

# THE SOUTHWESTERLY

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Southwest Section of the Ninety-Nines

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## ★ SPECIAL EDITION ★

### SOUTHWESTERLY – ELECTION ISSUE – 2025

 The International Ninety-Nines will have a heavy election year in the 2026 cycle. All levels of the organization will host elections for the key positions:

**International: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, 2 Directors, 3 Nominating Committee Members, and 4 Trust Members**

<https://www.ninety-nines.org/presidents-message.htm>

**Sections: Governor, Vice Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, 2 Directors, and 5 Nominating Committee Members**

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**Chapters: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and others, based on each chapter's bylaws.**

**Why would a member run for a leadership position?** (Chapter, Section or Int'l)

Our mission leans on three pillars: Education, Scholarships, and Mutual Support while honoring our unique history and sharing our passion for flight. All three of these pillars are key to our success. We often highlight the Scholarship pillar when first talking about our organization to potential members. It is a huge asset to the member, but a one-time event. The Mutual Support pillar, however, is a lifetime asset that serves us for our entire aviation journeys. The more members step into roles at the chapter, section, and international level, the more we build our network of incredible female aviators who provide invaluable support and encouragement well beyond our wildest dreams and often for a lifetime.

The Southwest Section currently has 1,944 members out of the entire 99s membership of 7,666, over 25% of the entire 99s membership. Our section is vital in the overall direction of the organization. Please consider building your personal aviation network by joining the Southwest Section leadership team.



## Intent to Seek Election Forms for the Southwest Section 2026-2028 Term

The “Intent to Seek Election” form, for the 2026-2028 Southwest Section Board term, is available online in the Members’ Area of the Southwest Section website ([www.sws99s.org](http://www.sws99s.org)) or by clicking on this link:

[https://sws99s.org/?file=99s\\_Intent\\_to\\_Seek\\_Election\\_2026-2028-1.pdf](https://sws99s.org/?file=99s_Intent_to_Seek_Election_2026-2028-1.pdf)

Or here are the website directions to get to the form:

<https://sws99s.org/members-only/>

- Log In (login can be requested from the Nominating Committee listed below)
- Click on “Go To Members’ Area Index”
- Click on “SW Section Operations”
- Under “Candidate Qualifications and Forms”:
  - select “99s Intent to Seek Election 2026-2028”

If you need the login information for the members only section, reach out to the nominating committee at [nominatingcommittee@sws99s.org](mailto:nominatingcommittee@sws99s.org)



### Qualifications:

1. Shall have been a member of The Ninety-Nines, Inc. for a period of two years by the date of Declaration of Intent to Seek Election, which is January 15 in the year the Intent to Seek Election form is due.
  - Additionally, candidates for Governor and Vice Governor must have served as a Chapter Chairman, a member of the Section Board of Directors, or a Section Committee Chairman.
2. Must be an active member as defined in the International Bylaws of the organization at the time of filing their Intent.
3. Must submit an “Intent to Seek Election” form, signed by their Chapter Chair, to the Nominating Committee Chair by January 15, 2026. If the candidate’s Chapter Chair is unable to endorse the Intent, two (2) other Chapter Chairmen can sign the Declaration of Intent to Seek Election form.



**Intent to Seek Election form deadline is on or before January 15, 2026**

Form is to be signed by your Chapter Chairman, or if the Chairman is not available, the form can be signed by two other Chapter Chairmen in the Southwest Section. Include a Candidate Statement of no more than 150 words to be sent to voters.

**Please consider serving your Section**





## Questions?

If you are interested in applying for the position, please contact a member of the Southwest Section Nominating Committee via email or submit your Intent To Seek Election form to:

[nominatingcommittee@sws99s.org](mailto:nominatingcommittee@sws99s.org)

- Susan Conner-Steeb (San Luis Obispo Chapter) – Nominating Committee Chair
- Debbie Balsley (San Diego Chapter)
- Samarra Dalrymple (Fullerton Chapter)
- Annelie Hubinette (San Fernando Valley Chapter)
- Donna Hartman (Mt Shasta Chapter)

The purpose of the Section Nominating Committee is to present a slate of officers (i.e., Governor, Vice Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, two (2) Directors, and five (5) members of the Nominating Committee) for the next Southwest Section election.



