

**NMAA Board of Directors' Meeting**  
**June 2, 2021**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**Hall of Pride & Honor**

Welcome - Meeting called to order by Mr. T.J. Parks, NMAA Board of Directors President, at 10:32 a.m. Ms. Alissa Wesbrook, NMAA Assistant to the Executive Director, conducted roll call and the following members were present:

Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)  
Mr. Daniel Benavidez (Large Area A)  
Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)  
Mr. T.J. Parks (Large Area B - President)  
Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)  
Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)  
Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)  
Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)  
Mr. Ralph Ramos (Large School District II)  
Ms. Lesa Dodd (At-Large)  
Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)

Not Present:

Mr. Terry Martin (New Mexico School Boards Association)  
Mr. Fred Trujillo (Large Area D)

11 members were present representing a quorum.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Benavidez made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Viramontes seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2021 Board Meeting as presented. Mr. Casados made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

**Election of Board Members**

Election of NMAA Board President & Vice President (2-year term) –Mr. Benavidez nominated Mr. Anthony Casados for NMAA Board President. Mr. Viramontes nominated Mr. Travis Dempsey for NMAA Board President. Ms. Dodd made a motion to cease nominations. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and Mr. Casados was elected as the new NMAA Board President for the next two-year term. Mr. Dempsey was elected as NMAA Vice President for the next two-year term.

**NMAA Directors Report:**

Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, presented the NMAA Director's Report. She discussed three (3) items on her report: 1) congratulated Ms. Lesa Dodd and Mr. TJ Parks on their retirement and thanked them for their service on the NMAA Board and overall support of interscholastic athletics/activities; 2) discussed possible changes to the NMAA's championship trophies; and 3) thanked the Board and the NMAA staff for their support during this difficult year.

**NMAA Financial Report**

NMAA Finance Report - Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwaner, NMAA Business Manager, presented the 2020-2021 financial report. She discussed three (3) items on her report: 1) stated that traditional box reports would not be available until the next meeting due to the timing of events and lack of

final settlements from the venues that hosted many of the NMAA's championships; 2) provided basic information regarding the organization's current financial situation; and 3) stated that some unexpected revenues did come in from gate receipts for various fall and winter championships. Mr. Parks recommended an optional assessment applied to NMAA member schools to help make up the funds lost by the Association over the last two school years due to the pandemic.

2021-2022 NMAA Budget - Ms. Marquez presented the 2021-2022 NMAA Budget which included a 1.5% raise for staff. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the 2021-2022 budget as presented. Mr. Casados made the motion to accept the 2021-2022 NMAA Budget. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. (11-0)

### **NMAA Activities Report:**

Ms. Dana Pappas, Commissioner of Officials, presented the activities report. She discussed four (4) items on her report: 1) reported on the communication efforts made to ensure activities liaisons and sponsors were informed throughout this difficult year; 2) stated the NMAA crowned champions in ESports at the end of April and that State FFA and State Bowling will take place in June; 3) provided an update pertaining to the NMAA Student Leadership Advisory Council; and 4) stated that the Annual Activities Council meeting will take place in person this fall.

### **New Mexico Officials Association Report:**

Ms. Pappas presented the officials report. She discussed seven (7) items on her report: 1) stated that 18% of the NMOA's officials opted out this unique year; 2) provided information on the numerous webinars that have taken place throughout 2020-2021 in an effort to engage officials; 3) reported that the State Clinic will be held virtually in July with the Hall of Fame banquet taking place in September; 4) stated that the Referee Educational Forum will be held virtually in August; 5) provided information regarding updates to the NMOA Constitution and Athletic Officials Manual; 6) reported on the election cycle for the NMOA Executive Board and Supervisory Committee; and 7) thanked the assignors and athletic directors for their work in ensuring games were covered throughout this difficult year. Mr. Casados recommended that an emphasis again be placed on the NMAA's Compete with Class sportsmanship initiative in preparation for the 2021-2022 school year.

### **Discussion/ Information Items**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students - Ms. Marquez discussed an inquiry from coaches/athletic directors regarding a possible clean slate (scholastic eligibility) for 8<sup>th</sup> graders that do not participate at the high school level for next school year. Feedback included sticking with traditional scholastic eligibility guidelines to start the new year.

Summer Workouts/Camps for 2021 - Ms. Marquez discussed Summer Workouts/Camps for 2021 and how overnight travels would play in to these activities. Schools may hold summer activities beginning Memorial Day weekend, but due to the fact that Spring Sports are still ongoing and cannot stay overnight, summer workouts/camps cannot include overnight travel until June 28th.

