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These are the Women Pilots willing to serve you for the next two years on the Southeast Section 99s Board - May 2019 thru May 2021. Please take the time to open this link and read through their vision statements. Voting will occur in about 4 weeks (May 22-April 19).

Bios &
Vision
Statements
for Nominees



Chapter Chairs, Would you please encourage your attending members if they have never opted IN for electronic ballots, this would be an excellent move to make. It is very easy if they use email. It is a simple change on the 99s web page for the member to sign in and update their choice. Perhaps you can make this available at your next meeting, just to show gals if they haven't done it, how easy it is. We have over 130 snail mail envelopes to send for elections which would not cost us more if we included them in the electronic method. They also do not get these emails. You might like to print the bios and show them who is running on the slate to come out in March. Thank you for your help.

Thanks for doing your part,

Mae Marquet
Southeast Section 99s Governor 2017-19

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Governor

Ramona Banks

Vision Statement:

My goals for the SE Section is to provide ways to enhance members piloting skills and grow our membership. We can enhance members piloting skills is by offering more seminars at section meetings, but also providing leadership to our chapters to help them achieve this goal. We can promote joint chapter fly-outs which will offer fellowship along with giving a reason for our members to fly and allowing more experienced pilots to mentor less experienced pilots.



Biography:

Ramona Banks is the Chairman of the Alabama Chapter, SE Section Director, and the International Election Procedures Chairman and the Bylaws Committee. She lives in Madison, Alabama with her husband, Kevin. They have two grown children and three granddaughters.

Ramona started flying October 2005, received her Private in 2007, Instrument in 2011, and her Commercial in 2016. Ramona joined the 99s in January 2008. In 2009, she had to put her volunteer activities on hold to take care of her mother, who had Alzheimer's and passed away in 2011.

She attended her first SE Section meeting in 2013 which only cemented her love for the 99s. She has participated in every SE Section meeting since. She flew at the first Let's Fly Now program in Fairhope, Alabama and one in Jackson, Mississippi.

She bought a 1964 Cessna 182 in 2013. She raced as pilot in the Air Race Classic in 2015 with fellow 99, Caroline Hodges, and as co-pilot in 2016 and 2017 with fellow 99 Corbi Bulluck.

Ramona works at Northrop Grumman as an Instructional Designer/Multimedia Developer creating military training. She attends Athens State University working on her Master of Education in Career and Technical Education emphasizing in Leadership.

Leadership Experience in the 99s:

Alabama Chapter Chair, Media Chair

Southeast Section Director, Media Chair, Ways and Means Chair

International Election Procedures Committee Chair

International Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee Member

Other:

AOPA

EAA

FAA Safety Representative

Multimedia Designer/Instructional Designer

Vice-Governor

Lois Horne

Vision Statement:

Benchmarking is an industry standard in the workplace to improve business goals and deliver on key performance indicators. Benchmarking leverages strategies with proven level of success to be shared and implemented across chapters in the section. For struggling chapter it could be beneficial to have regularly scheduled monthly teleconferences to discuss success stories, provide various forms of support to assist in achieving chapter goals or merely learn what other chapters are doing to represent Ninety-Nines in their areas. Could be community outreach or flying outings. These conference calls provide a venue for outreach and support.



Biography:

Lois Horne works in pharmaceutical industry. She is self-employed and offers consulting services to manufacturing organizations. She enjoys improving processes to increase efficiencies. She enjoys working in teams to drive engagement to the shop floor, to perform root cause analysis, and respects others for the knowledge they have in the processes.

Lois volunteers her time in the community. She was head timer for two different Air Race Classic stops, been chapter chair in Central New York and Memphis and is a van monitor for her local church, which carries local kids to church activities. Lois volunteered to work with the cadet program of Civil Air Patrol teaching the youth aerospace education and search and rescue.

Her flying passion started first in skydiving, then transitioned to flying while obtaining her doctorate degree. She held office of vice president in the aero club helping the organization maintain the aircraft and membership. Lois completed her flying license and went on to complete her IFR certificate. Total flying time acquired is 400 hours in aircraft such as Cessna's, Cirrus, and Piper. She is tail wheel and high performance rated.

Leadership Experience in the 99s:

Memphis Chapter Chair, Scholarship Chair, Airmarking Chair

Other:

Clemson University Flying Club – Secretary, Vice-President

Greenbelt Six Sigma

Chemist, QA manager

Secretary

Janice Pelletti

Vision Statement:

Introducing young women to the aviation industry is one of the most important aspects of the 99s. As a board member in the Southeast Section I will support and help the expansion of current programs and the implementation of new ones. The Girl Scout programs I've organized introduced over 1200 young women and parents to aviation. Expanding the role of women in aviation contributes to 99s success. Many of the young women who go on to become pilots join the 99s, increasing membership which strengthens our organization. New members inspire new ideas and keep the 99s fresh and energized.



