

# SSA NEWS

## Report of the Annual Meeting SSA Directors

*Lakeview Hotel, Elsinore, California,  
July, 26, 1954*

Directors Present: Paul F. Bikle, Ted Nelson, Wm. S. Ivans, Jr., W. B. Klemperer, Lawrence Gehrlein, Sr., E. J. Reeves, Jon Carsey, Floyd J. Sweet.

### Proxies:

F. B. Compton—held by Sweet.  
August Raspet—held by Gehrlein.  
Ben Shupack—held by Carsey.  
J. Pat Malloy—held by Carsey.  
Eugart Yerian—held by Carsey.  
Howard E. Burr—held by Gehrlein.

Directors Absent: Paul B. MacCready, Sr., Paul B. MacCready, Jr., Paul A. Schweizer, J. Shelly Charles, Wm. H. Coverdale, Jr., Lynd Daggett, Ralph S. Barnaby, P. H. Entz.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by President Jon Carsey. In the absence of Paul Schweizer, Floyd Sweet was designated acting Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted without change.

The report of the annual election was presented and the following directors were welcomed for a three year term: Wm. H. Coverdale, Jr., Wm. S. Ivans, Jr., Paul B. MacCready, Jr., Ted Nelson, Paul A. Schweizer, Floyd J. Sweet.

The Treasurer's report was read by E. J. Reeves and showed a bank balance of \$3,002.71.

The Secretary's report indicated a total membership as of 19 July 1954, to be 1,464. This is an increase of 411 since last year at this time. There has been no noticeable change in the type of memberships because of the recent increase in dues. In fact the results of renewals promise to achieve the aim of increasing the revenue of the Society.

Reports of Committees were presented and accepted as read. While eleven Committees were on the agenda, only four written and two verbal reports were presented. However, indications are that all Committees have been active in pursuing their duties during the past year.

Action on unfinished business from the previous meeting is as follows: Ted Nelson was unanimously chosen as recipient of the Warren E. Eaton memorial trophy and Paul Bikle's claim was accepted as best for the Lewin B. Barringer memorial trophy. No suitable candidate was presented for the Tutland memorial



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SSA directors meeting at the Lakeview Hotel, Elsinore, California. At table, Carsey and Sweet. Sitting, left to right, Jerry Nelson, Bob Symons, Paul Bikle, Larry Gehrlein, Ted Nelson and Bill Ivans.

award and it, therefore, will not be awarded this year. Two persons were approved for meritorious award certificates and their names will be announced after the certificates have been presented. In order more properly and expeditiously to handle the presentation of annual awards for which the SSA is steward, the Directors approved the establishment of an Awards Committee. Its function will be continuously to review and recommend to the SSA Directors prior to the annual meeting, the names of worthy candidates. Further, it will be responsible for proposing candidates for other National and International awards for which SSA members may be qualified.

The Directors instructed the President to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to prepare a proposed amendment to the By-Laws for action at the next Directors' meeting, giving official SSA status to organized U.S. soaring groups.

The Directors then proceeded to consider new business. The minutes of the previous meeting and the reports of officers and Committees were approved. The floor was open for nominations for Directors-at-Large—four to be elected. J. Pat Malloy, Peter B. Bowers, Robert Symonds, and Arthur B. Schultz were nominated. There being no further nominations, the Secretary was instructed to cast one ballot, electing the four nominees.

The floor was open for nominations for President. Floyd J. Sweet was the only nominee and was elected by unanimous vote. Ralph S. Barnaby

and Ted Nelson were unanimously re-elected for Vice-Presidents without opposition. Paul A. Schweizer was re-elected Secretary by unanimous vote, unopposed. E. J. Reeves was re-elected Treasurer by unanimous vote, unopposed.

The Directors concurred in the policy that the Elmira Office be made as effective as possible in carrying out the affairs of the Society and that the SSA journal, *SOARING*, will continue to be published in Dallas, Texas. The Directors commended the Dallas group for their splendid handling of this chore.

The Directors commended the Philadelphia Glider Council for their initiative in holding a summer glider training camp and encourage other groups to follow this lead as an opportunity to be of service to the soaring movement.

Under the non-agenda items the Directors recommended that the agreement with the Soaring Association of Canada be reviewed with a view to increasing the cost of the publication *SOARING* to that group in keeping with the rising cost of its publication.

A proposal to return to the proportional representation form of voting was not favorably considered but recommended for consideration at a later meeting.

A proposal to limit Directors to a maximum of three terms was not favorably considered.

Interpretation of family membership was approved to include husband, wife and minor children.