

MAA Activities Council Meeting
September 7, 2021
Hall of Pride and Honor

Welcome and Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by NMAA Activities Council Chairman Ms. Mary Hahn at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was conducted by Ms. Tammy Richards and the following members were present:

Don Thompson, Bowling
Debbie Cline for Christine Phipps, CTLP
Dianna Valdez, English Expo
Gary Aycock, FFA
MSgt. Roberto Valdez, JROTC
Neil Swapp, Music
Scott Owen, Powerlifting
Marissa Prentice for Amy Kraenzel, Scholastic Publications
Ann Dunklee for Sharon Sessions, Science Fair/Olympiad
Natalie Donnelly, SkillsUSA
Mary Hahn, Student Council

Members absent:

Kim O'Connell- Brock, Athletic Training Challenge
Steve Perea, Chess
Gael Natal, Drama/One-Act
Crystal Chavez, Educators Rising
Michael Mascone, Esports
Kristen Leeds, NM Mock Trial
Bill Torres, Speech & Debate
Clara Graham, TSA

Approval of Agenda

Ms. Hahn asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Don Thompson made a motion to accept the agenda with a second by Ms. Debbie Cline. A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Hahn asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2020 meeting. Mr. Don Thompson made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, with a second by Ms. Debbie Cline. A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

NMAA Staff Reports/Introductions

Ms. Tammy Richards welcomed that members present asking the NMAA staff members to introduce themselves to the committee members.

Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwaner reminded the Council members that meeting attendance is required in order to submit receipt for reimbursement up to \$1000.

Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, discussed the current New Mexico Health Department mandate requiring masks to be worn by all individuals indoors, saying outdoors it is not required. Ms. Marquez also stated that unvaccinated students are not allowed to room with vaccinated individuals, asking that all Activity Advisors keep this in mind when scheduling events. She encouraged hosting one day events if possible.

Activity Reports

Council Members' Reports-

Athletic Training Challenge- not present.

Bowling – Mr. Thompson presented the bowling report. He stated that during the pandemic they were not able to have a full season however they did have state tournament held in June with 12 high schools that participated vs the previous year with 25 high schools which was conducted in one day. \$12,600 were contributed to scholarships last year totaling \$146,600 over the past 11 years. The 5A state champions was Rio Rancho and the 4A State Championships was Artesia. Upcoming events for the 2022 season includes a coaching meeting in late September, the senior tournament is TBD and the state tournament is currently set for February 11, 2022.

Chess – not present.

CTLP- Ms. Debbie Cline presented the numbers of registrants for all CTSO Activities. With a total of 58 chapters this year. The State conferences for BPA, DECA, FCCLA and HOSA were all held virtually between the months of February-April. Concluding with the national conferences also taking place virtually from April until late June. It was noted that 1 national officer went to the final round for BPA and FCCLA received the largest membership increase award.

Drama/One - Act Productions – not present.

Educators Rising – not present.

English Expo – Ms. Dianna Valdez

The annual competition was held on the last two weekends of February 2021. All 24 contests were offered in a virtual format. There were 137 students registered for the 24 contests. Seventeen schools participated (7 Mid Schools and 10 High School) in the event. The Expo Executive Board voted at their last meeting to continue to present the competition event for this school year as a virtual event. They would like to move the event back to a one weekend event. Scheduling is being worked on for the last weekend in February 2022.

E-Sports- not present, however, a report was submitted as follows: Esports was a success last year despite the pandemic with over 70 schools participating throughout the year. Students transitioned from playing at school sites to participating from home. Challenges included some students not having access to computers at home to participate on. Continued challenges include finding club sponsors with

tech knowledge to be able to help the kids when they run into issues. The goal this year is for the state championships to be held in person in Albuquerque

FFA – Mr. Gary Aycock

JROTC – MSgt Roberto Valdez reported

Music – Mr. Neil Swapp presented the music report. He stated the 77th Annual All-State Music Festival was held virtually in January, where over 2500 students auditioned and over 700 were selected for participation. The NMMEA Jazz All-State Music Festival was held in January. The NMMEA Executive Committee met virtually for their annual summer meeting and the 2021 NMAA State Choir and Band were canceled due to the pandemic. He informed the committee of upcoming events for the 2021-2022 school year to include Concert All State and Jazz All State set to take place in January with hopes that enrollment will increase this year.

NM Mock Trial –Ms. Leeds was not present; however, the following report was submitted: The 2021 mock trial was virtual and a big success with 25 teams competing at qualifiers and 16 moving to the state competition. Albuquerque Academy won the state championship and competed at the National Competition coming in third. The state champion courtroom artist was Mason Porch from La Cueva and she placed 4th at Nationals. Our Courtroom Journalist state champ was Jamie Carribbe from Onate. Upcoming events include the Mock Trial Qualifiers will be February 18-19, 2022, in Las Cruces and Albuquerque followed by the State Finals will be March 11-12, 2022 in Albuquerque.

Powerlifting- Mr. Scott Owen presented a report on powerlifting. Powerlifting started as an activity on an emergency and temporary basis during the 2020-2021 school year as a result of the pandemic. Several competitions were held virtually during the weeks of during November and December, with the State Championship event held in February. 22 schools participated throughout the season with Silver HS Girls and Rio Rancho boys crowned the big school state champions and Jal Girls and Logan Boys taking home the championship trophy for small school state champions. For the 2021-2022 season the all competitions will be held virtually with the state championship taking place in April. Powerlifting will pursue “sports” status beginning with the 2022-2023 school year.

Scholastic Publications –Ms. Marissa Prentice reported

Science Fair/Olympiad –Ms. Ann Dunklee reported that the 2021 State Science Fair even was held virtually in April. A total of 39 High School and Middle Schools participated in this even with a total of 113 students. Science Olympias was held virtually in March. Over 300 middle school and high school students participated in this event with a total of 34 teams participating. Upcoming events for 2022 including several Science Olympiads events taking place through February and Science Fair events taking place in April.

Skills USA- Speech & Debate – Ms Natalie Donnelly reported

Student Council – Ms. Mary Hahn presented the NMASC report. She stated noted that the 2021 NMASC State Leadership Conference took place on February 11-13th at Mayfield High School with 1,000 registrants. The 2021 Summer Leadership Workshop was held June 8-10th throughout several different school campuses both in person and virtual. This conference had nearly 200 attendees. Finally, the Vision 2021 Conference was canceled due to travel restrictions. She informed the committee of upcoming events in the 2021-2022 school year, to include the Fall District Virtual Conference Week held October 16-21st at various high schools, the NMASC's 72nd State Leadership Conference on February 10-12th at Highland High School, and the Summer Leadership Workshop scheduled for June 7-10, 2022 at NM Tech.

TSA – not present.

New Business

Western NM Scholarships – not in attendance. Ms. Richards explained that a WNMU representative was asked to attend the meeting to explain the scholarship process for submitting nominations. She will reach out to the University for the information and forward it to the committee members.

Eastern NM Scholarship – Mr. Z of ENMU discussed the University is seeking to sponsor Activity events as well as partner with schools in order to speak to New Mexico students about the programs and scholarships that they provide. He also added that because the University is open they are willing to host events if needed.

Adjournment

Ms. Hahn thanked the NMAA staff and the Council members for their attendance and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Debbie Cline made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with a second by Mr. Don Thompson. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.