

Southeast Spring Section Meeting Homewood Suites, Pinehurst, NC May 5, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Governor Judy Bowser at 0920.

Vice Governor Terry Carbonell introduced Past Governors, Eileen Malan, Corbi Bulluck, Lisa Cotham Pizani and from New York New Jersey Section, Barbara Harris-Para. International representative was Jan McKenzie, Director. Jan was accompanied by Linda Horn, *Dispatch* editor.

Terry continued introductions with the rest of the SE Section Board: Ursula Davidson, secretary; Hanna-Mari Salo, treasurer and Lisa Cotham Pizani, immediate past governor. Three first time Section attendees introduced themselves.

Ursula took the roll call and announced 22 members present, representing 8 chapters out of 16 in the Section and comprising a quorum (40% required).

Chapter	Attending	Chapter Chair Present	General Aviation Flight to Meeting
Carolinas	5	vice chair	no
FL Firstcoast	1	no	no
FL Goldocast	2	yes	yes
FL Spaceport	1	yes	yes
Kitty Hawk	9	yes	host
New Orleans	1	no	yes
Paradise Coast	2	vice chair	yes
Tennessee	1	no	yes

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Barbara Harris-Para, Carolinas, moved that the minutes be accepted as published. Motion seconded by Pat Blasi, FL Goldocast.

Reports of Officers

Governor: Judy reported on the International Board of Directors Meeting held in Oklahoma City, March 25-26. She read the six proposed Bylaw changes that will be voted on at the next International Convention. They were all proposed by the International Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee, with the International Board of Trustees concurring.

The first proposed change, regarding life memberships, was discussed at length by Corbi, Ursula and Barbara. The change will make it possible for more people of any age to become life members without impacting the organization negatively.

The remaining five proposed changes were of a housekeeping nature and to provide consistency among the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund, Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum, Ninety-Nines Endowment Fund and the Ninety-Nines Museum of Women Pilots regarding election, terms of office and removal from office of the trustees.

Judy reported that Shelley Ventura, North Central Section, is working with the National Association of Flight Instructors (NAFI) so flight instructors will encourage women pilots to join the 99s. There will be awards for the CFIs who recruit the most members. The Council of Governors is developing a program in which U.S. Sections would reach out to new members of off shore Sections to make them feel more welcome. Our sister Sections will be New Zealand and Australia.

Judy stated that the IRS has not declined our group exemption requested, but rather has declined to rule. International Counsel Cecile Hatfield and Terry are working together on this stalemate. The Endowment Fund is raffling another i-Pad and Barbara has tickets and the facility to accept credit cards. The Bonnie & Archie Gann Scholarship was not offered this spring because the funds had not been transferred from the previous treasurer to Lisa, the new treasurer.

Vice Governor: Terry reported that the IRS will return our \$3,000 group exemption application fee. We have discovered a letter written in December 1983 by the IRS congratulating us on receiving our group exemption, but the second page is missing. Terry requested that everyone search her old records for a copy of the two-page letter. The secretary of any organization should hold the archives and pass them on to the next secretary.

She displayed the king-size aviation theme quilt to which all southeast chapters contributed fabric. Terry praised Amy Cotham, Lisa's sister, for donating an outstanding job of the quilting. Ursula has sent her a thank you letter on behalf of the Section. If we sell all the raffle tickets the Section can make over \$7,000. This is the fund raiser for this year. The winning ticket will be drawn in Providence, RI at the Convention.

The treasurer's SOP is done, thanks to Hanna. When the rest are completed they will be posted on the website. The new website address is SESection99s.org. Terry requested that members send her photos and write-ups of educational activities to post. Anyone can post activities on the calendar. Chapter websites have over-emphasized social activities.

Without the 501.c.3 exemption donors cannot deduct donations to chapters. Anne Horner added that many corporations will not donate to a group that does not have the exemption. Hanna requested that chapters send her their financial reports by July 1. She is still filing with the IRS as if we had the group exemption. Any state requirements for

not for profit status or to allow for solicitation of funds are to be handled by the individual chapters with their state governments.

Terry called our attention to a flyer announcing that the next Section Meeting will be at Warner Robbins/Macon, Georgia, September 14-15, 2012. Susan Delgado is organizing it for the Georgia Chapter. Gulf Stream Chapter may host the Spring 2013 Meeting. There is no site or host for the Fall 2013 Meeting.

Treasurer: Hanna reported that the Section has the following balances: checking account, \$1,574.82; savings account, \$8,092.44 and 13-month certificate of deposit, \$4,112.25. A detailed report was distributed to all attendees.

