

**I. AMENDED RESOLUTION:** The Southeast Section of The Ninety-Nines, Inc., hereby adopts the following Amended Resolution:

**II. NAME:** The name of this Scholarship program shall be the Bonnie and Archie Gann Memorial Scholarship.

**III. PURPOSE:**

**A.** To assist the recipients (female or male) in attaining the necessary ratings to work full time or part time in an aviation education career with the qualification that this scholarship should not become a means for obtaining ratings only for self gratification.

**B.** To perpetuate the Memory of Bonnie and Archie Gann

History of Bonnie and Archie Gann:

**Bonnie Gann** started flying in 1973 while her husband Laird was stationed in Key West. She had seen the fun and challenge he was having with his lessons and decided to get her own certificate.

Bonnie's enthusiasm for flying led her to become a staunch supporter of aviation and especially women pilots. She built up her hours and ratings by flying as a "go-fer" for an aviation dealer at the local airport. She held ASMELS, Commercial, Instrument, CFI, CFII, AGI, and was working on her ATP. She joined the 99s where through the years she held all the offices on the Chapter level then proceeded on to the Section level where she served as Governor. She then became very active with the International Board and spent much time helping rewrite the bylaws. At the time of her death she had been elected to the International Board of Directors.

She found time daily despite her busy schedule of being wife, mother, assistant to her Dr. husband, and flight instructor, to phone or write people about ideas she had to better promote the 99's and aviation. She gave speeches, seminars, and did time study observations at airports. At the drop of a hat she willingly gave time and energy to bring awareness of general aviation to the public. In 1974, she became interested in air racing. From that year until her untimely death she participated in more than 30 races, usually finishing in the top 10 places. She was much sought after as co-pilot due to her innate ability to know her precise location at any moment. Though competitive, she was never reluctant to share her knowledge with other contestants.

She and her husband owned several planes through the years, including Cessna 172, 210, 180, Mooney, Cherokee 6, and two Beech Barons. However, she was "at home" in anything she flew, from either left or right seat. Anyone who had even the shortest ride with her soon found themselves at the controls getting an abbreviated lesson. She even had a supply of student pilot log books which she would fill in, sign, and present to her passenger.

In the early 1980's she and her husband divorced. To get through that difficult period she worked full time teaching instrument ground school and giving flying lessons. Ironically, in one of those classes she taught a man who was to become her future husband. Archie said Bonnie was the only woman he ever knew who could answer his technical questions and tell him what to do.

She was active in many other aviation organizations besides the 99s: Florida Race Pilots Association, AOPA, Florida Grasshoppers, Baron Owners, Chief Judge for NIFA for several years coordinating their regional competition, and the Brevard Aviation Association. She and Archie helped found the B.A.A. where she served as President for two years. Full time, she worked as president of Orange Computer / Floridata Services, and brought influence and harmony into the lives of their 7 children.

She was much respected by men and women in all walks of life. To emulate her would be an honor, a privilege, and a worthwhile goal.

**Archie Gann** was introduced to aviation in the early 1980's by his friend and business partner, Dennis Jaffee. While working together trying to raise catfish in above ground swimming pools, Dennis introduced Archie to his new favorite hobby: flying. Although the catfish farm was unsuccessful, Archie's love for aviation kindled a flame that very quickly led to a private pilot certificate and a joint purchase of two 152's and a 172. Up until late 1983, Archie and Dennis leased these three planes out of Orlando West Airport. They eventually bought a Cessna 210 which became Archie's set of "wings".

While taking an instrument ground course at Brevard Community College, Archie met Bonnie Quenzler, his instructor. Their mutual love of aviation helped foster a relationship that had Bonnie instructing Archie in his quest for his Commercial certificate with Multiengine and Instrument ratings. This relationship grew, eventually leading to their marriage on Feb. 15, 1985. The two of them were an unbeatable team. Inseparable, Archie was always there to help her in furthering aviation. He helped with races, meetings, and any organizational duties needed. His fine mind and sense of humor endeared him to all who knew him and especially those he worked so closely with in the aviation field.

It was meant for them to go together. Either one would have been lost without the other.

#### **IV. ELIGIBILITY:**

**A.** Refer to the Southeast Section Scholarship Guidelines for "The Bonnie and Archie Gann Memorial Scholarship," and applicable scholarship SOPs, if any.

**B.** Application requirements are as follow:

- Applications shall be accepted from both female and male pilots permanently residing in the Southeast Section.

