# Southeast Meeting Section 21 May 2011 Lafayette, LA

The meeting was called to order by Governor Lisa Cotham, at 0835. Introductions were made of the Board of Directors, Past Governors, and International Reps. Representatives present were Pat Theberge, International Vice President, and our own Corbi Bullock, Director.

First timers introduced themselves.

Roll call of Chapters was completed. Present were 33 members representing 11 Chapters.

Correction to the minutes was completed and a motion to "accept the minutes as corrected" was given by Terry Carbonell, and seconded by Harriet Hall.

# **Report of Officers**

# Governor's report

Governor Lisa stated she did a little traveling and promoted 99s. She thanked the members for their support!

#### **Vice Governor**

VG Marlene Raseta told us how much fun and information she obtained when she had the opportunity to attend the IBOD meeting last fall. She has been working on SOPs for the section and completed all but two. She stated she was going to take a break from the BOD for personal reasons, but hoped to be able to serve again in the future.

#### Secretary

No report offered from Judy Bowser.

#### **Treasurer**

Hanna-Mari Salo gave a synopsis of upcoming budget items. Also informed the section that the Board of Directors has paid the IRS \$3000.00 for the Southeast Section Group Exemption filing fee.

#### Past Governor.

Past Governor, Corbi Bullock said her job has been easy, as she is on the board to help the new Governor, but since Gov. Lisa was Governor before, she had little to do, just have helped with ideas.

#### **Report of Committees**

Bylaws, Marie Grein, Chair

Proposed of new bylaw change:

The new bylaws change and rational was read, and discussion ensued. It was decided to reword the change and a motion was made by Nancy Miller-Borg and seconded by Tamra Sheffman "we table the proposed bylaw amendment". Motion passed.

#### Flightline Report, Judy Bowser, Editor

Judy requested all email addresses be updated by members. She stated there are several ways to do so, by the member themselves online, by membership chair, online or by contacting HQs manager Laura Orenburg by phone or email. She asked for articles with or without pictures, but if pictures were included, please give names of those in the picture. The deadline for articles is the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month, but she accepts the articles anytime.

#### IRS Section group exemption update, Judy Bowser

Judy told us that the final deadline for all paperwork for the exemption had been extended until the end of 2011. She filed the paperwork with the IRS in January, and called them the end of March to see how things were progressing. When she called, she was told the laws had changed and a form had to be filed along with an application fee of \$3000.00 The BOD had discussed this and decided to pay the fee and discuss who and how the fee would be paid, ultimately. Discussion ensued regarding possible reimbursement. Several ideas were given, and a motion was made by

Tamra Sheffman and seconded by Reba Ludlow, "the Section fund the IRS application fee for the group exemption". Motion carried.

# **Ways and Means**

Governor Lisa updated us regarding the raffle offer from the Aero Shell Team. They are still willing to give the prize, but after further research, she found that the laws vary from state to state regarding online raffles.

# Membership, Eileen Malan, Chair

Eileen stated we had 534 members in the section at our last meeting, and now we are between 515-528. She told us our International Membership chair, Fran Strubeck, is giving Chapter Chairs and membership chairs, lots of ideas.

#### **Nomination Committee**

Marlene Raseta, substituting for Carol Gosling, Chair. She explained about the need for the second ballot that was sent out. She stated there was a mix up on some paperwork issues.

# **Scholarship Chair**

Gov. Lisa substituting for Jamie Gonzalez whose daughter was graduating today. There was one recipient from the Southeast Section for the AE Scholarship.

#### **Bonnie and Archie Gann scholarship**

Gov. Lisa told us a little bit about the scholarship, and that it is for obtaining **a** CFI for man or woman. It is not given by the section, we help distribute information and give the place for presentation only. It has not been given since FL Spaceport's, Titusville Section meeting, because we did not have the information as to the balance in the account until recently.

#### **SOPs**

VG Marlene Raseta explained that she has been working on SOPs for the section. The completed SOPs will be posted on the website. The Treasurer's SOP will continue to be written as there are a few items that we still have to deal with. But Hanna will work with the new Vice Governor for the completion of it. While working on the Committee Chair SOP, the board may change them to become advisors only.

