



**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](mailto:christiaan.bester@okstate.edu)

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

Recording Secretary: Brianne Kollmorgen  
November 15, 2025