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Please read this issue



Brand-New" D-Model!

After a complete factory-fresh restoration by K&L Soaring (Les & Kyle Schweizer of Cayuta, NY), Kristin Farry brought her 1968 1-26D (the original D-model prototype, #400) to the 2018 Vintage Sailplane Rally at Massey Air Museum in Maryland. Kristin upgraded the brakes with a new hydraulic system, and the trim with a convenient stick-mounted system. Look closely and you can see the very special "Golden Anniversary" logo that Les & Kyle made for the now "Brand-New" D-Model!

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Badges

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Silver Badge

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OLC Summery 2018

CarolAnn Garratt:
7580 pts, 7444.32 km

Kathy Fosha
5699.52 pts, 5205 km

Sybille Andresen*
5129.94 pts 5598 km
(including a 1019.53 km flight)

Jayne Reid
2067.3 pts, 2030km

Eileen Youngblood**
1735.77 pts, 1263.53 km

*Sybille Andresen and her husband were back in the US for a couple of weeks. HS learned, that Sybille had problems with her plane and didn't post as many flights as in previous years.

** Eileen Youngblood, a youngster from Florida, posted 20 flights, all except 2 (in ASW24) in a Ka6. Her longest flight was 101.25 km.

Kathy Taylor, who graced the top of the OLC summery for years broke her arm early in the season. That kept her out of soaring for the season.



From the Editor

With Thanksgiving just a few days away, I will pause for a moment and thank the people who during a very challenging year supported helped me..

In February, I went to the SSA convention in Reno, NV where I gave a presentation on the History of the International Women Contests leading to the Women's World Championships. I also helped at the WSPA booth. The costs of that trip would have made it impossible for me to head out west again for the WSPA seminar. One of the WSPA members came to the rescue and paid for my flight with her frequent flier miles. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

At the same time, after a 48 years membership, I decided to resign from my club for financial reasons. The members and the Board decided to keep me on active, full membership "as long as I was going to be around". I WAS OVERWHELMED BY THAT GESTURE. It had never in the club's 53 years history happened before.

Then came my knee surgery early in August. My friend and WSPA member from France came for two weeks to help me out. I AM SO GREATFUL TO HER. I am also grateful to my "classmate" from the Life Long Learning Society who stayed with me over night for a week after my friend from France left, until I felt safe enough to stay by myself again

Last not least, two of my co-residents (and canine Sarah) at our retirement community deserve a special THANK YOU for their friendship and the help they provided when times got rough with my husband and I was down in the trenches.

I will keep all in my thoughts this Thanksgiving

Frauke

Note: I have fully recovered from the surgery and my new knee is

President's Note



Dear WSPA Members:

I am very excited about the wonderful list of nine members who have agreed to run for office as a Director on the WSPA Board! They are all strong and capable women, and I am looking forward to working with them! Thanks to all of you who stepped up to the plate to run. Whether or not you get elected, we are so grateful for your willingness to serve!

There will be two important items on the WSPA voting ballot this November 15th:

Election of seven (7) WSPA Directors, and
Approval of the updated WSPA Bylaws.

Please be sure to vote if you are a female and a Full, Youth, or female Life Member. (Associate, Honorary Members, and folks who are behind on their dues can't vote as per the bylaws.) Voting will take place Nov. 15 to Dec. 15, 2018, on our web page. You will be sent an electronic [link](#) (via our Google Group Email system) to all the information, including the ballot, the Bios on the members running for the Directors' jobs, and copies of the prior bylaws with red-lined revisions, along with a copy of the newly typed clean version with the numeric-style format.

Thanks to Frauke Elber for providing copies of all this information in the newsletter (Hangar Soaring), and thanks to Colleen Koenig for posting all the information on our web page and for providing us with a safe and effective way to vote on line. Colleen also serves as our ballot counter ("teller"). These two ladies have worked for many years serving as newsletter editor and webmaster (respectively). Please take the time to thank them whenever you can for all their dedicated and hard work. It will be my job to announce the newly elected Directors' names as soon as the count is final, around Dec. 20th. In January, the directors choose which jobs they would like to do, and whether, or not, I am re-elected, I will help train each of them on their perspective job duties.

After the new year the Board will be working very hard on getting our new web page on line, and on the preparations for the St. Louis Glider Association Seminar, which will take place on July 1 - 5, 2019, at their club site in Illinois, about 30 miles east of St. Louis, MO. Mark your calendars

doing beautifully. Thank you for all the kind notes I received during my recovery.

now, and watch for more info on the seminar to come out in the February edition of Hangar Soaring, and via our Google Group blasts.

