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The Ninety-Nines Inc.

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International Straight & Level: February 2026

From the President's Desk

Connected From Anywhere

Easy Ways to Plug-In as a New Member

One of the best things about The Ninety-Nines is that community isn't limited by geography.

If you don't live near other members — or your schedule makes meetings tough — you can still feel connected and involved.

Start by visiting your chapter's website and social media pages to see updates, photos, and event recaps (and to start recognizing names). Then reach out to your Chapter Chair or a board member and let them know you're a first-year member who'd like to connect remotely. They can help you find a "right-sized" way to jump in.

Consider micro-volunteering from home: send a welcome email to a new member, write a short newsletter blurb, share chapter posts, create a simple event reminder graphic, or follow up with people who RSVP'd.

Small, flexible contributions build real connections quickly — and remind you that you truly belong, even from miles away.

Volunteer at The 99s Booth at WAI!





If you're heading to the Women in Aviation International (WAI) Conference, we would love to see The Ninety-Nines represented by friendly faces at our booth — including yours.

Booth volunteering is a fun, low-pressure way to connect with members from everywhere, meet future pilots, and share what The 99s is all about through real conversations.

Shifts are simple and flexible—you can sign up for one slot or a few—and we'll have everything you need at the booth, plus a quick rundown so you feel confident and supported.

Please choose your shift on our volunteer schedule at [signup.com](https://signup.com/go/OwLWKge):
<https://signup.com/go/OwLWKge>

Thanks for helping us show up strong at WAI — having you there makes the difference.

Blue Skies,

Robin Hadfield
 International President

SiriusXM Aviation is gifting one FREE six-month Aviation Pilot Preferred service – a \$395 value – to a lucky member of The Ninety-Nines.

Our sponsor, SiriusXM Aviation, is offering members located in the U.S. a chance to win a free six months of their Aviation Pilot Preferred service. This comprehensive aviation weather subscription, designed for Garmin and Foreflight users, offers radar, lightening, and forecasts across the U.S. and southern Canada. Consistent data reception at any altitude and on the ground.



It's simple to enter. Click on this [link](#) or use the QR code to fill in the Entry Form. The draw is open now, and the winner will be announced by the end of April.

Quarterly Giveaway Reminder: Win a FREE Lightspeed Delta Zulu Headset!



A quick nudge, because time has a way of speeding up: our quarterly draw for a free Lightspeed Delta Zulu headset is open, and every eligible member can enter.

If you've ever thought, "I'll do it later," this is your friendly reminder that later has a habit of disappearing. To enter, go to the Member Portal (Members Only), complete the quick entry form, and you're in. The next deadline to enter is March 30, 2026. The winner will be announced in the April issue of Straight & Level.

Enter to Win

BOGO Winner Spotlight!

Congratulations to [Madi Passingham](#) —

our January BOGO Membership Bonanza winner!

Madi renewed her membership in January — and scored next year's dues for free! She's a proud member of the Atlantic Chapter, East Canada Section, and has been a part of The Ninety-Nines since January 2024.

Renew your membership on time and you might be next. Each month, we randomly pick one renewing member to receive a complimentary year of dues. Stay connected, stay inspired, and keep lifting up women in aviation — your renewal could be the lucky one. ✈

Join Us in Oklahoma City: International Board Meeting March 6-7, 2026

We hope you can join us for our International Board meeting on March 6-7, 2026, at headquarters. All members are invited.

We have a room block reserved at the Hilton Garden Inn Oklahoma City Airport for March 3–8, 2026. Booking is simple — [click here](#) and select "Book a Room" to receive the group rate.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you in March.



Executive Director's Headquarters Update by Jill vanEgmond

Things have been busy at Ninety-Nines Headquarters! We've made several upgrades to improve both our facilities and day-to-day operations, and we're excited to share some highlights with you.

At the Museum of Women Pilots, the elevator has been fully repaired and updated with a new cellular phone system featuring 24-hour monitoring for safety and reliability. We've also added lockout switches, so the elevator can be secured when the museum is closed.

Our HVAC system repairs are now complete, meaning all offices — including those in the northwest corner, which weren't getting proper heat or air — are now comfortable year-round.

On the financial side, we're thrilled to have Aileen Coverdell, International Board Treasurer, working at Headquarters through April as we transition all of our accounts to QuickBooks Online. This upgrade will make our financial systems more efficient and transparent.

