

SES 2024 Spring Meeting Minutes

Southeast Section of the 99s

April 20, 2024

Lafayette, LA

Marilyn Shafer, Southeast Section (SES) Governor, welcomed attendees and Terri Bazacos, Vice Governor, explained the rules for the meeting.

The chapter roll call was made by Mary Bryant, SES Secretary. There were 12 chapters in attendance and a quorum was declared. A total of 40 members including the board of directors and 2 on line participants were in attendance.

A special thank you was extended to Karen Weldon, Mae Marquet and the NOLA 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; Vikki Greenleaf, Director; Maria Choi, Director and Janice Pelletti (on-line), Immediate Past Governor. Terri thanked all the members of the SES board for their service. Terri introduced our 99s International Board Representative, Minnetta Gardinier, IBOD Vice-Chair. Meagan Harr, Treasurer, was unable to attend.

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

Marilyn Shafer asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the Fall 2023 SES Business Meeting as presented in the Spring 2024 Section Meeting Packet. One correction, to add Myra Bugbee's name to past governors present, was noted.

Jo Alcorn made a motion that the minutes be accepted as amended per the change requested. Mae Marquet seconded the motion and the motion passed.

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

- Questions were raised about the \$100 budgeted for International Forest of Friendship. Janice Pelletti indicated in the past it had been for a direct donation not to sponsor an individual. Corbi Bullock clarified that the International Forest of Friendship is not a part of the 99's although many members are honored there. Deborah Yarbrough moved to remove the \$100 from the budget for International Forest of Friendship. The motion was seconded by Amanda Barker. The motion passed with a vote of 19 yes and 10 no.
- Lisa Cotham expressed appreciation for the \$500 donation to Museum of Women Pilots which resulted in an inflow totalling \$ 3,000 due to the 5 to 1 matching campaign in progress at the time. Suggestions were made to promote such campaigns in the future to facilitate donations

and matching.

- Trailblazers in Aviation is a restricted account and it does not impact SES funds directly. ● The impact of discontinuing the authorize.net, processor for recurring donations, was discussed. It had regularly cost more than it brought in and charged a fee of around \$400 to terminate the remaining months of the contract.
- Marilyn indicated the operating account balance is currently \$32,120.19 and the scholarship fund balance is \$17,840.34.
- Marilyn discussed the change of the SES bank to Regions Bank from Bank of America. Excess operating cash funds of \$14,000 have been invested in a 5 month 5% CD due in August. \$13,000 of scholarship funds have been invested in a 5 month CD due in August. Interest income of over \$500 is expected.
- Marilyn presented the 2025 budget indicating it was mainly a continuation of the current year with a few exceptions
 - The website is \$350/year for 2 years but paying in October yields a \$100 deduction
 - Constant Contact of \$343 reduced about 30% as a result of demonstrating non-profit status.
 - Nominating committee expenses of \$200 are included for Election Buddy and postage since it will be an election year.
 - The Wasp Luncheon line item is inactive but the Trailblazer luncheon is now reflected.
 - Accounting for Section Loans was discussed.
 - Questions regarding the \$2,600 for Governor's expenses and the possibility of duplication of expenses in Section Meeting Expenses were raised.
 - A number of additional questions and discrepancies were noted regarding both the financial statements and budget and discussion ensued. A motion to approve the use of 2024 as the 2025 budget with additions was made by Carol Voss, discussed and withdrawn. It was determined that it was not necessary to approve the budget at this meeting. The budget will be reworked, discrepancies resolved and presented again at a special on-line meeting before year end May 31, 2024. An extension of the current year's budget will be used in the interim.
- Inclusion of a balance sheet in future packets was suggested by Mary Bryant and again by Tiffany Ferrari and the benefits of a potential audit were noted.
- Chapters must submit their financial results to Megan Harr within 60 days of May 31st.

Attendance

Rosemary Gibson was recognized as the 99 of longest membership. (since 1982)

Amber Smith was recognized as our newest member.

Minnetta Gardinier flew her own plane the farthest to attend (752 miles).

Tiffany Ferrari drove the longest distance.

Rosemary Gibson airlined the farthest.

3 attendees are attending their first Section meeting.

Marilyn Shafer reviewed the many accomplishments and contributions of Marie Grein, former SES Governor, Treasurer and Chapter leader, who is being put forth for membership in the International Forest of Friendship by her Florida Suncoast Chapter. Any chapters or members wishing to donate should send their donation to Jeanne Burkland, FL Suncoast Chapter Treasurer.

Board Member Reports

As included in the packet previously distributed.

International 99s BOD Representative's Report

Terri Bazacos introduced Minnetta Gardinier, 99s International Vice President.