Last, but not least, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the current Directors who have worked with us over the past biennium (two years). Current Officers are Charlotte Taylor (VP), Joan Burn (Sec.), Alexis Latner (Tres.), Lora Lewis (Dir. Of Scholarships), Chris Larson (Serving out the vacancy by Laura Radigan as Director of Membership), Elke Fuglsang-Petersen (Director of International Information and Publicity). Please thank these gals who have put in a lot of effort and time on your behalf to help our association grow and soar! I am wishing you all a wonderful holiday!

Mary

Welcome New Members

Marcy Capps, MA

Avery Cole, ON (Canada)

Richard Friedman, AZ (rejoined)

Judith Galbraith, PA

Pamela Held, MO

Billy Hill, NM

Kate Larsen, CA

Mark Olinger, TN

Christopher Schrader, MI

Inna Schwab, OR

Star Simpson, CA

Jennifer Stamp, VT

Michael Sullivan, NV (rejoined)

Pablo Wainstein, AB (Canada)

In the News



Maria Bolla, at the '05 WWGC

On August 24, 2018, **Maria Bolla** from Hungary, one of women soaring's greats, passed away at age 73. Maria flew her last international women contest (her 18th) in 2009 during that year's Women's World Championships in her home country. She was a Majewska Medal recipient.

On September 2, 2018, **Sergio Colacevich** and **Jim Alton** died in the crash of Sergio's and Mike Mayo's Duo Discus near the base of Slide Mountain, CA. Sergio was an integral part of the recent WSPA seminar and provided some of our participants with unforgettable flights.

On September 7, **Chris Larson** finished her Glider Instructor rating.

Sarah Arnold finished 2nd in the 15m Nationals.



Frauke E., CarolAnn G., Bertha Ryan

On October 9, **CarolAnn Garrat** gave a presentation about her around-the world flights at the Warwick Forest Retirement Community, where Frauke Elber and Bertha Ryan reside. Several Tidewater Soaring Society members also attended the presentation.



On October 10, **Elizabeth Michelle Robertson** soloed under the watchful eye of Sarah Arnold at Chilhowwe Gliderport. Elizabeth made use of the Mid Kolstad scholarship she had received at the recently held WSPA seminar in Truckee, CA.

Karen Kalishek, Maria Faber Scholarship recipient in 2017, used the money this summer at Estrella Sailport. Karen describes her time there as a magical four days of learning:

"Jason Stephens, owner and pilot extraordinaire, did a great job teaching me the ropes of towing and it was a treat to actually tow gliders rather than simply simulate! Frank Gomez kept busy helping to develop my CFIG skills and played an effective "almost out of control" student pilot. The final day was a real treat as Frank first signed me off to fly a new-to-me glider, the 1-26 and then the 1-36. I left with not only the tow pilot endorsement, but warm memories, greater confidence, and an offer to return there for work as an instructor. WSPA deserves the credit for all of it, as it was the scholarship which prompted the trip. I am deeply grateful."

Allendria Brunjes from Canada, 2018 recipient of the Mid Kolstad scholarship wrote:

"In March 2016, after years of watching a friend soar at elite levels, I joined the Edmonton Soaring Club (ESC). I started with ground school, four eight-hour days of learning meteorology, safety, the theory of flight and the parts of a glider. At first, I was intimidated. I had no idea how I was supposed to learn everything. The Mid Kolstad Scholarship helped me succeed in getting my license this past summer, letting me concentrate on getting into the sky physically rather than financially. It made me feel OK coming down if I didn't catch the lift quite right, even though there would be an additional tow fee to get me back in the air. It allowed me to stay in the air longer when I could, and I didn't have to do mid-flight calculations about how much money I would have left for gas in my car. It let me concentrate on practicing and improving my soaring techniques, allowing me to study how to be a better pilot. I really thank the Women Soaring Pilots Association for this fantastic opportunity, and I hope to help other women connect with it in the future."