International Representative: Director Jan McKenzie, Colorado, was especially pleased to be here because Kitty Hawk was here original chapter. Jan encouraged members to register for the International Convention, which will have outstanding programs and activities. The third annual leadership seminar will be open to all members. "CPR for chapters" should be particularly helpful. Corbi will lead the PPLI seminar for professional pilots.

Jan distributed certificates of appreciation to members who had purchased tiles for the compass rose at Headquarters. Tiles can still be purchased for ones self, in honor, in memory or in appreciation of someone. She passed out order forms. The Lightspeed Foundation has again selected the 99s as a worthy non-profit organization. We have won the \$10,000 prize three times. Please vote again. The Ninety-Nines has a Twitter account. It is @theninetynines.

Every year The Ninety-Nines rent the basement of a house only ten minutes away from Oshkosh. It sleeps six, has a bathroom and small kitchen and is available to any 99 for \$50 per night. Contact Rita Adams, Chicago Area, for availability.

Committee Reports

Flightline: Editor Judy Bowser said that she is going to include a "For Sale" section so send her information on items you would like to sell. She also wants to feature the "Air Queen of the Month", someone who has soloed or earned a new rating or certificate. Please send Judy the information.

A Ways and Means Committee Chair is still needed.

Membership: Chairman Eileen Malan announced that the Section has 484 members, down 4 from where we were at the Fall 2011 Meeting. Our goal is still 700 for the next two years. Fran Strubeck has resigned as International Membership Chair and a volunteer to take her place would be appreciated.

Scholarship: Chairman Carol Wright was not present. Judy announced that Marlene Raseta, Kitty Hawk, has won an Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship for her commercial certificate.

Chapter Reports: Judy said that she received only three activity reports—from FL Goldcoast, Alabama and Carolinas. They will receive certificates of participation. Judy did not request representatives of the eight chapters present to give the usual oral reports.

Old Business

Lisa reported that the International Bylaw Amendment that the Section proposed at the Fall Meeting did not meet all the requirements by the December 31, 2011 deadline to be on the agenda for this year's Convention. Before submitting it for the 2013 Convention she would like to have the members reaffirm that the Section wants to submit it. The amendment created a procedure for former 99s to buy back breaks in membership and be reinstated at their previous membership date. A show of hands provided a unanimous consensus to submit the Bylaw Amendment to International before December 31, 2012.

New Business

Membership Challenge: Judy announced that Alabama and FL Suncoast chapters tied as winners of the six-month membership challenge. Each increased its membership by three. The Section will buy one compass rose tile at Headquarters in the chapters' honor.

Budget: Hanna presented the June 1, 2012 to May 31, 2013 budget as proposed by the Board of Directors. After extensive discussion of the decrease in funds for the governor's travel expenses, Barbara Harris-Para moved to increase the line item from \$1,500 to \$1,850. Ursula Davidson seconded the motion and it carried. Rosemary Gibson, Kitty Hawk, moved that the budget as amended be approved. Beverly Mirman, Carolinas, seconded the motion and it carried.

2014 International Convention: Lisa announced that International Board has officially approved New Orleans as the site. New Orleans and Mississippi chapters are ready to proceed, but are waiting to find out if a meeting planner will be used.

Section Meetings: Terry proposed not having Fall Section Meetings in 2013 and 2014, especially since Southeast will be hosting the International Convention in 2014. Our bylaws require us to have the Spring Meeting, but only the officers must meet in the fall. Many valid reasons to suspend fall meetings as well as to continue having fall meetings were discussed. The consensus was to continue having two Section Meetings per year. Mississippi chapter has indicated that it cannot host the Fall Meeting in 2013, but Lisa will talk with them. If they cannot do it, the Section will host the meeting.

Endowment Fund: Barbara announced that the fund has approximately \$650,000 now and hopes to reach \$800,000 in a year. She urged us to use Goodsearch and Goodshop, which will bring in revenue without costing users anything. Free flight insurance is

available for flight events if some of the profit is given to the Endowment Fund. Donors can give a designated amount each month through their credit cards. Contribution cards and award pins are available. Barbara is selling i-Pad3 raffle tickets for \$5 each, 5 for \$20 or 15 for \$50. The winning ticket will be drawn in Providence, RI.

Announcement: Judy announced that Pam O'Brien, former webmistress, has died of cancer. A moment of silenced was observed.

Adjournment: Judy adjourned the meeting at noon. The Fall Section Meeting will be at Warner Robbins/Macon, GA, Sept 14-15, 2012.