

The Fall Business meeting of the Southeast Section was called to order in Knoxville, Tn on Sept. 20, 2014 at 9:10 a.m.

Present with introductions were Terry Carbonell - Governor; Mae Marquet - Secretary; Myra Bugbee - Director; Marilyn Shaeffer - Director; and Susan Larson - International Board. Following chapters were represented:

Chapter not necessarily present)	Members present	Current Chair (chairperson
Alabama	2	Nancy Swanner & Nicole Banks
Blue ridge	0	
Carolinas	3	Barbara Para-Harris
ERAU	0	
Fl. First Coast	2	Meredith Halloday
Fl. Gold Coast	1	Myra Bugbee
Fl. Gulfstream	0	Barbara Ganson
Fl. Spaceport	1	Donna Wiltz
Fl. Suncoast	2	Kim Elholz
Georgia	0	
Kitty Hawk	2	Rosemary Gibson
Memphis	1	Joann Spears
Mississippi	0	Maryke Hobuyken
New Orleans	4	Karen Weldon
Paradise Coast	3	Nancy Moore
Tennessee	5	Janice Pelletti
Middle Tennessee	0	Dianne Denson
Emerald Angels	3	Caitlin Kuersteiner
St. Croix	3	Louise Porter

13 chapters present constituted a quorum, business to be conducted. First order of business is to destroy the ballots of the last meeting. Motion for destruction of ballots was made by Ellen Herr, Myra second and it carried.

Next was the acceptance of the minutes from the last meeting. Carole Voss suggested that the minutes be sent out to all members not just those registered. The draft minutes will be posted to the web site once they are reviewed by the board. Barbara moved to accept the minutes, Carole second and they were passed.

#### OFFICER REPORTS

The Vice Governor is not present.

Secretary stands corrected for the minutes requesting members to email if there is something completely left out.

Next business was the Treasurer's report. No treasurer present but the report is attached. Section is financially strong. The Gann Scholarship account has a little over \$8000, in the checking account just short of \$6200, the savings account has little over \$12000 and an inventory of 155 charms.

## DIRECTORS

Marilyn is working with Joann Spears, Memphis chapter chair. Many good things done and yet still struggles with attendance. Marilyn will also be checking on the committee chairs.

Myra is assigned to Meredith Holloday of FI. First Coast. Meredith tried a conference call for a meeting -this was a leap into the 22 century. It went well.

## INTERNATIONAL

Susan Larson told us about our attendance at the AOPA Regional Trade Shows. Oshkosh had our booth in the large B Pavilion. Check your rosters, you may have a new member through Oshkosh. Webinars are regular, and can be accessed on the web site if you missed the live broadcast. The Lightspeed Grant can be won by voting through emails, please go on the Lightspeed Grant site and vote all emails because this is a valuable grant of \$10,000. The IBOD Nominating Committee needs to fill 2 positions of Director. AE Scholarship applications are due Jan 1. Check the web site for more details.

Susan clarified that there are no local Chapter members without being a member of the International Organization. Munich is coming up. Register online.

Susan thanked New Orleans for a fabulous International Conference. An invitation stands to the International Board meeting in Oklahoma City.

## CHARTERING OF ST. CROIX

Louise Porter and several members of St. Croix Island Paradise Chapter "present via Facetime", receive their new charter at the flight school in St. Croix. Terry will mail the official charter. She also presented to the charter members our fund raiser charms.

## COMMITTEES

### Membership

531 members are in the section. Several first timers attended the meeting.

### Flight Line

Need to announce new publication dates are quarterly, January, April, July and October. Please, chapter chairs, send something to Stephanie Wrenn. Flight Lines is for all of us but without members willing to contribute, there is no point to the news letter.

### Endowment Fund

Mary Wunder send it her report: "

We are so excited to announce that the Endowment Fund has reached their Million dollar goal. What does that mean exactly? It means that the Endowment Fund Trustees will shift the investments to more interest and dividend (instead of growth) types of accounts to be able to provide the International Board of Directors money for special projects. Does that mean the Endowment Fund doesn't need any more donations? Not really, the more money in the Endowment Fund, the more interest and

dividends will be available to spend. It is set up just like the Scholarship Fund - the more money in the fund - the more that is available to be disbursed.

Mary Wunder or any of the Endowment Fund trustees are available to answer any questions that you might have.

Thanks again for believing in us and getting us to our goal - we could not have done it without all of you!!!!”

#### Ways & Means

Judy Hall is the chair but we have not had much contact from her.. We do have the charms as our fund raiser; and the sales gone well. Of the last batch ordered we have 155 left, that is about half. As of June first we raised over \$800. All the charms are paid for so the remaining money is profit.

#### AE Scholarship

All applications for AE scholarship will pass thru Carole Knight as our section chair.

#### Air Markings

The chair is Carol Gosling. There will be at least one upcoming marking at Fairhope, AL.

