

HEADQUARTERS DISPATCH

The Ninety-Nines, Inc.

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MOUNTAINS AND MEMORIES A CONFERENCE TO REMEMBER

By Susan Larson

It all began in Houston when a gaggle of gals from the South Central Section got together after a Section meeting function and caught a tiger by the tail in the form of hosting an International Conference in the Denver area. From this humble beginning developed a meeting that has set a new standard for The Ninety-Nines. Chairman Jan McKenzie and the team thought of everything, organized to the nth degree, exuded hospitality and went many extra miles to deliver a Conference that will not soon be forgotten. From my arrival into Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport (BJC) where transportation and reception were expertly handled, to my eventual departure on Sunday, 'professionalism' was the word.

The internationally themed poolside Welcome Reception found many of us dancing the night away and catching up with friends not seen since last year. Our special thanks are extended to Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, Jeppesen and the Colorado Pilots Association as sponsors of various events, including the Friday morning breakfast and the live band at the reception.

Tours highlighted the day on Thursday along with the resort based activities in the fly market and hospitality room.

The business meeting addressed both our Bylaws and Standing Rules and also the election of directors and trustees.

Bylaws and Standing Rules Amendments

- ✚ AMENDMENT V: MEMBERSHIP—did not pass.
- ✚ AMENDMENT IX: TERMS OF OFFICE—did not pass.
- ✚ STANDING RULE AMENDMENT #1: NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS & PROCEDURES—passed.
- ✚ STANDING RULE AMENDMENT #2: STANDING COMMITTEES—passed.
- ✚ STANDING RULE AMENDMENT #3: FISCAL AND DUES—passed.

Both proposed Bylaw amendments failed to be passed by the required two-thirds vote. The first would have modified the renewal limitations for FWP's and the second amendment would have allowed the President and Vice-President to run for a second term of office.

All three proposed Standing Rule changes passed handily. The first two were simply housekeeping items

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and the third increased the dues for FWP's by \$15 (\$10.00 of which is International dues and \$5.00 for the Section).

Election Results

International Director:

Lisa Cotham
Fran Strubeck

AEMSF Trustee:

Dorothy Berthelet

99s Endowment Fund Trustees:

Nancy Aldrich
Judy Bolkema-Tokar

99s Museum of Women Pilots Trustees:

Carol Morris
Margie Richison

Charlene Falkenberg, Chairman Emerita of the AEMSF, submitted her resignation during the conference leaving an additional open Trustee position. Debbie Cunningham was appointed to fill that opening.

Congratulations are extended to all and may their terms of office be rewarding and productive.

The AEMSF Banquet never fails to deliver an impressive and expertly choreographed event. This year's recipients include 17 (count 'em, seventeen) full scholarships, one Maule Tailwheel Award and three New Pilot Awards. Of the 21 award winners, eight attended the festivities.

Saturday's seminars were punctuated with Alaskan themes and local talent, nearly all of them authors. While 99s and their guests listened, captivated by tales of nearly insurmountable challenges, others enjoyed the amenities of the spa, toured Pilatus, Breckenridge or the Coors Brewery, or networked in Hospitality before the Awards Banquet. Our honorees this year included: the Aero Club of New England, organized in 1902, with the Award of Merit; Women in Aviation International, Inc. (WAI) with the Award of Inspiration; Sue Phillips of Merrill Lynch with the President's Award; and Colonel Catherine Chilton with the Katharine Wright Award given in conjunction with the National Aeronautics Association. We thank all these honorees for their contributions to The Ninety-Nines, aviation history, and the advancement of women in the field of aviation.

At the close of the ceremonies, Jan McKenzie and the team were honored for their dedication to the success of our 2007 International Conference. They've truly set a new standard of excellence for our annual events. Thank you South Central Section 99s.

**The Ninety-Nines , Inc. Promotes Safety
with the FAASTeam**

By Lisa Cotham

At the International Conference The Ninety-Nines, Inc. signed the following agreement becoming the first National Industry Member on the FAA Safety Team. This agreement fits in perfectly with the Ninety-Nines objectives of providing aviation education and safety awareness in the community.

This Letter of Understanding (LOU) establishes a working arrangement between the **Federal Aviation Administration's Safety Team (FAASTeam)** and **The Ninety-Nines, Inc. (The 99s)**, to promote aviation safety awareness training to all airmen.

The FAASTeam agrees to:

1. Through its SPANS program and other national media resources, recognize The 99s' participation in FAASTeam safety events as a FAASTeam National Industry Member.
2. Recognize The 99s logo on the home page of FAASafety.gov.
3. Provide a link on FAASafety.gov to The 99s website.
4. Work with The 99s to develop safety awareness training for airmen of all ages.
5. Provide The 99s with FAASTeam safety materials for distribution.

The 99s agrees to:

1. Through its International Headquarters in Oklahoma City, provide a point-of-contact to coordinate national requests. Headquarters will forward requests to the Committee Chair, Section Governor, or Chapter Chairman local to and appropriate to the event for final action.
2. Utilize its eNetworks and Public Relations Committee to promote FAASTeam programs and sanctioned events and solicit volunteers to assist in same.
3. Provide or assist in locating facilities suitable for conducting safety events.
4. To the extent possible, include local airmen in National, Section, and/or Chapter level safety meetings, presentations, seminars, etc.
5. Contribute to the FAASTeam website through instructional materials, safety materials, anecdotes, or other appropriate material.
6. Provide a link on The 99s website to the FAASTeam website.
7. Include FAASTeam information in The 99s' monthly Headquarters Dispatch and to include FAASTeam information on The 99s eNetworks and external publications such as The 99 News magazine which is distributed to all members worldwide.
8. Serve as a distribution point for FAASTeam materials.
9. Where feasible, provide lunch and snacks at FAASTeam sanctioned events, at no cost to The 99s.
10. Encourage members to volunteer as FAASTeam representatives in their respective areas.
11. Promote the use of FAASafety.gov, particularly the Pilot Proficiency Program.

12. Upon approval, The 99s will accept other duties as may be offered from time to time by the FAASTeam, not specifically mentioned herein.

Section Statistics As Of September 28, 2007

Arabian	8	Mid-Atlantic	368
Australian	42	Nepal	2
Austrian	4	New England	154
Brazil	5	New York-New Jersey	251
British	9	New Zealand	15
Caribbean	1	North Central	815
East Canada	128	Northwest	439
Far East	7	Norwegian	7
Finnish	8	Russian	17
German	36	South Central	868
India	10	Southeast	531
Israeli	10	Southwest	1607
Members at Large	15	West Canada	53
		Total	5410

**◆◆ MARK YOUR CALENDAR ◆◆
2007**

October 15 – Reports Due at Headquarters for Fall Board of Directors Meeting

October 19-20 – Mid-Atlantic Section Meeting, Reading, PA

October 31 – Intent to Seek Election form due

November 1-3 -- Fall Board of Directors Meeting at Headquarters in Oklahoma City, OK

November 9-10 – New England Section Meeting, Plymouth, MA

December 1 – Due Date for 99 News submissions for the January/February 2008 Issue

December 31 -- Deadline for proposed amendments to the Bylaws/Standing Rules

Future International Conferences

August 7-10, 2008 – Anchorage, Alaska, USA

July 22-26, 2009 – Chicago, IL, USA

July, 2010 – Kona, Hawaii, USA

**October 31 – Deadline for
Intent to Seek Election for 2008**
(Forms available in the Members Only section of
The Ninety-Nines Website)