

NMAA Activities Council Meeting  
August 27, 2019  
NMAA Conference Room

### **Welcome and Roll Call**

Meeting was called to order by NMAA Activities Council Chairman Mr. Steve Perea at 9:03 a.m. Roll call was conducted by Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, and the following members were present either in person or via conference call:

David Maldonado, Athletic Training Challenge  
Ron Thompson, Bowling (in place of Don Thompson)  
Debi Cline, CTLP (in place of Christine Phipps)  
Steve Perea, Chess  
Chris Gonzales, Drama/One-Act  
Wil Kilroy, Drama/One-Act  
Stacey Duncan, Educators Rising  
Michael Mascone, Esports  
Liz Lopez, FFA (in place of Jarrod Smith)  
Lt. Col. Ralph Ingels, JROTC  
Kristen Leeds, NM Mock Trial  
Jory Mirabal, Rodeo  
Rebeca Zimmermann, Scholastic Publications  
Joseph Romero, Science Fair/Olympiad  
Celina Bussey, SkillsUSA  
Jose Samora, Speech & Debate  
Angeli Doty, STEM Challenge  
Mary Hahn, Student Council  
Maddy Burns, TSA (in place of Clara Graham/Monica Dunivan)

### Members absent:

Dianna Valdez, English Expo  
Neil Swapp, Music

### NMAA Staff Reports

Ms. Pappas presented and updated Activities Council Directory and asked the members to review for accuracy. She updated the NMAA staff liaison directory and reminded the Activities Council members about the eligibility forms.

Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwaner reminded the Council members to submit receipts for reimbursement as soon as their event is over.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Perea asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Hahn made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, with a second by Mr. Thompson. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Perea asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2019 meeting. Ms. Hahn made a motion to pass the minutes, with a second by Lt.Col. Ingles. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Activity Reports**

**Athletic Training Challenge-** Mr. David Maldonado presented that last year was the 20<sup>th</sup> season of competition for Athletic Training Challenge. The 2019 contest was held at Manzano High School and the 2020 contest will be held either April 20 or April 27, 2020.

**Bowling –** Mr. Thompson noted that Bowling is entering its 14<sup>th</sup> year, with 26 high schools participating last year. There has been an increase in female participation during the state tournaments. Yarelis Alvarez and Kara Thompson attended the fourth US National High School Bowling tournament and four students attended the Junior Gold event in Michigan over the summer, one of whom qualified for the Junior USA team in January 2020. There were \$23,425 in scholarships distributed last year, making it a total of \$105,000 in scholarship money distributed over the past nine years. Practice for the current school year begins on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, with weekly tournaments starting on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and the senior tournament taking place on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The State tournament is set for February 15-16, 2020 with 5A competing on Friday, and the 1-3A and 4A competing on Saturday.

**CTLP –** Ms. Cline presented that the New Mexico CTSO's had an overall increase in student membership. Record breaking increases in HOSA and TSA memberships helped to bring the total to 5,735. State Conferences for each activity were held from February to April of 2019, with over 2,800 students competing in 306 different events. Over 1,000 students represented New Mexico at the national level. The 2020 schedule for State Conferences includes: BPA- February 17-19<sup>th</sup>, HOSA-February 20-22<sup>nd</sup>, DECA-February 24-26<sup>th</sup> and FCCLA-March 16-18<sup>th</sup>.

**Chess –** Mr. Perea noted that NMAA chess is now recognized by the United State Chess Federation and they will be hosting the State Championships, which will allow for more scholarship opportunities for participants.

**Drama/One-Act Productions –** Mr. Gonzales presented that the New Mexico Educational Theatre Association will now be responsible for One Act and the State competition. The state format will include three sections to help accommodate growing numbers: Sparta One Act (4A schools) will be held on November 1-2<sup>nd</sup>, Athens One Act (5A schools) will be held on November 22-23<sup>rd</sup>, with One Act State Finals being held on January 16- 18, 2020. The top three in each division will perform again at the One Act State Finals. Lastly, the State Festival Registrations will be available October 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Educators Rising-** Ms. Duncan presented that New Mexico Educators Rising is in their 5<sup>th</sup> year. The 2018-2019 Educators Rising NM Student Conference was held on February 21-23, 2019. Twenty-seven High Schools were represented representing a total of 340 attendees. This year's student attendance increased by 16% compared to the 2018 conference.

