

Saturday, September 28, 2013

The meeting was called to order promptly at 9:00 a.m. on Sept. 28, 2013 in Gulfport, Mississippi by Terry Carbonell, Governor of the section. Introductions were made. In attendance were the governor, Terry, the vice Governor, Sonia Bortolin, Secretary, Mae Marquet, International Board representative, Cynthia Madsen. Also in attendance were past governors Corbi Bullock, Lisa Cotham Pizani and Lee Orr. (Janet Green, was in attendance last night, a governor and past international president to be the guest speaker evening banquet on Saturday night.)

<b>Chapters Present</b>	<b>Attending</b>	<b>Chair Present</b>	<b>Name of Chair</b>
Alabama	7	yes	Nicole Banks
Blue Ridge	2	no	Jessica Rolfe
Carolinas	1	no	Liz Lee
Embry Riddle	0	no	
Fl First Coast	1	no	Reba Ludlow
Fl Goldcoast	2	no	Myra Bugbee
Fl Gulfstream	0	no	
Fl Spaceport	0	no	
Fl Suncoast	2	yes	Kim Elholz
Georgia	0	no	
Kitty Hawk	3	yes	Corbi Bullock
Memphis	1	yes	Margaret Lindsey
Mississippi	6	yes	Maryke Hobuyken
New Orleans	7	yes	Karen Weldon
Paradise Coast	2	no	Nancy Moore
Tennessee	1	yes	Janice Pelletti
Middle Tenn.	1	yes	Diane Denson

Thirteen chapters in attendance constitute a quorum and business can be conducted.

The revised agenda sent out online was moved to be accepted by Rosemary Gibson and second by Ellen Herr. All are in favor.

#### **BUSINESS**

A motion to destroy ballots was made by Hilda Ray and second by Karen Weldon. Approved. Susan Castro will be notified as teller and holder of the ballots to destroy them since there were no contests made to the election.

Any additions to the minutes from the spring 2013 meeting were called for. None offered. Ellen moved to accept and Nicole Banks second. No discussion offered and approved.

#### **OFFICER REPORTS**

Vice-governor is working on the next section meeting in Charleston, SC. then in Tennessee.

Lisa Cotham Pizani and Janet Gonzales are working on International Conference 2014. Reports to follow in these records.

Secretary has no report except all documents are available on the web site.

Treasurer says a CD is coming due. It was for \$4000 at 1.4%. Suggestion is to move to Bank of America from the FAA Credit Union for 2 years an amount of \$8000.00 at 1.25%, the best rate found. This was approved.

International: Cynthia Madsen told us of the amendments which passed or failed or were returned to reconsider wording. All passed except the "associate member" bylaw amendment. Details are in the international minutes.

Oshkosh Air Venture participation was a success with the move of the booth to inside a larger pavilion instead of the lost location under a smaller tent. The 99s house is available for a bed in a shared room with other 99s for \$50 a night. It is not necessary to work the event to stay there.

The Fall BOD meeting is Nov. 1 & 2 in Oklahoma City at the Hilton Garden Inn. Call Laura at headquarters if you would like to attend. It is fun and a time to see how it all works. It is interactive and all in attendance are encouraged to participate.

The Nominating Committee is looking for volunteers to run on the board for Director (if approved at this meeting) and Gann trust positions (if approved at this meeting). Oct 31st is the deadline for intent to seek election for the International positions available. Forms are online or again call Laura Ohrenberg at headquarters. Info on the candidates will be in the Jan.-Feb. 99 News. Elections will be held by paper ballot in the spring.

Next deadline for the 99s awards is Jan 15th. Go on web site to see the five awards.

Vote for the Lightspeed grant on the web. Anyone can vote. [www.vote99s.com](http://www.vote99s.com). A link also appears on the main page of our regular web page.

Fly Now Award is a revised student pilot award. It is for student pilots in increments, up to \$3000 to completion. The North Central Section has been inundated with new member applications as a result of this scholarship. Applications need to be into international by Oct. 15th.

Endowment Fund: Cynthia Madsen gave the report for Mary Wunder. Celebrate Mary Wunder's 60th birthday, chairman of the fund, by going to one of the restaurants of Dine to Donate: California Pizza Kitchen, Applebees, LoneStar, I Hop, Ruby Tuesdays, and others. At International, Fuddruckers donated \$88 dollars from our participation. The fund is at \$850,000, close to the million dollar mark. This mark establishes our financial stability allowing us to accomplish great efforts. The building at headquarters needs repairs that this will enable. We will be able to acquire grant money.

Email Mary with questions as to how all this works. Use Good Dining on the Good Search web engine to acquire Good Swipe, register your credit card. Several paths are applicable.

