

SSA NEWS

ELECTION RESULTS

The Fall, 1957, election of SSA Regional Directors has been concluded. The six persons elected and the regions they will represent for the next three years are given below.

- Region 2 - Stephen J. Bennis
- Region 2 - Robert B. Smith
- Region 7 - Kenneth E. Flaglor
- Region 8 - Robert L. Moore
- Region 9 - Joseph C. Lincoln
- Region 10 - Richard H. Johnson

A number of the regions had very close elections which indicated a healthy spirit of competition and interest. In region 2, 60 of the 131 eligible voters cast ballots which gave Smith 33, Bennis 30, Cohen 29 and Reilley 19 votes. Ken Flaglor was unopposed on the region 7 ballot and got 28 of the 33 votes cast by the 66 voters. In region 8, Bob Moore had 14 votes, just two more than the other nominee, Pete Bowers, giving a total of 26 out of a possible 34 votes. Region 10 found Bob Brown of Tulsa a strong write-in with 11 votes, while Johnson edged out Coder 15 to 14; 40 of the 61 eligible cast ballots. Joe Lincoln was unopposed on the region 9 ballot and received 40 of the 43 votes cast out of a possible 61. An effort was made to elect Harland Ross as a write-in on facsimile ballots but they only totalled 13, many of which could not be counted because they were meant to supercede official ballots submitted secretly (unsigned) and could not be identified from postmarks alone. In future elections only official ballots sent out by SSA will be counted as valid votes when postmarked by the deadline set.

The special elections for two Re-

gional Directors, in regions 1 and 7, conducted in September and October to fill the two vacancies created by the most recent By-Laws amendments, were won by Joseph G. Anthony of Lexington, Mass. and Tennis Mahoney of Ft. Wayne, Ind. Anthony was unopposed on his ballot and Mahoney won out over Ken Flaglor, 18 to 15, with Dave Lobmaster a strong write-in (8 votes).

The expiring Directors are Capt. Ralph S. Barnaby, Dr. Wolfgang B. Klemperer, Dr. August Raspet, Ernest Schweizer and Stanley W. Smith. All were ineligible for re-election because of filled quotas for Regional Directors in their regions, except Capt. Barnaby, who declined for reasons stated in the letters section of this issue of SOARING. They have served long and faithfully for SSA and deserve many thanks from all Members. Their knowledge and experience will still be available in an advisory capacity so that the organization will not have suffered as great a loss as at first appears.

DIRECTORS TO MEET

The Mid-Winter SSA Board of Directors' Meeting will be held in New York City on Friday, January 31st and Saturday, February 1st. Although the agenda has not been definitely established, one of the most important items of discussion will be a proposed formal affiliation arrangement between SSA and the 100-odd U.S. soaring clubs, societies and associations. If you have any thoughts on this matter, please transmit them to one of your Regional Directors or directly to SSA in time for their consideration at the meeting. Any other suggested topics for discussion should also be made known.

1958 U. S. NATIONALS

At press time word was received from the SSA Contest Board that the 1958 U.S. Nationals will be at Bishop Airport, Bishop, California. With three bids to choose from, the SSA Directors awarded the contest to the Northern California Soaring Association and the Inyo-Mono Soaring Association, who will be co-sponsors under the auspices of the Bishop Chamber of Commerce.

The dates will be from July 29th through August 7, 1958.

A liberal travel fund for qualified contestants is planned by the sponsors as well as a variety of prizes.

Further details will appear in the Jan. - Feb. issue of SOARING.

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1958 U. S. TEAM SELECTION

The seeding committee has completed its rating of eligible members for the 1958 U. S. World Soaring Championship Team. The first ten, in order of placing, were:

1. Dr. Paul B. MacCready, Jr.
2. Paul F. Bikle
3. Lyle A. Maxey
4. William S. Ivans, Jr.
5. Stanley W. Smith
6. Francis B. Compton
7. Richard E. Schreder (tie)
7. Paul A. Schweizer (tie)
9. Kempes Trager
10. Robert B. Smith

Paul MacCready, who is the current World Soaring Champion, will not be able to be a member of the 1958 U.S. Team, due to business commitments.

Copies of the proposed rules for the Championships have been received from the Aero Club of Poland, translated and sent to all potential team members. Each country is allowed a total of four gliders, distributed in any way desired between the Open and Standard Classes. Since each of the next four people seeded after MacCready have indicated a desire and ability to compete, they will undoubtedly be the U.S. team, unless something develops to prevent one or more of them from competing, in which case the next in line becomes a replacement.

SAILPLANE CENSUS

A census of all U.S. gliders and sailplanes is currently being taken by SSA, in cooperation with CAA. The starting point was a list of all gliders registered with CAA on January 1, 1957. All gliders that did not have active registration numbers on that date must be added to the census in order to make it complete. This in-

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

No, the address of SSA has not changed again — just a constant reminder of the new address:

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