

**FOI OKLAHOMA INC.**  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Saturday, Sep 14, 2019 | 10:30AM  
UCO Mass Comm Bldg, Room 105

**MINUTES**

Joe Hight called the meeting to order at 10:30am.

Minutes from the 4/20/19 meeting were reviewed. Lindel Hutson moved to accept as written, seconded by Bill Hickman, and approved unanimously.

Joe Hight presented the following list of candidates and nominated them to be on the Advisory Board:

- A. Sue Hale
- B. Kay Bickham
- C. Joey Senat
- D. Drew Edmondson
- E. Ziva Branstetter
- F. David McCullough
- G. Judy Gibbs Robinson
- H. Yvette Walker

Bill Crum seconded the motion, and vote was approved unanimously.

Executive Director Andy Moore provided his report. He stated most organizational activity is focused on the Oct 2nd Awards Dinner event. He also presented information regarding a potential ballot initiative for creation of an independent redistricting commission. Joe Hight stated he will refer the matter to the Nominations & Governance Committee for consideration.

Treasurer Brian Jones was absent but provided a finance report to the board, which was read by Andy Moore. Motion by Kevin, Second by Hanebutt, approved unanimously.

Michael Ridgeway nominated Rob Collins of Enid to join the board, seconded by Lindel Huston, and was approved unanimously.

Michael reported that we have one remaining board slot available, followed by a brief discussion of possible members. Michael requested all nominations be sent to him by email. Michael also stated that he has not received any volunteers or nominations for the position of board secretary, and requested those be sent to him by email as well.

Mark Thomas and Bill Hickman provided information regarding the upcoming ORA/OMA meetings that are being co-presented by OPA and FOI Oklahoma. Bill Hickman suggested that all members of the board make an effort to attend the OKC session on Dec 19th.

Bill Hickman presented information regarding the Reporters Committee of the Press Legal Initiative, which was followed by an open discussion about whether or not the organization should apply. Cindy Allen motioned that we should seek a formal collaboration with RCFP and other local organizations, seconded by Kevin Kemper, and approved unanimously.

Lea Morgan provided an update on the upcoming Awards Dinner on October 2nd. She requested assistance with volunteers as well as identifying potential sponsors.

Joe Hight read a statement from Bill Young regarding his recent resignation from the board. Joe stated he specifically asked Bill if there was anything FOI Oklahoma needed to refund to the OK Dept of Library, and Bill stated there was not.

Lindel Hutson motioned to postpone the FAC for 2019, seconded by Michael Ridgeway, motion approved unanimously.

Mark Thomas provided a legislative report. He reported that interim studies are ongoing. December 13th is bill request deadline. He will be meeting with Joey Senat to codify previous AG rulings into a "cleanup bill" and a "wish list bill" that they will propose to legislators for the upcoming session.

As new business, Kevin Kemper provided an overview of an ORA case in which he is involved, Wagner v Tidwell, where Custer County Sheriff's office is refusing to provide records via email, despite the fact that they already exist in electronic form.

Mark Thomas notified the board that OPA will likely be getting involved in a case in McAlester regarding police body cameras, where police are stating that all body camera footage are protected until after the investigation is complete.

Dick Pryor announced that, given that the OU Board of Regents has won the 2019 Black Hole Award, board members should read recent article in OU Daily and NonDoc regarding recorded phone calls between professor Suzane Grillot and David Boren and Renzi Stone.

Kevin Kemper announced that following their previous winning of the Black Hole Award, the City of Norman has improved their records process.

Joe Hight announced that the next meeting will be on Nov 16th.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02pm.