

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. Where possible and appropriate, each committee and subcommittee should be composed of members from each of SSA's 12 regions to better get the benefit of regular interests.

The chairmen of the full committees are appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Directors and are responsible to him. Most full committees have subcommittees which specialize in specific subjects within the scope of the full committee. Subcommittee chairmen are appointed by and report to their full committee chairmen.

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 —

Perpetual Awards - Howard Burr, 1426 Hillcrest Avenue, Glendale 2, 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 - Sterling V. Starr, 820 Gage Dr., San Diego 6, Calif.

Records Homologation - Bertha M. Ryan, 1115 W. Ave. J-14, Lancaster, Calif.

FAI Awards - Mrs. Jane Eldredge, Box 66071, Los Angeles 66, Calif.

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, Administers the FAI soaring awards.

Election & Allocations Committee

Chairman - Harold D. Hutchinson, 26734 W. Latigo Shore Drive, Malibu, 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.

Long-Range Planning Committee

Chairman - W. H. Coverdale, Jr., RR#2, Waynesville, Ohio.

Studies long term objectives of SSA and means to accomplish them, with emphasis on financial matters, making periodic recommendations to the Directors.

Membership Committee

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

Air Force - Maj. Edward H. Butts, Jr., USAF, 3035 S. Chanute St., Rantoul, Ill.

Navy - LCDR Robert L. Pfeiff, USN, USS Saratoga (CVA60), c/o FPO, New York, N.Y.

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

Local Soaring Clubs - Konstantin Hanitzsch, 2645 - 28th St., San Diego 4, Calif.

Power Pilots

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 - 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, c/o MRI, 2420 N. Lake Ave., Altadena, Calif.

Editor, Soaring - Lloyd M. Licher, Box 66071, Los Angeles 66, Calif.

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

ASH Editor - Mrs. Alice S. Fuchs, 2033 Prince Charles Rd., Ottawa, Ont., Canada

Monitors and assists setting policy on all SSA publications including *Soaring*, the "American Soaring Handbook," calendars and all special publications.

Research Committee

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