Meeting called to order at 10:30 a.m. by President Troy Morris.

Directors present were: Russell Guthrie, Troy Morris, Gladys Schneider, Dr. David Bryant, Jim Oblander, Ed Sifford, Jack Strain, Johnnie Davis, Amy TeBeest, Eric Begley, Liz Gardner-McBee, Sterrette Coffman, and Dr. Doris Looper. Advisors present were Dennis Schneider, Emma Schultz, Jessica Lofland, Joe Lane, Jay Lark, and Lucille CAVIS.

Johnnie Davis requested that the Past President written report of Troy Morris be included in the minutes of the April 1 meeting. Advisor Emma Schultz suggested it would be appropriate as an attachment to the minutes. There were no objections to the attachment.

Johnnie Davis moved to accept the minutes of the April 1, 2006 board meeting and the April 22 annual meeting. Motion seconded by Jack Strain. Motion passed.

Correspondence: Foundation has notified the association the 2006-2007 alumni scholarship recipient will be Kasey Painter, and alternate will be Jesse Seth Sciacca.

OPSU President Dr. Bryant reported
• OPSU fared well with budget increase this year. If enrollment will help us out, the 2007 FY budget will be based in 1150; if achieved, the plan is for a 5% increase. [He recognized Eric Begley and Jessica Lofland for the enrollment efforts.]
• We are moving forward in selection and hiring of contractor for the new science/agriculture building. Intends to have groundbreaking on October 14 after the parade and before lunch.
• Brent Shoulders and the Art Department have proposed addition of three panels of mural for the old war memorial. Student Senate has indicated it would support the project. Dr. Bryant requested input from alumni on the design: Is it right story? Right message?
• The Guymon Daily Herald is doing an OPSU page once each week. Once students are back it will be sent to all of them via email.

Troy Morris mentioned the Noble Foundation has pledge a challenge grant in outfitting the new science/agag building. Dr. Bryant reported the State Regents have provided $100,000 in matching money for the water quality laboratory. Also, PTCI has pledged $25,000 for a video lab in the building.

There was a brief discussion of TABOR (Taxpayer Bill of Rights) and the need to be aware of its implications for Oklahoma education.

Dr. Looper expressed a concern that the proposed memorial mural would only include WWII, but we’ve had alumni in more that just that war. Suggested justification is that it is to be placed by the library war memorial which is devoted to WWII.

Foundation Executive Secretary Dr. Looper reported her office has completed the summer mailing. Class of 1956 has established an endowed scholarship and it will be awarded for the first time this fall. Foundation assets as of 5/31/2006 were $5,267,930.25. Foundation has had a bequest from
the now deceased Hazel (LaFaver) Newland amounting to over $250,000.

Executive Secretary Russell Guthrie reported
• Five life member plans completed since last meeting (Ellen Wyrick, Tito Aznar, Stephen & Heather Castlebury, James & Linda Poorman, and Misty Viner). Five more life plans are in progress. Fund should top $100,000 by the end of this fiscal year.
• The new obituary service is working well.
• We didn’t lose money on the annual banquet this year. Banquet income was $2082.50 and expenses were $1918.97. We served approximately 140 alumni and seniors.

Troy Morris presented a tentative budget/financial statement. (attached)
Troy also brought up the subject of financial reports that probably should be filed with the state and/or IRS to protect the association in the future. He has discussed this with CPA Mike Denney, and Mike is willing review our records and help us fill out appropriate paperwork.

Motion by Sterrette Coffman to use Mike Denney to get the association up-to-date on what we need to do with the state and IRS. Seconded by Eric Begley. Motion passed.

Motion by Sterrette Coffman to appoint Jim Oblander, Jack Strain, and Amy TeBeest to the Executive Committee for 2006-2007. Seconded by Eric Begley. Motion passed.

Sterrette Coffman moved to have Troy Morris, Russell Guthrie, Eric Begley, and Johnnie Davis as signatories on the account at First National Bank of Goodwell/Texhoma. Seconded by Jack Strain. Motion passed.

Sterrette Coffman moved to continue the current advisors with the addition of Jessica Lofland. Seconded by Jim Oblander. Motion passed.

Jack Strain questioned whether Jessica Lofland should be added as an individual, or for the Director of Student Activities to be added?

Motion to reconsider the advisor list. Seconded by Jim Oblander.

Sterrette Coffman moved to continue the current list of advisors with the addition of the Director of Student Activities.

