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KEEP 'EM FLYING

ELLEN O'HARA, CHAIRMAN

Well, 99s,

Snoopy's 'Keep'em Flying' expression took on another meaning this month. I've always promoted that if you can't really get out there and fly regularly, put your time and money together and then do something to keep yourself flying in some fashion. So on February 11, I jumped out of an airplane for the first time in my life! This happened after attending a Florida Suncoast 99s Chapter meeting at Zephyrhills Airport northeast of Tampa where they base DiveCity.com. During the tour of their extensive jump facilities, I realized then that I had been thinking of doing this for years and here I was, right at a great place to do it! So I did! Just ask me for the rest of the story...now I wonder what's next on the Bucket List!

Chicago Chapter's Facebook is here! New student pilot 99 Susan Kelsey is putting it together and says it is ready this week! And Cynthia Madsen is updating the website, so we are communicating and spreading the 99s word with the technology of today.

We are sorry to hear about the passing of Phil Van Reeth, 49 1/2 of our late chapter member, Joan Van Reeth. Condolences have been sent to the Van Reeth family on behalf of our chapter. We will always remember his enthusiasm to encourage those interested in aviation. I myself was lucky enough to get to fly and land his BT13 Vultee trainer from WWII.

The Girl Scout Council of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana, GCNWI, is having their STEMapalooza on Saturday, March 25, 1000-1400, at their Friendship Center on the south side in Country Club Hills. In past we have advertised our Aviation Day at this event by taking our 99s display board and handing out flyers and this location promises to bring in girls from Indiana and the south side for our 2017 location at Lansing Airport. As I am still out of town, we need one or two members who can attend this day. It's a fun time. Can you help us? Please contact me.

Nomination to the International Forest of Friendship is open to April 15 for any 99 or other person contributing to the aviation and aerospace community. Trees from all 50 states and 35 countries line the paths through the Forest where granite plaques list the names of over 1400 individuals represented, including many 99s. The induction ceremonies will be held on June 16-17.

And mark your calendar to attend a great NCS meeting on April 21-23 in Indianapolis (I need a one-way ride there, by the way) and also the July 11-16 International 99s Conference in San Antonio! What a marvelous, historical, fun site that one is!

All for now...keep'em flying!

Now where's that list...

Ellen

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CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER Ninety Nines, Inc. BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

SECTION 1. NAME

The name of this organization shall be Chicago Area Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., a non-profit public benefit corporation operating under the Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation Law of the State of Illinois, for public and charitable purposes.

ARTICLE II

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be as stated in its entirety in the Articles of Incorporation.

SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE AND POLITICAL POLICIES

No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

SECTION 3. AFFILIATION

Affiliation of this organization as an entity with any other organization or group outside the Section and International Organization of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., shall be governed by the International Bylaws.

ARTICLE III

SECTION 1. FISCAL

All funds of the Chapter shall be deposited in an account in the name of the Chicago Area Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., and may be withdrawn only by draft bearing the signature of any of the current elected officers. The fiscal year of the Chapter shall coincide with that of the International Organization. (June 1st-May 31st)

An Annual Report to the Members must be made within 120 days of the close of the fiscal Year.

SECTION 2. DISSOLUTION

Dissolution of this Chapter and the distribution of the assets there from shall be governed by the Articles of Incorporation.

SECTION 3. DUES

Chapter dues may be voted by majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting provided written notice that such action to be considered, has been given each member at least ten days prior to the meeting. Dues will become payable at a time determined by a majority vote of the members present or by the Board of Directors and will become in arrears sixty days following the date payable.

Dues shall be paid to the Chicago Area Chapter and to the Ninety-Nines, Inc., in accordance with their respective Bylaws, with the Bylaws of International to control in case of conflict.

ARTICLE IV

SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP

Rules for membership and the classification of Members as stated in the International Bylaws shall govern.

SECTION 2. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

The Board of Directors may recommend to the International Board of Directors the dismissal of a member if they have cause to believe she is of objectionable character or by any act has brought discredit to the organization. Such action must be requested by a two-thirds vote of the members of this Chapter who have been members for the sixty day period immediately prior to the vote.

