

SSA NEWS

1958 U. S. TEAM SELECTION

As per a statement from the SSA Contest Board, the following is the method by which members of the 1958 U.S. World Soaring Championship Team will be selected:

The top ten contenders in the 1956 and 1957 Annual U.S. National Soaring Competitions plus members of the 1956 U.S. World Soaring Championship Team form a seeding committee. Each pilot on this list is to rate all other pilots on the list in order of competitive ability, all other considerations being excluded. The ratings will be compiled into a single list on a straight additive basis, with no weighting factors applied. The team will be selected on the basis of this seeding except that, in accordance with a 1956 Resolution of the SSA Board of Directors, the current U. S. National Champion, Stan Smith, is automatically a member of the team. As current World Champion Paul MacCready, Jr., is also automatically a member of the U. S. Team which leaves only one additional member to be chosen by seeding except for the possibility that Stan Smith or Paul MacCready, Jr. may not be able to make the trip.

Along with the rating questionnaire each member of the seeding committee will be asked to supply information relative to the likelihood of his having the equipment and time available for the trek to Poland, the extent to which he can defray his own expenses and those of his crew, etc. From a compilation of the foregoing material plus an estimate of what help can be furnished in the way of donations of transportation, equipment, and cash, a team will be chosen. This has always proved difficult in the past owing to the uncertainties involved in fund raising, etc. but there are no known short cuts which are both practical and fair to those concerned. The questionnaires will be kept confidential except for possible review by the SSA Officers and Board of Directors.

Funds for sending the U.S. Team to Poland in 1958 will be raised separately and no regular SSA funds will be used for that purpose. A fund-raising campaign is now being organized by the SSA President, Paul Schweizer. Offers to help and suggestions for possible sources of revenue should be addressed to him. Contributions can begin at any time.

They should be made out to The Soaring Society of America, Inc. and sent to either Paul Schweizer or the main office. All contributions will be gratefully acknowledged and public recognition accorded them.

BIDS FOR THE 1958 NATIONALS

A reminder to all people, clubs or organizations that are interested in seeing the Nationals in their locality next year. The annual solicitation of bids will be made in the near future so it would be well if you were prepared when they arrive rather than being galvanized into action by the bid request when it may be too late to arrange the financial commitments, etc. Put it on the agenda for your next meetings or call special ones to first make the decision whether or not you want to submit a bid and second, if you decide to, take steps to have all of the necessary information by the time the bids are due. If you feel that you are interested in receiving an invitation to bid, and are not sure of being on the mailing list, address a request to be included to: Mr. William S. Ivans, Jr., Chairman, SSA Contest Board, 2905 Bayside Lane, San Diego 8, Cal.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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

**The Soaring Society
of America, Inc.
Box 66071
Los Angeles 66, California**

This is the address to use for all routine business of the Society and everything to do with SOARING magazine. The only exception is that, when a particular Officer or Committee Chairman is being addressed, correspondence should go directly to him.

ELECTIONS IMMINENT

As provided for in the recently amended By-Laws and explained on page 14 of the July-August issue of SOARING, there will be elections for six SSA Regional Directors before the end of 1957. These will be for two in region 2 and one each in regions 7, 8, 9 and 10. The terms of the elected Regional Directors will expire on December 31, 1960.

Two of the expiring Regional Directors are eligible for re-election because there will be vacancies in the allotted quota for their regions, they

are Capt. Ralph S. Barnaby in region 2 and Richard H. Johnson in Region 10. They will automatically be placed on the election ballots unless they so decline.

Members in the mentioned regions should be thinking now of who they would like to see nominated and elected to represent them for the next three years. Nominating ballots will be mailed out early in November. Each Member nominated by three or more Members from his region will have his name placed on the election ballot unless he so declines. Election ballots will be mailed out early in December so that the results will be in and the winners notified by January 1st.

The results of the special election for two Regional Directors, in regions 1 and 7, conducted in September and October will be announced in the November-December issue of SOARING. Its purpose was to fill the total quota of 20 Regional Directors established by the recent By-Laws changes.

AWARDS HANDBOOK

The SSA Trophies and Awards Handbook 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.

There is one major correction to note in the Handbook. On page 5, the 1952 National Soaring Champion was wrongly given as Paul B. MacCready, Jr. when it should have been Richard H. Johnson. This brings out the fact that Dick Johnson is the only person to have ever won the National Championship four times. Stanley W. Smith could also be added as the 1957 recipient of the Richard C. duPont Memorial Trophy. Late winners of most of the other awards in the Handbook are given on page 10 of the July-August issue of SOARING.