

# HEADQUARTERS DISPATCH

**The Ninety-Nines, Inc**

**November 2009**

<http://www.ninety-nines.org/>

## **FALL BOARD REPORT**

*By Pat Theberge, International Secretary*

The International Board of Directors, Governors, Committee Chairmen, Trustees and others met October 29-31, 2009, at our Headquarters in Oklahoma City. As you can imagine, the release of the movie *Amelia* highlighted many of the discussions and presentations. This included public relations, individual Chapter and Section events at various theaters, donations of costumes from the movie, and the activity at the Birthplace Museum in Atchison, Kansas. President Susan Larson also shared stories of her experience at the press conference and premiere of the movie in New York City.

Donna Moore has resigned as International Vice-President for personal reasons. The Board has appointed previous International President Jody McCarrell to serve out the remainder of the term.

The Headquarters Staff presented the Board with a proclamation from the Mayor of the City of Oklahoma City declaring November 2, 2009, our 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, as "Ninety-Nines Day" in Oklahoma City. During lunch we enjoyed a very large birthday cake.

President Larson conducted a focused and productive two day meeting. Financially, the organization is sound, but we do have some financial challenges. The Line of Credit has been renewed and we received an unqualified (clean) report from the auditors. To date we have not rented our second building, but are working with a new real estate company and the airport to find a tenant as soon as possible.

NASA is now in possession of two items that belonged to Amelia Earhart that will be taken aboard upcoming space missions. Director Joan Kerwin graciously loaned "the watch", a watch that belong to Amelia Earhart, to go aboard the mission to the International Space Station in May of 2010. Astronaut and 99 Shannon Walker requested a Ninety-Nines item that will remain with her for her 6 month stay on the space station. 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

We received the final report of the very successful and enjoyable Conference in Chicago. Co-Chair Rita Adams and Governor Shelly Ventura reported on the results and recommendations for future conferences.

Planning is in full swing for Hawaii 2010. Registration information can be found on the web page linked from our home page. Planning for Oklahoma City 2011 is beginning in earnest. A site visit was made to the Marriott hotel in Oklahoma City, and the theme for the conference is "Flying Home to Oklahoma"

The Building Maintenance committee reported on the last phase of repairs that will soon be started. These include repairing deficiencies in the north wall, upgrading the interior materials to exterior grade which includes replacing the outside stairs and front door and repairing the exterior balcony.

The "Building our Future" campaign is in full swing. Many of the pledges against the matching challenge have been received and the raffle will be completed by the time you receive this. The goal is to have enough funding available to finish the existing repair activity and create a pool of money for future building maintenance needs.

The Nominating Committee is working to finalize the slate of candidates for all of the open positions for the general election in 2010. The Trademark Committee reported on requests for use of the 99s trademarks for Chapters, Sections and outside vendors. As a reminder, any use of the 99s compass rose, interlocking nines, and the name Ninety-Nines Inc. needs to be approved by the Trademark Committee. There is no charge for use by Chapters or Sections, but use on shirts, mugs, hats or any other item needs to be tracked and approved.

As we look forward to improving services and benefits to our members, we have many good ideas and projects that we would like to kick off. The list includes, but is not limited to, publishing a monthly e-zine in addition to the 99 News, expanding our web presence and online capabilities, updating the software used for our membership database and expanding marketing and ad revenues.

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We have the ideas, but in some cases lack the expertise and time to get these things done. For this we need your help. Many of you have the skills needed; please consider volunteering some of your time and talent to The Ninety-Nines. Contact President Susan Larson if you are willing to help.

The Board of Directors will be meeting in January for a long-range planning session, building on what has been done previously and formalizing our wish list of projects. More information will be distributed after that session.

We concluded our stay in Oklahoma City with dinner in Bricktown and a viewing of the movie Amelia.

**2009-2010 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES**

If you wish to have printed copy of the 2009-2010 membership directory, you must request and pay for your copy by November 15, 2009. The cost is \$15. Mail a check to headquarters (include the phrase "printed directory" on the memo line) or go to The Ninety-Nines website and click on Donation under the Resource Center tab. Put "printed directory" in the "other" field.

**AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Application deadlines are fast approaching. Applications from Chapter members are due to your Chapter AE Chairman by **December 1, 2009**. All these, and applications from Sections without Chapters (or from members who are not in a Chapter), are due to Section AE Chairmen by **December 20, 2009**. Check The Ninety-Nines website for detailed information and application and guideline forms.

[www.ninety-nines.org/index.cfm/scholarships.htm](http://www.ninety-nines.org/index.cfm/scholarships.htm)

DO NOT MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY to have a deserving 99 advance in aviation. We are looking for those members who have financial need and the drive to succeed.

AEMSF Donations fund worthy 99s. Each year, the AEMSF calculates their ability to award scholarships and grants based on income and donations during the previous calendar year. What you donate before the end of 2009 will be dedicated (according to our resolution) for Ninety-Nines scholarships given in the summer of 2010. If you are considering a memorial donation for a lost friend or family member, a special gift in honor of someone you love or admire, or just a generous contribution to a woman in need of assistance with her aviation advancement, please make your donation payable to AEMSF and send it to: Dorothy Berthelet, 1000 Broken Oak Dr Orleans ON K1C 2W7, Canada

**PROPOSED BYLAWS / STANDING RULES AMENDMENTS DEADLINE**

Submission of proposed amendments to the International Bylaws/Standing Rules Committee for their review must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2009. Please send to:

Ellen Nobles-Harris  
2424 Dorval Rd  
Wilmington DE 19810-3529

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

**November 7-December 5** – "Celebration of Flight" exhibit, 99s Museum of Women Pilots, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

**December 1** – Due date for 99 News submissions for the January/February/March 2010 issue

**December 1** – Deadline for AEMSF applications to be into Chapter AE Chairmen

**December 20** – Deadline for AEMSF applications to be into Section AE Chairmen

**December 31** – Deadline to submit Bylaws and Standing Rules proposed amendments

**2010**

**January 15** – Deadline for AEMSF applications to be into Trustees

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

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

**March 12-13** – International Board of Directors Spring meeting, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

**Future International Conferences**

**July 5-9, 2010** – Kona, Hawaii, USA

**July 13-17, 2011** – Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, USA

**2012** – New England, USA



**2010**

**International Conference**

**Kona, Hawaii, USA**

**July 5-9, 2010**

**Hosted by the Southwest Section**

[www.ninety-nines.net/hawaii2010](http://www.ninety-nines.net/hawaii2010)

**HAWAII'S CALLING!!**

Question: How many letters of the English alphabet does the Hawaiian language use?

Answer: 12 (a,e,i,o,u,k,l,m,n,p,w)!)