



**Oklahoma Chapter of NATS
Governing Board 2025 Fall Meeting Proposed Agenda**

Proposed date: November 16, 2024

Proposed time: 1pm CST

Proposed location: Zoom

Meeting called to order by: Christian Bester at 1:06 PM

In Attendance: Tracey Gregg-Boothby, Christian Bester, Jeremy Blackwood, Laura Cowan, Danielle Herrington, Autumn West, Brianne Kollmorgen

I. Welcome and Acknowledgments

GOVERNING BOARD 2024-2026

Catherine McDaniel, Governor

Christiaan Bester, President

Anné-Marie Condacse, Past President

Autumn West, VP Workshops

Danielle Herrington, Treasurer

Brianne Kollmorgen, Secretary

Laura Cowan, VP Auditions

Tracey Gregg-Boothby, VP Auditions

Lesley Friend, Webmaster

II. Report 2025 TEXOMA Conference

- **Hospitality Contribution:** \$75 Hospitality contribution was sent to the TEXOMA Conference. - Claimed they have not received it, but it was sent in October- in the process of figuring it out.
- **BOC President and District Governor Reports** - Christiaan Bester and Catherine McDaniel
 - President- Nothing new, will discuss agenda items.
 - 3 extra members from 2024, but a decrease by about 22 students in last conference
 - Location important
- Texoma NATS:
 - Autumn- Very well attended- parking and distance between buildings, always an issue, but handled as well as they could.
 - OCU, USAO, NSU, SWOSU, OU all present at Texoma
 - Macey Trussell- 2nd place in NATSAA
 - Have teachers provide a full list of semi-finals and finalists from Oklahoma.

III. Treasurer Report:

- Billing system and business account update
 - Scammed in June and July- someone sent an email requesting bank information (email had sign-off and it was very accurate to Christian's email)
 - Old account needed to be frozen and new account needed to be created
 - Will have to buy new checks- Chase would not reimburse.
 - Account: \$ 1317- ERS
 - \$1347 in the actual bank account- includes \$75 for Texoma
 - October 24th confirmed check delivered
 - Change to Bill-Pay-
 - Nationals- used to direct deposit into Chase- now it goes through third party
 - Alleviate staffing issues at Nationals
 - Third party system has some issues

IV. Discuss Planning Procedures for the 2026 Oklahoma Chapter of NATS Conference and Student Auditions

- **Date and Location:** April 11, 2026 University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, Chickasha, OK
 - Letter of intent to the host
 - USAO- Site visit on December 5th in the morning.
- Starting Spring 2026- raising \$15 to \$20
 - Motion: Christian
 - Second: Tracey gregg-Boothby
 - All in favor- Approved

- **Tentative Schedule**

Time	Event	Locations
7:15 a.m.	Teacher Registration	
7:45 a.m.	Judges Meeting	
8:30 a.m.	Preliminary Rounds begin	
1:00 p.m.	Lunch and Business Meeting	
3:00 p.m.	Announcement of Finalists	
3:30 p.m.	Finals begin	
4:30 p.m.	2025 Winners Concert	
5:30 p.m.	Announcement of 2026 OK Winners	
6:15 p.m.	Adjourn	

- **Interest Session Presentations**

- Call for Proposals and Announcement of Presenters deadlines: As per the 2022 Fall Board Meeting Minutes “The call should be sent out by mid-November with a deadline to submit by early January.”
 - Autumn West- send out Google Form for call- Mid January deadline- no poster presentations this year.
 - Discussion of possible clinicians for masterclasses
 - Put presentations at 11:30-12:30 PM- since multiple rooms are usually finished by then and Masterclass at 2:00 PM.

IV. Oklahoma Chapter of NATS Website:

- Leslie is requesting HR photos from recitals, opera productions, folks at TEXOMA NATS, and Oklahoma Chapter NATS.
 - Pictures of a recent trip to Texoma for our website- send straight to Lesley.

V. Oklahoma Chapter of NATS Bylaws:

- Revision completed
 - It has been updated onto the website as well.

VI. Options for Future OK Chapter of NATS Student Auditions and Conference

- Looking for host for Spring 2027

VII. New Membership Award

- Have not received any applications so far
 - Even though the deadline has passed, we will accept a new member and present the award.

VIII. Other Business:

- Disqualification due to miss categorization
 - Situation last spring about miss categorization.
 - Ways to prevent this- Clarification and example of registration categories.
 - Give 48 hours to teachers to confirm categories of students and if they are not in the correct category after that then the students are disqualified.
- Election of Officers – Nominating Chair (March 12 deadline for slate of officers, send out to members)
 - March 12 deadline- slate of officers list sent to members
 - Anne-Marie Condasce- nominations chair- draft that language.
 - Audition chairs- alternating so both do not leave at the same time.
- Vocal clinician for Spring Conference (NATS Discretionary fund)
 - Will contact the clinician discussed to see if there is interest.
- Reminder in email sent to members:
 - Teachers cannot play for their own students or students from their own institution.
 - Copyright- Peters Editions
 - Caution on any scam emails
- As we register for NATS- donation button or even “tax-deeduction” donation for end of the year.
- Draft change bylaws- Treasurer will have to serve two consecutive terms- bring to the Spring meeting- possible vote that day.
- If teachers or students want to attend NATS National- contact Christian about volunteering.

Thank you all for your contributions and your time,
Christiaan Bester, Oklahoma Chapter of NATS President christiaan.bester@okstate.edu

Meeting Adjourned by: Christian Bester
Time: 2:35 PM

Recording Secretary: Brianne Kollmorgen
November 15, 2025