



**OKLAHOMA
ARTS INSTITUTE**
QUARTZ MOUNTAIN

Board Development

About the Oklahoma Arts Institute (OAI)

Founded in 1977, the Oklahoma Arts Institute is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to providing exceptional multidisciplinary arts experiences that develop individual talent and inspire a lifelong passion for the arts. Since its inception, the Oklahoma Arts Institute has recruited nationally renowned artists to teach a fine arts program for artistically advanced Oklahoma youth and a series of continuing education workshops for adults. All programs are held at the Quartz Mountain State Park & Lodge in Lone Wolf, Oklahoma.

About the Oklahoma Arts Institute Foundation (OAIF)

The Oklahoma Arts Institute Foundation was created in 2013 to ensure the long-term financial stability and sustainability of the Oklahoma Arts Institute. The Foundation stewards and grows OAI's endowment, manages investments, and supports long-term fundraising strategies to protect and expand access to OAI's transformative arts education programs.

Purpose of the Boards

Board	Primary Purpose
OAI Board	Strategic guidance and support for OAI's programs, operations, and statewide advocacy.
OAIF Board	Stewardship of OAI's endowment and long-term financial sustainability through investment oversight and major fundraising initiatives.

Member Responsibilities

Area	OAI Board	OAIF Board
Mission Support	Promote OAI's mission, advocate for arts education, and advocate for OAI in the community to raise awareness and promote its programs	Guide the Foundation's investment strategy to support OAI's long-term mission
Governance	Attend quarterly board meetings and assigned committee meetings; contribute to strategic planning	Attend the annual board meeting and assigned committee meetings; uphold accountability & transparency
Fiscal Responsibility	Make a meaningful annual gift; actively participate in fundraising; review and approve budgets	Contribute at least \$300 annually; grow the endowment through major and planned gifts
Advocacy & Engagement	Support legislative and agency advocacy; attend and/or host fundraising events, site visits to QM	Engage donors, build philanthropic relationships, and advocate for OAI's mission
Ethics & Confidentiality	Uphold ethical standards and maintain board confidentiality	Uphold ethical standards and maintain board confidentiality



Expectations & Commitments

Expectation	OAI Board	OAIF Board
Term	3 years	3 years
Meetings	Quarterly board meetings + annual retreat; committee meetings as assigned	Annual board meeting + annual retreat; committee meetings as assigned
Giving	Personal gift at a meaningful level	Minimum \$300 annual contribution
Engagement	Fundraising participation, event attendance, community and legislative advocacy, site visits to QM	Fundraising strategy, donor cultivation, investment oversight

Nomination Process

1. Complete the online nomination form: <https://oaiquartz.org/board-development>
2. OAI leadership will contact the nominee to gauge interest, share board expectations, and answer questions.
3. Nominees are presented to the Nomination Committee for review.
4. The Nomination Committee’s recommended slate is presented to the OAI and OAIF Boards at the annual meeting in December.
5. Approved Board Members will begin the onboarding process in January.

If you're ready to make a lasting impact on the cultural landscape of Oklahoma, we'd love to talk with you about joining the OAI or OAIF Board. For more information, contact:

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2026 OAI Board Members

CHAIR — Dana Mickley, Altus

CHAIR-ELECT — Dana Tacker, Oklahoma City

SECRETARY — Ginny Underwood, Yukon

TREASURER — Brock Hamlin, Edmond

Victor Caballero, Norman

Anna Cox, Oklahoma City

Jose Luis Hernandez, Tulsa

Zachary Johnson, Oklahoma City

Dana Meister, Oklahoma City

Justin O'Neil, Altus

Leah Pappan, Newkirk

Anne Roberts, Norman

Amy Sargent, Oklahoma City

Emily Smith, Altus

Randi Sunray, Arcadia

2026 OAI Board Members

PRESIDENT — John Seward, Oklahoma City

VICE PRESIDENT — Charles Oppenheim,
Oklahoma City

TREASURER — Marilyn Hugon, Duncan

SECRETARY — Margaret Walsh, Oklahoma City

Aimee Ahpeatone, Oklahoma City

Dameon Allensworth, Oklahoma City

Joy Reed Belt, Oklahoma City

Randy Beutler, Weatherford

Leslie Buford, Oklahoma City

Chris Castro, Oklahoma City

Shannon Gilbert, Oklahoma City, Ex Officio

Don Holladay, Norman

Stephen James, Stillwater

Hillary Jenney, Tulsa

Sherrel Jones, Enid

John Koons, Oklahoma City

Jim LaGree, Oklahoma City

Nancy Leonard, Oklahoma City

Mari Cook Medley, Oklahoma City

Leigh Ann Moss, Tulsa

Xavier Neira, Norman

Cherie Norvell, Tulsa

r. david persson, Austin, TX

James Pickel, Oklahoma City

Trent Riley, Oklahoma City

Heather Schuler, Ventura, CA

Mary Jane Scott, Mangum

Lynann Sterk-Brooks, Oklahoma City

Alissa Stinnett, Stilwell, KS

Emily Stratton, Norman

Layne Thrift, Chickasha

Robert Ward, Euless, TX

Max Weitzenhoffer, Norman

Elizabeth White, Tulsa

Bradley Zerger, Piedmont