



March 2021



The Board of directors' February meeting was held in Lake Las Vegas at the home of ISA+21 Treasurer Kyoko Kimura. Five board members convened in person, and four joined from varying corners of the globe from Chicago to Boston, and Mexico to Germany! View the minutes [here](#).

Member Spotlights for February and March!



If you have any [Spotlight](#) or [Throwback Thursday](#) content and ideas, please email Communications Director Erin Jackson at communications@isa21.org

Events Director's Corner

Conference Survey: Thank you to everyone who filled out the conference survey! The board will tally the results and take your feedback into consideration when making a decision about the upcoming 2021 conference. As always, the safety of our members will be a top priority and we will make every effort to make the conference accessible to as many members as possible. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding as the board navigates these uncertain and trying times.

Sun 'n Fun: We are looking for a volunteer who will be attending the Lakeland, FL Sun 'n Fun event April 13-18, that is willing to coordinate an ISA+21 "socially distanced" social event! Send an email to Events Director Maggie Eickhoff at events@isa21.org.

Aspiring Member Update, by ISA+21 Member Katherine Wallace



One of our new Aspiring Members, Libby Melhopt, of Timaru, New Zealand, is excelling in her new instructing role. Libby is a 675 hour Flight Instructor that was laid off from her Flight Instructing job soon after COVID arrived in New Zealand, and all international students were required to return to their home nations. Libby is the new step-niece of ISA+21 member Katherine Wallace. After meeting at their family wedding, Libby and Katherine met for a few lunch dates and worked together on resume/CV prep, interview skills, and networking. Not long afterwards, Libby successfully interviewed for a job and is now the Instructor at North Otago Aero Club in Oamaru. She has since also been offered another part time instructing job at the Timaru Aero Club. Way to go Libby!! Libby is working this month on completing her "B-Cat" rating which will allow her to work unsupervised and sign off student for their first solo. She also loves aerobatics and plans to become an aero instructor, with a long term goal of becoming an Air New Zealand airline pilot!

Women In Aviation Conference Summary, Kara Hatzai, ISA+21 Vice President and WAI Coordinator



As many of you are aware, the Women in Aviation conference 2021 was cancelled in Reno, Nevada and for the first time in history, held virtually. If you have ever been part of a staff organizing a virtual conference, you know the challenges of trying to organize and put together a conference of this size virtually. Women in Aviation rose to the occasion. While there were some technical difficulties here and there, they presented a visually and educationally appealing conference.

ISA+21 was invited to participate as an “exhibitor” and the board decided to participate. WAI set up a virtual “exhibitor hall” that was very much set up like a real exhibitor hall. A participant could enter through the hall doors and walk the aisles to interact with exhibitors. They also had it set up for you to be able to chat with exhibitors during certain hours on Thursday and Friday. The ISA+21 booth chatted with several other exhibitors, past scholarship winners, current members and potential members during the live chat. It was fun to virtually be able to say “Hi” and answer any questions people had! We were also able to show attendees and exhibitors our new website and promote our social media handles. Our ISA+21 Scholarship Committee awarded over \$100,000 worth of scholarships! Overall, WAI did a great job of offering a conference in an all virtual world. Hopefully this will be the only year we have to do “all virtual” and it can be a nice added feature for future conferences. The one sentiment that we heard over and over again is people can’t wait to meet up in person again next year. Let’s hope that will be the case!



Lifetime Membership

We had our first member sign up for the new Lifetime Membership this week, Karen Gerharter-Goodman of Atlas Air!

See all membership levels [here](#).



Volunteer Coordinator Needed!

The Board of Directors is in search of a member to be in charge of fielding volunteers to help with various committee positions. An understanding of each board position and committee is important for this position. If interested, please email info@isa21.org



[#InternationalWomensDay](#)

We celebrated International Women's Day this month on all four of our social media platforms! Please follow the public profiles of ISA+21, and share posts like this, and also our inspiring Throwbacks, Wise Word Wednesday posts, and more! (Social links at the very bottom of the newsletter)



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