(Full article and pictures will be in the February 2019 HS issue)

Correction:

On page 8 in the Aug. 2018 HS, the wrong picture was inserted. Here is Sandrine Gressard's the correct picture of the L-Spatz



Also: in the listing of the donors to the WWGC Fund the following donors in the fiscal year 2018 (which ended in June) were omitted:
Uwe Rudloff
Tom Swanson*

Next Hangar Soaring
Deadline:
January 31, 2019

****Changes Proposed for Membership Vote, July 2018****

Revised July ~~2015~~ 2018 by Membership vote at The ~~Minden~~ Truckee Annual Meeting

ARTICLE I – Name and Purpose

- A. The name of the Association is Women Soaring Pilots Association, a Division of the Soaring Society of America.
- B. The Association is a 501c3 organization, incorporated in the State of Texas.
- C. The purpose of the Association is to encourage the growth of women's participation in soaring.
- D. To that end, the Association may:
 - 1. Establish and maintain a community of women soaring pilots through print and online media.
 - 2. Sponsor soaring seminars.
 - 3. Offer scholarships to women for flight training and participation in soaring activities.
 - 4. Establish handicapped records to recognize women's soaring achievements.
 - 5. Support members who fly in soaring competitions.
 - 6. Represent women soaring pilots at conventions, trade shows, and other venues.

ARTICLE II – Membership

- A. All women glider pilots, holding at least a student pilot certificate, are eligible for Youth Membership (if 18 yrs. old or younger), Full Membership, or Life Membership in the Association.
- B. To maintain Division status in the Soaring Society in America, at least a majority of U.S. members must also be members of the Soaring Society of America.
- C. Categories of membership:
 - 1. **Full Member:** a woman glider pilot who has paid annual dues. As a Full Member, she is entitled to a voice in the affairs of the Association, is entitled to one vote in all elections, may attend meetings and seminars, may apply for scholarships and records, and will receive the Association newsletter.
 - 2. **Associate Member:** a person interested in supporting the organization but who does not qualify for Full Membership. Associate Members pay dues, receive the Association newsletter, and may attend meetings and seminars, but are not eligible to vote or apply for scholarships or records.
 - 3. **Life Member:** Full or Associate Member who pays dues in advance for a specified number of years as outlined in the Standing Rules. Only Life Members who are Full Members are entitled to vote or apply for scholarships or awards.
 - 4. **Honorary Member:** a person determined by the Board of Directors (the "Board") to be worthy of the honor due to contribution to the advancement of the interests of the Association. This person does not pay dues. The period of honorary membership shall be determined by the Board. Honorary Members receive the Association newsletter and may attend meetings and seminars, but they are not eligible to vote or apply for scholarships, unless they also meet the requirements of Full Membership.
 - 5. **Student Youth Member:** a girl, 18 years old or younger, who pays ½ the cost of Full Member dues, and who has all Full Member privileges.

ARTICLE III – Dues

Dues of the membership shall be determined by the Board of Directors, approved by the membership, and posted in the Standing Rules.

ARTICLE IV – WSPA Regions

For administration and representation, the WSPA membership is divided into four geographical regions: Eastern, Central, and Western United States and Canada; and International. These regions are defined in the Standing Rules and on the WSPA Map.

ARTICLE V – Board of Directors

- A. The Board of Directors shall be made up of seven elected regional representatives. When possible, two shall be from each North American region and one from the International region.
- B. The terms of all elected representatives shall be for two years, ending when duly elected successors take office. ~~have~~

~~been duly elected.~~ Terms begin January 1, following the November election.

- C. The positions of President, Vice-President, and Secretary will be chosen from within the seven representatives by vote from the seven.
- D. The Treasurer may be either an elected director, who chooses or is assigned to, the position of Treasurer (by Board vote), or she may be a Non-Board Member who is nominated by the President and voted upon by the Board. The Non-Board Member Treasurer would serve for a biennial period.
- E. The positions of President, Vice-President and Secretary will constitute the Executive Committee.
- F. Should a vacancy occur to any elected office, such vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the term by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI – Duties of Officers and Directors

A. Duties of all officers and directors:

1. Coordinate the advancement of the Association nationally, internationally, and with special focus on the region they represent.
2. Encourage the growth of the Association.
3. Participate in Board meetings.
4. Serve as liaisons to committees as requested by the President.
5. Conduct the business and tasks of the Association as needed and/or assigned.

B. Duties of the President:

1. Preside at meetings of the Association, Board of Directors, and Executive Committee.
2. Appoint all committees not otherwise provided for in these Bylaws.
3. Perform such other duties as the advancement of the Association may require.