Biography:

Many early childhood memories include Ninety-Nine meetings around mom's kitchen table. At first, I opted out of aviation as a career because the medical waiver I needed with my uncorrected 20/400 vision severely limited employment options. I established myself as a journalist and founded my own international business communications firm. I started flying for fun in 1976 and rapidly added aviation to my career goals.

I hold ATP and Gold Seal Flight Instructor Certificates. My aviation experience includes 141 flight school chief instructor, 135 fixed-wing air ambulance, corporate, Designated Pilot Examiner, 142 Training Center Program Manager at Northwest Airlines (NATCO) and Mississippi FSDO Manager. My work at NATCO included flying all seven NWA types. I'm typed in the DC-9 and BE-300 and worked as an FAA resource, giving check rides throughout the country.

I served the 99s chairing two chapters, organized two section meetings, and volunteering on Section and International nominating committees. Since 2010 I've worked on the International Publishing Committee as an editor and feature story writer for the 99 News.

I'm retired and fly my BE36. I volunteer with Pilots and Paws and therapy dog work. I'm a licensed therapy dog tester/observer and Reading Education Assistance Dog Instructor.

Leadership Experience in the 99s:

MN Chapter: NC Section Meeting Chair; Secretary

TN Chapter Chair

SE Section Meeting Chair 2014

Appalachian Aviatrixes Chapter Founder and Chair; Scholarship Chair

99s News Reporter

New Horizons Scholarship Trustee

Southeast Section: Nominating Committee, Bylaws Committee

International: Nominating Committee, Publishing Committee

Other:

FAA FAAS Team Rep

NE TN Aviation Initiative Committee

CAP Mission Pilot + Check Pilot

FAA - retired

Treasurer

Jeanne Burklund

Vision Statement:

My passion is sharing my love of aviation with young women and helping them see that anything is possible if they work for it. The Suncoast Chapter provides me with a lot of opportunities to promote aviation to young women. We sponsor Girl Scout Aviation Days and Aviation Scholarships for middle and high school girls. These girls are potential future members and I want to do all I can to encourage their interest in aviation. I am very proud to be a member of the Ninety Nines and would be honored to serve as the Southeast Section Treasurer.



Biography:

I joined the Florida Suncoast 99s in 1995 - two months after I got my license. During that first meeting I knew that I had found a group that loved aviation as much as I did. And I was impressed by the work that was being done to share that passion with the children in our area.

Over the years, I have been active in the Florida Suncoast Chapter. I'm currently the Treasurer and have held the offices of Chairman and Vice Chairman. I have also served as Co-chair for two section meetings, been a member of the Aerospace Education committee, Newsletter Editor and Webmaster.

I am currently serving as the Southeast Section Treasurer.

Along with the 99s, I am active with our local EAA chapter. Our EAA Chapter holds regular Young Eagles flight days. The Florida Suncoast Chapter holds an annual Girl Scout Aviation Day. Both of these events give me a chance to share aviation with young people. I take every chance I get to encourage girls and boys to go after what they want – that all things are possible.

Leadership Experience in the 99s:

Suncoast Chapter Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Webmaster, Newsletter Chairman,
Aerospace Education Committee
Southeast Section Treasurer

Other:

EAA (Treasurer of Chapter 282)
AOPA
Certified Public Accountant

Director

Anita Mixon

Vision Statement:

I enjoy working with new and experienced pilots and aviation enthusiasts. I was recently accepted as a FAAS Team Representative. I am interested in promoting aviation, and particularly, women and youth in aviation. I currently hold ASEL, with high performance and tail-wheel endorsements. I recently purchased a share in a Grumman Tiger and plan on completing my IFR and Commercial in the next few months. I will also take the IGI exam when I re-take the IFR written. That will qualify me for AGI, since I am an active educator at this time.



Biography:

My professional background has been in Finance, Technology and Audit/Compliance. I've also worked as an Adjunct Professor at a four-year State College since 2010. I've worked at a local flight school/charter/ maintenance business at my home airport. I've participated in numerous air races, serving on the Board of Great Southern Air/Florida Race Pilots for several years. I currently serve as Assistant Director of the Air Race Classic. I am the Chapter Chair of Treasure Coast 99s, of which I am a founding/Charter member. I believe that the skills and experience I have acquired will benefit the office of Director of the Southeast Section 99s. I hope that you agree that my resume and experience support my ability to serve as Director. I will bring organizational, technology, mentoring and leadership skills that will benefit our 99s, as well as allow me to learn more about the business side of our wonderful organization.

