

**Southeast Section Fall Board of Directors Meeting  
Comfort Inn, Warner Robbins, GA  
September 14, 2012**

**Governor Terry Carbonell called the meeting to order at 1600.**

**In attendance:**

Terry Carbonell, Governor	Sonia Bortolin, Vice Governor
Ursula Davidson, Secretary	Hanna-Mari Salo, Treasurer
Lisa Cotham Pizani, Past Governor	

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Lisa Pizani moved and Sonia Bortolin seconded that the minutes of the May 4, 2012 board meeting be approved as written. Motion carried.

**Website:** Terry Carbonell stated that all Southeast Section documents will be available on the website. There will be a library of meeting minutes. They will be labeled as “draft” until they are approved. The minutes could be password protected.

**Vice Governor’s Report:** Sonia Bortolin was heartily welcomed as vice governor. While Terry was vice governor she started working on the next Spring Section Meeting to be held in Mobile, AL, April 5-7, 2013. Sonia will takeover planning the Mobile meeting and will coordinate the Gulfport, MS meeting with the local Ninety-Nines.

**Governor’s Report:** Terry, who took over as governor after Judy Bowser resigned, is most concerned about declining membership. In May SE Section had 482 members. Now we have 468. Terry met with Eileen Malan, Section membership chairman. Eileen needs to coordinate with chapter membership chairmen. Terry showed a copy of the FL Goldcoast minutes as a good example of bringing aviation education into a meeting and making the minutes interesting.

Terry asked Ursula to have a chapter chairmen’s forum on Saturday where ideas to increase membership could be exchanged. Successful chapters need to adopt chapters that are struggling and help them become viable. Former Goldcoast member, Barbara Ganson, has taken on the responsibility of reviving Gulf Stream. Ursula is keeping in touch with her and other Gulf Stream members.

Terry said that the official secretary’s book will contain all Section documents and records. Lisa feared that over the years it will get lost. She said that the records should also be in a cloud or on discs that all officers could have copies of.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Hanna said that the Georgia chapter now has a checking account and money to operate with. Hanna’s signature needs to be taken off the account and Georgia needs to get its own EIN (Employer Identification Number). Hanna will discuss

this with Susan Delgado. Terry added that all chapters must be encouraged to have an EIN.

Hanna presented the Section annual financial report for 2011-2012. Terry noted that \$2,000 was budgeted for the governor's expenses, but Judy Bowser was paid \$2,592.67. Our bylaws do not allow such an overage unless the Board approves it and presents it to the general membership. Lisa made a motion that we approve the over payment to Judy and Sonia seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously. Hanna will present the action at tomorrow's meeting. She will also contact Judy to find out if she is going to cash the last check.

**Nominating Committee SOP:** All board members received copies of the SOPs and were asked by Terry to review them before the meeting. Terry led the discussion. The nominating committee name had been changed to Election Procedures by Judy Bowser, but will be changed back to Nominating Committee because that is a more accurate title. Under procedures, first sentence, Ursula suggested that "immediately following its election" be added.

Item #8 under Main Election was thoroughly discussed. Ursula made a motion and Lisa seconded that the item read as follows:

*The deadline to submit a slate to the immediate past governor for accuracy review is two weeks prior to the ballot mailing date. As soon as the slate is finalized a digital draft copy of the ballot goes to each candidate. Each candidate must immediately confirm the accuracy of her information. At this point the ballot is created and sent to the SE Section members.*

Motion carried. Motion to approve the entire Nominating Committee Standard Operating Procedures as changed was made by Sonia, seconded by Hanna and approved.

**Section Meeting SOP:** Board members complimented Terry on the thoroughness of the Section Meeting SOP. Sonia moved that it be accepted as written and Ursula seconded. The motion carried.

**501c3 Group Exemption:** Terry is waiting for a reply to a letter she mailed to IRS on July 26. She also filed a form despite the lack of a group exemption number. Terry has not been successful in getting documents we need from Sylvia Paoli, former International Ninety-Nines general counsel. She will ask Leslie Ingham, International treasurer, who will be at our meeting tomorrow, to get the International Board to address this problem.

**Teller Committee:** Terry asked board members to suggest someone she could appoint as chairman for the next election. Lisa suggested Mae Marquet of the New Orleans chapter. Lisa sent her a text and she accepted.

**Bonnie & Archie Gann Scholarship:** Lisa is the treasurer of the scholarship fund, but has not received the financial records. She will try to get them from Judy Hall, who is coming to tomorrow's meeting. The trustees are Vicki Sherman, Bonnie Gann's sister

and the current SE Section governor. The scholarship is an entity separate from the Section although we promote it and provide a venue for its presentation.

**2013 Section Meeting:** Terry has a contract with the Downtown Mobile Holiday Inn for April 5-7. It includes a \$99 per night rate and a complimentary hospitality suite. Sonia and Terry are planning a fun challenge for delegates that will be traveling to the meeting. There will be points for things like number of members attending, distance traveled and things to do along the way, whether traveling by car or airplane.

Registration fee, group activities and incentives such as eliminating registration fee for new members were discussed. Brisket and seafood jambalaya were selected for the Saturday night buffet dinner. Sonia will select the rest of the menu items and plan the activities.

**2014 International Conference:** The Southeast Section will host the conference in New Orleans, July 7-14. The International has a signed contract with the Astor Crowne Plaza on Canal and Bourbon St. International is still trying to get a meeting planner, but Lisa could not wait to secure a hotel because New Orleans is such a popular convention city.

The host committee will be able to use the commission that the planner would have gotten to defray costs like the many complimentary expenses. New Orleans chapter may do the entire event without a planner. The most difficult task will be online registration. Terry said that she may have someone who can help with that. Lisa said that they still need to select a logo and a theme. All SE Section chapters will have the opportunity to work on the conference.

**Chapter Membership Contest:** Judy has not disclosed how she computed the winners. Membership chair Eileen was not involved. Paradise Coast has provided documentation that it added three new members, the same as winners Alabama and Suncoast, during the contest period. It was agreed that all three chapters would be honored with the compass rose tile at 99s headquarters. Sonia made the motion; Ursula seconded it.

**Terry adjourned the meeting at 1755.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Ursula Davidson*  
**Southeast Section Secretary**