

EDMOND – Nominations are being sought for 48th annual induction ceremony for the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame.

The deadline for nominations will be Dec. 15. Selections will be made in January or early February. The induction of nine new hall of fame members will be May 3.

Journalists or journalism educators are chosen for recognition each year from among those who have made outstanding contributions to the field for at least 10 years. They must either being Oklahoma natives or have worked in Oklahoma journalism for 10 years. Each year, a selection committee of past honorees reviews all nominations, including those made in the past.

Joe Hight succeeds Dr. Terry Clark as director. Clark retired after heading the hall of fame for 20 years. The hall of fame is based at the University of Central Oklahoma.

“As we approach the 50th anniversary, we want to continue to improve and enrich the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame as Dr. Clark did when he was director,” Hight said. “Our role now becomes even more important as we also seek to educate the public about the importance of journalism and the First Amendment. We will be considering new initiatives that will bring the hall of fame into more of a spotlight that emphasizes not only the honorees but this role.”

Nominations for the 2018 class can be submitted by downloading the “Nomination Form” at <http://okjournalism.uco.edu> Nominations can be sent to Hight through the mail at the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame, 100 N. University Ave., Edmond, OK 73034. They also can be sent via email to hof@uco.edu. All nominations must include a date of birth, place of birth, phone, email address and regular address, nearest living relatives, and a date of death if the nominee is deceased. The nomination must include a detailed list of accomplishments that qualify the nominee for the hall of fame as well as a biography or resume of the nominee. The nominator’s phone number and email address also must be included.

A nomination is required before an honoree can be selected.

This year’s honorees were James Beaty, managing editor of the McAlester News-Capital; Steve Booher, retired from the Cherokee Messenger & Republican; John Durkee, news director for the University of Tulsa NPR station, KWGS; Lis Exon, news manager and journalist for OETA Tulsa; Carla Hinton, religion editor for The Oklahoman; Randy Krehbiel, government-politics reporter for the Tulsa World; Dr. Paul R. Lehman, an educator and author who was the first African-American newsman on Oklahoma City television in 1968 at KWTW-9; Ralph Schaefer, veteran newsman for suburban Tulsa newspapers; and Gene Triplett, author and retired news-entertainment journalist at The Oklahoman.

Booher recently died at the age of 69.

For more information about the hall of fame, call 405-974-5122 or send an email to hof@uco.edu.

The Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame is also accepting tax-exempt donations for the 50th anniversary celebration and other initiatives. Checks made payable to the UCO Foundation can be sent 100 N. University Drive, Box 133, Edmond, OK 73034. Be sure to put Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame in the memo or notes.