Minnetta expressed her gratitude for the warm welcome she has received.

- She encouraged members to vote in the International election which closes May 1. - "Straight and Level", our electronic newsletter, needs a new editor since the current editor is retiring. It's a volunteer position which involves compiling submitted content. Others write and edit the material.
- Osh Kosh, July 22-28, needs 99 volunteers at its two booths and the Women's Venture Center. Tuesday, July 23 is the Aviation Appreciation Dinner.
- International Conference and Career Expo is at Vancouver July 3-7, 2024, at Pinnacle Hotel overlooking the harbor. Optional post convention cruise of Alaska's inside passage is available. Individual chapters, sections and aviation businesses are encouraged to support the conference with tables, ads or sponsorships. May 31, 2024 is the on time registration deadline.
- Bi-monthly chapter leadership zoom sessions are available and a quarterly council of governors is conducted.
- Volunteers in many areas are needed and welcome.
- IBOD council, Cecile Hatfield is retiring. A replacement is sought.
- Beverly D Sharp Award is among the new 99s awards available to a chapter or section for their efforts to diversify. Its feature event is at the Washington DC Airbus Center, May 1st, 5-8 pm featuring Tammy Duckworth as speaker. \$99 member tickets are available. Students for \$25.
- The PPLI mentoring program was explained and promoted. July 15th and January 15th are the application deadlines.
- IBOD Fall meeting is in Oklahoma City, OK - November 1-2, 2024. Members are invited to attend. Rooms are blocked at Hilton Garden Inn for the meeting.

5K Walk/Run Fundraiser

Terri Bazacos reviewed the 5K virtual fundraiser to support the ongoing SES \$3,500 spring scholarship and the fall \$3,500 scholarship. A virtual walk-run website has been organized by SES for promotion to

local members and friends/family by chapters. Opportunities for additional donations are included in the sign up process. A split of 70% of profits earned to chapters and 30% to SES is incorporated.

Details of the fundraising plan will be provided by the Ways and Means Committee to chapters for implementation.

Nominating Committee Report

Lois Horne requested that anyone interested in running for election to a SES board position in 2025-2027 contact her, Ramona Banks, or Maria Choi, who are all members of the nominating committee. Election Buddy will be used for all registered to vote electronically. Members are encouraged to register to vote electronically to avoid postage expense of ballots.

Air Race Classic Committee

Mary Bryant provided a brief summary of the Air Race Classic Derby scheduled for September 2024 and encouraged pilots to register to participate.

New Horizons Scholarship

A total of \$7,000 in scholarships is planned. One has been awarded so far this year of \$3,500 and another for \$3,500 is about to be awarded

99 of Note Award

All chapters are encouraged to submit nominees for the 99 of Note Award.

Chapter Host Rotation for SES meetings

Marilyn Shafer presented the list of assignments she developed for hosting SES meetings through 2040. Copy attached.

SES 2025 spring meeting will be in Lakeland, FL hosted by Florida Heartland the weekend of May 15. SES 2024 fall meeting will be September 6-8 in Atlanta at the Delta World Headquarters at KATL. The room block is directly across the street at Hilton Virginia Ave. Registration will be available May 1 - August 6 with a link on the SES website.

Chapter Reports

There were no additions to the chapter reports previously included in the meeting packet distributed previously.

Myra Bugbee presented Florida Gold Coast's report on behalf of Florida Gold Coast Chair, Heather Grimes. The chapter presented 5 scholarships in December. They just won a \$10,000 grant and will present two \$5,000 scholarships. They had many new ratings and are planning Girls in Aviation Day.

One compass rose was refreshed and a new one completed at Summerland Key.

Karen Weldon, NOLA, announced Anne Marie McMillan won an \$10,000 AE academic scholarship. Michael Soniera, a PPLI graduate, earned her ATP Captain.

Jessica Mendez, FI First Coast Chair, reported Laura Mangus earned her instrument rating. Pilots are needed for their "Let's Fly Now" event May 11 in Jacksonville, FL.

Carol Voss announced that the Trailblazers Luncheon speaker, Christine Mau, is to be installed in the Forest of Friendship by the Emerald Coast Chapter.

SES Website

Ramona requested content and links on scholarships, events, FlyMart, Airmarkings, new ratings, etc. for the SES site.

Announcements

Marilyn Shafer read an announcement from AE Trustees soliciting submissions for a design for thank you notes.

Mae thanked everyone for supporting her husband in his effort to travel to a foreign country in relief of his Parkinson's.

Adjournment

Marilyn Shafer adjourned the meeting at 11:59 am.

Submitted by:
Mary Bryant
SES Secretary 5.9.24