

News FROM Clubs AND Members

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SOARING SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.

OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 1946

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Directors, elected through 1948

Ralph Barnaby	Philadelphia, Pa.
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Arthur Schultz	Wilmington, Del.
Ben Shupack	Brooklyn, N. Y.

Directors, elected through 1947

Stanley Corcoran	Chicago, Ill.
Alexis Dawydoff	New York, N. Y.
Wesley Hammond	Retsoff, N. Y.
Paul Schweizer	Elmira, N. Y.
Ernest Schweizer	Elmira, N. Y.
Floyd Sweet	Dayton, Ohio

Directors, elected through 1946

William Briegleb	Van Nuys, Calif.
J. Shelley Charles	Atlanta, Ga.
Charles Gale	Darien, Conn.
Emil Lehecka	New York, N. Y.
John Robinson	Altadena, Calif.
Stanley Smith	Tonawanda, N. Y.

Directors-at-large, elected through 1946

Taylor M. Boyer	Wilmington, Del.
John W. Laister	St. Louis, Mo.

The main discussion following the election of officers was the location and time of the National Contest.

Cities interested included Seattle, Washington; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Casper, Wyoming; Dallas, Texas; Denver, Colorado; Louisville, Kentucky; Elmira, New York; and Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Of these, Elmira, N. Y. and Muskogee, Okla., have stated a willingness to meet the SSA stipulation of \$10,000 for expenses and prizes, an airport that can accommodate four tows at once and housing for pilots and crews. The other cities all dropped out of the bidding for this year's contest but wished to be considered for next year's meet.

Mr. E. A. Mooers from the Elmira Chamber of Commerce personally presented the Elmira bid which consisted mainly of stating what Elmira's facilities were and that they had done the job well in the past. However, Mr. Mooers also stated that due to losses suffered in the operation of the Army Glider School,

Elmira could not at the moment guarantee the \$10,000 for operation and prizes. He felt though that the money could be raised were Elmira given the meet.

The qualifications of Muskogee were read. They have an 1140 acre inactive Army airport with large hangars and barracks. The use of the field has not yet been cleared by the commanding general. Best thermal conditions in that area occur during the first weeks of August which would give more time to prepare for the meet. The city is very well situated with respect to the center of the country and is an excellent starting place for an attack on the existing distance records. However in later developments Muskogee, unable to get the use of the airport, declined the meet for this year but wished to be considered in the bidding next year.

The first National Soaring Contest since 1941 will be held again at Elmira. Arrangements are under way but at the time of this writing the date of the contest has not been set.

In selecting new officers, the secretary's position was the most difficult. Ben Shupack, who has been averaging 30 hours a week on the job for the last four years (and that only with the cooperation of his wife, Florentina, to whom the SSA owes more than it will ever know), was much in need of relief. The problem was then to find someone else who was willing to subject himself to the tremendous amount of thankless work. We were fortunate indeed when Charlie Gale agreed to accept the secretariat for he has a long association with and enthusiasm for the gliding movement.

The final question considered was that of dues and other classifications of membership. Because of the growing number of husband and wife memberships it was decided to institute a family membership in which the fee would be \$4.00 for one member and an additional \$2.00 for each additional member of the family. Thus for a husband and wife the membership dues would be \$6.00. Each would get a membership card and full membership privileges but only one copy of the magazine would be sent.

It was also decided to offer a plain subscription to SOARING at \$2.50 per year in which no membership privileges would be granted.

A special subscription rate of \$2.00 per year was enacted for schools, libraries and commercial institutions.

Those who attended the meeting felt it was one of the best that a board of directors of the SSA had ever had. All members of the board were there in person or by proxy.

The meeting of the board of directors took place on Saturday, April 13, 1946, at the office of the Haire Publications, 1170 Broadway, New York City. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 P. M. and adjourned at 7:30 P. M.

Those who attended were Ralph Barnaby, August Ruspert, Arthur Schultz, Ben Shupack, Alex Dawydoff, Paul Schweizer, Ernest Schweizer, Charles Gale, Emil Lehecka, Stanley Smith and Taylor Boyer.

Floyd Sweet and Dr. Klemperer sent their proxies to Captain Barnaby. Stanley Corcoran and Shelley Charles sent their proxies to Ben Shupack. Gus Briegleb and John Robinson sent their proxies to Paul Schweizer. Wesley Hammond sent Dick Powell in person with his proxy and voting instructions.

The election of our new board of directors by proportional representation automatically reflects the distribution of glider enthusiasts geographically and according to active interest. This method of voting ensures that any area sufficiently interested will automatically secure representation on the board of directors. However, the low vote from the west and the heavy voting in New York State put the majority of eastern members on the board.