

**Southeast Section Fall Meeting
Comfort Inn & Suites, Warner Robins, GA
September 15, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by Governor Terry Carbonell at 0910.

Secretary Ursula Davidson took the roll call and announced 23 members present, representing 10 chapters out of 16 in the Section and comprising a quorum (40% required).

Chapter	Attending	Chair Present	Name of Chair
Alabama	2	yes, co-chairs	Harriet Hall & Nancy Miller-Borg
Blue Ridge	0	--	Lori Irvin Connorton
Carolinas	4	no	Liz Lee
Embry-Riddle	0	--	Daneet Dor
FL First Coast	1	no	Reba Ludlow
FL Goldcoast	5	yes, all officers	Ursula Davidson
FL Gulf Stream	0	--	Barbara Ganson
FL Spaceport	0	--	Donna Wilt
FL Suncoast	0	--	Marilyn Shafer
Georgia	1	yes	Susan Delgado
Kitty Hawk	2	yes	Corbi Bulluck
Memphis	0	--	Margaret Lindsey
Mississippi	3	yes	Maryket Houben
New Orleans	1	no	Margaret Jones
Paradise Coast	2	no	Nancy Moore
Tennessee	1	yes	Janice Pelletti
Section members, No chapter – Judy Hall	1		

Terry introduced SE Section officers: Sonia Bortolin, vice governor; Ursula Davidson, secretary; Hanna-Mari Salo, treasurer and Lisa Cotham Pizani, immediate past governor.

Sonia introduced International Board representative: Leslie Ingham, treasurer; and past Section governors: Corbi Bulluck (also current International director), Lisa Cotham Pizani, Connie Wilds, Eileen Malan, Judy Hall and Barbara Harris-Para (past governor of New York-New Jersey and currently International Endowment and Trademark chairman).

Minutes of May 5, 2012 Meeting

Barbara Harris-Para moved and Pat Blasi seconded that the minutes be approved as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports of Officers

Vice Governor: Sonia said that she will complete the plans for the April 5-7 Section Meeting in Mobile, AL and coordinate the fall meeting with the Mississippi chapter.

Secretary: Ursula announced that the meeting minutes will be posted on the Section website as a draft. Any comments or corrections should be sent to her at Uflyaway2@aol.com.

Treasurer: Hanna said that our net income for the 2011-2012 fiscal year was \$5,227.81. The quilt raffle raised \$3,200, of which \$1,700 is in the fiscal year starting June 2012. Funds on hand total \$13,200. The Section shows a profit. We want to accumulate funds for our IRS filing fee. Several chapters have not submitted their financial reports for the last fiscal year.

Barbara suggested that a list of Life members be compiled so that they could be solicited for donations. Corbi cautioned not to hassle Life members. They are not a drain on our treasury since the Section only gets \$4 per year for other members.

Previous governor Judy Bowser was paid \$592 more than the budget allowed for travel expenses. The Board of Directors approved the over-payment at yesterday's meeting and now request confirmation by the members present, as required by our bylaws. Nancy Miller-Borg so moved and Harriet Hall seconded the motion. All present approved.

International Representative: Leslie Ingham reported that the conference in Providence, RI was awesome and plans are underway to make the conference in Bozeman, MT, July 11-14, 2013, spectacular. She invited all interested Ninety-Nines to attend one of the International Board Meetings in Oklahoma City. The next one will be November 2 to 3.

Printed membership directories for 2012-2013 should be ordered from headquarters prior to printing. Intent to seek election forms are due October 31. January 15, 2013 is the deadline for awards nominations. The Ninety-Nines is again eligible for the \$10,000 Lightspeed grant so be sure to vote. The *99 News* has returned to a bimonthly publishing schedule.

All bylaws amendments were passed after thorough discussions. All members of any age are now eligible to become life members. The cost ranges from \$2,445 for a 17-year-old to \$275 for a 90-year-old member.

Standing Committees & Other Reports

Nominating Committee: No committee members present so Terry reported that Section intent to run forms are due January 15, 2013. Forms are in the meeting packet and on the Section website.

Bylaws Committee: In order to run for governor a member has to have served on the board for one year. Terry suggested that we create two director positions so more members would be eligible. She asked delegates to take this idea back to their chapters and send suggested bylaw amendments to Marie Grien, bylaw chairman.

Membership Committee: Chairman Eileen Malan reported that as of September 11 the Section had a membership of 472. Terry checked the website and found that membership stands at 469 today. Eileen is concerned with our ability to compete with Women in Aviation. Lisa feels that Women in Aviation is only a big Convention and is run by one person whereas the Ninety-Nines is member driven with many diverse activities. Corbi said that the 99s and WAI have different purposes and goals. We should support each other rather than compete. Terry suggested that we all carry applications with us and make it easier for women to join. With smart phones we can perform the entire sign up process on the spot.

Terry welcomed Jill Eichner, who is attending her first Section meeting. She transferred from Garden State Chapter to Georgia. Jill is a first officer on B-737s for Air Tran Airlines, based in Atlanta.

Endowment Fund: Barbara announced a fund raiser that could provide a perfect holiday gift. The last gold tile in the compass rose at headquarters is being made available by a sealed bid auction. Bids starting at \$299 are to be sent to Mary Wunder by December 1. The winner will be announced on December 7. The Endowment Fund trustees will meet in OKC on Monday to review investment results. The fund has over \$725,000 in assets, moving closer to its goal of \$1 million.