Leadership Experience in the 99s:

FL Goldcoast Chapter Secretary

Treasure Coast Chapter Charter Member, Membership Chair, Chair

Southeast Section Social Media Chair

Other:

Air Race Classic – Assistant Director

AOPA

WAI

EAA

FAAS Team Representative

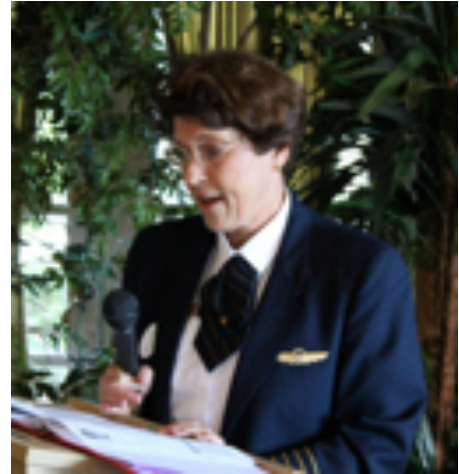
Senior Compliance Analyst

Director

Laurie Reeves

Vision Statement:

During my 48 years as a member of the 99s I have experienced growth and stagnation, making and preserving history, transition from basic instruments to redundant electronic cockpits. What I offer to the Southeast Section is a sense of continuity in more than half of the life of this organization. May my collected memories be a stabilizing balance as we learn how to plan for the future.



Biography:

After being introduced to flying in 1968 it didn't take long to realize flying was a passion. I earned flight instructor certificate within 14 months. By 1978 I was co owner of an FBO, Chief Pilot and Check Airman for a Part 135 operation. It was then that I heard airlines were accepting applications from women. Training with United Airlines began in 1979 as a flight engineer and before retirement 24 years later was Captain with type ratings in Boeings 757, 767, 747-400 and 777. General Aviation years allowed me time for 99s activities and I served as officer at Chapter level and held committee positions. During furlough I held Section office. In the airline years I was more active with the women airline pilot organization, ISA. My current status is that of a retired pilot who is also medically grounded. My memberships have been with Connecticut, Florida Goldcoast and now First Coast Chapter.

Leadership Experience in the 99s:

CT Chapter Treasurer, Chair, Airmarking Chair, Membership Chair, Scholarship Chair, Ways and Means Chair
NorthEast Section Treasurer

Other:

International Organization of Women Airline Pilots (Treasurer)
CAP
EAA
International Forest of Friendship
Airline Pilot – Retired

Nominating Committee

Amy Chancey

Vision Statement:

To find the best possible candidate that can support the mission of the 99's and encourage aviators of all levels, whether new or older experienced pilots to fly and continue with the skills needed to fly.

Biography:

I am a 1955 model with a 1956 Cessna 172 that was a gift from a dear Uncle Fred.

I originally was licensed in the 1980's. My first flight was in this plane. I am now becoming recurrent. My Mom learned to fly in the 1940's, she was in the Army. My Dad was a B-17 belly gunner.

I served in the USAF-DANG as a flight RN on C-130. I am military retired. I served as the Secretary of the Air National Guard Nurses Association for a 4 yr term.

I came to the 99's last year and joined at Sun N Fun, and am a member of the Georgia Flying Belles where I serve as Treasurer. I love flying and aviation in general, including just washing down Fred.

I am an original member of the Eagle Station Board in Patterson Georgia which is a renovated high school originally build by WPA in 1921. Eagle Station is a community venue for meetings, parties, weddings and other events. I am hosting/organizing a Region wide community health fair for our citizens. I feel community service is very important. I own a Travel Agency, with services for air, cruises, hotel, and land events.

Leadership Experience in the 99s:

Georgia Flying Belles Chapter Treasurer
Southeast Section Meeting Location Planner

Other:

USAF-DANG Nurses Association (Secretary)
Retired Registered Nurse



Nominating Committee

Isabel Garnett

Vision Statement:

If elected for this position I will continue to support my 99s community. I will continue to be an active member and attend section meetings as frequently as possible. I will also help in any way possible to continue our legacy by volunteering for projects such as, painting and repainting the compass roses. I intend to assist in any way and every way possible to continue encouraging female aviators in their pursuit in aviation and encourage them to join our 99s family. This group is a very good way of getting to know other female aviators and meeting future mentors.