#### Sun n Fun House

Barbara Sergio and Nancy Wright have faithfully served to care for this house since “forever.” Now the reigns pass to Barbara Yeninas and Mary Wunder. Barbara Sergio was the one who raised the funds to get the house and push its need. Recognition is due. Our chapter has sent \$500 to the care of the house.

#### Media-Relations

This is a newly formed committee. Ramona Banks will chair this committee.

#### Awards

This new committee is to stir interest in attendance. Pilot of the Year, Spinning Prop, Behind the Clouds, Governor Service Award were some suggestions. A chair was asked for and Carol Voss volunteered.

On that thought International awards deadline Jan 15th.

#### IRS

We finally have our 501(c)(3) exemption granted. We still have some challenges: EIN numbers were not valid, end dates need moving, non-conflict clauses not enacted, and or wrong language. As these loose ends are tied up the subordinate report will go in January 1, 2015. This coming year Kris Herron will help us file the large detailed tax report to the IRS. She will need reports from all chapters for this. After the demand of

the long form, which may be necessary for several years, the section will automatically file the simpler form..

Chapter Chairs (representatives) Speak

Alabama: Nicole Banks states that the SE Section 2015 Fall Meeting will be hosted in Huntsville, Sept. 24-27.

Memphis: Thanked BOD for help. JoAnn Spears is chair and has 13 members and is trying real hard to rejuvenate with "cream." This chapter has joined in partnership with 8 schools of aerospace in TN to get high schoolers ready to get opportunity to attend. It will be an entire day at the airport.

In 2015 there will be 4 chapters where the Air Race Classic will stop on its race in the SE Section. Jo Ann is proposing a SE Section Challenge. They will be North Wilkesboro, NC (KUKF) ; Gaston ,Alabama (KGAD); Everett Stewart, TN (KUCY); the last stop is not counted as it is the terminus.

New Orleans: Mae Marquet received an AE Scholarship. We have plans to paint a compass rose in Baton Rouge. We have a cookbook fund raiser for sale. Our Lisa is now the International Secretary.

Spaceport: Virginie is the representative. This chapter has put on a seminar with Wings credit. They will participate in an Air Show on Oct. 11-12, it is put on by ERAU. They had a raffle given at the international conference. They are also selling shirts with the new logo.

Emerald Angels of the Gulf Coast: Caitlyn Keursteiner is chair and now has 22 members. They will paint a compass rose which will be for the Terminus of the Air Race Classic.

Tennessee: Janice has hosted this section meeting. They had 2 girl scout days. They make money on these.

Florida Goldcoast: Myra has 55 members. We try to have a fly-in meeting on 2nd Saturday of month. With much experience in our group, we focus on education at every meeting. We have had survival training and presentation of computer apps. We have a memorial scholarship of \$2000 we give away every year. This year we have an opportunity to give an ADF 737 Jet Simulator checkout. This two week program is worth about \$6-7000.

Carolinas: Barbara is chair and hosted the spring section meeting in Charleston in 2014. It was a huge success in that it had several professional women pilots share experiences. Eileen and Barbara went to International. Debby Dennis and Barbara attended a full day seminar which led to Barbara riding in a C-46. They presented a pitch hitter course which was so large they had to have a second class in the afternoon with several young ones attending. They will have another at another airport it was so well received. Making some money on the section meeting this chapter gave back its community. 20 girls are attending a seminar at Ashboro airport.

Kitty Hawk: Jan Squillace, chair, says they are hosting a Poker Run, also hoping to have a girls scout day next spring.

Fl. Suncoast: Marilyn Shafer, former chair, says with such a large area of their chapter they have the meetings at various airports. Three members went to the Spring Section and 5 went to the International. Every year they send 2 girls from grades 4-6 to Space

Camp. They will host the next section meeting. They will also have a holiday luncheon in Tampa on Dec. 13th.

International Report: 194 99s attended the International Conference, 70 guests. Thanks goes out to all. One goal was to have a full array of seminars which would attract something in all fulfilling the educational aspect. There were 8 seminars which of course some ran at the same time as another. There were exhibitors which contributed to making a success. A wonderful hospitality room was experienced by all. Of the profits international would receive 60% and this section would receive 40%. But if we go into the hole the section bears the entire burden. We received \$7000 in sponsorships, \$3700 from Exhibitors and \$3460 from ads solicited. It totaled \$22,540 with a little value from hotel comps. So International will get \$12,000 and our section \$8,000.

Janet and Lisa presented to the international members present the check. Though all is not balanced yet, the check for the \$12,000 was given.

The section then asked what to do with some of this money. On recognition of the work done by the New Orleans chapter the board thought to give a \$1000 scholarship fund. Corbi made this motion and Barbara second. This passed. Corbi requested it be put onto the scholarship registry. Barbara requested to put \$1500 additionally to the governor's budget to use as she sees fit in her travels to promote the section. It will be considered when another governor comes in. But the section could cover registration and hotel for international representative. While we have the money can we comp these? Let's start with this conference with limits of 2-3 nights. Carol moved that the SE Section comp the IBOD representative for 2-3 nights hotel stay and their registration. Jan seconded the motion and it passed. The next discussion was regarding the governor's expense of registration and stay.