We also welcome a new face to Headquarters — Bo Valtr, our new full-time accountant! Bo is a finance graduate from the University of Oklahoma and brings great experience and enthusiasm to our team. We're so glad to have him on board.

And finally, in our ongoing mission to preserve the history of The Ninety-Nines, we're installing a high-density filing system to help us organize and safeguard our growing collection of historical documents and records.

It's an exciting time at Headquarters, and we're grateful for your continued support as we maintain and enhance the home of The Ninety-Nines. We hope to see many of you in March at the International Board of Directors Meeting!

Wishing you smooth flights!

Are you ready? International election will be held from March 15-May 1, 2026.

Members will receive an invitation to vote in the upcoming International election for Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Nominating Committee members via email and text message (if you are registered for electronic voting), or via a printed ballot if you requested one.

Choosing an electronic ballot helps The Ninety-Nines save on printing, mailing, and processing costs. If you are one of the members who still need to switch to electronic voting, please consider that every dollar saved can be reinvested in our various

programs and outreach initiatives. Electronic voting is fast, secure, and convenient, making it easier than ever to have your voice heard in shaping our organization's future. Make the switch today and be part of this positive change! You can check your voting status on our website in the Members Area. On the right-hand side list, select *Update Information*. The Membership Update form is opened, with your name on the top. Scroll down, and you will see Online Voting. Make sure you have "Yes" checked off.

The screenshot shows the 'Members Area' navigation menu on the right, with 'Update Information' highlighted by a red arrow. The main content area on the left includes sections for 'Magazine', 'Email Renewal', 'Notices', 'Online Voting', and 'Membership Resource Database Information'. The 'Online Voting' section is circled in red, and the 'Update Information' link in the menu is also highlighted with a red arrow.

If you require assistance to update your preference for electronic voting, please contact Laura Ohrenberg, hqmanager@ninety-nines.org.

All members should please verify that your email address and/or text/SMS number (or mailing address for printed ballots) are up to date. Thank you.

Clarification regarding the application of international Standing Rule VIII 1 concerning campaigning activities is published in the January/February 2026 issue of *Ninety-Nines* on page 28.

Membership Reminder

When sharing a Membership Application with a potential new member, please be sure to use the **updated application** so it reflects the correct membership rates.

Annual Membership Pricing:

- **Ninety-Nine (USA Resident): \$75.00**
- **Ninety-Nine (Canada Resident): \$67.00**
- **Ninety-Nine (All Other Countries): \$54.00**
- **Student Pilot (USA & Canada Resident): \$35.00**
- **Student Pilot (All Other Countries): \$30.00**

The updated application can be found here:

👉 <https://www.ninety-nines.org/userfiles/file/MembershipApplication-Revised-07302025.pdf>

Membership Coordinators:

Amy Stout – astout@ninety-nines.org

Nautica Carter – ncarter@ninety-nines.org

We have encountered numerous members who find it hard to get into the Members Area — both new members and long-time members. We use the directory for so much, and of course there is a lot more on there. This step-by-step information should help you.

- Go to <https://www.ninety-nines.org/members/>
- When the page loads, you'll see two white boxes to enter your email address and password.
- To the right, find the text that says:
“If you are a member of The Ninety-Nines and need to register for the Members Only area or if you have forgotten your password, click here.”
- Click “click here”.
- A new box will open—enter your email address.
- Click Send via email.
- The website will send you an email with a verification link.
- Open the email and click the verification link.

Important (this part can feel confusing, but it's normal):

- After clicking the first verification link, it may look like you're back on the same registration page.
- Enter your email address again and click Send via email again.
- You will receive a second email.
- Click the link in the second email—this one should take you to a page where you can create your password.

Password requirements:

- Your password must include at least:
 - 1 uppercase letter
 - 1 lowercase letter
 - 1 number
 - 1 special character (example: !@#\$%)

If you don't see the email:

- Check your Spam/Junk folder (some email providers send automated website emails there).

After you set your password:

- Return to <https://www.ninety-nines.org/members/>
- Enter your email address and your new password to log in.

Once you're logged in:

- You'll see "Welcome" and your name on the page.
- On the right side, you'll see links to the different pages in the Members Only area.