Before termination of any member, except by death, resignation or transfer, said member must be given written notice of her proposed termination and afforded a hearing before the Board of Directors if she so requests. Such hearing, when requested, shall be held within 30 days after the date of the request.

SECTION 3. RESIGNATION

Any officer or other Member of the Chapter may resign her Office and/or Membership by submitting a written request to the Chairman of the Chapter; or in case said Officer is the Chairman, resignation should be handed to the Vice-Chairman.

ARTICLE V

SECTION 1. ELECTIVE OFFICERS

The elective officers shall include at least a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer, and such other officers as the membership may, from time to time, determine.

SECTION 2. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Prior to the April regular meeting date, the membership shall elect three members along with the regular slate, each with at least two years membership, to serve as a nominating committee.

SECTION 3. NOMINATIONS

Nominees for elective office must be members in good standing for one year immediately preceding the election.

SECTION 4. ELECTIONS

Method of balloting and counting the ballots shall be in accordance with the SOPs.

Election shall be by the majority vote of valid ballots cast.

SECTION 5. VACANCY IN OFFICE

All vacancies shall be filled by selection and vote of the Board of Directors, except the office of Chairman, to which the Vice-Chairman shall succeed.

Any officer shall be removed from office for neglect of duty; such action to be taken by the Board of Directors on the demand of two

SECTION 6. TERM

No member of the Board of Directors shall serve consecutive terms in the same office.
A term shall be for two years. Service for less than six months shall not be considered a term for purposes of this Section.

ARTICLE VI

SECTION 1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board shall be composed of the elected officers and the immediate Past Chairman.
The authorized number of Directors may be changed by amendment to these Bylaws duly adopted by the members.

SECTION 2. DUTIES

The board shall have all duties and powers as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation. It shall carry out the purposes of the corporation according to the laws of the State of Illinois and the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws.
The Board shall authorize the expenditure of funds not budgeted, and shall select an auditor to conduct a biennial audit.

ARTICLE VII

SECTION 1. SPECIFIC DUTIES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Chairman shall preside at all Chapter Meetings and Board Meetings and shall enforce the observance of the Bylaws; she shall see that all Officers and Members of Committees perform their respective duties as enjoined by the laws of the organization, shall carry out the collective wishes of the Membership and be their spokesman on matters of Chapter Policy. She shall act as custodian of the Chapter Charter, Articles of Incorporation, current Chapter and Section Bylaws and Historical Files. She shall perform such other duties as are specified in the Standing Rules.

The Vice-Chairman shall assist the Chairman in the performance of her duties; shall preside at the Chapter Meetings or Board Meetings in the absence, resignation or removal from office of the Chairman. She shall perform such other duties as are specified in the Standing Rules.

The duties of the Secretary shall be: To write all communications; issue all notices as directed by the members in Chapter meetings or by the Chairman; To keep an accurate account of all transactions at Chapter Meetings; file all papers and documents pertaining to transactions of the Chapter; record all minutes of Executive Board Meetings and present a summary of action taken, recommendations made and items discussed to the Chapter at the next regular meeting and if she is unable to attend either a board or regular meeting she will secure a substitute secretary for that meeting. She will perform such other duties a usually pertain to the office.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the control of all monies due the corporation and shall hold receipts for them; present the annual budget to the membership for approval; make the report of receipts and expenditures at the annual meeting; pay out such monies as authorized by the Board or as directed by the members at meetings; shall file such reports as are required by the Section or by International; keep a correct membership record; and perform other such duties as are specified in the Standing Rules.

The Immediate Past Chairman shall serve in an advisory capacity, and perform such other duties as are requested by the Board and as specified in the Standing Rules.

ARTICLE VIII

SECTION 1. COMMITTEES

The Chairman, upon taking office, shall appoint a Committee Chairman for each of the Standing Committees.

It shall be the privilege of each Committee Chairman to choose her own committee members.

Each Committee Chairman shall make a report at the Annual Meeting following her appointment, and shall be responsible for sending a written report to the Section Chairman of her Committee.

