



The Flypaper

The Official Newsletter of the Alaska 99s
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Notes from the Chair

Even though the weather at the November General Meeting was lousy...we had a great, spirited program. Our thanks to Tom Burgess for a super informative and interesting presentation on many security issues including the importance of putting together a personal Emergency Preparedness 7 Day Survival Kit. Great information!!

It is time to submit your nominations for the 2010 Awards of Achievement. The deadline to **01/15/10** is fast approaching. Nominations may be submitted by any individual or group within The Ninety-Nines. Details inside!!

Also inside you will find 6 proposed amendments to the International By-Laws specifically changes affecting: Article V Section 4. Classes of Membership; Article XI Section 2. Elections; Article XVIII; and Article X Section 1. International Board of Directors

Please review these proposed changes so that you can make an informed decision as to whether or not you support these amendments. There will be a vote of the membership at the December General Meeting.

During what can often be hectic holiday season, stay sane and safe!

Ad astra, per aspera.

Lani

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Next Meeting

6:00 pm, Wednesday

December 9, 2009

Bella Vista Restaurant

Peters Creek

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Calendar of Events

Wed., Dec. 9 Alaska Chapter Annual Christmas Dinner Party

Fri., Dec. 25 Christmas Day

Tues., Jan. 5 Board of Directors Meeting

DEADLINE FOR INFORMATION FOR JANUARY FLYPAPER

Wed., Jan. 13 Regular Monthly Meeting

Tues., Jan. 19 Mat-Su Valley Chapter Meeting

July 5 - 9, 2010 International Conference, Kona, Hawaii

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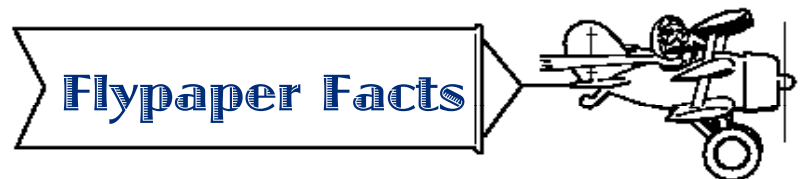
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Committees need volunteers.

99s Online

Chapter Website (www.ak99s.org)

National Website (www.ninety-nines.org)

The national site includes news updates, scholarship opportunities, mentor connections, applications and more.



Deadline for the **January 2010** Flypaper is **Jan. 5, 2010**. If you have an article, ad or information for The Flypaper, please contact Melanie Hancock by phone at 694-4571 or e-mail at flyquilt@mtaonline.net. (Ads are placed in The Flypaper for members at no charge.)

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Annual Christmas Dinner Party Scheduled



The annual Alaska Chapter 995 Christmas Dinner Party will be held on Wednesday, December 9, 2009, at Bella Vista Restaurant in Peters Creek. Join us at 6 p.m. to socialize. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner entrees are New York Steak, Ribeye Steak, Halibut or Chicken. All are served with baked potato, vegetable, salad, garlic bread and dessert. The cost of \$30 per person includes the gratuity. There will be an open bar. Reservations must be made no later than Monday, December 7, at 10 a.m. Contact Melanie Hancock at 694-4571 or via e-mail at flyquilt@mtaonline.net to make reservations and your entree selection.

As in past years, there will be a Chinese Auction for the gift exchange. Value of the gifts to be between \$15 and \$20. If you wish to participate in this gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift for each person participating.



As always, spouses, friends and guests are welcome!

New Member Highlight

TO: The Ninety-Nines

I am very thankful to be a part of the Ninety-Nines as an associate member. I am really excited about my future career as a pilot. I am currently working toward my private pilot certificate through the University of Alaska Anchorage. My first semester in college is soon coming to an end. I am enjoying my pursuit of a BAS in Aviation Technology with a Professional Piloting emphasis. I am very new to all of this and have a lot of hard work ahead of me. I am ready for it!

My other interests include the Outdoors: hiking Alaska's mountains, running, Nordic and Alpine Skiing, and camping; Dance: I am taking Hip Hop and Jazz classes at Studio 49 and have been performing and competing for about three years now; and Shooting: I am a youth shotgun coach at Rabbit Creek Shooting Park and I enjoy sporting clays.

I hope this gives you a little bit of information about me. To add a few other points, I am the second child of five and was born and raised in South Anchorage Alaska. I love it here! Alaska is my home and I plan to stay here to fly in the future. The love Jesus Christ has for us is the most important thing to me, above all of my previously listed interests. Glorifying him is my purpose in life, and he has blessed me in so many ways. I am so excited about all of the awesome experiences that are in my future. I am glad to be a part of all of this organization. I respect what you all have done with your lives, I look up to you! Thank you for your support of me as a pilot.

Danielle Bassler



The Mat-Su Chapter will not have a December meeting. Members wishing to attend the Alaska Chapter Christmas Dinner Party should make reservations with Melanie Hancock at 694-4571 or flyquilt@mtaonline.net no later than 10 a.m. Monday morning, December 7. Entree choices are: New York Steak, Ribeye Steak, Chicken or Halibut.

