

NMAA Board of Directors
June 5, 2013
9:00 AM
NMAA Hall of Pride and Honor

Welcome – Meeting called to order by Mrs. Janel Ryan, NMAA Board of Directors President, at 9:00 a.m. A roll call was conducted by Mrs. Mindy Ioane, NMAA Administrative Assistant, and the following members were present.

Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Mr. Paul Benoit (Small Area B)
Mr. Bill Green (Small Area C - Vice President)
Mr. Winston Brooks (Large School District I)
Dr. Crit Caton (At-Large Member)
Mrs. Janel Ryan (Large Area A - President)
Mr. T.J. Parks (Large Area B)
Dr. George Straface (Large Area C)
Mr. Stan Rounds (Large School District II)
Mr. Adan Delgado (Large Area D)
Mr. Lawrence Johnson (NMAA Commission Representative)

The following members were not present:

Mr. Buddy Little (Small Area D)
Mr. Dion Sandoval (NM School Board Association)

Eleven members present representing a quorum.

Approval of Agenda:

Mrs. Ryan asked for a motion to approve the agenda, with the inclusion of the addendum agenda. Mr. Casados made the motion to approve the agendas as presented. Mr. Rounds seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Approval of Minutes:

Mrs. Ryan asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2013 meeting. Mr. Rounds made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Delgado seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Election of Board President/Vice President:

Mr. Casados nominated Mrs. Janel Ryan as President of the Board of Directors for a new two year term. Mr. Green seconded the motion. Mr. Rounds made a motion to affirm Mrs. Ryan as President of the Board of Directors by acclamation. Dr. Straface seconded the motion. A vote was taken and affirmed unanimously. (11-0)

Mr. Green nominated Mr. T.J. Parks to serve as Vice President of the Board of Directors for a two year term. Mr. Rounds made a motion to affirm Mr. Parks as Vice President of the Board of Directors by acclamation. Dr. Straface seconded the motion. A vote was taken and affirmed unanimously. (11-0)

Executive Session:

Mrs. Ryan asked for a motion to enter into executive session to discuss financial, legal, and personnel issues at 9:07 a.m. Dr. Straface made the motion to enter into executive session. Mr. Rounds seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Mrs. Ryan stated that there were no actions taken concerning financial, legal, or personnel issues. Mrs. Ryan asked for a motion to reconvene the meeting at 9:28 a.m.

NMAA Directors' Report

Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, discussed two (2) items on her report: 1) the success of the Spring Sports State Championships and 2) the Board of Directors retreat which was held on June 4, 2013.

Financial Report:

Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, presented the proposed 2013-2014 NMAA Budget to the Board of Directors. (Action Item) Mr. Rounds made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Mr. Benoit seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed. (10-1)

Mrs. Shari Kessler-Schwaner, NMAA Business Manager, presented the 2012-2013 Ticket Sales report and the 2012-2013 Winter Sports report.

NMAA Activities Report:

Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, presented the outcome of the following Spring Activities Events:

NMASC State Conference (February 14-16) at Atrisco Heritage HS.
Over 1100 student participants.

State Bowling (February 16) – Ten Pins in Rio Rancho

Class 5A – Manzano High School

Class 4A – Piedra Vista High School

Class A-3A – Pojoaque High School

BPA (February 18-20)

State Champion: Fort Sumner High School

DECA (February 21-23)

Chapter Banner (1st Place): Rio Rancho High School

English Expo (February 23)

Science Olympiad (February 23) in Socorro

700 students from over 50 Middle and High schools competed.

Speech & Debate (February 28-March 3)

1st Place – East Mountain High School

2nd Place – Albuquerque Academy

3rd Place – La Cueva High School

HOSA (February 28-March 3)

FCCLA (March 7-9)

Skills USA (April 3-6)

Science Fair (April 4-5) in Socorro

Over 250 Middle and High School students competed.