C. Duties of the Vice President:

1. Coordinate the Women Soaring Seminars.
2. Serve as a liaison to committees as requested by the President.
3. Preside at meetings when the President cannot be present.

D. Duties of the Secretary:

1. Conduct Correspondence of the Association.
2. Keep minutes of the Association's annual meeting, Board of Director meetings and Executive Committee meetings.
3. Maintain a file of e-mail and/or conference call meetings of Board of Directors or Executive Committee.
4. Serve as a liaison to committees as requested by the President.

E. Duties of the Treasurer:

1. Receive money ~~from those owing such funds~~, such as dues payments, donations, money raised by fundraisers, seminar registration payments, and deposit such funds in the name of the Association.
2. Disburse funds in payment of accounts against the Association as authorized by the President, Executive Committee or a majority of the Board of Directors.
3. Disburse scholarship funds per Board approval.
- ~~4. Maintain a list of paid members [Note: this now being done by the Director of Membership – see below]~~
5. Upon request, submit to the Executive Committee a month-end report of financial activity, and a quarterly balance sheet and including a balance sheet and profit and loss statement.
6. Submit a quarterly report, including a balance sheet and profit and loss statement, to the entire Board of Directors within 15 days following the end of each quarter. WSPA's fiscal year is July 1 to June 30, therefore the quarters are as follows: 1st Quarter: July 1 to September 30; 2nd Quarter: October 1 to December 31; 3rd Quarter: January 1 to March 31; 4th Quarter: April 1 to June 30.
7. Arrange for an annual audit of the Association's financial affairs.
8. File the required Federal and State income tax returns.
9. Serve as a liaison to committees as requested by the President.

F. Duties of the Director of Scholarships

1. Act as liaison between the Scholarship Committee and the Board of Directors.
2. With the assistance of the Scholarship Chair, set up and maintain the Scholarship mentor program.
3. With the assistance of the Scholarship Chair, coordinate communication between WSPA and scholarship recipients.
4. Send thank-you letters to Scholarship donors.
5. Solicit and communicate with scholarship donors, maintaining contact information and publicizing donor names

(if appropriate) in the Association's August Newsletter or other publications.

G. Duties of the Director of Membership

1. Maintain a database list of paid members, their addresses, phone numbers, Emails, type of membership, etc, working closely with the Treasurer.
2. Provide an updated membership list to the Board of Directors monthly.
3. Supervise Public Relations, including but not limited to: presentations, banners, posters, WSPA brochures.

H. Duties of the Director of International Information and Publicity

1. Publicize and/or give presentations about WSPA's events, news, and other information in foreign countries.
2. Inform WSPA on international matters related to soaring.

E. Duties of all elected officers and directors [Note: this section moved to the beginning of this Article]

- ~~1. Coordinate the advancement of the Association within the region they represent.~~
- ~~2. Encourage the growth of the Association.~~
- ~~3. Participate in Board meetings.~~
- ~~4. Serve as liaisons to committees as requested by the President.~~

ARTICLE VII – Elections

- A. Elections shall be held every two years in November.
- B. Candidates for Board of Directors are selected by the Nominating Committee. Only Full Members of the Association may hold an office.
- C. The slate of candidates shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors by Oct. 15th, then presented to the Newsletter Editor and the Webmaster for publication on November 15th.
- D. Ballots are counted by the Webmaster, acting as Teller, and two other persons appointed by the President.
- E. Election results are are emailed to the Board of Directors as soon as the count is completed (and no later than Dec. 20th). The current President then sends out the results via email to the entire WSPA Membership before January 1st. The results are also published in the January February newsletter.
- F. Details of the election process shall be outlined in the Standing Rules.

ARTICLE VIII – Committees

- A. Executive Committee
 1. Has the authority to conduct the business of the Association.
 2. Keeps the remaining Board members informed and involved in said business.
 3. For the purpose of conducting said business, at least three members of the committee are required.
- B. Nominating Committee
 1. Shall be three Full Members appointed by the President.
 2. Solicits qualified candidates for the Board of Directors.
 3. Submits initial slate of candidates to the Board of Directors by Sept. 30th of even numbered years.
 4. Prepares the official Slate of Candidates after approval of the Board and submits to the Newsletter Editor and Webmaster.
- C. Committees may be formed at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX – Meetings

- A. An annual membership meeting shall be held.
- B. For the purpose of conducting business at the annual meeting, a quorum is defined as the number of Full Members present at the meeting.