- Section SOPs shall state how the scholarship is to be advertised to ensure that it obtains wide exposure.
- The applications shall require complete information about an applicant's background, and specific plans for the use of the scholarship.
- The applicants shall submit a photograph, copies of current pilot certificate, medical, and BFR.
- The applicant shall provide information about any aviation related violations or accidents, and whether a medical has ever been refused or lost.
- The applicant shall provide information as to whether or not the applicant has ever been terminated from a flying job and why.
- The scholarship application shall be signed, either in ink or electronically, depending on the method of submission and attest that the information contained therein is true and correct.

#### C. Administration and Award of Scholarships

- The trustees shall receive and evaluate the applications, and make the scholarship award. The Trustees may invite others to form an award committee to assist, if they so desire.
- Money shall be paid directly to a flight school or flight instructor, not to the applicant(s) themselves. Substantiation of charges for funds paid must be given to the Trustees by invoice or statement from the school or instructor including copies of the student's logbook showing instruction given and signed off.
- A deadline shall be put on the use of funds. The length of time allotted may depend on the amount of the qualifications of the school as part of the application but in no event shall it exceed 14 months from the time of the "official award".
- A disclaimer shall appear on the application that the applicant signs substantially as follows:

"Neither the Southeast Section of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., The Ninety-Nines, Inc., nor their members, agents, or representatives, are responsible for the quality of any training received with this scholarship, nor for any accident, incident, or any other event which may occur while the recipient of this scholarship is performing flight training or activities relating thereto, and recipient agrees to sign a hold harmless agreement in favor of said entities upon receipt of the scholarship and before any flight is made."

**V. FUNDS:** The existing scholarship fund shall be a perpetual fund replenished by:

**A. Source:** The existing scholarship fund may be replenished in any manner as the SE Section members may determine including, but not limited to: donations from the section, donations from the general membership, fund raisers specifically designed to raise money for the scholarship fund.

**B. Administration:** The funds shall be administered by the Board of Trustees acting by a majority vote of a quorum at meetings called and noticed according to bylaws adopted by the Trustees, as they shall from time to time be amended. Through such action the Trustees shall collect, invest, and distribute all such funds.

**C. Investment:** The Trustees shall use their best judgment in investing the scholarship corpus.

## **VI. TRUSTEES:**

**A.** The Board of Trustees shall consist of five (5) Trustees, who shall be selected in the following manner:

- The current Governor of the Southeast Section of the 99s Inc. shall serve as a member of the board of Trustees during the time she holds office as Governor.
- The current Treasurer shall serve as a member of the board of Trustees during such time as she is Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have signature authority on any bank account held in the name of the scholarship fund.
- The current Board of Directors from the SE Section 99s shall appoint a member to the board of Trustees from the general membership of the Southeast Section of the 99s Inc. to serve for a term of two (2) years.
- The members of the family of Bonnie and Archie Gann shall designate in writing to the Governor two members of the family or other family representatives to serve on the board of Trustees as members. In the event that there are no family members or family representatives willing or able to fill these positions or if the remaining family members fail to appoint family member representatives, then the designation of these two (2) members shall be by the SE Section 99s Board of Directors.

## **B. DUTIES OF THE TRUSTEES:**

The Board of Trustees shall:

- Manage and invest the scholarship fund
- Distribute information regarding the scholarship
- Receive scholarship applications.

- Choose the most deserving applicant(s)
- Make scholarship award(s) to the recipient(s) chosen

#### **VII. WHEN AWARDED:**

A. The scholarship shall be awarded annually at a time determined by the Board of Trustees and consistent with the Southeast Section Scholarship SOPs.

#### **VIII. HOW AWARDED:**

- A. The scholarship may be awarded by presentation at a regular section meeting or at The Ninety-Nines International Conference.
- B. Nothing herein shall preclude the Board of Trustees or the SE Section from including the Gann Memorial Scholarship in any Section or International Scholarship Registry provided that:
- The Board of Trustees makes the determination of the scholarship recipients.
  - Eligibility shall be the same as provided in this resolution.
  - There shall be no fee levied on applicants or awardees as a requirement for eligibility or award distribution.
  - Scholarship funds shall only used for the purpose provided in this resolution.

#### **IX. TERMINATION OF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:**

A. In the event that there are no qualified applicants for the scholarship or that the funds available for the scholarship are so depleted that it can no longer accomplish its purpose the members of the Southeast Section of the Ninety-Nines, Inc. may vote to terminate the Bonnie and Archie Gann Memorial Scholarship. Any remaining funds will revert to the Southeast Section of the 99's Inc. For the purposes of this section, termination will be considered when the corpus of the scholarship fund falls below \$1000 and remains below \$1000 for a period of two (2) years.

X. Amendment: This resolution may be amended from time to time at the direction of the members of the Southeast Section of the Ninety-Nines, Inc.

Adopted this 22nd day of November, 2013.