Scholastic Publications (April 13) at Highland High School

1st Highland High School

2nd (tie) Sandia Prep & Volcano Vista

State Chess (April 18-19) Marriott Pyramid

Class A/2A Results: Co Champions – Bosque and Academy for Technology & the Classics

3rd Place – ABQ Institute for Math & Science (AIMS)

Class 3A Results: 1st – Taos; 2nd – St. Michael's; 3rd – Silver

Class 4A/5A Results: 1st - ABQ Academy; 2nd - Los Alamos; 3rd - Rio Rancho

Athletic Training Challenge (April 21) at Cibola High School

105 Participants

Team Placing by those with a full 4-member team:

1st Rio Rancho 280

2nd Gadsden 235

3rd Santa Teresa 231.75

JROTC

April 11-13 @ ABQ Convention Center (Rifle Portion)

April 27 @ Piedra Vista HS (Drill & Physical Fitness Portion)

Precision Rifle Results: 1st – Volcano Vista

Porter Rifle Results: 1st – Kirtland Central

Physical Fitness Results: 1st – La Cueva

Drill Results: 1st – Grants

TSA (April 28-30)

Show Choir (April 5)

Middle School/Junior High – Eisenhower Middle School Five Star

High School Treble – Eldorado High School 24 Carat

High School Mixed – Eldorado High School Gold Rush

Choir (April 19-20)

MS	Eisenhower Middle School
A-2A	Victory Christian School
3A	New Mexico School for the Arts
4A	Piedra Vista High School
5A	Carlsbad High School

Band (April 26-27)

MS	Eisenhower Middle School
A-2A	Capitan High School
3A	Cobre High School
4A	Deming High School
5A	Eldorado High School

Ms. Pappas also thanked Rio Rancho Public School band students, Cleveland High School theater students and the Cleveland High School staff for their assistance with the Choir/Show Choir and Band Championships. She also discussed the upcoming Rodeo Championships which will be held June 5-9, 2013 in Lovington, New Mexico.

New Mexico Officials Association Report:

Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, discussed four items on her report: (1) Number of individuals registered with the NMOA increased from 1718 to 1760, however, registrations decreased from 2399 to 2317, indicating that multi-sport officials are in decline; (2) NMOA State Clinic will be held on Saturday, July 27, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency Downtown in Albuquerque where they will be celebrating "60 Years of Great Calls"; (3) Basketball camps will be held in Pojoaque, Albuquerque and Las Cruces. The NMOA is considering a proposal to require camps for state tournament eligibility; and (4) NASO Summit Theme has been developed for 2014 in Albuquerque, "A Whole New Ballgame: Safe, Secure and By the Rules."

Sports Specific Action Items:

Football: 8-Man Football Change to 3 Districts (Action Item): Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, discussed a proposal to add a third district to 8-man football to better balance the districts and to align 8-man football with 11-man Class A football, which also will have 11 teams participating in the 2013-14 school year. The rationale is that with the addition of Alamo Navajo to 8-man football, it was felt that the 8-man schools should be split into 3 districts, the same number of districts as 11-man Class A football. There would be no change to the number of teams qualifying for State (6), but there would be one more district champion. Mr. Green made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Benoit seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

General Action Items:

Physical Fitness & Participant Insurance for JROTC, Bowling, and Rodeo (Action Item) (Referendum Item): Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, asked the Board to consider a proposal that would require JROTC, bowling, and rodeo competitors to follow

the same physical fitness and insurance regulations as listed for athletes in Sections 6.15 and 6.16 of the NMAA Handbook, beginning with the 2013-2014 school year. The rationale is that the activities of JROTC, bowling and rodeo all require competitors to physically exert themselves. Because of this, students competing in these activities should go through the same physical examination process as those students that participate in sports. Additionally, participation in each of these activities can result in injury and therefore students should be required to be covered by accident/injury insurance. Mr. Delgado made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Rounds seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Audit of NMAA Finances (Action Item): Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, presented a proposal requiring that an audit take place every year, changing section 1.3F of the NMAA Handbook that currently states, "Financial reports of the Association are audited every two (2) years by a Certified Public Accountant. Copies of the audited financial statements are provided to the State Education Agency." The rationale to this proposal is that the NM Attorney General requires non-profit organizations to file a copy of IRS form 990 annually. It further states that "Organizations that file IRS Form 990 and have more than \$500,000 in gross revenues must also submit a copy of a full audit conducted by an independent CPA." Mr. Brooks made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Rounds seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Modify NMAA Handbook regarding Appeals Review Committee (Action Item) (Referendum Item): Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, presented a proposal to delete the sentence, "For an appeal to be heard, current superintendents/headmasters of NMAA member schools must make up the **majority** of the Appeals Review Committee." from NMAA Bylaw, 13.1.1 Right of an Appeal. The rationale for this proposal is that retired superintendents who understand the rules and regulations of the NMAA might have more time available to serve on the Appeals Review Committee. Due to the demands on current superintendents, at times it is not feasible to have a committee composed of a majority of current superintendents/headmasters. Dr. Straface made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. A vote was taken and the proposal failed (11-0).

