

# THE SOUTHWESTERLY

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## SPECIAL EDITION



## 2026 SOUTHWEST SECTION ELECTIONS

By Susan Conner-Steeb, SWS Nominating Committee Chair

SW Section members, the 2026 election cycle is here. We have a full slate of candidates to present to you. These candidates are running for the following positions:

Governor  
Vice Governor  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
2 Directors  
5 Nominating Committee Members

Included in the newsletter are photos and candidate statements for each. Candidates are not allowed, per Ninety-Nine bylaws, to campaign. This information will also be available on the SW Section website. <https://sws99s.org/>

Please discuss the importance of voting with your chapters during February and March. The election will open on March 1, 2026, and run for one month, ending at midnight on April 1, 2026. You will receive emails and texts from the SW Section and from **Election Buddy**, our service provider, with information on voting. This year, we have added the ability to vote by email or text. There are a few of you who have requested mailed ballots. If so, those should arrive on or before March 1<sup>st</sup>.

As our mission statement says, mutual support is a key pillar of who we are as Ninety-Nines. Please vote to show these members you are in support of their candidacy and the SW Section Board. This board exists to support SW Section chapters.

Please attend the SW Section meeting in Coachella Valley March 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, to meet these candidates in person.

# 2026 SOUTHWEST SECTION ELECTION CANDIDATES

## GOVERNOR - VOTE FOR ONE

### **Luz Schaible**

Ventura County Chapter



I am proud to be a member of the Ninety-Nines and the Ventura County Chapter. Since joining as a student pilot, I have been mentored and supported by this amazing group of women. For the past 9 years it has been a privilege to pay it forward by volunteering on multiple chapter committees and board positions including Chapter Vice Chairman and Chairman. In these positions I have managed our largest yearly scholarship fundraisers at the Wings Over Camarillo airshow, facilitate monthly student pilot discussions and led a team of committed chapter members in the planning and execution of the 2023 Fall SWS Meeting. Serving as the current Southwest Section Vice-Governor I am focused on supporting the section chapters with the planning of future SWS meetings. In the capacity of Governor, I will champion the interests of the chapters, encourage innovative problem solving and open communication between chapters, section and international.

## VICE-GOVERNOR - VOTE FOR ONE

### **Stephanie Corbell**

Ventura County Chapter



I discovered my passion for aviation at midlife, and decided to combine my 18 year background in higher education with flying by becoming a certified flight instructor at age 45. I currently teach primary instruction at CP Aviation in Santa Paula, California, balancing this with my life as a small business owner. The 99s have been integral to my career shift, and I have been highly active as a chapter member since 2018. I have served on my local board in Ventura County as vice chair, secretary, and interim treasurer, as well as serving on social media, scholarship, international scholarship, and the membership committees. I am also a past winner of the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship. Additionally, I am a proud aircraft owner of a 1946 Luscombe 8. I seek to give back to the 99s and foster the community that has mentored my own career.

## SECRETARY - VOTE FOR ONE

**Claudia Maciel**  
Monterey Bay Chapter



After a personal break from aviation, I returned as a flight instructor in 2011, and the very first thing I did was join my local chapter of the Ninety-Nines. I knew the only way to stay active in aviation was with the support of other pilots—and I was absolutely right. The Ninety-Nines supported me not only in my flying, but also through life's challenges, including raising my children as a single mother and later navigating the loss of my husband. Because the organization gave me so much, I felt a strong responsibility to give back. I served as chapter chair from 2012 to 2016 and again from 2024 - 2026. And I have supported the Southwest Section as technology chair for many years. Professionally, I work as a software engineer and am passionate about using technology to better support members, strengthen communication, and help retain and grow our membership.

## TREASURER - VOTE FOR ONE

**Janice Odell**  
San Luis Obispo County  
Chapter



I have been a member of the Ninety-Nines since 2012 and have been the treasurer of the San Luis Obispo Chapter since 2013. My first SWS meeting was somewhere in the LA area and I attended with Susan Steeb. I think I have been to all but one since. I also have flown into almost all of them! My first international meeting was in Charleston, South Carolina, and I have been to all since, including Jordan. I'm a CPA and currently work as a CFO. Finance is my specialty. I'd like to continue to donate my financial experience to the Ninety Nines. I love this organization and completely support its mission. Sharing my financial expertise, taking ladies on flyouts or to section meetings, and being active in all of our chapter's fundraising activities is my way of giving back.

## DIRECTOR - VOTE FOR TWO

### **Glynis Olgado** Las Vegas Chapter



Glynis serves as First Officer at a Las Vegas tour company and is a dedicated flight instructor. She immersed herself in The Ninety-Nines by taking on Las Vegas Chapter Chair role in 2020 while completing her initial flight training. Excited about the responsibilities she was undertaking, she was able to lay a strong path to success for her chapter. Within a year of becoming chair, chapter membership increased by more than 200%! She also organized a successful SWS Section meeting hosted by the Las Vegas chapter in 2021. She will lead the chapter to welcome everyone back for the 2026 Fall SWS Section Meeting. Glynis wants to contribute to the Ninety-Nines' continued success by serving as Director for the SWS Board. She is eager to learn and leverage her skills and experience to support and work with SWS in helping our organization thrive.

