



OBEA Meeting Agenda  
April 9, 2026  
OKANA Resort

- I. Call to Order -
- II. Approval of Minutes from October 8, 2025 – Jared and David
- III. Treasurer’s Report -
- IV. Approval of Treasurer’s Report – Dean and Lara
- V. Nomination and Election of New Officers
  - a. Mark Scott – President
  - b. Lara Roberto – Vice President
  - c. Taking Nominations – Secretary – Nomination of Erika Williams by David Nelson
  - d. Diana - David
- VI. Old Business
  - a. How OBEA may help inform curriculum among member institutions? – UCO helped and Erika is a part of Langston’s advisory board to help with curriculum. Can move this off the agenda.
- VII. New Business
  - a. Membership Discussion
    - i. What are the benefits of being an individual OBEA member vs. Institutional member?
      1. Leadership opportunities, allows you to vote, no say in categories/judged, dates and session input, used BEA as a model, networking...keep on resume/vitae, Oklahoma is unique with a strong Public, OAB, and OBEA orgs that work together.
    - ii. Perhaps add a method of joining with an email instead of just phone number on website?
  - b. Constitution & Bylaws
    - i. Some outdated information on website – May need a subcommittee to review. – Beth, David, Diana, Jared, and Mark Norman (Beth- Jared motions)
  - c. Competition Discussion
    - i. Categories
      1. Podcasts (Tip – expanding in digital media, vertical video and podcasts – video & audio)
      2. New Media? (Is it still considered new?)
        - a. Descriptions should be updated since they have been putting podcasts under genres
      3. Category Competition committee? (Dean and Carolyn) Tip, Lara, Diana, Carolyn, Mark
      4. Spanish-speaking Broadcasts / Narrative Doc-Script? – Goes to sub-committee?
  - d. OBEA Student Competition 2026 (In 2027)
    - i. Tentative Dates
      1. Awards Entries deadline: Jan 22
      2. Judging: Jan 25-Feb 20

3. Results Announced: Feb 23
4. OAB Student Day Registration Deadline: Mar 5
5. OAB Convention: April 1, 2027 – River Spirit Casino Resort Tulsa

- e. Summer Meeting? June 10, 2026 – Virtual at 11 a.m.
- f. Comets game? Mark will ask Gwin Lippert to see when this might happen. June 2?

VIII. Additional New Business

- a. Disappointed in OETA Day – Vance Harrison
- b. No Oct 11-14 this year
- c. Shoot for a Tues/Thurs
- d. Stay away from OU/TX
- e. Registrations Cut Off
- f. Post attendance survey
- g. Leave it to the faculty to bring the student
- h. Bob Allen passed away.

IX. Adjournment – Diana/Iara – 11:55 p.m.