Terry request we go back to our chapters and figure out how to spend the rest. Soon we will have additional money from an estate. Carol moved that the SE Section comp the Governor for 2-3 nights hotel stay and their registration for section meetings. Jan seconded the motion and it passed.

Terry Also reminded the chapters that there is \$1000 seed money to start up a section meeting.

#### By-Laws

A proposal to change the by-laws regarding ballots was spoken by Ellen. When all to be elected are un-opposed, no ballot would go out. (Details are in packet of section meeting.) There is a deadline in the SOP's. The nominating committee will announce this to the membership, no - opposition, and it will be put online. It has been updated in the SOP's. Lisa moved to accept the bylaws amendment and Ellen second. Passed, 1 opposed.

#### Nominating Committee

Ellen says all positions are up for re-election. Deadline should be late February, 2015. It will be in noted October Flight Line.

#### Flightline

The new output dates are January, April, July and October.

#### NIFA

Marilyn spoke about NIFA (National Intercollegiate Flying Alliance), region 9. This will be held at Jacksonville, Fl. Nov. 4-8. Judges are needed. John Laufer is involved. Room rate is \$99 at the Wyndham and breakfast.

#### Section Meeting 2015

The Flamingo Fundango will be held May 15-17 in St. Pete at the Downtown Hilton.

Fall 2015 will be in Huntsville, Al. Red Stone Test Center and Simulator and Salsa dancing instruction fun.

More section meeting locations will be listed on the website.

#### AOPA Mini-Summits

St. Simons Island is the location for our region. We will have a booth.

#### For the Good of the Order

Suggestions for Chapter fund raisers were presented including:

- girl scout day, \$10 per girl, \$5 per parent, had to have a cutoff of 200
- 5K runway
- l-pad covers and clutches
- Latin Pig roast
- companion flying
- chili cook-off at the compass rose painting
- compass rose
- plane wash with add ons
- treasure hunt
- spot landing at a towered airport
- poker run which served lunch
- silent auction
- flower bombing
- garage sale

#### Air Race Classic- Best Stop Prize

It was suggested that \$100 be given to the chapter of the three in our section who are a regular stop in the Air Race Classic. This was voted on and passed. Barbara also motioned, Debra seconds, that we give a plaque under \$100 to the en route stop of our

3 which is the best. Passed. Terry proposed a small trophy for any racer who wins the total of the 3 stops in our section. Motioned, second and passed.

Janice Pelletti is a member of the international nominating committee.

Lisa Cotham presented this motion for clarification to be brought before International.

#### ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP

##### Section 1. Membership Requirements

- A. Any woman shall be eligible for membership in the Corporation if she can show satisfactory evidence that she meets the following qualifications:

1) Holds a ~~Recreational, Sport or higher grade~~ pilot certificate or license or holds equivalent pilot certificates and ratings issued by the appropriate government authority or is a rated military pilot ~~in similar aircraft~~.

##### Section 4. Classes of Membership

D. Student Pilot Member - A woman ~~meeting~~ who meets the requirements of Section 1 of this Article, ~~except that she~~ and who holds a current student pilot certificate, or equivalent pilot certificate issued by appropriate government authority, shall be ~~eligible to become~~ a Student Pilot Member of the Corporation.

- 1) Student Pilot Members shall pay reduced annual dues for the first two years of their membership after which they shall pay dues at the full active member rate.
- 2) Student Pilot Members shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of membership except that of holding office at the International level.
- 3) Membership time accrued as a Student Pilot Member shall not be credited towards meeting the eligibility requirements of ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP, Section 5. Paragraph B. Life Member, and ARTICLE X: ELIGIBILITY TO HOLD OFFICE.
- 4) In Sections where there are Chapters, these Student Pilot Members must be affiliated with a Chapter.
- 5) Student Pilot Members shall convert to full Corporate membership when a ~~Recreational, Sport, Private, or~~ higher grade pilot certificate is earned.

#### RATIONALE:

Current membership requirements are that a woman must hold at least an FAA Sport Pilot certificate or its international equivalent. As our bylaws are written, there is no provision for the holder of a Student Pilot certificate to join The 99s. The proposed amendment to Section 1 creates the vehicle by which the holder of a Student Pilot certificate can be eligible for membership. Section 4, paragraph D, addresses classes of membership only, not eligibility. In order for a Student Pilot class of membership to exist, Student Pilots must first be eligible for membership.

Ramona Banks moved to accept and Virginie Rollins seconded. It was passed unanimously and will be sent to international.

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Aviation Adventures is a program for young girls in under-privileged area near southern Alabama. There is a Cessna150 for these girls to use. An i-pad mini was donated and \$5000 raised for this program as it was raffled. Linda Caine won.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.