The Committee chairman will meet regularly with the Board of Directors, acting in an advisory capacity in the conduct of routine Chapter Affairs.

Duties of the Committee shall be determined by the Standing Rules of the Chapter or by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX

SECTION 1. MEETINGS

Meetings shall be held once a month on a date decided by majority vote of the membership. Notification shall be sent to all members at least one week in advance.

SECTION 2. ANNUAL MEETING

The regular Business Meeting in May shall be known as the Annual Meeting of this Corporation

SECTION 3. SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special Meetings may be called by the Chairman or by five percent of the membership upon a ten day written notice to the membership. In the call for a special meeting, the exact purpose of the meeting shall be stated and no other business shall be transacted at said meeting.

SECTION 4. BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called at the discretion of the Chairman or upon the request of a majority of the Board Members.

The transactions of any meeting of the Board of Directors however called and noticed or wherever held, shall be valid if each of the Directors not present approves in writing the minutes of such meeting. All such approvals shall be filed with the records of the Chapter or made a part of the minutes of the regular meeting.

SECTION 5. SECTION AND INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

Delegates for Section and International Meetings shall be in accordance with the Section Bylaws and the International Bylaws respectively.

ARTICLE X

SECTION 1 MEMBERS' RIGHTS AND VOTING PRIVILEGES

Each member in good standing shall be entitled to cast one vote for the election Chapter Officers.
Members may have access to chapter records upon written demand to the Chairman with reasonable notice, and at a time mutually agreeable, within ten days.

SECTION 2. QUOREM

A majority of the members in good standing present at a regular meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at said meeting. Any matters not noticed as agenda items and voted on by less than one-third of the total membership will be submitted to the membership in the next newsletter. If no objections are received by the Chairman within seven days of the mailing of the newsletter, the membership not in attendance at the meeting will be held to have voted with the majority on the matter.
Two-thirds of the members in good standing, providing they have been members for the sixty-day period immediately prior to the vote, shall constitute a quorum to recommend expulsion from membership, removal from office or division of the Chapter to form two Chapters. Members may vote by mail, but the membership must be advised when and where the ballots are to be returned, and must so be returned in order to be valid and counted.

ARTICLE XI

SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended at a regular meeting of the membership by a vote of two-thirds of those members present. The proposed amendments(s) shall be submitted to all members at least sixty days prior to the meeting.
Proposed amendments may be submitted to the Bylaws Committee by the Board of Directors or by any CAC member(s).
An amendment shall be in effect immediately upon conclusion of the voting unless otherwise ordered by the membership or provided within the amendment itself, and shall be announced in the Chapter Newsletter to the membership as soon as possible after its adoption.
An amendment, with the date of adoption, shall be recorded by the Secretary, and appended to the Bylaws and kept therewith.

ARTICLE XII

SECTION 1. RULES

The conduct of all meetings of the membership and the Board of Directors shall be governed by the latest revised edition of Robert's Rules of Order where not specifically provided for in these Bylaws.

**CHICAGO AREA OF THE NINETY-NINES, INC.
PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS – 2017**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #1

ARTICLE V

SECTION 6. TERM

~~NO MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL SERVE CONSECUTIVE TERMS IN THE SAME OFFICE.
A TERM SHALL BE FOR TWO (2) YEARS. SERVICE FOR LESS THAN SIX (6) MONTHS SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED A TERM FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.~~

PROPOSED BY: ELLEN O' HARA

REASON: THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE IS HAVING DIFFICULTY FINDING A FULL SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR THE UPCOMING CHAPTER ELECTIONS. WE DO HAVE BOARD MEMBERS WHO WOULD AGREE TO SERVE AGAIN, BUT OUR PRESENT BYLAWS LIMIT THE NUMBER OF TERMS TO ONE. BY CHANGING THE BYLAW, MEMBERS WHO WISH TO, COULD RUN AGAIN FOR THE SAME OFFICE AND THEIR EXPERIENCE WOULD BE AN ADDED BENEFIT.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #2

ARTICLE XI

SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS

THESE BYLAWS MAY BE AMENDED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP BY A VOTE OF TWO/THIRDS (2/3) OF THOSE PRESENT.