Membership: (Eileen Malan, chair, had back surgery and was unable to attend.)  
Numbers were low in February but have grown: 458 to 489.

Flightline: Please email Stephanie Wrenn with information from your chapters by the end of the month and it will be in the next month's Flightline.

Ways and Means: Chair, Judy Hall, is not present.

## OLD BUSINESS

Our newest chapter is Middle Tennessee. To honor the founding members we have acquired a new charm with the new 99s logo as the design. Dianna Denson, chapter chair, is present to receive them. The charms are also available for purchase at \$12 this weekend and then \$15.

501(c)(3): Terry should speak to the special taxpayer assistant liaison in early October. Still no group number acknowledged. It is an ongoing saga which Terry intends to rectify. The whole file is gathered in one spot at the IRS. The letter of congratulations was issued in Dec. of 1983 and the IRS claims that the exemption was lost on February 28, 1984 before the group number was issued... But if reports are filed without a group number than it is basically thrown away. It appears the file was never transmitted to Atlanta where the number is issued. Kris Herron, CPA, international chair of 501(c)(3), is notified and will help. The IRS has not sent its proper documentation to us. We have a fighting chance. We have been assigned a district negotiator and Terry has submitted offers to settle this. We have put money aside to even pay what we may need to get a ruling; we can file under our new chapter. We do accept joint responsibility, let's move on. There is a 2006 regulation in which "not for profits" have to file a 990N informational report that all Chapters now have to file. Terry will assist and get these filed through Kris for those who need to file back reports.

In the mean time the section has a valid number to conduct business.

Lisa sated that chapters do not realize how important this is and that Terry has done a phenomenal job of tackling it.

One new development is that all of the IRS mail will go to a central mailbox, at International and then be dispersed to the proper chapter and officer. Alabama secretary of state was not update to be listed with the state; it was last updated in Tuscaloosa in 1975. Ramona Banks has agreed to be the new registered agent for the Section. The corporate papers have also been refilled so the oversight has been rectified.

## CHAPTER CHAIRS

Tennessee: Meetings have gone from one per quarter to every other month. Plans are for two Girl Scout Days, one in April. TN has a local Girl's Inc. program in the Knoxville

area which received a \$10,000 grant to put on an aviation program. They are requesting any ideas to promote this effort. Tenn. will host the next Fall Section meeting 2014 in Knoxville.

Mississippi: Accomplished much work on this section meeting and will paint a compass rose in Tallulah in November.

Middle Tenn: MT, now incorporated chartered chapter, had its first meeting in March, had a booth at Summit Regional Airport with EAA. It had a booth at Bowling Green, Family Aviation Day, as advertisement of the Chapter and sold some jewelry. One member is making taxi-way lights and is looking for parts. They will paint a compass rose at Tullahoma and requested any help from others since members have no experience with this. Shelbyville wants a new compass rose. If a rose is old there must be a sign saying "not for compass calibration" if not re-surveyed in 5 years.

Fl Suncoast: FS will be Hosting 2015 section spring meeting. Hurricane Hunter will come to their general meeting in November, an air marking scheduled at St.Pete in October. They are planning a joint fundraiser with Girl Scouts and a girl scout day in the future at one of the meetings. They are also planning a Fantasy of Flight meeting with Tuskegee Airman honored. This Chapter is helping with International decorations. One new member and an IFR rating newly acquired. Sun n Fun is near these gals and always much involvement.

Alabama: AL has acquired new members and been busy in the last six months. They will host a Wings Day Seminar in Huntsville next weekend with nine seminars and booths. They will paint a compass rose in November and have a fundraiser the same day for state scholarship and planning to jointly have an Amelia Earhart Luncheon in January with the Zontas.

Kitty Hawk: KH plans an air marking in May and another scheduled soon thereafter. In July they had a fun pot luck dinner with a guest speaker whose topic was personal electronic devices. Also he spoke on ADS-B as well as afterwards they were treated to his Red Bird Simulator in which they were able to log time. Last month there was a wine tasting event in which the Chapter members in attendance were furnished breathalyzer sticks to learn how much alcohol impairs a pilot. One can order these from a company in Tenn. The Chapter is working with girl scouts and building a three screen simulator.

New Orleans: They met with the EAA and learned how to fly Lite Formation. They have had a weekend meeting, monthly meetings and small committee meetings regarding the International Conference planning.

Terry encouraged all to take these new and bright ideas back to the chapters.

