

SSA NEWS

DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The SSA Board of Directors held their annual mid-summer meeting at Elmira, New York on July 11. Nine Directors were present in person, seven by proxy and six were absent.

The principle items of business were amending the By-Laws, election of Directors-at-Large, setting new advertising rates for SOARING and determining policy on a number of matters that had arisen since the previous Board meeting.

The major amendments made to the By-Laws that are of interest to the general membership are as follows: the age limit for Student Members was re-defined as "less than 22 years of age . . ."; definition was given to the Family Member, "Member status for two persons in same family and one subscription to SOARING per family"; a provision was added for an alternate method of paying the Life Member fee of \$200.00 single payment "or four consecutive quarterly payments of \$50.00"; the annual subscription fee for SOARING was re-defined as being \$4.00 in North America and \$5.00 elsewhere; since Student Members have not had the service of free issuance of FAI badges, a policy decision was made to sell the buttons to those Student Members who had earned them rather than requiring them to become full Members before being able to obtain the awards; the number and method of electing the Directors was changed to a Regional Director system and is described elsewhere in this issue of SOARING; the requirement that vacancies in any of the offices or directorships could only be filled at a meeting of the Board was deleted, allowing such replacements to be made by a majority mail vote of the remaining Directors; the requirement that amendments to the By-Laws could only be made at a meeting of the Board was deleted, allowing amendments to be made by the affirmative mail vote of two-thirds of the whole Board of Directors.

The results of the Spring election of six, three-year term Directors was announced. The same six that had just expired were re-elected. They are: William H. Coverdale, Jr. of Philadelphia, Pa., William S. Ivans, Jr. of La Mesa, Calif., Paul B. MacCreedy, Jr. of Pasadena, Calif., Ted Nelson of San Leardo, Calif., Paul A. Schweizer of Elmira, N. Y. and Lt. Col. Floyd J. Sweet of Arlington, Va.

Four Directors-at-Large were elected by the Board for the year of July, 1957 through June, 1958: Maj. William R. Fuchs of Denver, Colo., John Nowak of Toledo, Ohio, Joseph M. Robertson of Bellevue, Wash. and Harner Selvidge of North Hollywood, Calif. The amendments to the By-Laws created a fifth Director-at-Large so Francis B. Compton of South Miami, Fla. was elected to fill that position.

Because the new By-Laws cut all terms of office back six months the Board had to elect a new slate of officers for the calendar year 1958. The same officers were re-elected; Paul A. Schweizer, President, William S. Ivans, Jr. and Stanley W. Smith, Vice-Presidents, Maj. William R. Fuchs, Secretary and Harner Selvidge, Treasurer.

New advertising rates for SOARING magazine were established as follows:

Back cover	\$150.00
Inside cover	\$125.00
Full page	\$100.00
One-half page	\$ 60.00
One-third page	\$ 40.00
One-sixth page	\$ 25.00
One inch (one column wide)	\$ 10.00
Classified, per word	\$.10

Two per cent discount for cash. Fifteen per cent discount to bonafide agencies.

A decision was made to go ahead with plans to send a U. S. soaring team to the 1958 Internationals in Poland after some objections were discussed. The team will be selected by the same seeding method used for the 1956 team with the 1957 National Champion automatically a member. Funds for sending the team will be raised separately and no regular SSA funds will be used for that purpose.

A pair of proposals were considered which would provide SSA with a master insurance policy, thereby enabling Members and clubs with 100 per cent SSA Membership to buy hull, liability, life and medical insurance at reduced rates. The Board set specifications for such a plan which neither proposal met as presented so no action was taken other than to encourage the adoption of such a plan as soon as the specifications could be met. This is expected in the near future.

David A. Matlin, a Los Angeles attorney and former SSA Director who has been active for years in the Southern California Soaring Association was named General Counsel for the SSA.

The Board decided to begin issuing SSA lapel buttons to all Life Members, Members upon originally joining and present Members when they renew, once a supply of the buttons is available.

The next regular meeting of the SSA Board of Directors will be called by the President during the early part of 1958.

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BARRINGER TROPHY

The rules for the awarding of the Lewin B. Barringer Memorial Trophy have been changed by the SSA Board of Directors, effective for the calendar year 1957. Previously it was given to the pilot making the greatest straight line distance soaring flight during the calendar year from a launching other than airplane tow. Paul Bikle, the winner of the trophy for each of the last five years, proposed the new rule so that the competition for the award might be increased. The new rule will award the trophy for the longest distance flight each year, other than at the Annual U. S. National Soaring Competitions. Applications for the award must be submitted to the Chairman of the SSA Awards Committee before May 1 with proper authentication.

The SSA Board of Directors then determines the winner and the trophy is presented at the Nationals awards banquet. It looks like the flight to beat so far this year is Sterling Starr's 331 miles, described elsewhere in this issue of SOARING.

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AWARDS HANDBOOK

The SSA Trophies and Awards Handbook has just been printed and is available to all Members free upon written request to SSA, Box 66071, Los Angeles 66, Calif. Associates, Student Members and other interested persons may purchase copies for \$1.00 each. Size and format are similar to the SSA Directory, 5½ by 8 inches. In its 32 pages are illustrations and descriptions of all the main trophies and awards for which SSA Members might be eligible. Besides the ones over which SSA has jurisdiction there are numerous National and International awards described.

Captain Ralph S. Barnaby, USN Ret., is responsible for the compilation and presentation of this special information. SSA owes him a debt of gratitude for making it into a permanent record which will mean much to SSA Members.