

NMAA Commission Meeting  
February 4, 2015  
9:00 AM  
NMAA Office

**Welcome** – The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bruce Carver at 9:00 am. A roll call was conducted by Mrs. Mindy loane, NMAA Graphic Designer/Special Event Coordinator, and the following members were present:

Mr. Manuel Lucero (Small, Area A)  
Mr. Wayne Ferguson (Small, Area B)  
Mr. Gary Schuster (Small, Area C)  
Mr. Dave Campbell (Small, Area D)  
Mr. Pete MacFarlane (Non-Public School Rep.)  
Mr. Jess Martinez (New Mexico Officials Association Rep.)  
Mr. Scott Affentranger (National Association of Secondary School Principals Rep.)  
Mr. Bruce Carver (Large, Area A)  
Mr. Greg Haston (Large, Area B)  
Mr. Ernie Viramontes (Large, Area C)  
Mr. Kenny Barreras (Large, Area D)  
Mr. Terry Martin (State School Boards Association Rep.)  
Mr. Cooper Henderson (New Mexico High School Athletic Directors Association Rep.)  
Mr. Thomas Mabrey (New Mexico High School Coaches Association Rep.)  
Mr. Don Gerheart (Activities Council Member)

Not present:

Ms. Debbie Coffman (Jr. High/Middle School Rep.)

15 members present representing a quorum.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Mr. Carver asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Schuster made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Carver asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2014 Commission Meeting as presented. Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Lucero seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

**NMAA Directors' Report:**

Mr. Bill Cleland, NMAA Associate Director, discussed four (4) items on his report: 1) Upcoming State Championships: Swimming & Diving and State Wrestling on February 20-21, Basketball: March 10-14 and Spirit on March 27-28; 2) NMAA website's Bylaws Corner located at the bottom of the homepage which highlights brief portions of the bylaws; 3) the NMAA PSA's that Mr. Scott Evans had emailed all AD's about can be accessed through the NMAA website and 4) explained the 3-year Average Enrollment (2012-2015) document concerning Classification and Alignment.

Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, discussed three (3) items on his report: 1) Three schools that played Independent last year, will be placed into 6-man football districts (Clovis Christian, Valley Christian and Corona) next season thereby requiring a change in the alignment for the 2015-2016 school year; 2) The NMAA Foundation received 210 scholarship applications. 16 scholarships will be awarded to the selected applicants during the next week and 3) he announced the upcoming Foundation fundraising events: 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Bowl-a-thon on February 8<sup>th</sup> at TenPins & More, the Foundation Golf Classic on June 1<sup>st</sup> at the Canyon Club at Four Hills and the Annual Fun Run event which will be held on August 1<sup>st</sup> at Albuquerque Academy.

### **Financials**

Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwaner presented the 2014-2015 Fall Sports Financial Reports.

### **NMAA Activities Report:**

Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, announced the biannual Activities Council meeting was held on January 13, 2015 at the NMAA office. Ms. Pappas discussed the upcoming Activity events for the month of February which are Student Council, DECA, BPA, Bowling, Science Olympiad, English Expo, Speech & Debate and HOSA, the month of March (FCCLA, Mock Trial, Scholastic Publications and Science Fair) and the month of April (JROTC, Skills USA, Orchestra, Chess, Choir, Athletic Training, Concert Band and TSA). She reminded the Commission members that the calendar of events is available on the NMAA website. Ms. Pappas is working on getting actual student participation numbers from all NMAA sanctioned activities and told the Committee that Tyler Dunkel, NMAA Sports Information Director, will present feature stories about students/staff involved in Activities during the week of an Activities event.

### **NMOA Officials Report:**

Ms. Dana Pappas, NMOA Commissioner of Officials, informed Commission members that the NMOA Executive Board met on Sunday, January 25, where they discussed the need for evaluations in all sports in all regions. They also discussed the shortage of officials statewide. The revised NMOA Constitution will be in place for the 2015-2016 school year.

The NMOA is working on a recruitment video for officials that will be posted on the NMAA web site. Recruitment is a hot topic along with how to get local associations and schools actively involved in this process.