Troy Morris briefly discussed the quantity, varieties, and responsibilities of committees. Spoke to formation of a By-Laws, Constitution, and Governmental Committee. Russell Guthrie brought up the question of whether the student membership, added in 2005, was legitimate as the memberships are written into the constitution. That would be a question for a By-Laws . . Committee.

We are still missing directors for Oklahoma SW and Colorado. Jay Lark suggested a Campo resident who teaches in Keyes and might be willing to serve—name is Caldwell. Herbert
Winegarner was also suggested. Motion by Johnnie Davis to appoint Herbert Winegarner to the Colorado board position, if he is willing to accept. Seconded by Sterrette Coffman. Motion passed.

Emma Schultz volunteered to fill the SW Oklahoma position, if needed, until a person might be found from that area. Liz Gardner-McBee moved to appoint Emma Schultz to fill the remaining term of the Oklahoma SW director, or until a replacement can be found. Seconded by Sterrette Coffman. Motion passed.

In discussion of the mural project, it was suggested that it might encompass more than just WWII. Board members asked Dr. Bryant to explain some of the facets of the project plan. It was suggested that the mural panels might be general enough to encompass all wars, providing the title is altered to match. Dr. Bryant offered to return to Brent and discuss broadening the murals’ content. Troy summarized for board agreement that we support the project, and would like to see a broader aspect of all the wars, conflicts, etc. Also to thank Brent for creating this proposal.

Eric Begley proposed providing matching contributions up to $2000 for the mural project. Sterrette Coffman asked if there would be a stipulation of broadening the murals aspect. Liz Gardner-McBee suggested it might be a case of too many artists’ opinions, and she’d hate to see us not support it if the mural is not broadened. Jim Oblander questioned the art department’s commitment to fundraising. Troy Morris said that the new Student Senate president has all the intentions of providing some of the big money to get this project done. Emma Schultz questioned if it would not be possible for the Executive Committee to make the decision. Johnnie Davis said Dr. Bryant has a list of items to take to Brent and then Executive Committee might meet. Sterrette Coffman summarized that nobody is really opposed to it (the project) after Emma said we seem to not really have enough information to make a decision.

Troy recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:02 p.m. and reconvened at 12:35 p.m.

Russell Guthrie read off the homecoming related committee list provided by Troy Morris.

Troy Morris suggested it might be good to have a plaque or marker listing the honored families. Sterrette Coffman questioned where it might be placed. Dr. Bryant suggested the ballroom. Emma Schultz suggested a plaque the same size as Hall of Fame could be used, but with multiple nameplates. Johnnie Davis suggested the solarium. Jessica suggested anywhere in the student union would be okay. Motion to purchase plaque was made by Amy TeBeest and seconded by Ed Sifford. Motion passed.

Troy Morris noted that we would need to provide persons to register homecoming visitors this year. Troy asked for volunteers. Jay Lark, Eric Begley, Jim Oblander, and Emma Schultz volunteered. (Emma has since declined because of other commitments).
The question of a homecoming vehicle was raised. Troy suggested that an extra donated beef might cover costs for float decorations, plaques, etc. Russell said there is enough money in the endowment to cover incidental expenses, but would still need at least one beef donated to provide meat.

Troy Morris expressed his intention to pursue donation of two beeves for the barbeque.

Sterrette Coffman intends to contact individuals for donations to the silent auction. This would be listed in the fall newspaper to publicize it, as well as seek more donations.

Troy suggested it might be good to arrange for seating for alumni along the parade route. Hay bales with planks were suggested.

Various recognitions were proposed. Ribbons for honored family were proposed, with buttons for board.


We have no nominations on file for Hall of Fame. We need nominations. There will be a form in the next newspaper. Forms are available on-line.

It was suggested that Bob Wise might be contacted for information about the 75th Anniversary buckle. It was recommended that there be a buckle Art Design contest, with the #1 buckle going to the design winner. The buckle committee would pick the top three designs, with final selection by the board. Contest deadline would be March 15, 2007. Presales would follow. Contest winner would be announced at April banquet. Contest open to anyone. There were no objections to this plan.

Troy proposed a membership drive, something other than a mailing campaign. Telephone campaigns were mentioned.

Motion by Sterrette Coffman that we pursue using email to distribute news about the association. Seconded by Ed Siford. Motion passed.

Troy noted the OPSU webmaster has said the alumni web page is one of the most frequently hit pages, so we probably need to use it more for communication.

Next meeting will be October 7, 2006.

Johnnie Davis moved to adjourn. Seconded by Sterrette Coffman. Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

Approved:

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Executive Secretary  date