

**Oklahoma District NATS
2008 Spring Conference and Auditions**

Business Meeting Minutes
University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK
April 12, 2008
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1. Dr. Steven Emge, Governor, Oklahoma District NATS presiding.
2. Dr. Emge thanked the University of Central Oklahoma faculty for hosting the conference. Barbara Streets was host. We appreciated the lovely refreshments and lunch.
3. Approval of minutes of 2007 business meeting
 - a. Motion to approve by Joyce Adams Curtis
 - b. Second by Ken Bohannon
 - c. Motion carried unanimously
4. Financial Report:
 - a. **4/14/07 balance: \$1,293.60**
 - b. Spring 2007 conference and auditions and \$500.00 donation to NATS Foundation
10/03/07 balance of: \$1,433.71
 - c. Texoma Regional NATS contribution of \$75.00 to Hospitality and Spring 2008 newsletter - **4/09/08 balance of: \$1304.11**
 - d. Spring 2008 conference luncheon and teacher registration - **4/10/08 balance of: \$1660.11**
 - e. Projected student fees, conference supplies and awards - **Projected balance of: 2169.11**
5. Auditions Report
 - a. There were 39 teachers and 166 student participants attending the conference.
6. Dr. Emge attended the Texoma Regional NATS Board of Control meeting in November 2007.
 - a. Proposal concerning Musical Theater at regional NATS can be found on the Texoma NATS website.
 - i. If members have information or concerns about this matter, they should email them to Dr. Emge at semge@se.edu.
 - ii. Dr. Emge will take Oklahoma NATS members' concerns to Board of Control meeting in May.
7. Dr. Emge congratulated Jennifer Kerber who participated in the NATSSA Competition in San Antonio in April. Jennifer placed third in the Texoma Region.

8. Dr. Emge conveyed the membership's congratulations to Rhetta Hudson and Norma Partridge, NATS members who will retire from Oklahoma Baptist University in May, 2008.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- a. NATS Foundation – Oklahoma NATS donates \$500.00 to the NATS Foundation yearly. Projections indicate that those funds will be available this year.
- b. The changes in Young Women's and Young Men's divisions were implemented at this conference. Clarification:
 - i. Young Women I: 15-16 yrs. old
 - ii. Young Men I: 15-16 yrs. Old
 - iii. Young Women II: 17, 18 or 19 yrs. old – not graduated from high school
 - iv. Young Men II: 17, 18 or 19 yrs. old – not graduated from high school

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Oklahoma Auditions Chair, Melody Baggech has asked for changes to spring conference and audition forms, to facilitate immediate access to information.
 - i. Accompanist form – include division of each singer listed.
 - ii. Agree to Judge Form – create a place for judge's email address.
 - iii. Central location for Audition Rules – rules will be included in initial email concerning 2009 conference, and thanks to Charles Chapman, will be posted on OMEA website as they were for this conference.
- b. Opening documents created in Word 2007 - After some discussion, it was suggested that a PDF file could be created so it could be accessed by all. Although there was no motion, there was general agreement that this would be the best approach.
- c. Sending all conference fees to a single individual for next year's conference
 - i. A motion to send all fees to one person was made by Ellen Jane Wheeler and seconded by Daniel Farris.
 - ii. The ensuing discussion included questions and information concerning:
 1. Late registration – Members not bringing students may register as late as the day of the conference.
 2. Online registration is cost prohibitive, even for the Texoma Region.
 3. Registration and student audition fees would be paid to the Auditions Chair.
 4. This has proven beneficial to the Texoma Region, however, teachers were able to register online and the treasurer and auditions chair were located in the same building.
 - iii. Joyce Adams Curtis called the question.
 1. Motion carried.
- d. The Spring 2009 OKNATS Conference will be held April 17, 18, 2009 at Oklahoma State University. April Golliver will serve as host/contact person.
- e. Dr. Rebekah Ambrosini from Southern Nazarene University will look into the possibility of hosting the Spring 2010 conference and auditions.

- f. There was a brief discussion of the need for an increased number of Oklahoma judges in the semi-final and final rounds of Texoma Regional NATS auditions.
 - i. It was determined that this is a very real concern and should be addressed.
 - ii. Dr. Emge will bring the concern before the Texoma Board of Control in May, 2008.
 - g. Dr. Emge's term as Oklahoma District Governor will come to a close December 31, 2008. Due to other responsibilities, he will be unavailable to serve a second term.
 - i. Members who wish to be considered for the position should submit their names to Steven Emge at semge@se.edu.
 - ii. Dr. Emge will forward the list of candidates to Regional Governor, Diana Allan, and she will make the appointment.
 - h. Dr. Melody Baggech, Auditions Chair, has requested a discussion concerning the possibility of reducing the number of audition submissions for each instructor in Divisions III-XIII. Rationale: a) We allow 8 submissions and Texoma allows for only 6. b) Timing issues always create a strain. c) We typically have about 6 hours of Division V in one morning.
 - i. Due to time constraints, Daniel Farris moved to table the issue.
 - ii. Joyce Adams Curtis seconded.
 - iii. Motion carried.
11. Meeting was adjourned.