The basketball coaches' feedback on game officials has been very successful. Ms. Marquez' involvement with this process has increased the participation. Ms. Pappas mentioned that there is an extreme shortage of baseball officials. Lea County currently has only two umpires. The NMOA is encouraging Athletic Directors to work with assignors in terms of scheduling. A suggestion might be to have "Round Robins" on Saturdays similar to what was done in the Central region approximately 10 years ago.

The NMOA State Clinic will be held Saturday, July 18, 2015 at the Marriott Pyramid. The Keynote Speaker will be Joey Crawford (NBA) and the structure of the conference is going to change from lecture to panel. Ms. Pappas also told the members that the 5% pay increase that was voted upon has passed through the Board of Directors and will be put into effect during the 2015-2016 school year and further that we are exploring the possibility of having varsity regional assignors for all sports beginning with the 2015-16 school year.

**General Discussion/Information Items:**

Legislative session: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, informed the Commission members of issues that have been/are being discussed during this Legislative session: 1) Non-member private schools participating at their public attendance zone school in NMAA athletics and activities; 2) students who participate in athletics would receive PE credit for their participation; 3) a Joint Memorial stating that there should be a STEM State Championship. This would mean that groups such as Science Fair and Science Olympiad would become part of this Championship; and 4) additional language is being proposed to the current Concussion Law.

Jr. High/Middle School out-of season contact time: Ms. Marquez reminded the members that the 7.5 hours of contact time includes middle schools. She explained that some schools are having out of season coaching which limits a student's participation in multiple sports. Ms. Marquez asked the members for discussion/input on this subject. She will continue to research the issue and will bring information back to the Commission at a later time.

Ms. Debbie Coffman entered the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

Contest rules/procedures for out-of-state competitions: Ms. Marquez informed the members that many states (including California and Colorado) do not allow 8<sup>th</sup> grade participation, a fact that was not known until recently. The Colorado Association's Executive Director wants the NMAA to sign an agreement that 8<sup>th</sup> graders could not participate for NM schools when they compete in Colorado. Ms. Marquez will keep the members informed on the status of this request.

Coach/adult school representative on-site to start contest: Ms. Marquez told the Commission members that there is nothing written in NMAA or NFHS bylaws that a licensed coach/administrator must be on-site in order to start a contest. Ms. Marquez asked for feedback on this topic and it was agreed that although this is an assumption made by all, something should be stated in the bylaws. The members also requested that a time frame by which the coach/administrator has to be on-site also be included in the bylaw. Ms. Marquez will write up a proposal and present it to the members in May.

Football: Date/time of Championship games: Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, told the members that the Football Sports Specific Committee would like to have all Football Championships held on Saturday unless another time is mutually agreed upon by both teams. In a survey sent to football coaches, the results were 35-22 in favor of this. The Sports Specific Committee's vote was 7-1. After discussion, Commission members agreed to this proposal.

Football: Host site determination when no past history: Mr. Young told the Commission members that this proposal was being brought to the Commission by the Football Sports Specific Committee, stating that this will eliminate the coin flip and will utilize the higher seed. The result of the survey sent to the football coaches was 43-18 in favor of this proposal. The Football Sports Specific committee voted 7-1 in favor of this. Commission members are supportive of this proposal.

Football: Adjust definition of past history: Mr. Young stated that the Football Sports Specific Committee would like only games played in the semifinals and finals to be considered in past history. In the event that there is no past history, the host would then be the higher seed. Mr. Young will send out a survey to football coaches on the specifics of this proposal.

Football: Adjustment to the mercy rule clock: Mr. Young explained that the current mercy rule states that when one team is ahead by 35 points, a running clock will begin after halftime and the game ends once a team is up by 50 points or more. The Football Sports Specific Committee would like the running clock to start immediately once a team is ahead by 35 points or more.

Football: Adjusting the number of 8-man state qualifiers: Mr. Young stated that the 8-man coaches would like to increase the number of state qualifiers from 8 to 12 teams. 15 of the 18 coaches would like to see this happen, however, it would push the championship game out to the Thanksgiving weekend. The consensus of the discussion was that nothing should be changed at least until the start of the next block.

Break 10:33-10:42 a.m.

