

# SSA COMMITTEES AND THEIR ACTIVITIES

The backbone of the SSA lies in its various committees and their members. It is the purpose of these committees to discuss and originate new ideas for the improvement of soaring in their particular fields. Twice each year each committee makes a written report to the SSA Board of Directors describing the work it has done during the previous six months and making any recommendations it feels should be acted upon or put into operation by the Board. The committees perform a very useful function in screening new ideas and presenting to the Board the results of their debates on the merits of specific recommendations which may be originated either by the committees or other SSA members. If this foundation work were not already done, the Board would find itself, as it has occasionally in past years, in the position of spending all of its meeting time debating only two or three questions. It expedites progress when the Directors' discussions can start with the already considered opinion of experts in the field such as committee members.

While some of the committees rely heavily on members drawn from the geographical area of the chairman or the subcommittee chairmen, much of their work must be conducted by mail since it is important to get the opinions of SSA members in a wide geographical distribution. This slows progress considerably but in the absence of unlimited money for telephone expenses it is probably inevitable. A good committee worker is one who is willing to take his pen in hand and write, and do it frequently.

Listed below in alphabetical order are the current SSA committees, subcommittees and their chairmen together with a brief description of their areas of responsibility.

## Air Space Committee

**Chairman** - Joseph G. Anthony, 30 Prospect Hill Rd., Lexington, Mass.

Maintains a continuing study of FAA regulations which pertain to air space and its utilization. Sees that SSA's point of view is presented when such matters are up for consideration before FAA.

## Awards Committee

**Chairman** - Benjamin H. Cohen, 125

So. 60th St., Philadelphia 39, Pa.

**FAI Awards** - Lloyd Licher, Box 66071, Los Angeles 66, Calif.

**Perpetual Awards** - Dr. W. B. Klemperer, 738 So. Bristol Av., Los Angeles 49, Calif.

Administers the SSA awards and trophies, soliciting nominations at the proper time and makes recommendations to NAA and FAI on international awards. It is responsible for keeping SSA Awards Handbook information up to date and recommending policy on awards of trophies.

## Contest Board

**Chairman** - William S. Ivans, Jr., 2905 Bayside Lane, San Diego 8, Calif.

**Rules** - Paul F. Bikle, 44926 N. Raysack, Lancaster, Calif.

**Records, Homologation** - Bertha M. Ryan, 210 E. Lancaster Bl., Lancaster, Calif.

**Reports and Statistics** - Hugh H. Whitney, 140 Benton St., Rochester 20, N.Y.

**International Team** - Paul A. Schweizer, Box 147, Elmira, N.Y.

Is responsible for all phases of contests including sanctions, setting of new rules, and keeping of records. Selects SSA Competition Director for the Nationals and handles the organization of the International Team.

## Election & Allocations Committee

**Chairman** - Harold D. Hutchinson, 219 Montana Av., Santa Monica, Calif.

Responsible for balloting in Directors' elections and makes annual report on membership in SSA regions with recommendations as to allocation of Regional Directors based on the SSA population in these regions.

## Finance & Insurance Committee

**Chairman** - Bertha M. Ryan, 210 E. Lancaster Bl., Lancaster, Calif.

**Audit** - Charles K. Hauke, 1133 Penobscot Bldg., Detroit 26, Mich.

Makes recommendations on financial policies and the disposition of SSA funds and handles all matters relating to the SSA Insurance Program.

## Membership Committee

**Chairman** - Robert Lee Moore, Rte. 1, Box 351-C, Richland, Wash.

**Air Force** - Captain Edward H. Butts, Jr., USAF, Triangle Mobile Home Park, Box 8, Ludlow, Ill.

**Navy** - Lt. Robert L. Pfeiff, USN, VF-174, NAS, Cecil Field, Fla.

**Airlines** - Robert W. Brower, 107 Morningside Dr., Kansas City 13, Mo.

**Local Soaring Clubs** - Sterling V. Starr, 820 Gage Dr., San Diego 6, Calif.

**Power Pilots** - Jack C. Devins, 1841 Watson Rd., Abington, Pa.

This committee has the vitally important task of originating means for getting new members into SSA as well as getting more people interested in soaring. Each subcommittee chairman is in charge of special projects directed toward his own group.

## Public Information Committee

**Chairman** - Joseph C. Lincoln, 6320 E. MacDonald Dr., Scottsdale, Ariz.

**Film Library** - Walter B. Hausler, 67 Fisher Rd., Rochester 11, N.Y.

**Historical** - Capt Ralph S. Barnaby, USN (Ret.), 2107 Chancellor St., Philadelphia 3, Pa.

Plans general information, public relations and promotional activities on behalf of soaring in general; operates the SSA Film Library and maintains a history of soaring.

## Publications Committee

**Chairman** - Dr. Harner Selvidge, Acting, c/o Bendix Aviation Corp., 117 E. Providencia Av., Burbank, Calif.

**Editor**, SOARING - Lloyd M. Licher, Box 66071, Los Angeles 66, Cal.

**Associate Editor** - Peter M. Bowers, 13826 Des Moines Way, Seattle 88, Wash.

**American Soaring Handbook** - Tom Page, 2022 Burlison Dr., Urbana, Ill.

**Editor** - Alice S. Fuchs, Quarters 4305-E, USAF Academy, Colo.

Monitors and assists setting policy on all SSA publications including SOARING, the "American Soaring Handbook," Calendars, and all special publications. Has been extremely active during the last year on account of SSA's growing publication program.

## Research Committee

**Chairman** - Harland C. Ross, 5719 Hanover St., Wichita 15, Kan.

**Aerodynamics** - Bruch H. Carmichael, 34795 Camino Capistrano, Capistrano Beach, Calif.

**Meteorology** - Dr. Paul B. MacCready, Jr., 1065 Armada Dr.,