ARTICLE X – Publications

- A. The official newsletter of the Association shall be called "HANGAR SOARING." It shall be distributed to the membership and others at regular intervals during the year.
- B. The Editor of the newsletter shall:
 1. Be appointed by the Board of Directors.
 2. Prepare and distribute the Association newsletter.
 3. Maintain a distribution list for the newsletter.
 4. Have the authority to reject, in whole or part, any material deemed unsuitable for publication after discussion with the board.

C. Additional details about the newsletter and the duties of the Editor ~~can shall~~ be ~~found~~ outlined in the Standing Rules.

ARTICLE XI – Amendments

A. These Bylaws shall not be amended, altered, or repealed, unless any such changes are:

1. Submitted in writing to the Board of Directors.
2. Presented to the membership at least 30 days before a call to vote.
3. Approved by a simple majority of those members voting.

B. Changes so made become effective immediately upon passage. Unchanged articles and provisions shall remain in effect continuously.

ARTICLE XII- Dissolution

A. A 2/3 vote of the membership is required for dissolution.

B. Assets of the Association at the time of dissolution shall be used to pay outstanding debts. Any remaining assets shall be donated to the Southwest Soaring Museum.

End of text

Clean copy of this text: see special attachment.

A September to Remember

by W. G. Hill, Associate Member

I suppose one could say I'm in the September of my years having been around for three quarters of a century. Quite often individuals who, having reached this point in their lives, spend a good deal of time revisiting memories of past times and achievements. Others look forward to creating new points of reflection and introspection. I prefer to think I'm one of those people and my flight on September 30th. is clearly such an example. Looking over my shoulder at all I have survived and all I've accomplished, it would be a shame to rest on my laurels as there is so much more to see and do. So much more to experience. So many flights to be flown.

Some minor health hiccups notwithstanding, I'm in right fare shape for my years. Blessed might be a even better way of putting it. I had been watching the weather develop over a five day period and it looked as though the last day of September, a Sunday, would be a decent fall day on which to fly.

My last three flights had been in a friend's JS-1, but having done that, and learned a few things about how the newest generation of eighteen meter, flapped ships perform (quite well actually) as compared to my previous mount, an Appleby Zuni, I thought it time to fly my trusty Discus which had been languishing in my hanger and wondering if I might be trading her in for a newer model, one with fewer miles flown, one without a blemish. Some younger, flashier strumpet with a bit more span and flaps...don't forget the flaps. Oh no my faithful friend, I'm sticking with the girl I brought to the dance, and dance we did. What a day!

The decision to be made was what wing loading (read how much water would I carry) I would fly. I stuck the hose in the left wing and stopped at twelve gallons with a corresponding amount going into the right wing and of course a bit of tail ballast to boot.

By eleven that morning, two lines of cumulus were developing east of and downwind from the Manzano mountains and aligned with the prevailing wind.

The sounding from that morning which comes from the Albuquerque airport, was not all that encouraging, but it did show a strong temperature inversion at about the twenty thousand foot level which means that there is unlikely to be any over development. The good news is that SkySight was a bit more optimistic and predicted good lift to have high as fifteen thousand feet during the afternoon hours.

By eleven thirty it was clear that staying up would be no problem, but for those of us inclined to wander afar, some more cu throughout the area would allow us to play connect-the-dots and see where conditions would take us.

After having reviewed SkySight that morning, I had concocted a game plan which would take me east of Moriarty and then to the southwest in order to construct a OLC point gleaning triangle. This would give me a quartering tail wind on the first leg, and although the second leg would be into the wind, hopefully conditions would become stronger and thus make up for the wind on my nose. Of course the water ballast and subsequent higher wing loading would help with that.

As I pressed on in an easterly direction and past the town of Vaughn, the clouds which had formed up to that point ended in about another twenty or so miles. Looking back on the day, I wish I had flown a bit further in that direction.

After flying a few miles past Vaughn, I turned southwest and tried to align the Discus with the cloud streets which, on the one hand were forming in a line about thirty degrees off my desired direction of flight, but were numerous enough that I could follow one street and then jump to another thus minimizing my climb time and maximizing my cruise.

Over the years I've had my Discus, I've done a few modifications to it to include a blow hole just aft of the rear of the canopy. Very similar to those found on some of the ASW-27s and -29s. If memory serves, Dick Butler of Open Class fame came up with this idea and it seems to have improved both the climb and cruise performance of my trusty little standard class bird.