**General Action Items:**

Modify bylaw 6.9.3 Petition Process: (Action Item, Referendum Item): Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, asked the Commission to consider a proposal to add additional wording to bylaw 6.9.3 Petition Process as follows: A student must be academically eligible prior to submission of the petition (regular or hardship). The rationale behind this proposal is that scholastic eligibility is the fundamental requirement for a student to be eligible. It precedes all other eligibility requirements. Ms. Marquez explained that the NMAA processes many petitions where student-athletes are not scholastically eligible. Athletic directors are asking that these students move through the Appeals/Hardship process even though they are not academically eligible.

Mr. Carver asked Commission members for a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Barreras made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Schuster seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (16-0).

Community Charter School attendance zone: (Action Item, Referendum Item): Ms. Marquez asked the Commission to consider a proposal to allow Community Charter Schools to have an attendance zone radius of 10 miles. She defined a "Community Charter School" as a charter school whose location is over 15 miles from the nearest attendance zone public school. The rationale for this proposal is that the PED approved an appeal during the 2013-14 school year allowing a home school student to participate at their nearest public school, which was a Community Charter School, not their home attendance zone school. The PED indicated in their ruling that a charter schools attendance zone was the entire state. Currently there are two member charter schools that would be considered Community Charter Schools (East Mountain and Moreno Valley).

Mr. Carver asked Commission members for a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Martin made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Lucero seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (15-1).

Modify bylaw 7.4, Out of Season Coaching Q & A's: (Action Item, Referendum Item): Ms. Marquez asked the Commission to consider adding language to Bylaw 7.4, Out of Season Coaching rule. The rationale for this proposal is to clarify the Out of Season Coaching rule further in regards to community service, fundraisers, and social events. The Q & A's are as follows:

**Q:** *Does a coach led community service event count toward the 7.5 weekly hours of allowable Out of Season Coaching time?*

**A:** Community Service projects led by a coach do not count toward the allowable 7.5 weekly hours of Out of Season coaching time as long as the project is approved by the school administration and is not mandatory. Community Service is defined as unpaid voluntary work intended to help people in a particular area.

**Q:** Does a coach led fundraising event count toward the 7.5 weekly hours of allowable Out of Season Coaching time?

**A:** Fundraising events led by a coach do not count toward the allowable 7.5 weekly hours of Out of Season coaching time as long as the event is approved by the school administration and is not mandatory.. A fundraising event is defined as a gathering that generates publicity or raises money for a program.

**Q:** Can community service projects and fundraising events take place on a weekend during the off season?

**A:** Community service projects and fundraising events can take place on a weekend during the off season as long as the project or event is not mandatory and it is approved by the school administration.

**Q:** If a youth camp is used as a community service project or fundraising event, does it count toward the 7.5 weekly hours of allowable Out of Season Coaching time?

**A:** A youth camp will not count toward the 7.5 weekly hours and is permissible as long as (a) the camp is for 6<sup>th</sup> graders and younger, (b) there can only be a 1:6 ratio of high school athletes working the camp to youth campers, and (c) no instruction to the high school athletes working the camp may take place.

**Q:** Does a coach led social event count toward the 7.5 weekly hours of allowable Out of Season Coaching time?

**A:** A coach led social event does count toward the 7.5 weekly hours of allowable Out of Season Coaching time and must follow the Out of Season Coaching guidelines which includes on school days only.

After discussion, Mr. Carver asked the members to vote for each item separately since they involved different issues.

Items 1-3: Mr. Carver asked for motions to accept the proposals.

1. Motion: Martin, Second: Lucero
2. Motion: Martin, Second: Ferguson
3. Motion: Martin, Second: Ferguson

| <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Name</b>            | <b>Title</b>               |
|------------|-----------|------------------------|----------------------------|
|            | ✓         | Mr. Scott Affentranger | NMASSP                     |
|            | ✓         | Mr. Jess Martinez      | NMOA                       |
| ✓          |           | Mr. Cooper Henderson   | NMHSADA                    |
|            | ✓         | Mr. Pete MacFarlane    | Non Public School Rep.     |
| ✓          |           | Mr. Dave Campbell      | Small Area D               |
| ✓          |           | Mr. Gary Schuster      | Small Area C               |
| ✓          |           | Mr. Wayne Ferguson     | Small Area B               |
| ✓          |           | Mr. Manuel Lucero      | Small Area A               |
| ✓          |           | Ms. Debbie Coffman     | Jr. High/Middle School Rep |

