



2023 Fall SE Section Minutes
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Southeast Section of the 99s

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Marilyn Shafer, Southeast Section (SES) Governor, called the meeting to order at 9:02am. Marilyn announced the rules for the meeting.

The chapter roll call was made by Mary Bryant, SES Secretary. There were 16 chapters in attendance and a quorum was declared. A total of 39 members were in attendance.

A special thank you was extended to Ramona Banks and the Alabama Chapter and friends and family for organizing and hosting such a wonderful event.

Terri Bazacos, SES Vice Governor, introduced the SES board members in attendance: Marilyn Shafer, Governor; Terri Bazacos, Vice Governor; Mary Bryant, Secretary; and Janice Pelletti, Immediate Past Governor. Terri thanked all the members of the SES board for their service. Terri introduced our 99s International Board Representative, Glenna Blackwell, IBOD Secretary.

The SES past governors in attendance, Janice Pelletti, Ramona Banks, Mae Marquet and Corbi Bulluck were then recognized.

Marilyn Shafer asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the Spring SES Business Meeting as presented in the Fall Section Meeting Packet. Two corrections were noted.

1. The spelling of Marilyn Shafer's name was corrected.
2. Myra Bugbee indicated that the funds in the WASP luncheon account were primarily from fund raising activities and donations from WASP family members, not from chapter activities as indicated

Lois Horne made a motion that the minutes be accepted as amended per the changes requested. Ramona Banks seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Marilyn Shafer provided an overview of the Treasurer's report and other financially related items in Meagan Harr's absence.

- It was noted that only activity appeared but no inflows or outflows except dues in from International have occurred.

- Trailblazers in Aviation is a restricted account with a balance of approximately \$3,800. It does not impact SES funds directly. These funds remained from the former WASP

Luncheon and were transferred to the Trailblazers Luncheon as a one time event and is not a recurring item.

- Recurring donations have been far less than the charges incurred by the collecting agency.

- Reimbursements included the First Coast's repayment for Spring Section. Janice Pelletti donated the expenses she received while Governor.

- Other funds included funds collected for our outgoing Governor's gift.

- Marilyn indicated that the process is underway to change the processor for recurring donations, and purchasing QuickBooks online and GoToMeeting access.

- New Horizons and Operating Account balances and account activity were presented.

- Comments were made that the financial slides were difficult, if not impossible, to read.

Destroy 2023 Ballots

Marilyn Shafer called for a motion to destroy the paper ballots from the 2023 SES spring election of officers. Ellen Herr made the motion to destroy the ballots and Lois Horne seconded the motion. The motion carried. Electronic voting was encouraged in future elections.

Terri Bazacos acknowledged the nine first-time attendees to a SES section meeting.

Also recognized was Amanda Barker who dove over 500 miles to attend. Farthest flown in their own plane was Myra Bugbee who traveled from South Florida. The 99 in attendance who had been a continuous 99 member for the longest was Nancy Miller-Borg at 53 years.

Officer Reports

- Terri Bazacos, Vice Chair, reported that she assisted the Chairman and communicated with Chapters.

- Mary Bryant, Secretary, indicated her report was as provided in the Fall Section meeting packet, and provided the meeting attendance update indicating that 39 members and 16 chapters were in attendance.

- Janice Pelletti, Immediate Past President, indicated her report was as provided in the meeting packet.

- Marilyn Shafer, Governor, reported that the reports of Vikki Greenleaf, Director, and Maria Choi, Director, who were unable to attend, were included in the meeting packet.
- Marilyn Shafer indicated that her report was as provided in the packet. She also thanked Janice Pelletti for her mentorship and great assistance in learning her responsibilities. Marilyn also highlighted several points from her report including:
 - A letter of probation was sent to St. Croix Island Paradise Chapter due to lack of required officers. After much hard work the chapter has been rejuvenated with a full slate of officers and eleven members. Probation has been rescinded.
 - Puerto Rico Flying Dames Chapter's charter to establish a new chapter was presented to IBOD. It has been ratified and Puerto Rico Flying Dames is now the newest Section chapter with 8 members.
- Host chapters for 2026 and 2027 section meetings are being recruited.

International Representative's Report

Terri Bazacos introduced Glenna Blackwell, 99s International Secretary.