#### SunNFun

Marie Grein reported for Nancy Wright. There were many members who stopped by just to relax at the clubhouse. The WASP had their base there, also. The excitement during the tornado that hit Sun N Fun during the WASP luncheon was described. Thankfully no one was seriously injured.

# Teller's Report

# Maryke Houben gave the election results:

Received were 170 ballots.

Governor: Judy Bowser

Vice Governor: Terry Carbonell Secretary: Ursula Davidson Treasurer: Hanna-Mari Salo

Governor Lisa noted that the ballots will be held until the fall meeting, as described in our bylaws.

#### Website:

Terry Carbonell, Webmaster, can be contacted at <a href="mailto:godusty@hotmail.com">godusty@hotmail.com</a> She asked for items for the website. The website URL is:<a href="mailto:gwww.sesection.org">gwww.sesection.org</a> new board emails will be changing after this meeting. Elaine Morrow will be contacted to put a link from the old website to the new one.

Chapter reports were given by Carolinas, First Coast, Kitty Hawk, Tennessee, and New Orleans Chapters

# **International Representative Report**

Vice- President, Pat Theberge informed us that the Organization is financially in good standing. We have no debts.

There are printed directories available for purchase for \$15.00 at Headquarters. There are now iPhone and iPad apps for 99s at website. Membership renewals are being done by email. Make sure your email address is up to date.

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The International Conference will be held in Oklahoma City, OK, in July 2011. There will be a day-long tour on Wednesday. There also will be a Silent Auction. Make your reservations and registrations, now. Friend the FaceBook page. There are tiles for the Headquarters' Compass Rose for sale from \$49.00- \$299.99.

The Endowment Fund is raffling a new iPad2. You may buy 1 ticket for \$5.00 or five tickets for \$20.00.

There is a challenge among IBOD as to who can sell the most tickets at section meetings. So she has tickets to sell.

The Lightspeed award, of \$10,000.00 is up online for voting. The AE scholarship for vote on website.

At the business meeting, there are two (2) standing rule amendments to be voted on.

#### **Finance Report**

Treas. Hanna Salo presented the budget. The members discussed it and decided to remove the endowment fund contributions and put that money along with the reimbursement to the International Representative, in the Governor's budget increasing it from \$1200.00 to \$2000.00. See copy of report attached.

The Following Chapters will be hosting the next section meetings:

Fall 2011 – Paradise Coast

Spring 2012 Kitty Hawk

2013 Bahamas meeting

2014 needs an International conference. They have asked if we as a section would do that. There is a company to do a meeting planning. New Orleans Chapter suggested we have it there. A percentage of the profits goes back to International.

A motion was made by Bea Desper and seconded Jan Oreck "the SE Section host the 2014 International Conference of the 99s at a location to be determined". Carried.

#### **Chapter Activities Awards**

**Chapter Operations:** 

Large Chapter: Goldcoast Small Chapter: Paradise Coast

**Aviation Activities:** 

Large Chapter: Goldcoast Small Chapter: New Orleans

Aerospace Education:

Large Chapter: FL Suncoast Small Chapter: Alabama

Safety Education:

Large Chapter: None received Small Chapter: Blue Ridge

#### **Endowment Fund**

Several were given for ideas you can do to help donate money. There is presently a raffle for an Ipad2. Drawing will be at International Conference in July.

# **Amelia Earhart Museum**

There is a raffle for a B&B in Atkinson, KS. Tickets sell for \$5.00 each.

# **Proposed Tabled Bylaw**

Terry Carbonell made a motion and Marie Grein seconded it "take the proposed motion off the table". Carried.

Motion made by Terry Carbonell, and seconded by Tamra Sheffman "<u>At any section meeting the presence of 40% of the chapters in the Southeast section shall constitute a quorum for that meeting. "Presence" of a chapter shall be defined as the physical presence at the meeting of one (1) or more chapter members". Motion carried.</u>

Installation of new officers was completed.

Remarks were given by the new Governor

Meeting was adjourned by Governor Lisa at 1150.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Bowser, SES Secretary