If you still have problems accessing the Members Area of the website, contact Laura Ohrenberg at hqmanager@ninety-nines.org



July 8-12, 2026

Westin Gaslamp Hotel

San Diego, California

Don't Miss Out on Discounted Early Registration Through March 31st!

For complete conference information, schedule and registration: 99sconference.org

Please note: Members must be registered for the Conference to reserve a room at the Westin Gaslamp Hotel during the Conference. Members should not attempt to reserve a room on their own.

Conference Highlights:

- **Pre-Conference Options** (Half-day tour to La Jolla; Evening Gaslamp Quarter Food Tour) — Wednesday, July 8
- **Opening Keynote Breakfast and Address** ("Flying Without Arms: Redefining Limitations and Possibilities — Jessica Cox") - Thursday, July 9
- **Laugh, Learn and Lead** (Round-table Discussions) — Friday, July 10
- **Professional Pilot Career Panel** ("Blazing the Trail for Today's Career Pilots") — Saturday, July 11

Supporting Your Conference

To keep registration fees from skyrocketing every year, the Conference depends on additional sources of revenue. Complete information is available on the Conference

website. There are several ways you can support your Conference:

- **International Conference Sponsorships** — For more information, contact Rosanne Isom at 99sconferencesponsors@gmail.com.
- **"Sponsor A Pilot"** — Generous Ninety-Nines have often expressed an interest in supporting Student Pilot members who would like to attend an International Conference for the first time. The option to "Sponsor a Pilot" is available when registering for the Conference. Funds donated will be allocated through a drawing to help offset some of the expenses for Student Pilot members attending their first Conference
- **Fly Mart/Exhibit Hall** — Exhibit table information is available on the Conference registration website under the "**Exhibitor/Sponsorship/Program Advertising**" tab.
- **Conference Program Advertising** — Purchasing an ad in the International Conference Program offers Chapters and Sections a way to recognize a member's achievement, thank a member for her service, or memorialize a deceased member. Conference Program advertising is also a cost-effective way for businesses to reach a very specific audience. Conference Program Advertising forms are found on the Conference website under the "**Exhibitor/Sponsorship/Program Advertising**" tab.

Join Us in San Diego - Register Here

AEMSF DONATIONS December 2025: \$131,979.90

INDIVIDUALS: Lolita Marie Adrien, Jenny Beatty, Harriet Bergman, Cynthia Copeland-DeVan, Lynne K. Hsia, Patricia Kent, Charles S. Lindrooth, Elizabeth Honor Scott, Janis Skliar, Michael G. Tribuno

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IN MEMORY OF JEAN MARIE GRIFFIN (SCARO): Elaine M. Berry, Jean DiPietro, Paul McEvoy

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IN HONOR OF JAN SQUILLACE: Carol Squillace

IN MEMORY OF CATHIE TAYLOR: Gordon Taylor

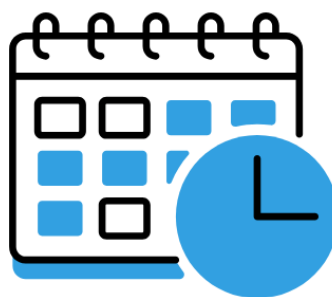
LIGHTSPEED AFFILIATE PROGRAM

Member Perk Alert!



The promo code **NNI999** is now active and gives members **\$5 off daily tickets** and **\$30 off weekly tickets**. When using the code online or at the ticket window, members may be asked to show proof of membership — so keep that handy.

This offer is exclusively for Ninety-Nines members. Please do not share the code with non-members.



[Click here to access the online calendar](#)

Section Statistics of Members, as of January 31, 2026

African	19	Member at Large	14
Arabian	54	Mexico	1
Australian	33	Mid-Atlantic	490
Austrian	3	Nepal	12
Brazil	1	New England	249
British	19	New York-New Jersey	221
China	2	New Zealand	15
East Canada	364	North Central	907
Far East	4	Northwest	621
Finnish	10	Russian	3
French	12	South Central	1,071
German	57	Southeast	1,280

India	43	Southwest	1,953
Israeli	4	West Canada	249
Italian	4	TOTAL	7,715

Procedures for Notices in Straight and Level

Information for the Straight & Level must be received by noon on the 25th of the month (except for February when it is needed by noon on the 23rd) for inclusion in the next month's issue.

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