Mat-Su Chapter Officers

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| Chair | Toni Merrigan | 373-6569 |
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995 Clothing for Sale

There are 2 items of new clothing with the 995 logo available: a vest, light blue, size 10/12 (\$41.90) and a yellow shirt, small (app. 8/10) (\$39.90). Contact Gloria Tomich at 279-1560 or gtomichak@yahoo.com if you're interested in either of these items. Gloria will bring them to the Christmas Dinner on Dec. 9.

Minutes of the November 11, 2009 Member Meeting of the Alaska Chapter 99's

Before the meeting was called to order at 19:50, Tom Burgess from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security gave an informative informal presentation about his role as a Protective Security Advisor in Alaska and the mission of the Department of Homeland Security to strengthen local preparedness, timely response and rapid recovery in the event of an attack, natural disaster, or other emergency. For preparedness and security information, visit: www.ready.gov

Eight members, one guest and the speaker were present. The motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting was proposed by Lani and seconded by Angie

The Treasurers report was deferred.

Lani discussed the need for and updated address book with all current Alaska Chapter members contact information. Jay volunteered to download this information from the International Members List and create a group mailing list.

The 2010 Women of Achievement nominations are due January 15th it was suggested that these can be submitted electronically. There will be new awards this year.

Six amendments have been proposed to the 99's International Bylaws/Standing rules. There is a request that individual chapters review these proposals and decide which they strongly support. As a chapter we need to vote in a meeting with a quorum present. It was decided to submit a motion at a brief meeting before the December Christmas Dinner Party. A copy of the proposed amendments will be submitted to all members for review before the meeting. There will be a brief opportunity for

questions and debate, then a vote. If a majority vote is in favor Gloria will draft a resolution of endorsement to be submitted to the International Bylaws committee.

Gloria brought a flyer about the The Fall Safety Seminar to be held on Saturday November 14th. She and Angie will assist with registration and will have flying companion information flyers and brochures available. This event is sponsored by the FAA Safety Team and WINGS credit can be earned. Pre-register on-line at www.faasafety.gov.

Gloria also discussed the Palmer Landing Clinic - there has been a suggestion that these clinics might be expanded to Juneau or Fairbanks, but the limiting factor is the cost of insurance to cover these events. Gloria will meet with John Sternagle on Saturday and get more information.

The December 9th Christmas Dinner Party will be at the Bella Vista Restaurant in Peters Creek. According to Melanie the cost will be \$30 which will include a choice of a main dish, dessert and the gratuity. There will be a Chinese Auction. Price for gifts - between \$10 and \$20. The "gadget" will probably be recycled again this year.

Lani will postpone information about the Web page award until another meeting.

Shirts - a new order is coming.

At 20:05 Angie proposed a move to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Gloria.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Laxson, Secretary

2010 Proposed Amendment 1

Bylaws Article V

Section 4. Classes of Membership

D. Academic Member - A member who is certified as a full-time student of a high school, college or accredited or professional institution of higher education (or the international equivalent), meeting the requirements of Section 1 of this Article, and who pays annual dues at the Academic Membership dues rate. ~~Such a member may not vote, be a delegate, or give a proxy as a delegate at the International level.~~

Rationale: To remove the voting and delegate restrictions on Academic members. It is suggested that when deliberating on this proposal to not consider how much these members pay for dues, as the 99s has a complex dues structure (Emeritus members no longer pay dues but still retain these rights, Life members pay a fixed fee and retain these rights no matter how many years they continue with the organization, non-U.S. members pay less than U.S. members, etc). Additionally, voting by ballot does cost the organization money, but serving as a delegate does not have any real cost to the organization. Our Academic members are full-fledged 99s (they are NOT student pilots), and therefore it is simply the right thing to do to allow them the full voting and delegate rights that all other full-fledged 99s are entitled to.

2010 Proposed Amendment 2

Bylaws Article V

Section 4. Classes of Membership

E. Associate Member

2) Associate Members shall not ~~vote, be a delegate, give a proxy as a delegate, or~~ hold office at the International level.

Rationale: To remove the voting and delegate restrictions on Associate members. Associate members are student pilots. Some may argue that since these members are not yet full-fledged 99s, they should not have these rights at the International level of the organization. However, as a non-profit charitable organization, it is in the best interest of the corporation to get these members to "buy into" the mission of the organization as soon as possible, and one way to accomplish this is to give these members a voice in the decision-making of the organization.

2010 Proposed Amendment 3

Bylaws Article XI

Section 2. Elections

In even-numbered years, the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, ~~and~~ two (2) Directors, five (5)

members of the Nominating Committee, and the requisite number of Trustees ~~the AEMSF Trustee(s), the requisite number of AEBM Trustees, the requisite number of members of The Ninety-Nines Endowment Fund Trustees, and the requisite number of The 99s Museum of Women Pilots Trustees~~ shall be elected by ~~the ballot mailed to every member and received by the published deadline in accordance with the Standing Rules.~~

~~In odd-numbered years in which there is no mailed ballot, the other two (2) Directors, AEMSF Trustee(s), two (2) Ninety-Nines Endowment Fund Trustees, and the requisite number of The 99s Museum of Women Pilots Trustees and AEBM Trustees~~ and the requisite number of Trustees shall be elected at the Annual Meeting by ballot vote.

