

HEADQUARTERS DISPATCH

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FWP/ACADEMIC MEMBERS AND THE UPCOMING ELECTION

By Anna Taylor, Election Procedures Chairman

According to the Bylaws regarding Future Woman Pilot (FWP) and Academic members: Article V: Membership, Section 4. C & D, "... Such a member may not vote, be a delegate, or give proxy as a delegate at the International level." This means that in the upcoming election, members in either category may not vote unless they upgrade their membership to "Active Member" as defined by the same article above.

If you are an FWP who has received her certificate or an Academic member, and would like to vote, you have until **April 4, 2008** to get your membership status changed at Headquarters. You will automatically be sent a ballot after your upgraded membership has been processed. Ballots must still be returned, postmarked by May 1, 2008 to be counted.

We hope to have many eligible FWP and Academic members upgrade their membership and join us in voting for our new Board of Directors, Nominating Committee and Trustees.

2007-2008 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Look for the 2007-2008 Membership Directory coming soon to a mailbox near you.

What's in this directory, you ask?

The Membership Directory is filled with lots of useful information - it's better than the Yellow Pages! In it you'll find information about our Bylaws and Standing Rules, as well as a complete listing of all current members (as of July 1 each year). Want to know who's on the International Board of Directors? It's in there - with pictures to boot. Want to quiz Chapter members on who were the first 99 women to join the organization? A list of the charter members is in there. Need an overview of the organization? Just open the first few pages - it's in there.

AMELIA EARHART FESTIVAL REQUEST

By Lisa Cotham, Public Relations Chairman

We have received a request for assistance from the Amelia Earhart Festival in Atchison, Kansas. For those of you not familiar with the festival, it started in 1997 in celebration of Amelia's 100th birthday. In addition to a small airshow over the river directly in front of the AE Birthplace Museum, the Festival features authors, researchers, TV and movie industry members and more. There is an incredible fireworks finale that rivals any I've ever seen, including Washington DC on July 4.

One of the offerings is a women's symposium that begins with a moderated panel discussion followed by the Amelia Earhart Pioneering Achievement Luncheon at which a woman is recognized for best exemplifying that year's theme. The award includes a \$10,000 donation in the winner's name to a cause of her choice that must fit the foundation's criteria.

This year's festival is **July 18-19** and the symposium theme is Lady Record Setters. The first participant is the first woman to row across the Atlantic Ocean.

The Festival is looking for three or four other women to contact and invite to be a part of this special weekend. Once the panelists are confirmed, the committee will choose the award recipient. The committee said, "Having one or more 99s on our Women's Symposium panel is very important to the AE Festival committee." Last year all three were 99s.

So here's the challenge: what women do we know who "ignored boundaries and set records, much as Amelia Earhart did"?

Please provide the name and a few words on the specific accomplishment. Your suggestions will be supplied to the AE Festival Committee who will research and offer an invitation to their selectees. Send names to me at lisacot@earthlink.net.

Thank you for helping The Ninety-Nines fulfill this request.

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**2008 International Conference
August 6-9, 2008
Anchorage, Alaska, USA**

The Alaska Chapter Ninety-Nines and the Northwest Section are proud to announce that online registration (and payment options) for the 2008 International Conference in Anchorage, Alaska is available at www.ak99aviationfun.org.

We want to welcome you to AVIATION FUN UNDER THE MIDNIGHT SUN! Come see what we have to offer. Come early and attend the Northwest Section meeting on Tuesday, August 5. Take tours on Wednesday and Thursday and enjoy the company of your sister 99s for the Conference! Stay longer and enjoy the beauties and adventurous activities of our great state.

Looking forward to having you here in August!
Angie Slingsluff
Conference Co-Chairman
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NOMINATE A DESERVING 99

The National Aeronautic Association has announced the nomination periods for the following awards and encourage you to submit nominees:

Katherine Wright Award (Joint award with The 99s)
(Nomination Period - Jan 1 to Mar 31, 2008)

Stinson Award
(Nomination Period - May 1, 2008 to Jul 31, 2008)

Public Benefit Flying Award
(Nomination Period - Mar 1, 2008 - May 31, 2008)

Brewer Trophy
(Nomination Period - Dec 1, 2007 - May 15, 2008)

This past year, members Mary Feik received the Brewer Trophy and Evelyn Bryan Johnson received the Stinson Award. To learn more about the criteria and nature of each award please read the Nomination Guidelines for each award on NAA's website at www.naa.aero.

Section Statistics As Of January 25, 2008

Arabian	9	New England	163
Australian	40	New York-New Jersey	250
British	8	New Zealand	15
East Canada	130	North Central	796
Far East	7	Northwest	436
Finnish	8	Norwegian	7
German	36	Russian	21
India	10	South Central	834
Israeli	11	Southeast	519
Members at Large	23	Southwest	1,605
Mid-Atlantic	366	West Canada	54
		TOTAL	5348

**** MARK YOUR CALENDAR **
2008**

February 15 – Deadline for submitting reports for Board Meeting packet to Headquarters

February 29 - March 1 – Spring Board of Directors meeting (travel on February 28 and March 2), Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

March 13-15 – Women in Aviation Conference, San Diego, California

April 1 – Due Date for 99 News submissions for the May/June 2008 issue

June 1 – Due Date for 99 News submissions for the July/August 2008 issue

June 20-22 – Forest of Friendship, Atchison, Kansas

June 24-28 – Air Race Classic

June 30 – Deadline for submitting Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative (PPLI) applications

July 18-19 – Amelia Earhart Festival, Atchison, Kansas

August 1-3 – Palms to Pines Air Race

August 6-9 – International Conference, Anchorage, Alaska, USA

Future International Conferences

July 22-26, 2009 – Chicago, Illinois, USA

July 2010 – Kona, Hawaii, USA

July 2011 – Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, USA

WOMEN IN AVIATION (WAI) CONFERENCE

The 19th annual WAI Conference will be held this year in San Diego, California, USA on **March 13-15, 2008** at the Town and Country Resort and Convention Center.

If you can volunteer to spend a couple of hours at The 99s booth, please contact patprentiss@aol.com to sign up. Two-hour slots are available on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm. We would like to have three volunteers at the booth at all times. You will be given a "briefing" when you arrive by the booth lead. If you have a required uniform for your flying job, please wear it.

Come and join us in the fun. It is a great opportunity to visit with other 99s and to spread the word about our great organization.

Chapter Chairs!! Share the *Dispatch* with your chapter!
Governors!! Share the *Dispatch* with your Section!