governors Dorothy Warren, Chris Swain, and Frances Luckhart

99s Museum of Women Pilots Trustee Phyllis Scott

Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund Trustee Dr. Jacque Boyd

SCS Nominating Committee members Jerry Anne Jurenka, Stefanie Roberts, and Mary Wheelock.

Past International President in attendance was Jody McCarrell.

**Governor's Remarks**

Governor Jan McKenzie thanked the Rio Grande Norte and Golden Triangle Chapters for bringing scrapbooks to be judged.

Jan summarized her activities since the spring meeting, which included: sending a welcoming e-mail to new 99s; calling every chapter chairman prior to the International Conference in Chicago to ensure that their delegate slips would be counted at the conference; and attending the International Board of Directors meeting in March 2009. Jan shared some favorable responses from new members who had received the welcome e-mail.

Jan also reminded chapter chairmen of the opportunity to win a free registration to the fall SCS meeting as an incentive for submitting section reports on time in the spring.

**Minutes/Roll Call**

Cathy Wappler provided copies of the minutes of the SCS Business Meeting held at Pecan Plantation in Granbury, Texas on May 16, 2009. The minutes were approved as posted. Cathy Wappler conducted the chapter roll call:

Albuquerque – 0

Ambassador – 0

Arkansas – 0

Austin – 0

Brazos River – 0

Colorado – 4

Dallas – 4

El Paso – 2

Fort Worth – 5

At Large – 0

Golden Triangle – 8

High Country – 0

Houston – 7

Kansas – 0

Lake Charles – 1

Nebraska – 0

Northeast Kansas – 0

Oklahoma – 4

Pike's Peak – 1

Purple Sage – 0

Rio Grande Norte – 1

San Antonio – 8

Shreveport – 0

Texas Dogwood – 2

Tip of Texas – 0

Tulsa – 2

Wichita Falls – 0

Wildflower – 0

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Forty-nine members were in attendance, representing 13 chapters. A quorum was declared.

## **Reports**

### **SCS Vice-Governor Report**

Vice Governor Jody McCarrell called on the chairmen of upcoming SCS meetings to provide updates. Chris Swain reported that the 2010 spring section meeting to be held in Mesquite, TX April 23-25 will coincide with the "Real Texas Festival" at the host hotel. Entertainment will be going on throughout the day on Saturday. The 2010 fall meeting will be held October 22-24 at the American Airlines Conference Center near DFW Airport. Sandra Leder reported that the spring 2011 meeting will be held in Lafayette, Louisiana. Linda Horn and Jan McKenzie have been working with the Southwest Section to plan a joint meeting in fall 2011, probably in Durango, Colorado, October 21-23. Jody reported that the El Paso Chapter will host the section meeting in fall of 2012, and reminded members that the International Conference will be held in Oklahoma City in 2011.

Jody provided a report on the accomplishments of the Headquarters Building Maintenance Committee, which include fixing a mold problem in the archives room; replacing the roof, two air-conditioning units, duct work, and damaged ceiling tiles; and installing environmental controls in the archive room. Jody also provided a history of the maintenance issues, such as the need to replace a front wall and front steps. Concrete between the two buildings will be replaced before the tile compass rose is installed.

### **Financial Report**

Treasurer Lisa Ward updated the 5/31/2009 report to show a balance of \$6, 759.14. Lisa will make changes in the report to adjust for the overlapping funds assigned to the "Chapter Chair Awards Winner Registration" category and the "Awards Committee" category.

### **International Report**

International Director Fran Strubeck reported that the conference held in Chicago in July was extremely successful; participants especially enjoyed the Tea with Amelia event held at the Drake Hotel. Fran reported that changes in classes of membership were approved at the conference; the category of Future Woman Pilot now becomes Associate Member. Associate Members do not have voting privileges, and there is no time limit on how long they may remain as Associate Members. The bylaw amendment related to disciplinary procedures also passed.

Fran reported that although the International Board of Directors is making diligent efforts to find a tenant to replace Rocket Plane, none has yet been found and strains on the budget continue because of that loss of income. *The 99 News* has been reduced to four issues per year, at least temporarily. Members who desire a hard copy of the

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membership directory may obtain one for \$15; all members will receive the directory on CD as a cost-saving measure.

Fran described the new website which rolled out August 1, and which is still being populated. A new feature is the availability of on-line membership renewals. Fran encouraged members to join the three on-line forums which are available to members.