A Plurality vote is required to elect Officers, Directors, Nominating Committee, AEMSF Trustees, AEBM Trustees, Ninety-Nines Endowment Fund Trustees, and The 99s Museum of Women Pilots Trustees. The Nominating Committee shall elect its own chairman.

In the event of a tie vote for any position on the mailed ballot, a run-off election will be held at the Annual Meeting.

The annual election will be conducted by ballot; all voting eligible members shall receive a ballot by postal mail or shall be able to access the ballot electronically. Ballots shall be processed in accordance with the Standing Rules.

Additional Recommendation: Move E to C, move C to D, and move D to E.

Rationale: To improve the democratic process in the organization by providing a ballot in every election to the membership, not just the delegates at the Annual Meeting as is currently done for odd-year elections. Removal of bylaws contradiction stating ballots mailed to every member; changed to all voting eligible members for circumstances when some membership classes do not have voting rights, as is currently the case for Academic and Associate members at the International level. Cleaned up excessive language in regards to electing Trustees. Allow for the possibility of electronic balloting.

Additional work to be done: Bylaws Committee and Election Procedures Committee will need to bring the Standing Rules in line with these changes.

Financial Impact: Since this will double the costs of elections using current procedures of a mailed ballot, it is appropriate that research and analysis be presented to consider electronic election processes. This proposal represents a significant savings to the members as it is less expensive to vote by ballot versus attend the Annual Meeting.

2010 Proposed Amendment 4

Bylaws Article XVIII

Section 2. The most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the conduct of all meetings of the membership and the Board of Directors, in all cases where it is applicable, and in which it is not inconsistent with these Bylaws, other Corporate governing documents and/or any special rules this Corporation may adopt. **Each body of the membership shall adopt formal, documented rules for conducting meetings and for group decision-making. If not otherwise designated, the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern.**

Rationale: The point of contention here is that ALL meetings must be conducted under Robert's Rules of Order, which are cumbersome, complicated, and archaic. Additionally, Robert's Rules are very much a U.S. convention, and the 99s is an international organization. Chapters, sections, trusts, and committees should be able to decide for themselves how they want to run meetings and make group decisions. There are viable alternatives to Robert's Rules, including the Consensus Building Approach and The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure.

2010 Proposed Amendment 5

Bylaws Article X

Section 1. International Board of Directors

B. The President and Vice President shall have served one term on the Board of Directors at the time they she assumes office.

Rationale: To open up the potential field of candidates for the office of Vice President. In recent 99s elections, there are seldom multiple candidates for both President and Vice President. This is not indicative of a healthy organization and therefore this is a step to address that problem. Serving on the IBOD can be good experience, but many of our members also have valuable expertise gained from other roles within the 99s or from outside professional, non-profit, and/or civic roles.

2010 Proposed Amendment 6

Bylaws Article XII

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall be composed of the elected Officers, **and** Directors, ~~and immediate Past President.~~

Bylaws Article VIII

Section 1. Board of Directors - The elected officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer and ~~four (4)~~ **five (5)** additional directors.

Bylaws Article IX

Section 1. Board of Directors

C. ~~The immediate Past President shall be a member of the Board of Directors and serve~~
- ~~one (1) term.~~

Section 8. Vacancies

C. ~~A vacancy in the immediate Past President's position shall remain vacant until she is~~
- ~~succeeded by the current President.~~

Bylaws Article XI

Section 2. Elections

B. In odd-numbered years in which there is no mailed ballot, the other ~~two (2)~~ **three (3)** Directors, AEMSF Trustee(s), two (2) Ninety-Nines Endowment Fund Trustees, and the requisite number of The 99s Museum of Women Pilots Trustees and AEBM Trustees shall be elected at the Annual Meeting by ballot vote.

Proviso: Implementation to replace Immediate Past President with a Director to occur with the 2011 election. Hence, if there is an Immediate Past President on the IBOD for the 2010-2012 term, she will serve from 2010-2011. If there is no Immediate Past President on the IBOD for the 2010-2012 term, the IBOD will only be at an even number from 2010-2011.

Rationale: Replace the Immediate Past President (IPP) with an elected Director. Keeping the Immediate Past President on the Board has numerous complications, and the prevailing opinion on the Robert's Rules Forum is to do away with this problematic practice. Now that the 99s have allowed the President to run for a second consecutive term, retaining the IPP makes less sense, as the organization will end up with an even-numbered Board for a term if a President wins reelection. Also, since the President now has the ability to run for a second term, replacing the IPP with a Director will help to alleviate conflict of interest issues that would likely arise should a President be defeated when running for a second term. This change would also make it so that serving as President is not such an extensive commitment of time and finances and this may help to make the position more attractive to candidates. The President has the freedom to run for any position for which she is eligible, and for a President who wishes to continue to serve there are still plenty of opportunities.