With twenty-four gallons of water, my wing loading is a bit over nine and one half pounds per square feet. Even at that higher weight, I can thermal quite comfortably at fifty or so knots and climb quite well thank you very much.

The third leg of my sojourn was with a tail wind and as you might surmise, I saw ground speeds in excess of one hundred and twenty knots. Conditions had improved with stronger thermals as well as higher cloud bases.

It was hard to believe that this was the last day of September with a sky full of cu and prodigious lift to be found under almost every cloud.

As I expound on this memorable flight here in my high mountain abode, I've glanced outside my window and low and behold, a sky filled with rotor cu (my house underlies the primary from the Sandia mountains) and stacks of lennies above. Begs the question, why am I composing when I should be flying.

Leg five is back into the wind. The day is beginning to wind down a bit and there are fewer cu in the Estancia valley and so when about forty miles south of Moriarty, and with an assurance of having flown at least five hundred kilometers, I turn toward home.

One of the local pilots had a malfunction of the gear extension of his Lak-17 and landed back a Moriarty gear up. I'm still far enough south that his misfortune should not have any impact on my return and landing.

We are fortunate enough to have a cross wind runway should it become necessary to use it, but all had returned to normal by the time I returned to Moriarty Municipal Airport

To call this day extraordinary would be to sell it a bit short.

After bedding my trusty steed down and cleaning what few bugs she had on her leading edges, I sat in my hanger apartment, enjoying some post flight de-briefing fluid and basking in the afterglow of a wonderful soaring day in New Mexico.

Perhaps at this point you may be asking what, if anything, this has to do with the OLC. Well, I did mention flying a triangle in order to accrue more OLC points, right?

I hope you have enjoyed being along for the vicarious ride with me.

2018 Biographies of WSPA Board Candidates

Irit Abramovich (International)



I started to learn flying gliders in 2007, at the Megiddo airfield in Israel. In 2009, I received my private glider pilot license. I regularly fly PW5, LS4 and Grob TwinII.

My first WSPA seminar was in 2015 and since then I am a member of the organization. I am fully aligned with the WSPA goal to bring more

women into this amazing, empowering and fun hobby.

I have been an engineer and project manager in the Semiconductor industry for many years.

I am currently in the process of turning my photography hobby into an artistic endeavor.

Christine Covell (West)



I'm a student Glider Pilot and aviation enthusiast. I'm currently training at Williams Soaring Center in Northern California getting ready to solo soon looking forward to many adventures yet to come. Since I'm new to soaring, I look forward to growing my knowledge and sharing what I learn with the members of WSPA.

I reside outside of Sacramento with my partner George, who flies glider aerobatics!

I'm interested in sharing my interest in soaring with other women with the intent to help support and increase the numbers of future

women glider pilots.

My skill set includes Microsoft office suite, financial management, analytics, reporting, some website design knowledge and many years of helping organize events with nonprofit groups.

Ute Kaden (West)



I am currently an active CFGI in Alaska and volunteer as Mission Transport Pilot and Aerospace Educator at the Civil Air Patrol, Alaska Wing. I am employed at the University of Alaska in the School of Education.

When I turned 14, I joined the local glider club in Zwickau, Germany. After a winter of ground school, I had my first glider flight in 1974. From this time on, I spent many weekends and summers at glider ports, got my private glider certificate and flew the Silver C requirements. I completed the training for the CFGI on my 21 birthday.

I have flown in places like the Alps, New Zealand, and the Wasserkuppe. In 1994 I moved with my family to the U.S. and eventually got my U.S. Commercial License and CFGI.

I value the great support WSPA provides for women glider pilots. I am ready to strengthen the organization and represent WSPA members. My goal to promote women's participation in soaring is in keeping with the goals of the Women Soaring Pilots Association.

Diana Lauren (Center)



I live in Corpus Christi TX. I work full time as a Home Health Physical Therapist. I am a single mom with two children. I have been a member of the Refugio Soaring Circle for 3 years because my teenage son, now 18, had the strongest desire to learn to fly. I started taking lessons along with him and I passed the written exam August 2017. I make an effort to fly as often as I can, but as you know it rains a lot in S.E. Texas. My goal

is to achieve my glider license by August 2019, before the written exam expires.

It is awesome to have an association for women glider pilots. I would love to help out in whatever way seems fitting. I enjoy making connections with people and offering support.