Establishment of an NMAA transgender policy (Action Item) (Referendum Item): Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, discussed the need for the NMAA to adopt a policy in regards to transgender participation in athletic competition as recommended by the NFHS. Ms. Marquez presented New Jersey's Transgender Policy that was modified and then approved by the NMAA Commission on May 22, 2013. Ms. Marquez also presented a letter from the NJSIAA attorney and the Colorado Association's policy for review. Mr. Rounds made a motion to table the proposal as presented and moved to amend Bylaw 6.1, which currently states, "Students participating as athletes are required to compete in the gender listed on their physical form (must be signed by a physician)". This would be changed to "Students participating as athletes are required to compete in

the gender listed on their original or amended birth certificate.” Mr. Brooks seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Break 10:00 a.m. – 10:18 a.m.

Classification / Alignment Timeline (Action Item): Mr. Bill Cleland, NMAA Associate Director, asked the Board to consider a revision to the Alignment and Classification Timeline for the 2014-2015, 2015-2016 block that was originally presented to the Board on December 1, 2011. Schools are asking for a decision on Classification and Alignment as close to submission of the 40-day count as possible. They typically begin next year’s scheduling process for Fall sports near the end of a Fall season. The proposal is as follows:

June 5, 2013 – Board to require schools to submit 2013-14 40 day enrollment numbers (grades 9 thru 12) to the NMAA at the same time as they submit them to the PED (roughly mid-October 2013).

September 25, 2013 – Board to vote on Appeals process for Classification and Alignment for the 2014-2015/2015-2016 block.

November 20, 2013 – Board to vote on Classifications/Districts for the 2014-2015/2015-2016 block.

December 5, 2013 – Member school appeals.

Two members of the audience, Kim Loomis, Santa Fe Public School’s District Athletic Director and Linda Hale, Hatch Valley Public School Superintendent, asked the Board to revisit/revote on Classification and Alignment proposals C3 and C4. Mr. Benoit made the motion to accept the timeline proposal as presented. Mr. Casados seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Cross Country: Class 2A increase to six districts for 2013-2014 school year (Action Item): Mr. Rudy Aragon, NMAA Assistant Director, asked the Board to consider a proposal that would allow Class 2A to consist of 6 Districts as opposed to the 4 districts that it currently has. This would allow parity amongst classifications with regards to the sport of Cross Country. Mr. Parks made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Casados seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

General Discussion/Informational Items:

Rules clinic discussion, online or face-to-face: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, discussed the 2012-2013 face-to-face basketball rules clinics that were conducted in various locations statewide. She asked for recommendations from the Board on expanding the face-to-face rules clinics to the sport of soccer, as well as their thoughts on face-to-face versus online clinics in general.

NFHS electronic devices policy: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, discussed the new sports-specific policies adopted so far by the NFHS. It remains to be seen how the Spring Sports will be handled but it is assumed electronic devices will be allowed as they will be for Fall and Winter sports.

NMAA Foundation Golf Tournament Recap: Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, discussed the success of the June 3, 2013 Golf Tournament that took place at Tanoan Country Club. Forty-five teams competed in the event.

Consider Adjournment:

Members of the audience asked the Board to discuss Classification and Alignment, specifically the appeal process. Several Board members spoke with members of the audience answering their questions and posing questions of their own.

Mrs. Ryan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 a.m. A motion was made by Mr. Green. Mr. Rounds seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Next Board of Directors Meeting Date: September 25, 2013