

**South Central Section Spring Business Meeting
Durant, OK
Saturday, April 28, 2012**

Governor Jody McCarrell called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. Saturday, April 28, 2012.

Invocation: Jerry Anne Jurenka provided the invocation.

Introductions: Vice Governor Cathy Wappler made all introductions.

Minutes/Roll Call:

Copies of the minutes from the South Central Section business meeting held in Durango, Colorado on Saturday, October 22, 2011, were provided.

Chapter roll call was conducted with forty-nine (49) members in attendance, representing eighteen (18) chapters:

Albuquerque – 1	Golden Triangle – 3	Purple Sage – 0
Ambassador – 0	High Country – 0	Rio Grande Norte – 1
Arkansas – 3	Houston – 6	San Antonio – 2
Austin – 0	Kansas – 1	Shreveport – 0
Brazos River – 1	Lake Charles – 0	Texas Dogwood – 2
Colorado – 5	Nebraska – 3	Tip of Texas – 0
Dallas – 6	Northeast Kansas – 2	Tulsa – 2
El Paso – 3	Oklahoma – 6	Wichita Falls – 0
Fort Worth – 1	Pikes Peak – 0	Wildflower – 1
Section Member (No Chapter) – 0		

A quorum was declared and the minutes as posted on the website were approved by general consent.

Reports:

Vice Governor

Section meetings are scheduled for El Paso, October 19 – 21, 2012, San Antonio, May 17 – 19, 2013, Texas Dogwood, Fall 2013, and Wichita Falls, Spring 2014.

El Paso deferred their report to the end of the meeting when they would provide the invitation. The San Antonio Chapter stated they have lined up a hotel on the Riverwalk for \$109/night plus tax, with breakfast included as part of the room rate. They are exploring various activity ideas, to include a cruise down the Riverwalk Friday evening.

Treasurer

Kris Irvin-Herron provided copies of the Section finances which included the financial report for year ending May 31, 2012 as of April 24, 2012 and the proposed budget for 2012-2013.

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Kris discussed the Board proposal to increase the Governor's Contingency Fund from \$1200 to \$1500, as well as the Board proposal to buy a \$1000 brick in the Section's name at the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum and to donate \$1000 to the Museum of Women Pilots. Jody McCarrell called for the vote on the brick and donation to the Museum. In favor – All; Opposed – None. Motion passed.

Kris stated each Chapter's financial report is due to her by August 15, 2012.

Kris discussed at length our 501(c) (3) status and how the IRS may look at our minutes and/or websites to see whether our activities are educational/charitable or more social in nature. Kris advised members to be very careful in activities they were involved with so as not to jeopardize this status. Currently, Chapters fall under a "group exemption" under the South Central Section. Kris noted some Chapters in other Sections have lost that exemption due to the nature of their activities.

Amelia Earhart Scholarship

Rose Lepore reported she received eight (8) applications for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship, of which four (4) went to the Trustees. Three (3) are finalists. She also received three (3) applications for the New Pilot Award, of which one (1) in our Section won (a total of three (3) were given). Rose reiterated that applicants need to check and re-check the Federal Aviation Regulations for the requirements of the rating, license or certificate for which they are applying as several applications were not approved as the applicant would not have been able to meet the required experience by the deadline.

The AE Finalists are:

Aileen Watkins – Houston
Kirsten Brazier – Ambassador
Laura Flanagan – Ambassador

The New Pilot Winner is:

Kristi Rodriguez – Pikes Peak

Awards

In Gloria Blank's absence, the Awards Committee report was made by Alice Foeh. The list of awards presented to Chapters for 2011 was published in the Spring 2012 *Approach*. The request was made for each Chapter to please submit what they are doing to the Awards Committee.

Aviation and Space Education

Holly Barr gave a presentation, on behalf of Section Advisor Jill Shockley, of the upcoming changes to the Girl Scout badge program. She also passed around a patch that the Dallas Chapter had designed which has been distributed to the Girl Scouts.

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Approach

Nan France thanked those members who submitted reports and pictures in a timely manner to Ellie Block and herself for the recent *Approach*. Nan reminded members to submit best available quality pictures separately from written articles. The next deadline to get information to Ellie or Nan is July 13, 2012 for the Fall *Approach*.

Jody McCarrell appointed an Ad Hoc Committee, with Jan McKenzie as Chairman, to explore the possibility of making the *Approach* an online publication and charging members who wish to continue to receive a mailed copy of each issue. This will be discussed further with Ellie and Nan.

