



Oklahoma Weather Lab General Board Meeting January 11th 2024

I. Opening

- A. Meeting started promptly at 5:02 P.M. with the overview of topics for the meeting.

II. Branch Updates

A. Development

- 1. Website will be live tomorrow!
 - a) Lots of cool features such as:

B. Broadcast/Outreach

- 1. Not much to talk about, the Photo Contest is being worked on and there will be graphics for the upcoming shift semesters.

C. Operations

- 1. Shift leader schedule is made and to be posted
- 2. Potential DEI/J issues with a lack of respect for female shift leaders from shift attendees.

III. Other Updates

A. Financial

- 1. Bank Updates:
 - a) \$1,167.30 in the bank!
 - b) SGA funding has moved onto SGA Budgetary Chair Review.
 - (1) We applied for around \$2000 for this semester's general meetings and backorder for December Game Night. HOOT meetings are also included.
 - (2) SGA does itemized budgets so if the full budget is not accepted, we will still get some funds—shoot for the stars to land on the moon.



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- (3) We should hear from them within the next month!
- 2. Working on some other fundraising items atm (including long overdue shirt stuff)
 - a) Food Fundraisers like QDOBA! We would get 25% of profits and there is a QDOBA very close to the NWC. (Thanks Shawn for the info!)
 - b) There are also plenty of other food places we can work with too (Panda Express, Panera Bread, etc.).
 - c) We also will get funds for our OWL 25th anniversary (more info later)

B. Spring General Meeting Plans

- 1. Kevin Kloesel has been reached out to.
- 2. We will be sticking to Tuesdays likely, and it will be the second week of the month still like last semester.
- 3. Will be reaching out to other speakers

C. Executive Board's Spring Semester Plans

1. Board Check-In Responses

- a) Operations: Not enough tasks to go around during the semester after the shift leaders schedule/training has been completed
 - (1) Proposal is to create an ad-hoc committee or permanent standing committee to assist with the creation of the Hall of Fame/nominating inductees.
 - (2) Create a lottery for people to clean/organize our space.
 - (a) Limit Steak Knives if possible.
 - (3) Could be the Julian Edelman of the board and play every position when a gap is needed.
- b) Will be sent out again mid-semester for a secondary check-in.



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2. Spring Meeting Plans

- a) February General Meeting: February 6th
- b) March General Meeting: March 12th
 - (1) Announce nominations for executive board positions will open at this meeting and explain the campaign rules
 - (2) Nominations open March 26th (2 weeks before April 9)
- c) April General Meeting: April 9th
 - (1) Next executive board elected
- d) OWL 25th Anniversary/OU3 Memorial Banquet: April 30th
 - (1) Announce first HoF inductees for OWL (including OU3)
 - (a) Everyone really liked this idea.
 - (2) Unveil OU3 plaque (on wall behind the computers) and new name for the lab “The Drake Brooks, Nic Nair, and Gavin Short Student Forecast Office”
 - (a) Need to start this ASAP.
 - (3) Perhaps a charcuterie board or something for food and would frame it as a nicer event.
 - (a) The school likely will have some funds available to fund this event—as a board, we can budget what we want and ask for the school to pay for it.
 - (4) Need to get an exact count of people there, such as through an RSVP or a specific form to fill out indicating attendance, just to ensure we are good.
 - (5) It won’t be just students—we can make sure all OWL alums who can show up, there are lots of people who have been in OWL who work in the NWC already.
 - (a) NWC Seminars List, Minerva could post it, etc.



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(i) Could be a slight problem for those who do not work in the building for security reasons—can explore!

(b) If there was any reason to have an ad-hoc committee, this would be the reason.

3. Hall of Fame

- a) Scale down number of inductees to 5-10.
- b) Can do around 3 per year for future years.
- c) Roy is currently reaching out to previous students without mentioning the Hall of Fame just to gather information.

(1) Right now, he's filling in the gaps for history, but one person gave a lot of contacts only on Twitter—we have approved for him to reach out to those people on those social media apps.

(2) Outreach could help assist in updating info.

(a) Creative ways to actually get in touch with people.

(b) Eventually we need to standardize who we pick and why we pick them but this year might not be necessary.

- d) We would like to create a permanent standing committee that actually selects the inductees every year

(1) Would require a vote but could be made up of the operations board and potentially one executive board member.

