

Oklahoma District NATS
2007 Spring Conference and Auditions
Business Meeting Minutes
Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City, OK
April 14, 2007
Dr. Rhetta Hudson, Scribe

1. Dr. Steven Emge, Governor, Oklahoma District NATS presiding.
2. Dr. Emge solicited volunteer for meeting minutes scribe
 - a. Dr. Ken Bohannon volunteered Dr. Rhetta Hudson
 - b. Dr. Hudson agreed to serve as minute scribe
3. Approval of 2006 business meeting minutes
 - a. Approved unanimously
4. Dr. Steven Emge presented Dr. Ken Bohannon with a recognition award and plaque for his years of service as both governor and auditions chair.
5. Financial report presented by Dr. Emge
 - a. Projected balance approximately \$2200.00 after registration and conference expenses.
6. Auditions report present by Dr. Emge
7. Old Business
 - a. Revisited 2006 proposal to change the age limits of the Young Women's and Young Men's categories.
 - i. 96 ballots were sent out by then Governor Ken Bohannon
 - ii. 30 ballots returned; 21 in favor of change, 9 against change
 - iii. Further discussion of resolution among members ensued.
 1. Dr. Emge suggested that since the ballot process was agreed upon then the motion to change the age limits had passed and was in effect. A new motion would now be needed to revote on last year's motion.
 - iv. New motion to revote on last year's motion was put forth.
 1. Motion failed 24 (against) – 14 (for) – 2 (abstaining)
 - v. Current age limits and language will stand.
 - b. Motion to continue donating to the NATS foundation the sum of \$500.00 passed unanimously.
8. New Business
 - a. Dr. Emge requested an update of all Oklahoma NATS members to include:
 - i. Names
 - ii. School
 - iii. Current emails
 - b. Dr. Emge proposed an increase in information dissemination via the email system for those who felt comfortable in utilizing that system.
 - i. Material would still be available via the United States Postal Service for those who did not wish to use email exclusively.
 - ii. Most members indicated that using the email system alone for dissemination of information would be acceptable

- c. Dr. Emge began the solicitation process for determining next year spring conference site. Currently no schools could commit to hosting the event at the time of the conference. Oklahoma State University suggested that they would investigate the possibility of serving as “host” school upon their arrival back at their institution.
- d. 2007 Texoma Regional Conference location and dates was announced
- e. 50th Annual NATS National Conference location and dates was announced
- f. Dr. Frank Ragsdale made a motion to divide the Young Women’s and Young Men’s categories into 2 different age divisions.
 - i. The following categories were adopted; Category 1 = 15 & 16 year olds (not having reached age 17 by the time of the conference), Category 2 = 17, 18, 19 years of age (not having reached age 20 by the time of the conference). All other language concerning graduation would remain the same.
 - ii. Dr. Charles Chapman suggested a “friendly” amendment to empower the Governor and Audition’s Chair to “tweak” the language for submission to the Auditions Rules document.
 - iii. Motion passed 39 (in favor) – 0 (opposed) – 1 (abstaining)