2014 International Conference in New Orleans: Conference Chairman Lisa announced that she has a signed contract with the Astor Crowne Plaza, 739 Canal St., at the corner of Bourbon St. for July 7-14, 2014. The rate will be \$139 per night. So far a meeting planner is not being used so the Section will have to develop a way for people to register online. She outlined a tentative schedule, which includes a Friday night reception at the Lakefront Airport, totally restored to its 1934 architectural glory. Corbi requested that the board of directors meeting not be held at the same time as seminars.

Lisa showed two publications she received at the last conference. One contains the agenda and all the reports. The other is the program which also contains advertisements. Section members need to sell ads, help to find sponsors to defray the conference costs and collect gifts for the “goody bags”. She will also be asking each chapter to take over one of the conference tasks, for example, making the decorations for the banquet. Lisa will send a sign-up list to chapter chairs and Terry will post the list on the website. Southeast Section will have to make a presentation at the end of the Bozeman conference and be ready for registration to start.

Flightline: Three members have volunteered to be on an editing team. Each editor will be in charge of four issues per year. The volunteers are: Jessica Miller, FL Goldcoast; Carol Dean-Toder, Georgia and Stephanie Wrenn, Kitty Hawk. Corbi suggested that

Terry post the names and e-mail addresses of the editors on our website. Nancy Miller-Borg added that reminders should be sent out to all chapter chairmen on the tenth of every month to provide news to the editors.

Scholarship: Members of the Section have wanted to activate the Bonnie & Archie Gann Scholarship, but it is difficult to do since it does not belong to the Section. The Section promotes applications and provides a venue for its presentation. Judy Hall said that the funds, totaling \$11,128.73 are with BB&T and Vicki Sherman has the checkbook. Lisa is treasurer and Terry is a trustee during her term as governor. The scholarship is for a male or female pilot to become a CFI or CFII.

Carol Knight, Mississippi Chapter, was appointed Section AE Scholarship chairman by Judy Bowser. Terry will make sure that she will continue in that capacity. Chapter AE Scholarship applications are due to Section on December 1.

Chapter Reports: Terry commended Myra Bugbee, FL Goldcoast secretary, for her outstanding minutes. They are reprinted in the meeting packet. The minutes reflect a good time that was educational. Chapter activity reports are in the packet. Chapters which did not provide written reports gave brief oral descriptions of their activities:

Carolina's main goal was to inform the public about Amelia Earhart. **Alabama** is struggling because it is difficult to get members together. But they did work with the Zontas to raise money for the Amelia Earhart Birthplace. **Tennessee** had a very successful Girl Scout Day. They had over 300 participants and raised \$2,000. **Kitty Hawk** members were busy hosting the Spring Section meeting, but after recovering from that they had several educational meetings and participated in airmarking. **Mississippi** members visited ATC facilities, did airmarking and had a presentation on using Foreflight. They are also preparing to host the Fall 2013 Section Meeting.

WASP Movie: Hanna was contacted by a screen writer who is making a fictional film based on the WASP and Jackie Cochran. He would like the 99s to be involved and requests information on WASP he could contact. Please let Hanna know if you can help.

Group Exemption & Chapter "Clean-Up": Terry reported that the IRS refused to rule on the Section's application and returned our \$3,000 fee. But she has not given up. She wrote to an IRS office in Ogden, UT and submitted an annual filing required for groups that have exemptions. In the mean time all chapters need to "clean up" their minutes, newsletters and websites so they comply with IRS requirements. Terry needs help to deactivate the old website that won't die. She offered to help chapters to get incorporated or to get EIN numbers.

Leslie Ingham reported that International now has a 501.c.3 committee to help chapters. In order to boost membership she suggested that chapters highlight PPLI and promote their services to the community. Fly-outs qualify as group proficiency flights.

Sharing Ideas: Terry asked all delegates to name an activity in one of the following five categories that has been successful for her chapter:

1. Fund raising
2. Increasing membership
3. Promote the chapter
4. Have fun
5. Fun educational activity

Terry will compile all the activities in a chart and give everyone a copy this evening. A copy of the chart [containing all of the suggestions received from the delegates](#) is attached.

Ways & Means: Judy Hall presented the assemblage with boxes of Ninety-Nines pens and jackets from previous fund-raising efforts. It was decided to have a Special Section Meeting Sale now. Priced at \$5 for two pens and \$25 per jacket, \$320 was raised on the spot. Judy Hall was hailed as the ways & means chairman we have been searching for. She agreed to volunteer.

Membership Contest: Terry announced that after reviewing the numbers a three-way tie was established for the chapter membership contest that ended last spring. Suncoast, Alabama and Paradise Coast will be recognized with the compass rose gold tile at 99s headquarters.

Educational Segment: Maryket Houben, Mississippi, gave a presentation entitled PROP, People Reaching Outrageous Possibilities.

Open Forum: Susan Delgado described the activities for the rest of the day. Terry and the rest of the delegates thanked Susan for arranging an outstanding weekend. Barbara announced that a new e-book featuring WASP, entitled “Angels without Wings”, will be available next week at Amazon.com. Terry has created a workbook to be used in fifth to eighth grades. Subjects include air racing, geography and aviation communication. It sells for \$5.

Corbi encouraged us to learn more about PPLI, Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative. It is a structured 18-month program to assist aspiring commercial female pilots move up in their careers. It is unique to the Ninety-Nines and of great interest and help to young members.

Terry thanked all present for considering the Ninety-Nines important enough to attend, despite other obligations and problems they might have. “If you know members who are hurting, let them know that they have sisters who care.” When Terry’s husband died, support from the 99s helped her survive.

Next Meeting: April 5-7, 2013, Mobile, AL.

Meeting was adjourned at 1125.

Respectfully submitted by

Ursula Davidson

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