

HEADQUARTERS DISPATCH

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MID-TERM ELECTIONS

By Anna Taylor, Election Procedures Chair

In the January/February 2009 issue of the *99 News* it was erroneously stated that the ballots for the mid-term elections would be mailed to members. That is not the case.

Mid-term elections will be held in July during the International Conference in Chicago. Votes will be taken from the floor, and everyone with a voting card will be eligible to vote.

Please read over the candidates' position statements in the January/February issue of the *99 News*. Candidates are listed in the order that their Intent to Seek Election was received. Then have your Chapter discuss how they would like their delegates to vote.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

In order to be a 'Ninety-Nine', one must join first at the International level. If someone pays Chapter dues they do not become members of the organization. According to our bylaws (Article III: Corporate Structure), Sections and Chapters are divisions of the membership. They are not entities in their own right.

Chapters may accept a donation from non-99s to support their newsletter and other expenses, but a pilot or student pilot must pay International dues to be a member.

Another membership requirement is that if you are a Future Woman Pilot (FWP) holding a FAA Medical Certificate and Student Pilot Certificate, you are not eligible for Academic membership. You may only hold one type of membership. Once you upgrade your membership from FWP to 99, are still going to school and meet the academic requirements, you may then apply to be an Academic member.

SPRING BOARD MEETING

The Spring Board of Directors meeting will be in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on **March 20-21, 2009**. The meeting hotel is the Hilton Garden Inn on Meridian Avenue. To make reservations, call 405-942-1400. The cost will be \$89 per night (plus taxes). This rate will extend a couple of days before and after if you are planning on spending some extra time at Headquarters.

Board meetings are open to all who wish to attend. If you are not a Board member, Governor, Trustee or International Committee Chairman and would like to attend, please call Headquarters for more information.

Reports for the Board packet should have been sent to Headquarters by March 1, 2009.

FULFILLING THE NINETY-NINES MISSION AEROSPACE TEACHER OF YEAR AWARD

Is there a Ninety-Nine in your Chapter that fits these criteria? See that she receives the recognition she deserves, nominate her for the A. Scott Crossfield Aerospace Education Teacher of the Year Award.

The award, celebrating its 23rd year, is a juried competition to recognize and reward teachers for outstanding achievement in aerospace education. The award is open to current classroom teachers from grades K through 12 from any public, private, or parochial school. A review committee of aerospace industry and education professionals will examine nominations for documentation of a teacher's effectiveness, creativity, and ability to maintain high standards for their students and themselves, with aerospace being the core subject matter or their curricula.

The deadline for nominations is May 1, 2009. Learn more at www.NationalAviation.org or call 1-888-383-1903 x11.

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2009 International Conference
Chicago, Illinois, USA
July 22 - 26, 2009
Hosted by the North Central Section

Early Registration for the 2009 International Conference ends on March 15!

Register now at www.chicago2009.ninetynines.net to get the reduced rate. And be sure to buy raffle tickets for two free tickets on the Odyssey Cruise. Raffle tickets can be purchased on the website under 'Tour Details' or by emailing governor@ncs99s.org.

When reserving your hotel room at the Marriott Chicago Downtown Magnificent Mile, please use code "NNTNNTA", not "NNT" as previously published. Our group rate is \$209. The Central Reservation number is 800-228-9290. If you plan to arrive earlier than Monday, or stay later than Sunday, we recommend that you make your reservation by phone to ensure you get our group rate. Please speak to our Marriott Event Housing Supervisor, Daniele McCafferty, if you need any special assistance reserving your room.

Registration forms and other information are also in the January/February issue of The 99 News.

Section Statistics as of February 28, 2009

Arabian	17	Mid-Atlantic	362
Australian	37	New England	158
Austrian	8	New York-New Jersey	229
Brazil	3	New Zealand	16
British	8	North Central	753
Caribbean	1	Northwest	435
East Canada	134	Norwegian	3
Far East	7	Russian	24
Finnish	7	South Central	788
German	45	Southeast	521
India	12	Southwest	1,569
Israeli	9	West Canada	51
Members at Large	20		
Mexico	6	TOTAL	5223

**** MARK YOUR CALENDAR ****
2009

March 13 – Northwest Section Spring meeting, Seattle, Washington

March 20-21 – International Board of Directors Spring meeting, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

March 27-29 – North Central Section Spring meeting, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

April 1 – Due date for 99 News submissions for the May/June 2009 issue

April 17-18 – New England Section Spring meeting, Sturbridge, Massachusetts

April 21-26 – Sun 'n Fun, Lakeland, Florida

May 1-3 – Southeast Section Spring meeting, Pensacola, Florida

May 1-3 – Southwest Section Spring meeting, Glendale, Arizona

May 15-17 – South Central Section Spring meeting, Pecan Plantation, Granbury, Texas

June 1 – Due date for 99 News submissions for the July/August 2009 issue

June 20-26 – Air Race Classic, Denver, Colorado (Centennial Airport) to Atlantic, Iowa

July 22-26 – International Conference, Chicago, Illinois, USA

July 31 – Deadline for submitting Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative (PPLI) application

August 14-15 – 40th Annual Palms to Pines Air Race

Future International Conferences

July 5-9, 2010 – Kona, Hawaii, USA

July 2011 – Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, USA

DISPATCH DEADLINE

Just a reminder - Information for the *Dispatch* needs to be received by the 20th of the month to get in the next month's issue. Send articles to dispatch@ninety-nines.org. And remember that past issues are available in the Members Only section of the website.

Chapter Chairmen – Share the *Dispatch* with your Chapter members.

Governors – Share the *Dispatch* with your Section Board and Committee Chairmen.