

Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 20, 2024
Walker Center, Oklahoma City University

Presiding: Diana Haslett, Board President

Ms. Haslett called the meeting to order at 4:05pm. Present were David Nelson, Carylon Ross, Daniel Thompson, Nancy Struby, and Beth Adele.

In the absence of Secretary Mark Scott, Ms. Struby took the meeting minutes.

Ms. Struby moved and Mr. Thompson seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the 4/4/24 membership meeting. The motion carried.

Ms. Struby presented the 5/31/24 Financial Report. The total assets are \$8,642.74, of which \$3,869.79 is in the checking account. The only outstanding expense is the \$2,000 Open Water invoice which has not been received. Mr. Thompson moved and Ms. Adele seconded for approval of the Financial Report. Motion carried.

Ms. Struby gave a report on the OAB. The 2025 OAB Student Day will be at the River Spirit in Tulsa, date to be announced. In an effort to reduce no-shows, registration allotments for the schools will be based on the 2024 convention attendance.

Ms. Haslett reviewed the slate of officers for 2025. There was discussion about the vacancy of the Vice President position.

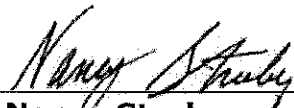
Ms. Haslett gave a report on the OBEA Competition. There was discussion about the problem with some judges not meeting the deadlines, and a plan to check in with them several times during the judging period in 2025 to make sure they are on track. The group agreed that more judges would be beneficial. Ms. Struby will advise when the OAB registration deadline is set so the OBEA awards entry and judging deadlines can be confirmed. Ms. Haslett said a competition committee will be formed. There was also discussion about Walker Companies raising the price of award plaques to \$44. The group decided to get pricing from other vendors including Midwest Trophy and Dale Rogers, and to consider acrylic trophies instead of plaques. Will re-visit the topic at the October meeting.

Ms. Haslett announced the OBEA/OETA Student Day is scheduled for October 9th pending approval from Polly Anderson. [Update: that date has been approved.] Possible panel topics were discussed including AI, election coverage, interviewing skills, multi-media journalists, best practices for mental health for journalists, and HR updates. It was suggested to limit the number of sessions to five, use fewer

panelists at each session, and try to incorporate news, sports, and promotions. Planned moderators are David Nelson, Diane Haslett, and Mark Scott. The agenda should be finalized by October 1. OAB will sponsor the Scholarship awards. Ms. Struby will distribute the applications by September 1.

Mr. Nelson moved and Ms. Ross seconded a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:40pm.

The next meeting will be October 9th at the OBEA/OETA Student Day event.


Nancy Struby

8/27/2024

Date