

SSA NEWS

ANNUAL MEETING SSA DIRECTORS

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the SSA was convened on 3 July 1955 at Bonnie Brook, the home of the Secretary, at Elmira, New York. The meeting was presided over by President Floyd J. Sweet. Eleven Directors were present in person, four by proxy, and three Directors were absent.

The Secretary reported that the increase in soaring is continuing and the general tempo of activity at the Elmira office and that of the Secretary continues to increase. The major accomplishment since the last Directors' meeting has been the publication of the annual Directory, Memberships, including all types, as of 30 June was 1857.

The Treasurer reported that the Society had a cash balance of \$3,427.91.

Of the eight standing committees of the SSA, five failed to submit reports. Ralph S. Barnaby reported on the activities of the Awards Committee which has been extremely active during the past six months. His committee has made a survey of all perpetual awards for which the SSA is custodian and the details and terms of the awards will soon be published as a record document. The Directors confirmed the SSA responsibility for the Tunland, duPont, Eaton, Barringer and Douglas awards and accepted an additional award, The Larissa Stroukoff Memorial Trophy. Ralph Barnaby was commended for his efforts by the Directors.

Jon Carsey reported on the Publication Committee. The major effort of this Committee is directed toward publishing SOARING. The Directors commended Jon, E. J. Reeves and R. C. (Jock) Forbes for the excellent quality of SOARING and its regularity of publication and extended to his Committee and the associate Editors the appreciation of the Directors.

The report of Robert Kidder's Technical Committee was read to the Directors. The Chairman of the Safety Sub-Committee, J. M. Robertson, has been very active in preparing articles for SOARING on flight safety. The Sub-Committees on Operations and Airmen's Rules are preparing manuals. The Sub-Committee on Air-Worthiness has been inactive

since the death of Art Schultz. Also submitted were the Committee's recommendations on CAR Draft Release #55-12.

The report of election of Directors was read, confirming the election to three year terms of: Ralph S. Barnaby, W. B. Klemperer, A. Raspet, E. Schweizer, and S. W. Smith. The following were elected Directors-at-Large for a one year term: Dr. Leslie Bryan, Warren E. Eaton, Wm. R. Enyart and Ben Shupack. By unanimous ballot all officers were re-elected for the ensuing year.

The following amendments to the By-Laws were approved: Article V, Section 1: To provide for the Board of Directors to meet the first quarter of the calendar year for the purpose of electing officers. These officers will assume their duties at the time of the U. S. Annual National Soaring Competition.

Article II, Section 3 amended to provide that the subscription to SOARING be \$4.00 annually.

Article II, Section 3, Paragraph 7 ad: To provide that a family membership is entitled to two votes.

Article VII, Section 4, is added "There may be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Directors a group of representatives known as State Governors whose duties shall be in accordance with a platform approved by the Directors."

Platform

"The function of a State Governor shall be to assist in the promotion of soaring activity within a designated geographical area by contacting persons interested in soaring who may have contacted the Society or whom he may have knowledge of and to serve as a source of information on soaring sites, sailplanes, tow planes and other equipment and facilities available in his area. He shall also endeavor to attend meetings of the various clubs in his area and seek the assistance of the SSA Directors and Committees in the solution of problems.

"He shall advise the President of the Society as to the general activities and interest in soaring in his area and assist the Secretary in obtaining such data as are required for the proper functioning of the Society."

The Directors nominated Harold Kleiforth as the 1954 recipient of the Paul Tunland Memorial Award for

his paper, "Evaluation of the Wind Structure During the Sierra Wave Flights" presented at meetings of the American Meteorological Society in November and December 1954.

No suitable candidate was proposed for the Warren E. Eaton award which will be passed until next year and established on a calendar year basis. However, it was presented retroactively to Ben Shupack for the year 1945 for his contribution in preserving the continuity of the SSA during the war years.

In all, the Directors were in session for a total of seven hours, and the third and final session was adjourned at 1500 hours, 14 July 1955. (Note: The above is a paraphrase of the Directors' Meeting. The complete minutes are on file in the Secretary's office.)

OLD TIMERS' GET-TOGETHER

The Old Timers held forth on Harris Hill the weekend prior to the opening of the 1955 National Competitions. Each hour the number of faces familiar to soaring in years gone by increased on Harris Hill. Greetings and reminiscences filled the air. Some were visiting the haunt of their early glider days for the first time in many years.

The climax of the get-togethers was a banquet on 4 July at which time Maj. Gen. Norris B. Harbold was the principal speaker. Gen. Harbold is Director of Personnel Procurement & Training, Headquarters USAF. He has represented the Air Force at several of our contests.

An unexpected and most welcome distinguished guest at the banquet was Representative W. Sterling Cole, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy. The Honorable Mr. Cole has long been a good friend of soaring in the Elmira area.

As farewells were being said, many expressed the hope that an Old Timers' Meeting could be made an annual affair. Perhaps it would be well to have an Old Timers Club within the structure of the SSA which would require 25 years of participation in gliding and soaring to qualify for membership.

SPECTATOR INTEREST

Those who missed the opening days of the National Contest missed hearing a stellar performance by the one and only John Nowak on the