The International BOD is concerned about non-renewals of membership and conducted a survey of those who did not renew to ascertain reasons for non-renewal. The primary reason reported was financial. A second reason reported was that the chapter did not meet the member's expectations. Ideas are being shared on ways to bridge the gap between new members and seasoned members. Chapters are encouraged to vary their activities to meet a wider range of member interests. All 99s need to be aware of the need for improved public relations. One idea presented was to produce bumper stickers displaying the 99s website and phone number.

Fran reported on the activities of the new fund raising chairman, Susan Leibeler from Ventura County, CA. Susan has set up a FedEx/Kinkos account for the 99s to receive discounted pricing. At the Chicago conference, \$16,000 was received in donations to the Building Fund. Raffle tickets are being sold for prizes of a seaplane rating, a survival course, and Southwest Airline tickets.

Fran announced that the Ventura County chapter has established a scholarship fund to honor the memory of Vicki Cruse, who lost her life recently in an aerobatic accident.

Fran reminded members that special pricing is offered on early registrations for the July 2010 International Conference in Hawaii.

### **AE Scholarship Report**

SCS Scholarship Chair Rose Lepore reported that there were 7 applications for AE Scholarships from the SCS in 2009. Two SCS members were awarded New Pilot Awards, Christi Higgins and Jami Miceli. Monica Doherty, Ambassador Chapter, was awarded an Academic Scholarship. Rose emphasized the importance of printing out all available information related to the scholarship from the website far in advance of application deadlines. The applicant and the chapter chairman must certify that all information on the application is true and correct. Establishment of financial need is increasingly important to a successful application. Applications are due to the chapter chairmen by December 1 and to Rose by December 20.

### **501(c)(3) Report**

For Kris Irvin-Herrin, Jan McKenzie reported that chapter financial reports are due to Lisa Ward by October 15 in order for Kris to file the IRS 990 report to maintain the group 501(c)(3) status.

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**Aviation Legislation**

Legislation Chairman Charli Lamb reported on various issues, including the requirement to replace the older paper licenses, to update licenses to include English proficiency before crossing borders, proposed FAA changes to training requirements, and the proposed restructuring of aviation weather services.

**Membership**

Membership Chairman Anne Whonic reported that membership numbers have gone down over the past five years at both the international and section level, partially caused by the competing demands of money, time, family, church, work, and other organizations. Anne stressed the importance of getting to know our members and identifying the strengths, skills, and talents they can share. The organization must strive to meet the needs of individual members, which may include social needs as well as aviation needs. Anne pulled key words from the 99s mission statement to focus on what the organization must do to meet the goals of both recruiting and retaining members: "Promote, Provide, Preserve".

Anne also asked attendees to remember two SCS members who have passed to New Horizons, Onita Winfrey and Sandra Stienmier.

**Webmaster**

SCS Webmaster Linda Horn showed the new International website and explained new features.

**Nominating Committee**

Nominating Committee Chairman Jerry Anne Jurenka reported that the committee is currently seeking nominees for officers to be installed at the spring meeting. The Intent to Seek Election form must be submitted by October 15.

**Bylaws Report**

Beverly Stephens announced that the proposed bylaw change presented at the spring SCS meeting had been published in the *Approach*. This change to Article II clarifies the language describing membership in the South Central Section, specifying that the membership of the SCS is comprised of 99s who are members of chapters in the states which make up the South Central Section, including the Ambassador Chapter. Jody McCarrell called the question, and the amendment was approved.

**Travel Award**

Jan announced that the Board of Directors had approved the awarding of a certificate rather than a plaque to the chapter who wins the Travel Award at each section meeting. Jan will make the necessary changes in the wording of the SOP's.

The San Antonio Chapter won the travel award for this meeting.

**Scrapbook Report**

The Golden Triangle Chapter won the scrapbook award.

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**Announcements**

The Dallas Chapter issued an invitation to the spring meeting to be held in Mesquite, TX.

Jan McKenzie thanked the Golden Triangle Chapter for their hard work in making the meeting such a success.

Nan France asked chapters to send in pictures for publication in *The Approach*.

Jan McKenzie announced transportation arrangements for the afternoon trip to the library at TWU and to the banquet at the Denton Women's Club.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Wappler

Readers: Linda Horn, Colorado; and Elizabeth Frankowski, Houston