INTERNATIONAL

Janet Gonzales presented the new sales brochure. We need all chapters to raise money for the support of this event. Our goal is \$12000 total. If your chapter is less than 20 consider selling a page. Larger chapters up to 40ish could consider 3-4 pages as a goal. We have had response but not checks received yet. All information is on the back of the brochure. Consider the Tourism aspect of your community. 500 conference programs will be printed. We are working to put this online as well.

A request for a Demographic of those in attendance at the conference was made. We have a conference web page. Ramona Banks volunteered to construct a FaceBook page.

Registrations made by Dec. 31 are entered into a chance to get free registration. International will get on board after the Lightspeed Grant is done. We need all chapters/ladies to speak up with your talents since this is a section wide event. The funds we are seeking to collect are to be used for speaker funds and hospitality.

Mae, in charge of programs, requested that we have volunteers to be a hostess to the speakers who will attend. Pinnacle is in charge of the Tours. But the programs are as follows and some subject to change: CAMI, with their PROTE and Gyro Chambers, is our main event (all in the brochure.) Other events are a speaker of History, a Survival Training speaker, Weather info from the Hurricane Hunters, Continental Engines, Mobile Devices training, Air Journey, Lite Formation Flying, Light Sport Category, a panel of great ladies presenting cutting edge info. There will be a session for new members and first time attendees. We will have tags at international but are planning perhaps an identifiable shirt.

Lisa showed the small fan and mister for hot south Louisiana. Works on i-pad too! Today is the ribbon cutting of the newly refurbished New Orleans Lakefront Airport. We are hopeful to have our welcome reception there. Lisa is active on the banquet menus. All are encouraged to find something indicative of their area to put into a goody bag. 400 is a good donation number.

At the end of every month the meeting planner puts our money into our account: as of August, 23 members and 3 guests are registered. A total so far of \$6494 is in our section account and marked as such. Our seed money is not included in that number but sitting until a bit later just in case it is needed. The total seed money in the bank is \$3100 plus another \$1500 paid by the Section for the meeting planner deposit.

One question regarding the brochure, what does "Lagniappe" mean? It's a French word meaning "extra and free," often used in French south Louisiana. Donations are welcome. Tennessee stepped up and they are sponsoring the breakfast.

SCHOLARSHIP BANK

This has moved to International. Info will be on the web site. If your chapter has a scholarship, please consider putting it into this bank. Actually nothing really changes except the advertising.

Marie Grein donated \$1000 for an over 40 new pilot certificate. There is not a membership requirement or time limit.

#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Three changes are needed. 1. Our legal name needs some correction in the by laws.

Change by deleting "Inc." after "The Southeast Section."

2. Article 6: Adding two directors. Section 4-Eligibility for office needs some changes. If no one is able to take on governor, then mere membership will be a qualification.

Section 5: Term of office changes.

3. Elections by secure electronic means are authorized. Ellen Herr worked tediously with the electronic voting possibility. Anyone wanting a paper ballot can request one and one will be mailed to them.

Terry requested to vote on all three changes at once. Tamara Sheffman moved to adopt the proposed changes and Diana Denson seconded.

Lisa asked for clarification on the requirement to be an "active" member. It should be further defined as to the definition in the 99s International, under definitions of international. Regarding the office of governor, she feels it should be limited to someone who has been to a section meeting.

The concern is who will step up and the possibility of not having anyone. Hopefully the nominating committee can fulfill the need.

The Motion passed.

#### GANN SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship has slipped through the crack since the early 2000's. It has been a challenge to locate the money but that has happened. We have in that scholarship account a little over \$11,130 sitting in the BBT bank. The EIN number used was the EIN for the Section so this money MUST be accounted for at the Section level. It is a memorial scholarship and the money will be used for scholarships in accordance with the terms of the resolution. The resolution was created by section members and it needs to be amended by section members. There are a few suggested resolution changes as follows: one is how to determine who the trustees should be. In the past the changes were made by trustees when the resolution does not authorize the trustees to do so.

The board of Trustees is five members, the governor, the immediate past-governor, an at-large appointment by governor and 2 Gann family members. The new proposal is to replace the immediate past-governor with the treasurer and the at-large member to be selected by the board, not the governor. The family will still appoint 2 family representatives. If they fail to appoint them or if none qualify, the Section BOD would appoint 2 additional at large members to complete the panel of 5 trustees.

Vicki Lynn Sherman, not family but an old family friend, was appointed as a permanent trustee. This needs addressing as this appointment was not done by the Section members or the Governor but by a family member and is legally invalid. Though Vicki is

not a family member the suggestion is to make her one of the family trustee spots if the family so desires allowing three positions to be current members of the section. If family doesn't want to participate any longer than the section would appoint these two at-large members by the board.

