

SSA NEWS

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NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTORS

Article IV, Section 1, of the Society By-Laws provide for the election each year by the Members of six Directors for a term of three years. No Director may be nominated for re-election until he has less than one year of his unexpired term to serve. The annual election of Directors shall be conducted by mail at such time as to be completed prior to the starting date of the Annual U. S. National Soaring Competition. The Directors may elect four additional Directors-at-Large to serve for a period of one year.

Those Directors whose terms expire this year are Paul F. Bikle, Howard E. Burr, Jon D. Carsey, Lawrence Gehrlein, Sr., Dr. Paul B. MacCready, Sr., and E. J. Reeves. Directors-at-Large whose terms will expire are Leslie A. Bryan, Warren E. Eaton, William R. Enyart and Ben Shupack.

The Secretary will mail ballots to each Member entitled to vote, for the purpose of preparing a list of nominees. It is requested that all Members return their nominations promptly to the Secretary.

INTERNATIONAL TEAM

On February 1, the 1956 International team was officially announced to the press. Our hopes for victory in France this year are riding with Paul F. Bikle, William S. Ivans, Jr., Paul M. MacCready, Jr., and Kempes Trager.

The non-flying team captain will again be B. L. Wiggin.

The dates of the contest have been established by the Aero Club of France as June 23-28, practice period; June 29 through July 13, contest. Some details have been received and the rules of the competition are expected in the near future. The site of the 1956 World Gliding Championships will be at St. Yan, a former French Air Force Aerobatics School.

The fund raising campaign to support the team is under way and it is hoped that for the first time, we may be able to fully equip and finance our team. Any contributions to this fund should be sent to the SSA Treasurer, Mr. E. J. Reeves, 511 Reserve Loan Building, Dallas 1, Texas, and marked 1956 International Team.

AMS-SSA MEETING

A joint session of the American Meteorological Society and The Soaring Society of America was held in New York City on January 25. The occasion was the annual meeting of the AMS at the Hotel Barbizon Plaza.

Dr. Paul B. MacCready, Jr., Chairman of the SSA Research Committee, served as Chairman for the session. Two SSA Members presented papers.

Dr. Joachim Kuettner, of the USAF Cambridge Research Center, presented "Structure of the Mountain Wave in the Stratosphere" and "New Observations on the Rotorflow and Severe Turbulence in the Lee of Mountains." Howard Klieforth, University of California, presented "Small Scale Cross-Sections of the Airflow over the Sierra Nevada." Dr. Kuettner was assisted by Robert M. Rados, also of the USAF Cambridge Research Center.

Another paper, "Laboratory Model of the Bishop Wave Phenomenon" was presented by Professor Robert R. Long, Johns Hopkins University.

The session was most informative and an overflow crowd was in attendance which spoke well for the interest it engendered.

FAI AWARDS

Howard Burr, who, for the past two years has been handling the registering and validating of applications for FAI Awards, has requested relief from this task. His resignation has been accepted reluctantly and with commendations for a splendid job.

The Chairman of the FAI Awards Sub-Committee is now Ben Shupack, 141 Utterby Road, Malvern, New York. Ben previously handled this task several years ago.

It is requested that all applications for C and Silver C badges and the FAI Golden C and Diamond awards be forwarded to Ben for processing.

SSA GOVERNORS

Harry R. Meline, SSA State Governor for Minnesota, has changed his address to Lindstrom, Minnesota.

Bertha Ryan, SSA Governor for Massachusetts and Vermont, has accepted a position with Douglas Aircraft Company. She has been succeeded by Mrs. Catherine Hiller, Hiller Airport, Barre, Mass.

Martin L. Nelson, SSA State Governor for Nebraska, has moved from the state and has been succeeded by Gordon Graff, 1113 S. 95th St., Omaha, Nebraska.

OUR MAGAZINE

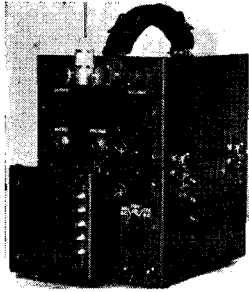
The Publications Committee and our editor have been doing a splendid job in getting SOARING out on time and full of interesting articles and stories. A splendid effort to their voluntary efforts!

The quality of the material in SOARING depends almost entirely on the material submitted by the readers and SSA members. If you have something you feel would be interesting to pass on to others, do not procrastinate, mail it in to the editor NOW.

100% CLUB

From time to time mention has been made in SOARING about those soaring groups whose members are all also members of the SSA. Our records show the Philadelphia Glider Council has again renewed en masse for 1956. This has been going on with PGC for several years.

The Society is most appreciative and thrives on this kind of support.



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