**English Expo–** No report submitted and not present.

Esports- Mr. Mascone presented that this was the first season for Esports at the high school level in New Mexico. Over 400 students from approximately 30 member schools participated in three game titles – League of Legends, Rocket League, and SMITE. For the 2020 season, there will be two classifications participating, which is set to begin in mid-January in Class A-4A and Class 5A. There will be two overall Esports Champions (5A & A-4A) and finals will take place the first week of May.

FFA – Ms. Lopez presented that new membership registration deadline is September 15<sup>th</sup>. FFA had approximately 3600 members last year. There are several events taking place for FFA in the Fall, including district officers’ training and the Red Barn. The National FFA Convention will be held October 30-November 2<sup>nd</sup>, with 23 New Mexico teams competing in various categories. FFA is still looking for highly qualified agriculture teachers to serve as advisors. The 2019-2020 FFA theme is, “Take The Step,” and is focused on improving the participants and the future of agriculture in NM.

JROTC – Lt. Col Ingles presented that several JROTC and Middle School Leadership Activities took place this summer and will take place this fall, including several Service Military Academy Summer Seminars, Service Leadership Camps, and College Prep Sponsored events.

Music – Ms. Pappas presented on behalf of Mr. Neil Swapp, who was not present. The 2019 All-State Music Festival and In-Service Conference was held by the NM Music Educators Association. This was their 75<sup>th</sup> All-State Festival wherein nearly 3000 students auditioned. The NMMEA hosted its first Jazz All-State Music Festival on January 25-27<sup>th</sup> at Eastern New Mexico. The NMAA State Choir Contest took place at Cleveland High School on April 5-6<sup>th</sup> and the NMAA State Band Contest took place on April 22-23. Twenty-two HS Bands and twelve MS bands participated in the State Band Contest held at Cleveland HS. The NMMEA Executive Committee and Board met on July 18-19<sup>th</sup> to finalize the 2020 All-State Music Festival. Lastly the NMMEA hosted the first Summer Music Educators Workshop on July 27<sup>th</sup> at Rio Rancho HS.

NM Mock Trial – Ms. Leeds presented that the 2019 Mock Trial state finals were held March 8-9<sup>th</sup>. The Albuquerque Academy won the state competition and placed 6<sup>th</sup> at the National competition in May. The 2020 State finals will be in Albuquerque on March 20-21<sup>st</sup>. Registration will take place on September 1<sup>st</sup> with the case to be released on October 1, 2019. The National competition will take place in Evansville, IN on May 6-9, 2020.

Rodeo - Mr. Mirabal presented that the 2019 State Finals were held in Gallup. During the event, 19 seniors applied for and received over \$30,000 in scholarships. There were 15 individual champions crowned and Tularosa won first place in the team competition, followed by Moriarty (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Artesia (3<sup>rd</sup>). The National Rodeo was held in Rock Springs, WY on July 10-14, 2019, where Roberto Galaz of Valencia became a six-time national champion. The New Mexico boys placed eighth place overall. Jaxon Mirabal held the office of National Vice-President and also held national office in middle school. There are various rodeo events taking place throughout New Mexico this fall: September 6-8 in Cuba, September 27-29 in Artesia, October 5-6 in Las Cruces and October 18-20 in Socorro.

Scholastic Publications – Ms. Zimmermann presented that the 2019 State championship was held at Centennial HS, making it the first time the contest had been held in the Southern part of the state. There were about 150 participants in the event. Centennial won first place, followed by Eldorado (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Alamogordo (3<sup>rd</sup>). The 2020 event will be held on January 25<sup>th</sup>, likely at Highland High School, which is in their 70<sup>th</sup> year as a school.