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|           | ✓        | Mr. Don Gerheart     | Activities Council Member |
| ✓         |          | Mr. Buster Mabrey    | NMHSCA                    |
| ✓         |          | Mr. Terry Martin     | State School Board Assn.  |
|           | ✓        | Mr. Kenny Barreras   | Large Area D              |
| ✓         |          | Mr. Ernie Viramontes | Large Area C              |
| ✓         |          | Mr. Greg Haston      | Large Area B              |
| ✓         |          | Mr. Bruce Carver     | Large Area A              |
| <b>11</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>Total</b>         |                           |

Items 1, 2, and 3 all pass (11-5).

Item 4:

Motion: Martin, Second: Ferguson

| <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Name</u>            | <u>Title</u>               |
|------------|-----------|------------------------|----------------------------|
|            | ✓         | Mr. Scott Affentranger | NMASSP                     |
|            | ✓         | Mr. Jess Martinez      | NMOA                       |
|            | ✓         | Mr. Cooper Henderson   | NMHSADA                    |
|            | ✓         | Mr. Pete MacFarlane    | Non Public School Rep.     |
| ✓          |           | Mr. Dave Campbell      | Small Area D               |
| ✓          |           | Mr. Gary Schuster      | Small Area C               |
| ✓          |           | Mr. Wayne Ferguson     | Small Area B               |
| Abstain    |           | Mr. Manuel Lucero      | Small Area A               |
|            | ✓         | Ms. Debbie Coffman     | Jr. High/Middle School Rep |
|            | ✓         | Mr. Don Gerheart       | Activities Council Member  |
| ✓          |           | Mr. Buster Mabrey      | NMHSCA                     |
| ✓          |           | Mr. Terry Martin       | State School Board Assn.   |
|            | ✓         | Mr. Kenny Barreras     | Large Area D               |
|            | ✓         | Mr. Ernie Viramontes   | Large Area C               |
|            | ✓         | Mr. Greg Haston        | Large Area B               |
| ✓          |           | Mr. Bruce Carver       | Large Area A               |
| <b>6</b>   | <b>9</b>  | <b>Total</b>           |                            |

Item 4 fails (6-9).

Item 5:

Motion: Gerheart, Second: Lucero

| <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Name</u>            | <u>Title</u> |
|------------|-----------|------------------------|--------------|
| ✓          |           | Mr. Scott Affentranger | NMASSP       |
| ✓          |           | Mr. Jess Martinez      | NMOA         |

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|           | ✓        | Mr. Cooper Henderson | NMHSADA                    |
| ✓         |          | Mr. Pete MacFarlane  | Non Public School Rep.     |
|           | ✓        | Mr. Dave Campbell    | Small Area D               |
| ✓         |          | Mr. Gary Schuster    | Small Area C               |
| ✓         |          | Mr. Wayne Ferguson   | Small Area B               |
|           | ✓        | Mr. Manuel Lucero    | Small Area A               |
| ✓         |          | Ms. Debbie Coffman   | Jr. High/Middle School Rep |
| ✓         |          | Mr. Don Gerheart     | Activities Council Member  |
|           | ✓        | Mr. Buster Mabrey    | NMHSCA                     |
| ✓         |          | Mr. Terry Martin     | State School Board Assn.   |
| Abstain   |          | Mr. Kenny Barreras   | Large Area D               |
| ✓         |          | Mr. Ernie Viramontes | Large Area C               |
|           | ✓        | Mr. Greg Haston      | Large Area B               |
| ✓         |          | Mr. Bruce Carver     | Large Area A               |
| <b>10</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>Total</b>         |                            |

Item 5 passes (10-5), however it was requested that the term “social event” be defined in the bylaws.

**Sports Specific Action Items:**

Track: FAT requirement for 4A-6A qualifying: Mr. Chris Kedge, NMAA Assistant Director, asked the Commission to accept a proposal that would require schools at the 4A-6A level to use FAT timing for all state qualifying track and field meets starting in the 2015-16 school year. The rationale for this proposal is that the use of FAT timing will assure accuracy for all submitted times. The FAT system is approximately \$500-\$1,500 to hire an individual company for one meet or \$12,000 - \$20,000 to purchase.