The scholarship also would be put into the international scholarship bank with the trustees making the award decision.

The award could be made at section, international or some other meeting that is suitable. In the past the award was given to a male and a female when the trustees found suitable applicants. The floor was open for discussion from Section members. In past the award was \$1000 for each male and female. Should it be \$2000 for a woman, or the same to both?

Corbi spoke up on who this scholarship is in honor of. The Ganns, both husband - Archie and wife -Bonnie, were active with the air races and the 99s. Both were tragically lost on a trip back from the Bahamas, the scholarship was intended for flight instructors.

As far as future funding we should discuss this down the line, but for now let's straighten out the present so we can make an award of the scholarship in 2014..

One time it wasn't given because there were no applicants and another time the bank account was unknown. Since then no one had found the money and there was little correspondence with the trustees.

Lisa received an email from, Bonnie Gann's daughter, Susan Kawa. It addressed the section with thanks and praise for caring for the scholarship for over twenty years promoting flying and love for it as her mother did. Scholarship trustees, Susan-daughter, Christine - sister, and Shirley- Bonnie's mother would like to see a grand finale distributing all the funds to men and woman flight instructors in 2014 and retire the memorial.

Corbi reminded us that it is a Southeast section scholarship, and though appreciates the involvement of the family, noted that the Section must be the one to determine whether or not to continue the. Some members who remember the Gann's noted that much of the money came from the pilot community and the Section and if the trustees want it to continue they should be out propagating it.

One suggested giving all the money now and giving a paid registration to international in their honor.

Another suggested that \$11,000+ is a lot to award in one year. Another suggested bringing it to \$12000 and awarding 6 persons, \$2000 each.

Lisa Cotham Pizani said someone should speak to the family about these thoughts and show them what the legal documents say, it being the framework in which we work.

The ladies discussed as to whether the family trustees want to be done with this or not.

Corbi Bulluck researched this couple and told of the story of the Gann's. She suggested that it would be nice to perpetuate Bonnie & Archie Gann's memory.

Terry expressed her concern that section doesn't meet again till spring and only twice a year. Would section allow Terry, Cecil Hatfield and Sonia Bortolin as a committee to discuss with the family and create and adopt a resolution to the scholarship to allow it to continue and thereby allow it to be awarded through the Scholarship bank in 2014 as a section scholarship and to keep the Scholarship alive at least for some time longer?

The original trustees' duties are: 1. to manage and invest the scholarship fund; 2. To distribute information and applications and due date; 3. To choose a deserving candidate and 4. To make the award. All the rest falls on the section members. Terry suggests removing 2 above and allowing the scholarship bank to do the distribution; trustees would manage the fund, receive the applications from international and choose the deserving applicants and make the award.

Eligibility was addressed in the original and as a 501(c)(3) we cannot discriminate. The consensus is that it should be both a male and a female. Connie Wiles, governor when this was done, may have some insight.

A Motion was made that 1. Cecil Hatfield, Sonia Bortolin and Terry Carbonell make a committee to create and adopt an amendment to the original resolution, discuss the issues with the family and discuss their continued involvement in the scholarship 2. Place the scholarship in the International Scholarship Bank for an award in 2014 3. . Keep the scholarship ongoing to perpetuate the Gann's names. Lee Orr made the Motion and Janet Gonzales seconded it. Motion is approved..

#### NEXT SECTION MEETINGS

Welcome to Charleston, S.C. via Janice Peletti for Barbara Para-Harris by DVD for the Spring Section meeting 2014. The dates are May2-3, 2014

Then Janice provided her invitation to Knoxville, Tenn for the meeting in Fall 2014 – September 19-20, 2014.

#### OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS-

SRB is hosting a free BBQ and live music on October 26th to celebrate the formation of the Middle Tennessee Chapter and welcome them to the local aviation community.

Thereafter, all 99s are invited to stay the night at Terry's log cabins. Driving directions are on Google.

Eight 99s are attending first-time section meeting.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER OPEN FORUM: Rosemary Gibson, with Kitty Hawk, sold a coloring book in honor of one of their members, Marsha Keeton, the chapter treasurer, who died in a plane crash.

Nancy Miller Borg would like to give a list of the names of attendees so we can know who we meet.



Liz Poeppelman, launched "Dreams of Wings," to promote & inspire women in aviation, held in Columbus, MS, 200 attended. She is looking for help, it will be during spring break.

Ramona Banks, new group called flightquest.net to give flights and education to under privileged. Anyone interested please help. If the children give to the community, they will get back free rides etc.

Charms are available from Ellen Herr who is collecting money for the Section fund raiser.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:37 p.m.