- e) Make sure we have a way to include people who no longer live here.

4. Hall of Flames mentioned.



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- a) Crimson flames a necessity.
- b) It's a slow burn, and we line the walls with lava so it can't explode.
- c) Drake asks to be unserious during February.

5. Co-Advisor

- a) OWL is a large organization to help split tasks with Shawn. It could really help with how many things there are to do.
- b) Aisha and other staff have advised this as well.
 - (1) Drake is suggesting Brent Venables.
- c) Open ideas of who we could ask:
 - (1) Must be OU faculty or staff
 - (2) Cannot be a federal employee
 - (3) We could also have informal co-advisors for those who don't fall in those categories (not on Engage).
 - (4) Drake suggests Brent Venables.

6. Constitutional Amendments

- a) Everything will be properly fleshed out before a vote.
- b) Impeachment Process
 - (1) Currently a bit convoluted in our opinion with how there are two processes
 - (2) Our proposal: One impeachment process for all voting board members, non-voting board members, and shift leaders
 - (3) Explicitly state that Nightly members are not subject to impeachment unless they are also a board member/shift leader
 - (4) Could add a censure portion to the amendment that is a reprimand rather than a full blown removal.



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- (5) Add some clarification for general membership revoking requirements to make things clearly.
- (6) Could add a laundry list of things that are violations.
 - (a) If it is a serious violation of code of conduct, constitution, or literal crimes, these are automatic for impeachments and removal.
- c) Nightly member attendance
 - (1) Nightly members are currently granted active member status for being on-air
 - (2) No mention of this in the constitution, so it would be a good idea to add something about this in the constitution
- d) Amendment process
 - (1) Change “4/6” majority to a simple majority since there are now 7 voting board members
 - (a) Allows for fluidity for changing board sizes.
 - (2) Shorten how much notice needs to be given to board and general membership before votes (amendments take about 1 month to be ratified currently [slugfest], but don’t want to make it where it’s instantaneous).
- e) Several wording issues occur and rewriting would make things clearer (as one big amendment).
- f) Executive board will create the amendments, then be presented to a board. Board will suggest changes and then go to a vote.
 - (1) Can be open ended.

D. Other Events

- 1. Continuing Forecast Series
 - a) Next session mid-February.



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- b) Could add to severe weather stuff.
- 2. Reach out to WDTD for another edition of the forecast workshop.
- 3. Shawn Talk:
 - a) Dave Parsons is bringing in Kevin Petty, the CEO of Aerous LLC, to talk about private sector and build up the 4+1 program. He has been at IBM, NCAR, etc.. The idea has been proposed for an event designed for underclassmen as a potential joint event for SCAN and OWL, and for students to ask questions (for example, if the 4+1 is a good idea). Huge that they asked.
 - (1) The board agrees that it will be a good, valuable idea. I (the treasurer) really support this for increasing information for our students!
 - b) The Weather Channel has approached us for putting a skycam (that they are paying for) and we will have control over it. It will be a 4k camera, with pan tilt zoom, on the roof. The current idea is that it will be pointed North towards the stadium, but that we can use it for monitoring weather events near us. The camera has a microphone on it as well.
 - (1) It will be posted on the OWL and School Website, as well as on the Weather Channel. Additionally, they sent a tempest weather station so that we can at least have some obs alongside it (albeit not to the same quality as the Mesonet, in my opinion).
 - (a) Preston, a former member of the Weatherflow company, agrees that the station is relatively awful.



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(2) There will not only be bandwidth to have this camera, but it will be delivered as soon as the day after this board meeting.

c) Shawn will be teaching a class in the OWL lab during lunch on Wednesdays. It will be important to keep the place clean as it will become a classroom, in addition to it being off limits during his class.

d) Lots of cool stuff and opportunities are approaching!

(1) Shawn also had an idea to put out a call on OWL social media for all OWL alumnus to show up to the OU reception and take a large, 25th anniversary photo at the National Aquarium!

(a) We will draft it up promptly, Outreach.

IV. Final Matters

A. Open Discussion?

1. Discussion on the issue of inequality for female shift leaders was continued. There will be action but for the safety of the shift leaders, we will keep this off the meeting notes. Please feel free to reach out to the executive board if you have further questions and want information.

B. Thank you everyone!