### Other Ways You Can Support the Southwest Section

Volunteer for a committee! The Southwest Section committees need more support to function properly and support SWS members.

Several southwest section committees have openings for committee chairs. Other committees are looking for more people to help support them.

Are you interested in any of these areas? Do you have questions about serving on a committee? Send us an email.

Special committees are those deemed appropriate to support the section and the needs of its members. The list of standing committees change with the needs of the section.

Currently, these committees include:

- Air and Space Education
- Airmarking
- AEMSF Awards
- Flying Activities
- Forest of Friendship
- Historian
- Membership
- NIFA
- Oral History
- Pilot Careers
- Public Relations/Social Media
- Scholarships (other than AEMSF)
- Southwesterly
- Tax Compliance
- Website / Technology
- Woman Pilot of the Year (WPOY) Awards
- Young Eagles



**Why vote?** All levels of our organization are in transition. Our founders created this organization to bond women and break down barriers. Members who came before us continue to succeed in that mission. Women today have vastly more options than those who came before us. This continuous barrier breakdown is a huge success and has also changed how we provide mutual support. It is our leaders at all levels of the organization who lead us in our continued transition. Change is good!

U.S. Women Pilots, 1960 - 2024												
YEAR	Total Pilots (1)			Airline Transport Pilots (2)			Commercial Pilots (3)			All For-Hire Pilots (4)		
	Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%
2024	503,275	36,493	7.25%	179,194	9,768	5.45%	109,727	11,044	10.06%	288,291	20,812	7.20%
2020	469,062	26,854	5.73%	164,193	7,549	4.60%	103,879	7,724	7.44%	268,072	15,273	5.70%
2010	508,469	27,451	5.40%	136,618	5,580	4.08%	115,530	8,175	7.08%	252,148	13,755	5.46%
2000	532,517	24,798	4.66%	137,185	4,411	3.22%	116,051	5,807	5.00%	253,236	10,218	4.03%
1990	573,996	25,508	4.44%	105,650	2,082	1.97%	144,456	5,210	3.61%	250,106	7,292	2.92%
1980	627,238	26,896	4.29%	69,089	480	0.69%	179,449	3,993	2.23%	248,538	4,473	1.80%
1970	536,868	13,685	2.55%	34,351	79	0.23%	184,924	1,897	1.03%	219,275	1,976	0.90%
1960	252,060	4,218	1.67%	16,925	25	0.15%	93,087	738	0.79%	110,012	763	0.69%
(1) Excludes Student Pilots and Remote Pilots												
(2) Since 2013, the Airline Transport Pilot certificate is required for all airline pilots												
(3) Either the Commercial Pilot or Airline Transport Pilot certificate is required to fly for hire												
(4) For-Hire Pilots includes all Airline Transport Pilots, Commercial Pilots, and Flight Instructors												
SOURCES: U.S. DOT FAA Civil Airmen Statistics, Institute for Women of Aviation Worldwide												
GRAPHIC: Jenny T. Beatty												



### Are you registered for Electronic Voting?

The Southwest Section is working to reduce the number of mailed ballots. In the last election cycle, we had 163 mailed ballots. It costs the section almost \$1,000, while only 12 ballots were returned. Please help us by checking your membership profile and "YES" for online voting. There are 123 members NOT enrolled in electronic voting. We do plan to allow both email and text voting in this election cycle.



### How to Update Your Membership Profile

- Log onto <https://www.ninety-nines.org/>
- Click "Member Area" in the upper right corner
- If you are not logged in, click "Log In" in the upper right corner
- Enter your email and password or click on the link to the right to reset either
- Once logged in, select "Update Information" in red in the right column
- Check all of your information to ensure proper contact data.
- Scroll down to "Online Voting" and select "YES"
- Update any other information about your chapter, section or International positions.
- Select "Save Membership Information" at the bottom of the screen

Data will be reviewed by International prior to update. This usually takes a day or 2.