

Sunday morning, committees worked on programs and resolutions. The third section meeting on research started at 11:30 with Milton Stoughton presiding. Dr. Wolfgang Klemperer's report was used as a basis for discussion, and led to the adoption of the following recommendations.

1. It is recommended that The Soaring Society undertake a glider research program, and that this program be intrusted to the Technical Committee.
2. It is recommended that this committee consist of seven members of The Soaring Society, one from each of the seven Civil Aeronautics Authority regions.
3. It is recommended that each regional committee member be empowered to appoint a regional sub-committee to work with him on specific phases of the program.
4. It is recommended that Dr. Klemperer's program for glider research be turned over to the Technical Committee to be used as a basis for indicating the scope of its work.

Fifty members of The Soaring Society, in all parts of the United States, were nominated for the Technical Committee, and the seven regional sub-committees.

Sunday dinner followed and the final session commenced at 3:30. Larry Lawrence read telegrams from Col. Olds and Dr. Lewis saying that they should be pleased to serve on the directorate. He announced that the directors on Friday night had re-elected all the officers for the coming year. He asked that members make every effort to increase the membership of The Soaring Society and to support the present membership drive. He revealed figures prepared by the president showing that while the membership had increased from 267 in 1936 to 1100 in 1938 the Society's expenditures in 1936 were \$548 and in 1938 were \$13,904. The cost per member had risen from slightly more than \$2 in 1936 to over \$9 in 1938. It was hoped that the membership could be increased to at least 2,000 in 1939 and with a slight decrease in the budget for the present year, the cost per member could be reduced to \$6 or even \$5. Only through a greatly increased membership could The Soaring Society ever become self-supporting.

Lawrence reviewed the business conducted at the meeting to date, spoke about the Warren E. Eaton Memorial Trophy, announced that a committee had been appointed, consisting of Emil Lehecka and himself to sell The Soaring Society's Ross sailplane, and that The Soaring Society was placing an order for a Schweizer 2-place sailplane to be used by the Society for the promotion of soaring in the United States, the sailplane to be delivered as soon as possible.

He then reviewed the efforts of the directors to solve the problem created by the resignation of Lewin Baringer as general manager. He stated that the directors, at a special meeting held that afternoon, had engaged Henry N. Wightman as the new general manager to take office as soon as he could conveniently do so. He said that there was the possibility that the Soaring Society's headquarters would be moved from Philadelphia to Washington and that the March issue of the magazine was being edited by Mr. Gale and himself.

The committee which had prepared the 10-Point National Soaring Program submitted it for consideration. A motion was made by Floyd Sweet that the program be approved, which was passed unanimously. The program follows:

A NATIONAL SOARING PROGRAM

1. The Soaring Society of America believes that a large number of experienced soaring pilots would constitute an important national aviation asset.
2. That soaring flight experience is of distinct value to pilots of airplanes in that it enables such pilots to learn about and appreciate the medium in which they fly without benefit of engines.
3. That through the sport of soaring, airplane pilots are encouraged to increase their yearly total of flying time and to develop precision in flying and skill in flying on instruments.
4. That preliminary flight training of young people of high school age can be conducted on a large scale as a group activity through glider instruction, and that such training lends itself particularly readily as a means of introducing young people to the art of flying at a stage of their careers when they have the time to devote to it.
5. That in order to increase the amount of motorless flight activity in the United States, more gliders must be manufactured and more opportunities must be created for persons to receive approved flight training and to have available areas from which to operate.
6. That the best way to bring about these objectives and to increase the number of soaring pilots in the United States is by creating, through government aid, a National Motorless Flight Institute, to be charged with the development and expansion of soaring activities.
7. That such a Motorless Flight Institute might well have its headquarters at Elmira, New York, where, through the combined efforts of the Works Progress Administration, the Chemung County Board of Supervisors, the Elmira Area Soaring Corporation and The Soaring Society of America, the extensive Warren E. Eaton Motorless Flight Facility has been created during the past ten years, and at an approximate cost of a quarter of a million dollars.
8. That this Institute should seek to achieve the objectives of a National Soaring Program through:
 - a. Setting up and operating an approved Soaring School for instructors. The facilities on Harris Hill are already available for operating such a school.
 - b. Manufacturing of and assisting companies to manufacture soaring craft. The first can be done through the already existing Elmira Aviation Ground School, sponsored by that city's Board of Education.
 - c. Research in sailplane design with the aid of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics and Soaring Meteorology, with the assistance of the Weather Bureau. The National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics through Dr. George W. Lewis, a director of The Soaring Society of America, and Dr. Eastman Jacobs, have already cooperated on research problems, and have approved projects for further research. The Weather Bureau has assisted in the past, particularly through the Aerological Division, members of which staff have served in an official capacity at soaring contests. The Weather Bureau has a major station functioning at Elmira Airport.
 - d. Helping to establish club-schools for gliding and soaring throughout the country and to assist in their proper location, supervision and operation. The Soaring Society of America has sought to increase soaring activity by this means since it was established and is anxious to do everything possible to cooperate in furthering this objective.
9. That The Soaring Society will appreciate the opportunity to work out this program in greater detail with the proper governmental authorities, seeking ways and means of putting it into operation.
10. That copies of this program be sent to members of the legislative branch of the Federal government who are in any way connected with aviation matters and to officials of the executive branch, similarly connected.

Approved by the members of The Soaring Society of America at its Annual Meeting, Roosevelt Field, Mineola, New York, February 12, 1939.