

SSA NEWS

SSA DIRECTORS' MEETING

Seventeen of the 25 SSA Directors attended their annual midwinter meeting on January 28-29 in Dallas, Texas. Actions taken which are of general interest to the membership were as follows:

An agreement was ratified which makes SSA a Division of NAA. It was decided that the 1961 SSA Directory would be somewhat more austere than the 1960 edition.

Since efforts to obtain financial support for conducting the World Championships in the U.S. had not yet met with success, a decision was made to not bid for the 1962 Championships unless the necessary massive support was guaranteed before March 1, 1961. (Note: It was not so no bid was made.)

The contest Board was directed to implement a system of permanent competition numbers for U.S. sailplanes entered in the Nationals starting with those in the 1960 contest.

Entry requirements in the 1961 Nationals will be the same as in 1960, namely, full Silver C with Gold C distance leg.

Installation of gyro instruments will not be permitted in sailplanes competing in the Nationals.

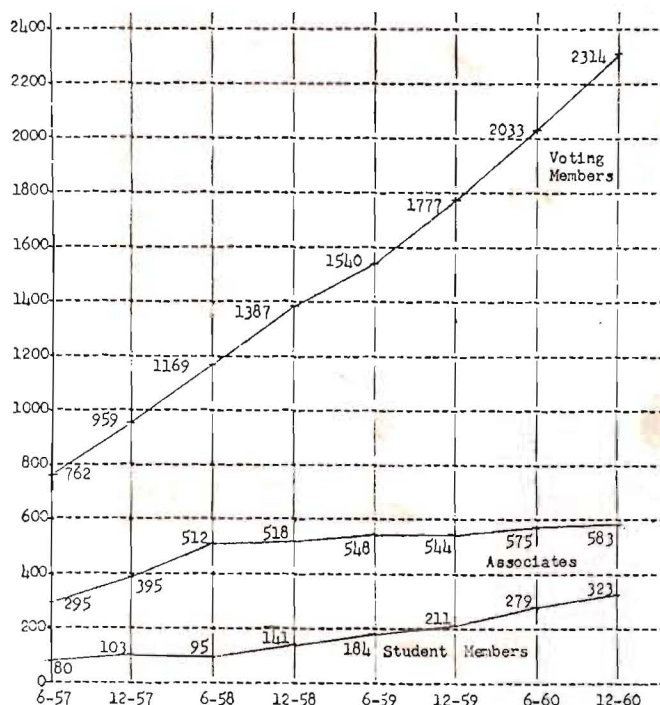
It was voted to continue *Soaring* magazine on a monthly basis indefinitely.

Many different matters pertaining to FAA regulations were considered as a whole and assigned to one committee (later given to the Safety and Flight Operations Committee) with directions to formulate and implement an SSA program which would:

1. Establish SSA standards for (a), a training program based on the A, B, and C awards; (b), experience requirements for glider ratings; (c), written and oral examinations for all

SSA MEMBERSHIP FLOW CHART

SSA's membership continued to a new high in the last half of 1960, as shown in the chart. Total membership on Dec. 31, 1960, was 3220.



glider ratings; (d), pilot and glider requirements for cloud soaring.

2. Establish an SSA-approved glider instructor rating.

3. Prepare recommendations to change FAA regulations, if desired, based on a one-year trial period of the SSA standards. Directors to approve before submittal to FAA.

CALENDAR CLEARANCE!

Since 1961 is over one-sixth gone and there is nothing as out of date as an old calendar, SSA has reduced the price on the remaining stock of its 1961 soaring calendars to 50c each.

SSA BY-LAW CHANGE

The Society's by-laws were amended at the recent Directors' meeting in Dallas, Texas, to provide for one additional Director-at-Large, six instead of five. With the 20 Regional

Directors, the Board of Directors now numbers 26. Directors-at-Large are elected for terms of one calendar year by the Directors at their meeting during the preceding Nationals.

CLEARANCE SALE Soaring Magazines

SSA has almost 12,000 back issues of *Soaring* in its stock. These go back as far as 1941. The rats in Lloyd Licher's garage can't read, so they aren't doing anybody any good, stored there.

SSA needs cash, so we have decided to move this stock out with a MAMMOTH CLEARANCE SALE. Prices have been severely SLASHED!

DO YOURSELF AND SSA A FAVOR

Fill out your back files of *Soaring*. Read about the old timers. See what they looked like when they had their hair. Help SSA at the same time. We must sell these magazines, and when they are gone there won't be any more. First come, first served. Price: four magazines for one buck. State what issues you want (see classified ad section for those out of print). Unless you give alternate choices, we will send the nearest issues to your choice if any you want are already sold out. No refunds given, only magazines. — Hurry!



NAA Executive Director, Ralph Whitener, left, and SSA Executive Secretary, Lloyd Licher, right, meet during a break in the NAA convention sessions at Indio, Calif., in November. During the convention, NAA voted to accept SSA as an NAA Division.
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