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT(S) SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE MEMBERS AT LEAST ~~SIXTY~~ THIRTY DAYS OF THE MEETING.

GET IN SHAPE

If you do not have a chapter name badge in the shape of your state, now is the time to order one. Send a check in the amount of \$16 made payable to the Chicago Area Chapter 99s and mail to Rita Adams,



NOW ALSO AVAILABLE WITH MAGNETIC BACKING! Allow three weeks for delivery.

Calendar of Events

March 19.....Chapter Meeting, Atlantic FBO, KPWK, Noon SWAP MEET & GIRL SCOUT PREP

March 23-25.....Spring Board Meeting 99 HQ, OKC

April 21-23..North Central 99s Meeting, Indianapolis

May 13..... Scout Aviation Day, Lansing Airport Chapter Meeting to follow ByLaw vote

June 11.....Chapter Meeting, Kenosha Airport

July 11-16 99s International Conference, San Antonio, Texas

August 20.....Pancake Breakfast, Poplar Grove Airport

September.....Waukegan Air Show

Sept 29-Oct 1 North Central Meeting, Wisconsin Dells

October 22.....Chapter Meeting, Schaumburg Airport, Noon

NovemberCommunity Service Activity TBD

December/January...Holiday Party, TBD

July 4-8, 2018 99s International Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

July 16-21, 2019 ... 99s International Conference, Dayton, Ohio—North Central Section is host

2020Fall North Central Meeting hosted by Chicago Area

HIGHLIGHTING OUR MEMBER

Natalie Berman

I always thought being a pilot would be amazing, but never really believed it was something I would do, especially for a living. A flight instructor boyfriend didn't have to do too much to convince me to take lessons with him, just for fun. We beat the odds, and had an excellent flight instructor/student relationship, and managed to keep happily dating. I earned my private pilot certificate in 1998, and then life got in the way and I stopped flying although I kept thinking about continuing some day.

Years later in October 2001, I found myself furloughed from United (I worked in PR at the headquarters) along with 40,000 other United employees. I decided to pursue flying full-time, disregarding that this was perhaps one of the worst times in aviation history.

I attended Delta Connection Academy in Sanford, FL, where I earned all of my ratings, including CFI, CFII, MEI and MEII. I worked as an instructor at the Academy to build hours and soon was hired at Comair to fly a CRJ.

After languishing in the poorly paid regional world as a reserve First Officer for far too long, I managed to move on to Spirit Airlines in January 2012, where I now fly as a Chicago-based Captain on the Airbus 319/320/321. I can't (nor do I want to) imagine doing anything else!



Thanks Natalie. Our Chairman Ellen had this great idea to feature a 99 in each issue of Air News.

Who wants to be next?

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER NINETY-NINES STANDING RULES

501 (c) 3 The 99s receive IRS tax-exempt status as an educational, charitable, and scientific organization. It is for these purposes that our money is to be spent. Scholarships may be awarded for educational purposes only. Contributions to other organizations may be given only to other IRS 501 (c) 3 exempt organizations.

The Chairman and Secretary of the Chapter are authorized to execute all documents on behalf of the chapter entailing amendments to their Articles of Incorporation or any other documents that may be required for the purpose of qualifying for group exemption under 501 (c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code. The designated 501 (c) 3 chairman may not be changed before Section and International are first notified (IRS Code).

International Meeting delegates are to be listed in the minutes of the Chapter meeting (IRS Code). Members' dues (both Chapter and International) are considered contributions and are tax-deductible. Donations made to the Chicago Area Chapter are also deductible. Expenses for Section meetings or International Conventions may be tax-deductible.

Membership All female pilots and Future Women Pilots approved by International who have indicated a desire for membership in the Chicago Area Chapter shall be considered Chicago Area Chapter members.

Dues Chapter dues of twenty dollars (\$20.00) are due on June 1 to the Treasurer each year. A three dollar (\$3.00) late fee shall be imposed after August 1. After September 1 any unpaid members will have their newsletter discontinued.