Glenna expressed her gratitude for the warm welcome she has received. She encouraged members to run for International office. Applications are due December 31, 2023

- October 27-November 2 is the International Conference in Jordan. Tips for travel were reviewed and the conference webinar referenced. The business meeting is Saturday October 28 at 4pm local Jordanian time, 8am central, 9am eastern. Credentialing started in October and closes 36 hours before the meeting. Members must be credentialed to vote. All members should have received an invitation to register in the October issue of 'Straight and Level'. If not, go to the International 99s website.
- International awards deadlines are January 31, 2024. See the 99s website library for listing of awards, qualifications and applications or email awards@ninety-nines.org with questions or for details.
- Please keep your contact information updated.
- Future meetings:
 - International Convention - Vancouver July 4-7, 2024. Optional post convention cruise of Alaska's inside passage will be available. Individual chapters and aviation businesses are encouraged to support the convention with tables, ads or sponsorships.
 - IBOD Spring meeting in Oklahoma City, OK - March 1-2, 2024
 - IBOD Fall meeting in Oklahoma City, OK - November 1-2, 2024
 - All members are encouraged to attend.

Nominating Committee Report

Lois Horne requested that anyone interested in running for election to a SES board position in 2025-2027 to contact her, Ramona Banks, or Maria Choi, who are all members of the nominating committee.

99 of Note Award

Karen Weldon of the 99 of Note Award committee recognized all nine nominations for the award with a certificate and medallion. She indicated that competition was vigorous but that Janice McWilliams of the FL Suncoast Chapter had been selected for the award. Janice expressed her surprise, gratitude and thanks for being nominated and selected.

FAA Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award

Marilyn commended Janice McWilliams for earning this most prestigious award from the FAA for 50 years of flying without issues or accidents. The award was presented to Janice by the FAA September 29, 2023.

Ways and Means Committee

Terri Bazacos presented the proposed fundraiser to support the ongoing SES \$3,500 spring scholarship and the proposed additional fall \$3,500 scholarship. A virtual walk-run website would be organized by SES with promotion to local members and friends/family by chapters. Opportunities for additional donations would be included in the sign up process. A split of 60% of profits earned to chapters and 40% to SES was proposed. A lengthy discussion of the plan details, including questions and answers, occurred.

A motion was made by Ramona Banks and seconded by Janice Pelletti to further develop the plan as proposed. After much discussion, the motion was amended to 70% to chapter/30% SES by Janice McWilliams and seconded by Corbi Bulluck. The amended motion with 70% chapter/30% SES split passed.

Details of the fundraising plan will be refined by the Ways and Means Committee and presented at the spring SES meeting for final review and approval by SES and kick off at that time.

Let's Fly Now

Myra Bugbee discussed her passion and recent activities to introduce flying to girls and women of all ages through the Let's Fly Now program . She stated she needs help to:

1. Change the concept that intro flights are only for children and,

2. Input data from local events into online databases of registration and participation for subsequent tracking and follow up.

New Horizons Scholarship

Lois Horne indicated there were nine very competitive entries this year and Kelli O'Donnell was awarded the scholarship to pursue her instrument rating.

Applications for next year's scholarship are due April 2, 2024.

Trailblazers in Aviation

Marilyn Shafer presented the report in Anita Mixon's absence. She indicated the report was included in the meeting packet but highlighted the speaker for 2024 who will be Christine Mau, the first female F-35 US Air Force pilot, with a number of other notable accomplishments. The event is April 10, 2024 at Sun 'n Fun.

Air Race Classic Committee

Mary Bryant recognized all who worked and flew the ARC and the ARC Derby. 2022 and 2023 were both very busy years in the SES with either the ARC Start or Terminus in Florida and multiple stops in surrounding states throughout the SES. No stops are in the SES during 2024 and members were encouraged to fly one of the events.

Future Events

2024 Spring Section Meeting - Mae Marquet played a video telling about the NOLA spring SES meeting scheduled for April 19-21, 2024 in Lafayette, LA. Registration and event details will be available on the Section web site shortly. Mae says come in on Thursday as there will be a full day of events on Friday.

2024 Fall Section Meeting - Will be hosted by the Georgia Flying Belles in Atlanta, Georgia, September 6-8, 2024.

2025 Spring Section Meeting - Heartland Chapter

2025 Fall Section Meeting - Daytona

Announcements

Mary Bryant of the Florida Suncoast Chapter announced that Amanda Barker won their 2023 Chapter Scholarship of \$2,500.

Marilyn Shafer made the following announcements:

NIFA Regional Safecon competitions for Regions 4, 8, 9, and 10 are in October. See September Governor's notice for details.

Florida International Air Show is November 4-5, 2023 in Punta Gorda.
www.floridaairshow.com.

Sun 'n Fun is April 9-14, 2024. The Trailblazers in Aviation Luncheon is Wednesday, April 10, 2024.

Chapter Reports

Chapter reports were included in the meeting packet.

Adjournment

Mae Marquet moved that the meeting be adjourned and the motion was seconded by Janice McWilliams.

Marilyn Shafer, Governor, adjourned the meeting at 11:48 am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mary Bryant
SES Secretary