Biography:

My name is Isabel Garnett. I am a first generation college student and I immigrated to America from Peru with my mother shortly after I was born. I got into aviation after my grandfather sat me down one day and asked me, “Isa, What if I could help you become a pilot?” and I said “Sure!”. I have been flying ever since. The day after I got my license I went to the monthly 99’s meeting and after I told my 99’s family the good news I received a huge round of applause. I was honored to be recognized by my fellow female aviators. That memory will stay close to my heart forever. I have recently joined the Spaceport chapter this past February, but every time I go I feel like I am reconnecting with old friends. It’s wonderful to be a part of a group of people with the same interests as myself. This group has been a wonderful, I get to learn about aviation and the people who helped bring it to what it is know. This has been a wonderful and eye opening experience for me and I want to extend that to every future female aviator.

Leadership Experience in the 99s:

Spaceport Chapter Vice-Chair

Other:

CAP (Aerospace Educator and Financial Officer)

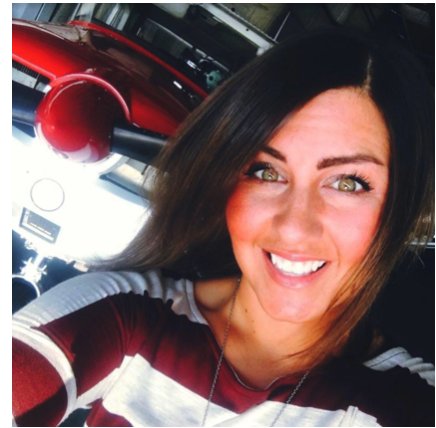
Legal Assistant

Nominating Committee

Meagan Harr

Vision Statement:

Being a female aviator, I am fortunate to represent six percent of the pilot population. With six percent being a small number, I feel the need to give over one-hundred percent of my energy to help ladies who aspire to become an aviatrix. The journey of an aviatrix is ongoing, with the opportunity to reach new heights once their wings are earned. As a Ninety-Nine, I want to be known as an approachable representative of my Section, enhance the enthusiasm of the organization, support current and prospective members, and feed my passion for aviation by sharing my talents with others.



Biography:

Meagan is a lifelong resident of Blountville, TN. She is a graduate of East Tennessee State University, holding a Bachelors degree in Education. As an employee of Tri-City Aviation, the fixed base operator at Tri-Cities Airport, she is immersed in aviation on a daily basis. Not only does Meagan think aviation as an outlet to a career, but as her passion. She also fulfills her passion through flying as a private pilot. She plans to further her endorsements and ratings as a pilot. As part of her goal, she would love to become a certified flight instructor.

Being a private pilot, Meagan has been able to share the love of flight with her friends and family that may not have had a chance to enjoy it otherwise. To her, the true joy of learning to fly is not just being able to say she's a pilot. The joy is from the excitement of others who are wanting to learn to fly themselves and being able to help them on their own journey of becoming an aviator.

Leadership Experience in the 99s:

Appalachian Aviatrixes Chapter Treasurer, Fundraiser Co-chair, Aerospace Education Chair

Other:

AOPA (Airport Support Network Volunteer)

CAP (Aerospace Education Officer)

Commemorative Air Force

TN Business Aviation Association

Accounting/Customer Service Representative/Administrative Assistant

Nominating Committee

Michele M. Sonier

Vision Statement:

I would like to see the 99s be more of a public advocate for women in both aviation and STEM-related professions where we are in the minority. Examples could include career days with aviation related industries and employers within our section, career days at local girls schools, local Girl Scout chapters.

I would like to create a 99s database so that members contact fellow members for flight instruction, biannual flight reviews, instrument currency, new endorsements, spin training, new aircraft checkouts, Designated Pilot Examiners, etc.

I am honored to be a part of this organization. Thank you for your consideration.



Biography:

Michele Sonier returned to her hometown of New Orleans 3 years ago after spending 25 years in New York City. Since returning, she realized a longtime dream to become a commercial pilot. Previously, she worked on Wall Street, trading securities on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange and later as an Executive Director at J.P. Morgan Chase Bank & Co. Alongside her business pursuits, she has maintained a wellness consulting practice in nutrition and alternative medicine since 2005.

Michele completed her training in her own Cessna 172K and also flies a Bonanza V35 and a 1942 Ryan PT-22, in which she was a co-pilot in the 2018 AirVenture Cup Race from Mitchell, SD to Oshkosh, WI.

In addition to being a NOLA 99, she is a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association and the Experimental Aircraft Association, Chapter 983. She is a volunteer pilot for Pilots N Paws and is a sponsor and volunteer at Orphelinat Joie de Vivre, an orphanage for abandoned HIV+ children in Haiti. She is currently pursuing a Certified Flight Instructor rating in order to help women receive the gift of freedom into flight. She enjoys flying, traveling, SCUBA diving and yoga.

Leadership Experience in the 99s:

None (yet!)

Other:

AOPA

EAA

Owner of a wellness consulting practice