

International Board Meeting
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
October 16 - 17, 2009

Governor's Report to the Section

Hello, New York-New Jersey Section member,

For the second time, I have had the privilege of representing New York-New Jersey at the International Board Meeting in Oklahoma City. Having purchased my tickets in May to take advantage of the low airfares, I was there a day early as the Board decided to meet two days instead of three as originally planned.

I used this time to help Virginia Hammer, Director, and Barbara Para, Nominating Committee, sort, type labels, and file past member applications and correspondence at Headquarters. I wish every one of you could have been there. When you are holding in your hand an application to join the 99s from someone who says she has had 18 hours flying time in a piper, Aeronca, and Great Lakes - what a thrill. I couldn't help but think "How did they get anywhere just using the compass?" Yes, I can do pilotage if I have to and enjoy it, but just think what we have today!

Here is my report on the Board Meeting. Again I tell you, these ladies are busy, busy, busy.

International Board Change: Donna Moore has resigned as Vice President, for personal reasons. The Board appointed Jody McCarrell, past president and currently vice governor of South Central Section to fill this vacancy. Many of you know Jody by name if not personally. She has a long history with the 99s. Jody always treats us to a very nice BBQ-style lunch.

As reported in the DISPATCH: Financially the organization is sound, but we do have some challenges. To date, our second building has not found a new tenant, but Headquarters is working with a new real estate company and the airport to find a tenant. This loss has resulted in our not getting the 99s NEWS more than 4 times a year. It is expected to go back to 6 times a year when a new tenant is found.

Headquarters: Water intrusion repairs to our Headquarters building will commence this month. A total of \$36,450 in donations for this project including the stairs have been received, with a potential of an additional \$20,000 to be received from a challenge donation by the South Central Section and Ventura County Chapter. The lease for the weather service has been renewed with the FAA. A building maintenance reserve fund has been set up to cover everyday maintenance items. The Midwest Weather Service has employees in the main building 24/7 and provide additional security. Laura Ohrenberg, Office Manager, is working on the printed directory as she can, often working on it at home.

Legal Services: Cecile Hatfield, general counsel reported that her donated legal services from July, 2009 through September 2009 amount to \$8,026.92, contracts being the most important part. Also legal opinion on standing rule change, legal opinion of SWS byLaw proposals and 5 standing rule proposals. Legal advice re sexual harassment, legal advice on hotel indemnification clauses in hotel contracts, legal advice re Phoenix Chapter Scholarships.

Highlights of our Overseas Membership - Catherine Houghton, liaison for overseas sections reported. Arabian Section historically was bolstered by women pilots from the US stationed in the Mideast. In recent years its Governor, Yvonne Trueman, has been tireless in traveling the Mideast looking for women pilots to recruit as 99s. The Section now numbers 17 members. Austria Section is just three years old and growing with eight members, all active pilots. The governor, Monika Stahl is based in Austria but has connected with 99s in the greater New York and New Jersey Area and flown with them during her annual fall semester study stints in New York. She has also hosted them in Austria. British Section has 8 members. In 2008 it was without officers and needed to fix this in order to retain its charter. 99s President Susan Larson found the perfect candidate at the WAI conference in Atlanta and helicopter pilot and British 99 Dorothy Pooley agreed to take on the governorship. We will have a new African Section.

AE Birthplace Museum - With school in full swing they have been busy answering e-mails and requests for Educational packets both for students and teachers. The props and costumes from the motion picture "AMELIA" are being donated to the museum. The first weekend of December, the Museum will be on the Holiday Home Tour sponsored by the Atchison Chamber of Commerce.

AE Memorial Scholarship Fund. As of September 28, 2009 there was a total of \$3,841,317.94 in the AEMSF Bank Accounts. 26 scholarships/awards were given at the Int. Conference in Chicago. Of these the majority of the winners have begun their training and seven have completed their rating or certificate.

A new scholarship is in the making to honor Vicki Cruse, past member of the Ventura County Chapter, who died August 22 while representing the United States at an international aerobatic competition. This scholarship will go toward providing financial aid to women pilots for emergency maneuver and aerobatic training. The scholarship will be administered through the AEMSF. Ventura County Ninety-Nines and Lightspeed Aviation have pledged to provide matching funds over the next five years of up to \$30,000. The scholarship is not expected to be available before 2011.

Endowment Fund: Mary Wunder, newest board member, has initiated a campaign to have every member sign up for a monthly \$10 donation to the EF. If it has been some time since you may have donated, please consider donating again. The monthly deduction on your credit card is one way to make a steady donation. Contact Barbara Strachan, Chairman - sbarscan@tampabay.rr.com, (h) 727-812-2437, (c) 267-968-5236.

Technology Committee - Fran Strubeck, Director has developed a training module to introduce members to the 99s web site. One targeted area was the Members' Only Section - specifically how to use the Membership Directory. They have and will continue to take this show on the road and make it available in the Internet Cafe that the Committee is making at Chapter and Section Meetings. Contact Fran at piperpilottoo@aol.com

Airmarking Chair Report: Ellen Nobles-Harris is 99s Int. Airmarking Chair and Mid-Atlantic Section Airmarking Chair. Mid-Atlantic Section donated an Airmarking Manual to the Australian Section. FAA AC 150-5300-13 Appendix 4 requires that "Compass Calibration Pads" (AKA compass roses) get resurveyed every 5 years. Of interest - Cecile Hatfields, legal counsel, says for decorative compass roses, there must be a disclaimer stating "NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATION PURPOSES" or "NOT FOR NAVIGATION". Airmarking photos will be posted on the 99s Face book page.

Conferences: There will be a Leadership Training for Chapter Chairs and Governors at the Hawaii Conference following the Council of Governors Breakfast. International Conference for 2011 will be in Oklahoma City - "Flying Home to Oklahoma". This will be a low-cost conference.

Misc. Information: Joan Kerwin, Director, has loaned a watch that belonged to Amelia Earhart to NASA to go aboard the mission to the International space Station in May of 2010. Additionally, one of Amelia's scarves from the Museum of Women Pilots collection will be flown with Astronaut Randy Bresnik in November of this year. Randy is the son of Amelia's personal photographer.

Monika Petrillo, member of the Ventura County chapter has produced a movie "Flyabout" and will donate \$9 to the building fund drive for each movie DVD sold. This movie is about a young Australian girl learning to fly in the Outback and her relationship with her father, who, I believe is also a pilot.

If you would like any further information on the reports, please contact me via e-mail: brownsland2@eznet.net.

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