

HEADQUARTERS DISPATCH

The Ninety-Nines, Inc

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April 2009

SPRING BOARD MEETING REPORT

By Joan Kerwin, International Director

Board members, Governors, Trustees, Committee Chairmen and members met in our Oklahoma City Headquarters Building on March 20-21, 2009 to discuss issues pertinent to the organization. Vice President Donna Moore was unable to attend.

The Ninety-Nines owned building across from Headquarters and rented to Rocketplane was vacated by them in December with back rent owing. As partial payment of this rent, The Ninety-Nines took possession of the various office furnishings. Unneeded items will be auctioned at some point in the future with the proceeds coming to The Ninety-Nines. A realtor has been retained to rent the building.

The annual budget for the upcoming fiscal year was a major topic of discussion. We face a significant loss of revenue until a new tenant can be found for our rental building, and costs continue to rise. The three largest expense items are salaries at Headquarters, The 99 News and the Directory. During the past few years the staff has been reduced to a bare bones minimum, and with the exception of the President, the members of the Board of Directors are reimbursed nothing for their expenses. Now other difficult choices must be made. The 99 News will be published quarterly beginning in the second half of this year and various options on how best to subsidize the Directory are being considered.

The Spring meeting also requires the Board to read & comment on each Bylaw and Standing Rule proposal that has been submitted according to the guidelines. With most U.S. Governors in attendance and offering their input, changes were made as identified and discussed. The proposed amendments will be mailed at least 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting in Chicago with the Bylaws/Standing Rules Committee making every effort to get these out even sooner.

After much discussion it was decided that "Fly for Breast Cancer Cure" is not pertinent to our mission and will be discontinued as an International Ninety-Nines, Inc. project. However, Chapters and/or Sections can participate if they so desire.

The Technology Committee will have the new home page and subsidiary pages up soon for member use. This new website will not only have many new features for members, it will also showcase The Ninety-Nines for other internet users. The on-line renewal portion of the new website is still in development but coming soon. In July the Committee will be presenting short, hands-on technology classes at the International Conference in Chicago.

The Publications Committee reported, with regret, the resignation of Anna Taylor as Membership Directory Chairman. The person filling this position needs to have layout skills and knowledge of indexing programs. It also involves obtaining competitive bids from printers and overseeing the printing and mailing process. If you are interested or know of somebody who fits these criteria, please contact Publications Chairman Donna Crane-Bailey at donnacb210@sbcglobal.net or 831-688-9760.

There was a lot of work done in those two days, but as we know, "all work and no play makes Jill a dull girl." So the evenings were for fun and friendship, and getting to know what a great, interesting and talented group Ninety-Nines members are.

FALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Extended Meeting Time

Due to the need for more time to thoroughly address Long Range Planning, the Fall Board of Directors meeting will be **October 29-31, 2009** (travel on October 28 and November 1.) The meeting hotel will be the Hilton Garden Hotel on Meridian Avenue. To make your reservations call 405-942-1400. The cost is \$89 per night (plus taxes).

Please note that there will only be 15 rooms available at this rate so make your reservations early and plan to share rooms.

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

Some great seminars will be presented at the 2009 International Conference, including: Technology for Pilots; Safety and Survivability Issues in Civil Aviation; Top Guns of '43; Physiological, Environmental and Operational Risk Factors in Manned Commercial Space Flight; and more! Full details and presenter bios will be on the website soon and in the next issue of the 99 News.

Looking for a way to help make the Conference a success? Program ads are available not only for businesses, but for individuals and Chapters! From a business card sized ad for \$100, up to a full page for \$750, there is something to fit any budget. Please contact our Printing chairman, Rae Goodman, at printing@ncs99s.org to buy space in the Conference Program.

There is still plenty of space on the Odyssey Cruise, but most of our tours are filling up fast. To avoid disappointment, please register soon.

Registration forms and other information are in the January/February issue of the 99 News. You may also register online at www.chicago2009.ninetynines.net.

Section Statistics as of March 31, 2009

Arabian	17	Mid-Atlantic	365
Australian	37	New England	156
Austrian	8	New York-New Jersey	233
Brazil	3	New Zealand	16
British	8	North Central	753
Caribbean	1	Northwest	441
East Canada	132	Norwegian	4
Far East	7	Russian	24
Finnish	7	South Central	796
German	47	Southeast	525
India	12	Southwest	1,576
Israeli	9	West Canada	51
Members at Large	21		
Mexico	6	TOTAL	5255

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

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/September 2009 issue

June 1 – Deadline for Forest of Friendship nominations

June 13 – Museum of Women Pilots Open House

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

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

July 27-Aug 2 – EAA/AirVenture, Oshkosh, Wisconsin

July 30 – 99s Breakfast at EAA/AirVenture

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

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

September 1 – Due date for 99 News submissions for the October/November/December 2009 issue

September 25-27 – Southwest Section Fall meeting, Grass Valley, California

Future International Conferences

July 5-9, 2010 – Kona, Hawaii, USA

July 2011 – Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, USA

2012 – New England, USA

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