Science Fair/Olympiad – Mr. Romero presented that there were approximately 1400 participants in Science Olympiad in 2018-2019. There were 46 junior teams and 47 senior teams represented at the state competition. Albuquerque Homeschoolers went on to the National Competition. Five projects were sent on to the International Science Fair, with four of the five receiving special recognition. Two projects placed in their category. The State Science Fair will take place on April 3-4, 2020. Science Olympiad will have a fall coaches workshop on November 1<sup>st</sup>, with State Competition taking place on February 22, 2020 at NM Tech.

Skills USA- Ms. Bussey presented that SkillsUSA transitioned from the CTLP umbrella to CNM. Their fall leadership conference will be held November 8-10<sup>th</sup> in Ruidoso. The State Conference will be held in Albuquerque on April 15-18, 2020, with a series of competitive events and leadership workshops. SkillsUSA has a new web site at [www.SkillsUSANM.org](http://www.SkillsUSANM.org).

Speech & Debate – Mr. Samora presented that New Mexico will be hosting the National Speech and Debate Association National Tournament. Trey Smith, principal at East Mountain High School, is the local contact. They are currently looking for NM specific businesses who would like to contribute in any way. Dates for this tournament are June 14-19, 2020. The State Congressional Debate Tournament will be held on February 8, 2020 and state tournament will be held February 27-29<sup>th</sup>. The National Qualifier tournament will be held at Albuquerque Academy on March 19-21, 2020.

STEM- Ms. Doty presented that the 2019-20 New Mexico Governor’s STEM Challenge is a statewide competition for all NM high schools. Schools will form a 10-person student teams with up to two teacher mentors. Mentors will receive stipends and funds for supplies. Mentorship from New Mexico State University, Northern New Mexico College, and the University of New Mexico will also be available. Each school team will the come up with a plan to a challenge question formulated by Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL); the 2019 topic theme is “Keeping the World Safer Using Technology.” The Challenge is organized jointly by LANL, the NM Department of Workforce Solutions, and the NM Department of Public Education. Participating NM industry employers will judge the teams, awarding winning teams with \$5,000 (\$500/student). A workshop for teacher mentors will also be hosted in September. The deadline for schools to submit their plan is November 22, 2019. The winning teams will present at a Statewide STEM Showcase in Los Lunas on December 7<sup>th</sup>, and all participating students will be eligible to letter in STEM. The STEM Challenge currently has 44 registered teams.

Student Council – Ms. Hahn noted that the NMASC State Leadership Conference was held in Farmington, NM on February 14-16<sup>th</sup> with 1,190 registered attendees. Summer Leadership Workshop took place on June 4-7<sup>th</sup> at NM Tech. Fall District Conference week is October 19-24<sup>th</sup> and the State Leadership Conference is in its 70<sup>th</sup> year taking place February 13-15, 2020 at Eldorado High School. The Summer Leadership Workshop will be held on June 2-5<sup>th</sup> at NM Tech. New Mexico will be hosting the 2020 Vision Conference in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Lastly, Student Council will be forming their own alumni association.

TSA - Ms. Burns presented that TSA is also no longer under the CTLP umbrella. They are looking to increase chapter membership over the 2019-2020 school year. TSA will be holding their Leadership Rally in Albuquerque on October 21<sup>st</sup> and in Las Cruces on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**New Business**

Ms. Dana Pappas Reminded council members to send activity reports to her, if they had not already done so. She also requested that members send their confirmed event dates to their staff liaisons so we can update the activity pages on the NMAA website.

Ms. Kristen Leeds requested more information about the WNMU scholarships and noted that two of their students have received scholarships but cannot reach anyone at Western NM to distribute the funds. Ms. Pappas requested she send the names to her so she could follow up with WNMU.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Perea thanked the NMAA staff and the Council members for their attendance and asked for a motion to approve the meeting. Ms. Hahn made a motion to approve the meeting, with a second by Ms. Doty. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:56 a.m.