Chicago Area Chapter member dues are waived until June 1 for new members during the year they join the Ninety-Nines International. Members who have been members for fifty or more years shall have their chapter dues waived.

Newsletter Newsletters may be purchased by non-Ninety-Nines and non-Chicago Area Chapter members at a price of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per year.

Elections Elections of Chapter officers are to be held annually in April. (Election results are to be announced at the May meeting) Installation of new officers shall take place in June.

Expenses Approval of the Board must be received prior to any expenditure that exceeds the amount allocated to that Committee in the annual budget. The board may approve expenditures up to and including one hundred dollars (\$100.00). The expenditure must be reported at the next Chapter function. All expenditures over one hundred dollars (\$100.00) must be approved by the membership at the next Chapter meeting.

An amount of forty dollars (\$40.00) is to be allocated for each monthly hostess committee expenses. Itemized receipts may be submitted to the Treasurer by the Hostess Chairman for payment.

A yearly inventory amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) is to be budgeted for Ways and Means operating expenses and inventory. The committee may not exceed this amount during the fiscal year unless approved by the membership.

An AE Scholarship Winners' Fund shall be established to be used by that year's AE Scholarship winner(s) who attend The 99s International Conference as reporting delegate(s). An amount of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) shall be maintained in reserve. Each winner may receive no more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00).

Memorials Upon the death of a member, one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be allotted for flowers or a contribution according to the wishes of the family. Upon the death of a member's spouse or child, a donation of fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall be made to The Ninety-Nines Endowment Fund in his/her name. All flowers, cards, etc., are the responsibility of the Vice Chairman.

The Chapter may elect to have a fiscal year -end (May 31) distribution made to the following: Section Reserves or 501 (c) 3 Contributions Fund.

Pins A token of appreciation will be presented to a retiring chairman.

Pin Fine A one dollar (\$1.00) fine may be imposed upon a member for not visibly wearing designated 99 jewelry at the monthly chapter function.

Reservations A member will be held financially responsible for guaranteed reservations made for a Chicago Area Chapter event if they were not cancelled in accordance with the published deadline.

Sales Sales for personal gain are not permitted at a Chicago Area Chapter function unless the chapter is compensated and approval has been given by the Board. All presentations for sale items are to be made at the Chicago Area Chapter business meeting.

Items for sale may be sold by the Chicago Area Chapter Ways and Means Committee on a consignment basis and a rebate of fifteen percent (15) is to be paid to the Chicago Area Chapter (Chicago Area Chapter assumes no inventory).

Standing Rules Standing Rules may be amended at a Chicago Area Chapter meeting by majority vote with previous notice, or by two-thirds (2/3) vote without previous notice. In September, standing rules shall be updated and reprinted if changes are made.

AIR NEWS

Madeleine Monaco



Address Service Requested

Chicago Area Chapter Ninety-Nines, Inc. International Organization of Women Pilots

MARCH MEETING Sunday the 19th beginning at noon

The March meeting of the Chapter will take place at Atlantic Aviation at Chicago Executive Airport. Atlantic is in the northwest corner of the field. The street address is 1011 S Wolf Road Wheeling IL (N of Palatine Rd, E side of Wolf Rd, past Priester Aviation. If you get to Hintz Road, you passed it) The meeting will be held in the Conference Room in the back of the building. Rita Adams and Madeleine Monaco are hosts and will get lunch for the workers (or maybe have it there already)

Deb Meznarsic and Ellen O'Hara will have the materials there for packets for Scout Day. PLEASE come and help them get things together. This is one of our ways to impact the young and teach them about aviation. Because its fun for us, they can get excited about something that can be fun for them.

We also will have a SWAP MEET no money—just bring stuff you don't want anymore - clothes, shoes, bags If you fly in, and tell me about it the day before (name, aircraft #) I can get you free ramp space.

APRIL—NORTH CENTRAL SECTION MEETING IN INDIANAPOLIS—21-23 REGISTER AT NCS99S.ORG

JULY—INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE SAN ANTONIO TEXAS 11-16 REGISTER AT WWW.NINETY-NINES.ORG