Boarding School Eligibility - Ms. Marquez discussed a possible change to the current boarding school rule which allows for immediate varsity eligibility to student athletes when transferring and boarding at the new school. She stated modification to this bylaw would include granting immediate eligibility to out of state students only and allowing New Mexico students immediate eligibility to incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade students as a one-time open enrollment choice. Feedback supported looking at possible adjustments to this bylaw and included questions/concerns with non-boarding schools offering boarding or housing for students.

Classification and Alignment for 2022-2024 - Ms. Marquez discussed 2022-2024 Classification and Alignment and provided information on preliminary enrollment numbers that would be used for the new block.

## Action Items

Soccer: Sites for State Quarterfinals/Semifinals - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to consider, beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, utilizing host school sites (higher seed) for the State Soccer Championships during the 1<sup>st</sup> Round, Quarterfinal and Semifinals. Only the Finals would be held at a centralized location for all classifications (boys and girls). Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Casados made the motion to accept proposal. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Cross Country: Maximum Runners for Pre-State Meet (Referenda) - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to amend Bylaw. 7.14.2 C to read: Teams are allowed to enter a maximum of nine (9) runners in the Pre-State and District Meet (only). Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Benavidez made the motion to accept proposal. Mr. Dempsey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. (11-0)

NMOA/Football: Film Requirement (Referenda) - Ms. Pappas presented a proposal to add a bylaw to Section 7.15 (Football) of the NMAA Handbook which would state that coaches are required to submit game film to the NMAA/NMOA Football Hudl account for each varsity contest. Film can be raw game footage and need not be clipped. Deadlines for submission after each contest are: Thursday games – film must be submitted by 1:00 p.m. on Saturday; Friday games – film must be submitted by 1:00 p.m. on Saturday; Saturday games – film must be submitted by 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. Coaches can use the platform to exchange film between one another if they so choose, but the intent of the account is for internal use by the NMAA/NMOA staff and officials. These accounts will be covered on the NMAA license and will not create a financial burden on the individual schools/coaches. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Dempsey made the motion to accept proposal. Ms. Dodd seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Football: Class 2A Calendar - Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, presented a proposal to consider amending the calendar (Bylaw 7.15.6- Playoff Weeks) for Class 2A Football so that brackets for the state tournament are released at the same time as Class 3A-6A (Saturday of Week #18). Currently, the Class 2A brackets are released on the Saturday of Week #17. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Casados made the motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Dempsey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

## Executive Session

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to go into Executive Session at 12:04 p.m. to discuss financial, personnel, pending/possible legal matters, and the Executive Director's evaluation. Mr. Viramontes made the motion to enter into Executive Session. Mr. Benavidez seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Yes		Mr. Daniel Benavidez (Large Area A)
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. T.J. Parks, Board President (Large Area B)
Yes		Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Yes		Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
Yes		Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Yes		Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)
Yes		Mr. Ralph Ramos (Large School District II)
Yes		Ms. Lesa Dodd ( At-Large)
Yes		Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)

Mr. Elder and Mr. Lackey left the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to exit out of Executive Session at 12:55 p.m. Mr. Parks stated no action was taken in Executive Session. Mr. Benavidez made the motion to exit out of Executive Session. Mr. White seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Yes		Mr. Daniel Benavidez (Large Area A)
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. T.J. Parks, Board President (Large Area B)
Yes		Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
Yes		Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Yes		Mr. Ralph Ramos (Large School District II)
Yes		Ms. Lesa Dodd ( At-Large)
Yes		Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)

#### **Consider Approval of Executive Director's contract**

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve Ms. Marquez's contract as Executive Director of the NMAA for a term of 3 years with a 1.5% raise for the 2021-2022 school year. Ms. Dodd made the motion to approve Ms. Marquez's contract. Mr. Dempsey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Yes		Mr. Daniel Benavidez (Large Area A)
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. T.J. Parks, Board President (Large Area B)
Yes		Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
Yes		Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Yes		Mr. Ralph Ramos (Large School District II)
Yes		Ms. Lesa Dodd ( At-Large)
Yes		Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)

#### **Other Business**

Appointment of At-Large Board Member - Mr. Parks made a recommendation to table the appointment of the At-Large Board Member until the next Board of Directors' meeting which is scheduled for September 8, 2021. Mr. Moyer made the motion to table the appointment of the At-Large Board Member. Mr. Viramontes seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

#### **Consider Adjournment:**

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:02 p.m. Mr. Ramos made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Benavidez seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

**The next regular Board Meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2021**