Mr. Carver asked for a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Affentranger made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Schuster seconded the motion. After discussion a vote was taken and passed (16-0).

Track: Allow two relay teams per district to qualify for state: Mr. Kedge asked the members to consider a proposal to allow the top two relay teams at a district track meet, in all classifications, to advance to the state championships. The current bylaw 7.22.2 C only applies to classes 4A-6A.

Mr. Carver asked for a motion to accept this proposal. Mr. Schuster made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (16-0).

Track: Allow 3200 meter run in Jr. High/Middle School (Referenda Item): Mr. Kedge asked the members to consider a proposal to change bylaw 9.8.10 C allowing Junior/Middle School athletes to participate in the 3200 meter run. Mr. Kent Hitchens, Carlsbad Assistant Coach, presented a handout to the Commission members outlining a proposal from the NMTCCCA.

Mr. Carver asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Mabrey made the motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Haston seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the results as follows:

| <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Name</u>            | <u>Title</u>               |
|------------|-----------|------------------------|----------------------------|
|            | ✓         | Mr. Scott Affentranger | NMASSP                     |
| ✓          |           | Mr. Jess Martinez      | NMOA                       |
| ✓          |           | Mr. Cooper Henderson   | NMHSADA                    |
|            | ✓         | Mr. Pete MacFarlane    | Non Public School Rep.     |
|            | ✓         | Mr. Dave Campbell      | Small Area D               |
| ✓          |           | Mr. Gary Schuster      | Small Area C               |
|            | ✓         | Mr. Wayne Ferguson     | Small Area B               |
| ✓          |           | Mr. Manuel Lucero      | Small Area A               |
|            | ✓         | Ms. Debbie Coffman     | Jr. High/Middle School Rep |
|            | ✓         | Mr. Don Gerheart       | Activities Council Member  |
| ✓          |           | Mr. Buster Mabrey      | NMHSCA                     |
| ✓          |           | Mr. Terry Martin       | State School Board Assn.   |
|            | ✓         | Mr. Kenny Barreras     | Large Area D               |
|            | ✓         | Mr. Ernie Viramontes   | Large Area C               |
| ✓          |           | Mr. Greg Haston        | Large Area B               |
|            | ✓         | Mr. Bruce Carver       | Large Area A               |
| <b>7</b>   | <b>9</b>  | <b>Total</b>           |                            |

Motion fails (7-9).

Football: Modify bylaw 7.15.1.C 48 minute competition period (Referenda Item): Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, asked Commission members to consider a proposal to modify bylaw 7.15.1.C whereas a student shall not compete in more than 48 minutes of football competition in a five (5) day period (Monday through Saturday). The proposed NMAA rule is as follows:

**Competition Period:** A student shall not accumulate more than 8 football experiences within a 5-day period. A football experience is defined as follows:

- Participating in more than one play on offense during a quarter
- or
- Participating in more than one play on defense during a quarter

Per these definitions, a student could accumulate a total of 8 football experiences during any one game.

\*NOTE – Special Teams plays do not count towards participation limits / football experiences

**Example:** Student A is on both the Junior Varsity and Varsity Football Teams. The student participates in the JV and Varsity games as follows:

*Tuesday, Junior Varsity*

*1<sup>st</sup> Quarter – 2 plays on offense (1 football experience), 12 plays on defense (1 football experience)*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter – 15 plays on defense (1 football experience)*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter – 12 plays on defense (1 football experience)*

*4<sup>th</sup> Quarter – 1 play on offense (NOT a football experience), 11 plays on defense (1 football experience),*

*TOTAL FOOTBALL EXPERIENCES = 5*

*Friday, Varsity*

*1<sup>st</sup> Quarter – 10 plays on offense (1 football experience)*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter – 15 plays on offense (1 football experience)*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter – 14 plays on offense (1 football experience)*

*4<sup>th</sup> Quarter – Did not play*

*TOTAL FOOTBALL EXPERIENCES = 3*

*TOTAL FOOTBALL EXPERIENCES FOR THE 5-DAY PERIOD = 8*

Mr. Carver asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Barreras made the motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. After discussion a vote was taken and passed unanimously (16-0).

**Adjourn:**

Mr. Carver asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 pm. Mr. Martin made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. MacFarlane seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (16-0).