Valeria Paget (Center)



I always dreamed of flying, but I couldn't make the dream a reality until I was 49 and took my first soaring flight. Now I have over 1,600 hours in gliders plus time flying a '46 Taylorcraft that I helped restore. I have competed in regional and national soaring contests flying my PW5

I set 19 aviation records including two World Records- my first at age 65, proving that soaring is not an age-limited activity. I fly both a Duo Discus and my beloved PW5 in the flatlands and the mountains. As a board

member, I would support women pilots as they explore all the aspects of soaring.

For 12 years I was Publicity Chairman for the Soaring Society of America. I have written about soaring for many national publications including the AOPA and *Soaring Magazine* and lectured at national aviation events as well as local gatherings. Like most of you, I use every opportunity to spread the word about the joy of soaring

Irena Raymond (East)



I started flying gliders in 1983, at Lesce airfield in Slovenia. I have been a member of the WSPA since 2006 and served on the WSPA Board as international member from 2006 to 2012. For many years I have been president of Slovenian Women Pilots Association and I also was on a team who organized a WSPA seminar in Slovenia in 2009.

In 2014, I got my private license for single engine land and also a self-launch sailplane endorsement. Recently I added a

Commercial rating to my European glider pilot license.

Since I am living in Virginia now, I would like the opportunity to serve the WSPA Board for the Eastern Region

Mary Rust, present President (West)



I have been flying gliders for 37 years. I hold a Commercial Glider and a Private Pilot's License in Single Engine Land. I served as a CFI for 20 years. I worked for Sailplane Enterprises (an FBO) for 18 years. In Hemet, CA, was CFI for Orange County Soaring Association for 17 years and served at Lake Elsinore Soaring Association before retiring from flight instructing. I still give rides at Lake Elsinore Soaring Club, and continue to fly at WSPA events. I also

served as the SSA's California State Record keeper for 6 years, and have been on the WSPA Board for 7 years serving as treasurer and president.

I joined WSPA in the early 1980's, before the "Women's Soaring Pilots Association" was incorporated in 1986. I have co-directed two WSPA Seminars (1989 – Tehachapi, CA and 1996 – Hemet, CA). I love serving on the WSPA Board of Directors and would like to serve another 2 year term.

Elizabeth Tattersall, (West)



I am a member in good standing of the Association. I have read the ByLaws and understand the responsibilities of a position on the Board of Directors.

The following is a brief bio on my soaring background and my interest and goals for the Association:

I want to see WSPA award generous flight scholarships, have fun and successful seminars, and remain a healthy organization. I have attended four WSPA seminars, and have made new friends at

them. I learned to fly single engine in 2002. I then obtained my glider add-on through Civil Air Patrol, and a few months later I completed my glider Commercial. With the help of a WSPA scholarship I earned CFGI, and have been instructing at SoaringNV and with Civil Air Patrol for about ten years. I am also a tow pilot, and I have winch, auto tow, and self-launch endorsements. I own a Piper Cherokee (the kind with an engine). In another part of my life I am a Professor of Biology & Chemistry at Western Nevada College, and an Episcopal Priest.

Cathy Williams (East)



I began soaring at the age of 16 in a Schweizer 2-22. I am a Commercial glider pilot and CFI-G. I am the Chief Flight Instructor for the 97 member Mid-Atlantic Soaring Association located in Fairfield PA. I have a Gold Badge and 3 Diamonds. I fly a 1-26 and LS 8-18 cross country and in competition.

Only a few women in the US are on the SSA Pilot Ranking List. The 1-26 Virginia Schweizer Trophy for women often goes unclaimed. The WSPA seminars and competition scholarships have been trying for years to encourage cross country and competitive flying, but with limited success. I truly believe there are women pilots who would love

the challenge of a soaring contest.

Having retired from my career as a Nurse Practitioner, I now have more time to give back to the sport that has meant so much to me. It would be an honor to serve on the WSPA Board and do what I can to help encourage more women to enter soaring competition.



TWENTY-SEVEN METERS by Mark Palmer

"27 meters!" Raul shouted as we went by. Alice and I were being towed out late Saturday morning. Alice was flying the PW-5 and I had the AC-4C Russia. Both little ships are 13.5 meters, which is what prompted Raul's shout out.

Alice launched into a blue sky at 11:30 and I followed on the next tow. We both started working some very scratchy, unorganized lift over by the Rockpile. We were up and down between 9500 and 11,500 for about half an hour. What we discovered was that both ships were pretty evenly matched. Once we were on the same level it was up and down but neither ship dominated the other.

