

Report of the SSA Governors and Record Keepers Committee, Winter 2015

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There have been a few transitions of SSA State Governors in the past few months and a number of renewals. Thanks to those who have signed-on for another term. I've held back on newsletters until this period of transition and renewals has settled. I've asked the webmaster to see about flagging expired terms, rather than having them vanish from the page. I think this will help better manage our governor volunteer leaders.

SSA State Governors should start receiving regular automated monthly new and lapsed member reports before long. This will match the online views that are already available, but will be 'pushed' at the governors instead of having to seek out the information. The online views will remain in place. The lapsed member view now includes the year the lapsed member joined the SSA. If my own Colorado report is indicative, we are losing some medium to long term members at quite a rate. Hopefully the governors will return comments back to the SSA so we can see if these efforts can improve retention. Where there is a governor vacancy or expiration, the responsible regional director will receive the report for that state.

I've had some discussions with Mark Matticola about the Junior (Youth) Record Categories being rather narrowly defined. I've asked that he discuss this with the new Badge and Records Chair Bob Faris, but agree that our national categories for youth are very limited. This resulted from closer alignment with FAI record requirements. FAI does not entertain youth records. This is strictly a national organization's prerogative and what goals do we wish to present to our junior pilots.