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### **Samantha Resop** Phoenix Chapter



I am excited to be considered as a candidate for a Director position with the Southwest Section for the opportunity to further cultivate my experience and history in leadership to better serve the organization and our collective goals. As the immediate past Chapter Chair of the PHX Chapter, I oversaw the execution of the Spring 2022 SWS Meeting in my first of two consecutive terms served, attended the Fall 2021 SWS meeting and brought my previous experience as Social Media Chair, Fly-Out Chair and Vice Chair to the table as I entered into the Chair role. Professionally, I am currently an FO for NetJets on the CL-350 (currently on temporary leave and launching the last of the Pegasus rockets, a program I led my discipline on at Northrop Grumman for years prior to flying professionally), independent Cub ferry pilot and avid fun-flyer, passionate about the organization, its mission and vision.

**Donna L. Harman**  
Mount Shasta



I would like to be considered for re-election to the Nominating Committee. The Ninety-Nines organization has been a significant part of my flying life for 47 years, during which I earned Private Pilot Certificate, Instrument Rating and Commercial Certificate. I started with the San Fernando Valley Chapter, and currently I am with the Mount Shasta Chapter. I have served as Chapter Chairperson, and Vice Chairperson twice. Also, I was AEMSFC Chairperson. In between, I was a member of the Apple Valley, Modesto, and Palmdale chapters. I participate in the Palms-to-Pines Air Race, and currently I am the air race chairperson for Northern California. I am involved with scholarships, Young Eagles, pancake breakfast, Poker Run, and STEM. The goals of the Ninety-Nines organization provide friendships, encouragement, education and leadership to all who are involved. I would like to contribute to the spirit of advancing all women in aviation.

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**Samarra Dalrymple**  
Fullerton Chapter



Aviation has been a defining thread throughout my life, beginning with a childhood fascination that evolved into a purposeful path in the skies. I graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and later earned my Commercial Multi-Engine rating, an experience that deepened my respect for the discipline and skill of flight. My passion extends into advocacy and mentorship, where I focus on encouraging young women to pursue aviation and helping strengthen their presence across the industry. Community involvement is central to this mission. Within the Ninety-Nines, I have served as Chairman, Vice Chairman twice, Membership Chair, and contributed to the Southwest Section Nominating Committee. Each role has allowed me to support fellow aviators and advance opportunities for women in flight. I remain committed to sharing knowledge, fostering connection, and inspiring those who look to aviation as their future.

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**Tee Frisby**  
San Diego Chapter



I am a multifaceted woman who holds family and aviation close to my heart. As a mother, student, grandmother, and creative, I have worn many hats. Becoming a pilot and flourishing as an aviator has been one of the most challenging and rewarding chapters of my life. Along this journey, I have become a strong advocate for mentorship. My involvement with The Ninety-Nines includes supporting the bi-monthly OMNI magazine alongside its chief editor and assisting the scholarship chair in expanding opportunities for fellow aviators. I have also found purpose working with organizations such as the Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals (OBAP), engaging and inspiring school-age youth. Through networking and camaraderie with Melanated Aviators, I have built a nationwide aviation community that has made flight training more accessible and enriching. Serving on The Ninety-Nines Nominating Committee would allow me to apply my broad perspective, meaningful connections, and deep commitment to representation.

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**Laura Del Favero**  
Santa Clara Valley  
Chapter



I'm honored to be considered for the Nominating Committee. Since joining the 99s in 2007, I've had the pleasure of serving in a variety of chapter board roles, including on the Nominating Committee. Currently, I'm wrapping up my second term as a SWS Director, continuing my work as the SWS newsletter editor since 2020, and I recently joined the SWS membership committee. These experiences have given me a deep appreciation for our organization and the amazing women who make it thrive. I hope to use the insights gained from these roles to help recruit candidates from the large and diverse community of women pilots in the SWS. Aviation has always been a source of inspiration for me, and I'm committed to helping the 99s grow and to supporting future generations of women pilots.

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**Mary McMahon**  
Coyote Country Chapter



I would like to be considered as a candidate for the Nominating Committee. After wanting to become a pilot since I was five, I finally made that happen in 2005. It was one of the greatest days of my life. Unfortunately, soon after, I was unable to fly due to health issues for six months. If not for my friends in the chapter calling me up and saying, "We're going flying today!" I don't think I would have had the nerve to go on to get my Instrument rating, fly the Air Race Classic four times, compete in the Havasu 600, and fly formation into Oshkosh. I will be forever grateful to the Ninety-Nines and would like to help others the way they helped me. I have held the position of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary in the Coyote Country Chapter.