Bylaws

Section Advisor Beverly Stephens deferred to International Bylaws Chairman Pat Prentiss to discuss the proposed amendments to the International Bylaws and Standing Rules that will be voted on in Providence, Rhode Island.

Pat stated many of the proposed amendments are housekeeping issues related to the Trusts. There is one proposed amendment that would open life membership to all members based on a table. That table is included with the proposal. The proposed amendments are currently available in the "Members Area" section of The 99s website.

International

International Director Marjy Leggett reminded members that the 2012 Annual Conference will be held in Providence, Rhode Island, July 11–15, 2012. There will be a leadership training class on the Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative (PPLI) and "CPR for Struggling Chapters". She asked that any members with questions, or ideas on ways they have revived their Chapter, to please pass that on to her.

Compass rose tiles are still available: \$49.50 for "slivers", \$99 for white, and \$199 for blue/gray.

Results from the membership survey are available online in the "Members Area" section of The 99s website and there will be an article in the April/May/June 99 *News*.

The 99s and the Amelia Earhart Scholarship program, in concert, are a finalist for a \$10,000 grant from Lightspeed Aviation. Please vote. One (1) vote is allowed per email address.

The 99s now has a Twitter account (@TheNinetyNines).

For any 99s attending Oshkosh, there is a house available with rooms to rent. It is \$50/night. Contact Rita Adams, Chicago Chapter, for more information.

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Treasurer

Kris Irvin-Herron reported that we had failed to vote on the entire proposed 2012-2013 budget. Governor Jody McCarrell called for the vote on the budget as amended. In favor – All; Opposed – None. Motion passed.

Nominating

Chairman Elizabeth Frankowski recognized her committee members (Jan McKenzie and Ann Koenig). Elizabeth stated the committee had accepted the following qualified candidates for each office by the required deadline and made a motion that the slate, as submitted by the Nominating Committee, be approved by acclamation:

Governor – Cathy Wappler

Vice Governor – Jerry Anne Jurenka

Secretary – Kay Alley

Treasurer – Lois Gronau-Fietz

Directors – Kris Irvin-Herron, Stephenie Roberts

Nominating Committee – Rose Lepore, Jody McCarrell, Phyllis Scott

Governor Jody McCarrell asked for discussion from the floor. There was no discussion so Jody called for the vote. In favor – All; Opposed – None. Jody stated the new officers would be installed at the Saturday evening banquet.

Chapter Reports

Each Chapter Chairman/representative present gave a 2-minute summary of activities in which their Chapter has been involved since the last Section meeting.

Endowment Fund

International Director Jan McKenzie provided an update on the Endowment Fund. The goal is \$1,000,000; we are currently at \$580,000.

There are several ways to raise money for the Endowment Fund:

Utilize Goodsearch/Goodshop

Dine to Donate

Free event insurance [50% of the event profits must be earmarked for the Endowment Fund]

Credit Card Club

Purchase microfiber towels

Purchase contribution cards

Jan also stated there are donor recognition pins and a virtual plaque identifying donors. There is also an ongoing gold tile challenge.

Invitation to El Paso

The El Paso Chapter provided the invitation to the next Section meeting in El Paso. It will be held October 19–21, 2012. The general aviation airport is Dona Ana County

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(5T6) in Santa Teresa, New Mexico with El Paso International as the commercial airport.

The hotel will be \$79/night, which includes breakfast. Registration can be done online and will be available soon. The Friday night welcome will be held at the War Eagles Air Museum and the Saturday night banquet will be at the Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino. This weekend will also coincide with the Amigo Airshow and this will be an optional activity for those able to stay over Sunday.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Phyllis Scott stated there are new kiosks at the Museum of Women Pilots. She also stated that Amelia Earhart's original license is being loaned to the Smithsonian Museum so if anyone is in Washington, D.C., stop by and see it.

Carole Sutton stated that a tree donated by Pat Prentiss to the Forest of Friendship will be dedicated on Saturday, June 16 with refreshments to follow.

Governor's Remarks:

Governor Jody McCarrell thanked those involved in the Durant Section meeting for all their work. Jody recognized Pat Ward and the Wildflower Chapter, Carole Sutton and Linda Sutton of the Nebraska Chapter, and Sonya Burns of the Choctaw Casino.

Jody stated the Travel Award would be presented at the Saturday night banquet. Also, Marjy Leggett would be presenting award certificates to each member/Chapter that purchased a compass rose tile.

Announcements:

Vice Governor Cathy Wappler made various announcements.

Governor Jody McCarrell adjourned the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

Jill Shockley, SCS Secretary

Readers: Linda Horn, Colorado, and Beverly Stephens, Golden Triangle