It was fun to fly with someone else. All summer people had scattered to the winds as soon as they could. Today was the first time I could actually fly in the same thermal with someone else. And it was fun to fly with my wonderful wife! How many pilots can say that?

The two of us flew around in the same area for about half an hour or so. I finally took off east and flew to Ramah and then Calhan and back for about 2.3 hours total. Alice hung closer to the field for an hour and a half and then landed to give the ship up for the next scheduled pilot.

From Airworthy, October 2018



WSPA Elections Ballot Nov. 15, 2018

[Reminder: As per the WSPA Bylaws, you must be a female Full Member, Youth Member, or female Life Member to vote, and your dues must be current.]

Vote only for 7 (seven) Directors.

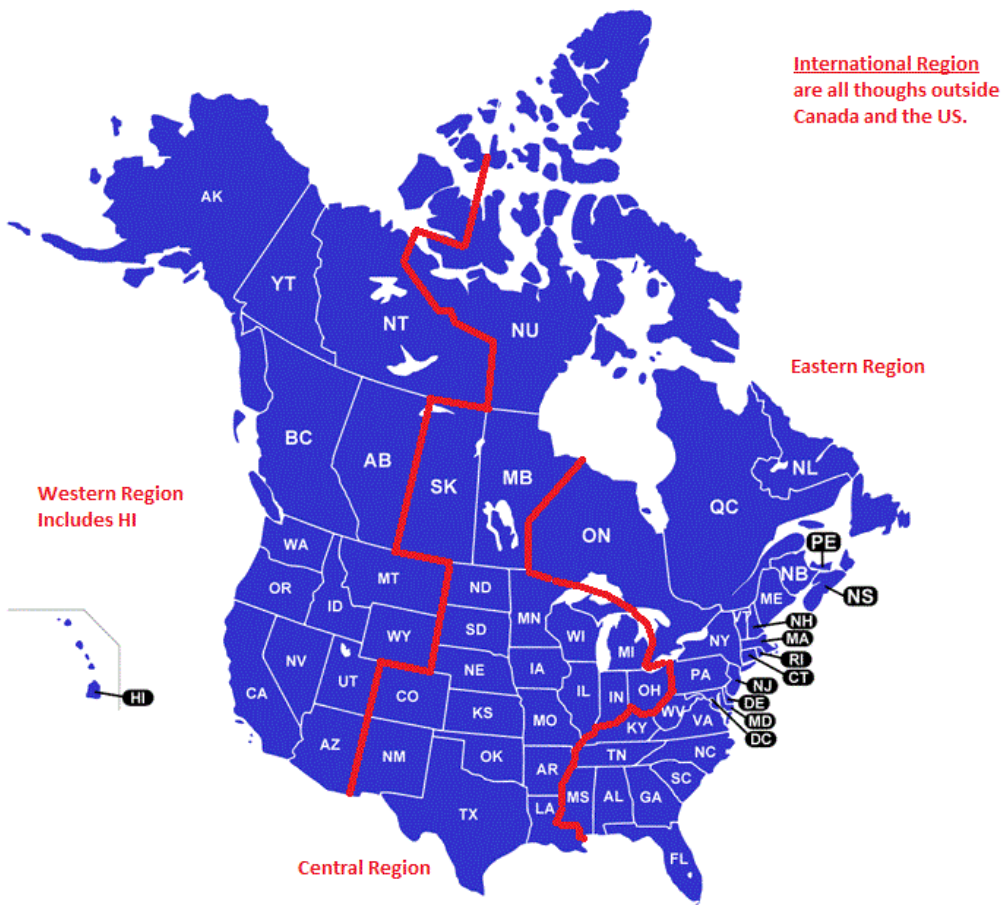
(Please read included **Bios** .)

1.Irit Abramovich (International)	Yes	No
2.Chris Covell (West)	Yes	No
3.Ute Kaden (West)	Yes	No
4.Diana Lauren (Center)	Yes	No
5.Valerie Paget (Center)	Yes	No
6.Irena Raymond (East)	Yes	No
7.Mary Rust (West)	Yes	No
8.Elizabeth Tattersall (West)	Yes	No
9.Cathy Williams (East)	Yes	No

Vote to approve the updated proposed [WSPA Bylaws 2018](#). **Yes** **No**

(Please see attached Bylaws – old and new.)

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