

NMAA Board of Directors Meeting

September 21, 2011

9:00 AM

NMAA Hall of Pride and Honor

Welcome – Meeting called to order by Mr. Mike Phipps, NMAA Board of Directors President, at 9:03 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)
Mr. Buddy Little (Small Area D)
Mr. Winston Brooks (Large School District I)
Ms. Patricia Parsons (At-Large Member)
Mrs. Janel Ryan (Large Area A)
Mr. Mike Phipps (Large Area B - President)
Mr. Dick Pool (Large Area C)
Mr. Stan Rounds (Large School District II)
Mr. Lawrence Johnson (NMAA Commission Representative)

Members not present:

Mr. Dion Sandoval (NM School Board Association)
Mr. Adan Delgado (Large Area D)

Eleven members present, representing a quorum.

Approval of Agenda and Addendum Agenda:

Mr. Phipps asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. Ryan made the motion to approve the agenda with the following change: move the Annual Audit report under section IV - Financial Report, to be presented before item II - Executive Session. Mr. Rounds seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Approval of Minutes from June 9, 2011:

Mr. Phipps asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Green made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Casados seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Mr. Adan Delgado entered the meeting at approximately 9:11 a.m.

Financial Report:

Mr. Dick Satter and Mrs. Debbie Saunders of Satter & Company, Certified Public Accountants, presented the statement of financial position report of the New Mexico Activities Association.

Executive Session:

Mr. Phipps asked for a motion to enter into an Executive Session at 9:23 a.m. A motion was made by Mr. Rounds to enter into Executive Session. Mr. Little seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Mr. Phipps called the meeting back to order at 10:01 a.m. Personnel, litigation, and finances were the items discussed during the Executive Session with Mr. Phipps stating that no action was taken.

Director's Report:

Mr. Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director, discussed four items during his report: (1) his participation with the NMSBA Regional Meetings for Athletic Directors and Superintendents which are being held throughout the state from September through November 2011; (2) the renovation of the Hall of Pride and Honor and the desire to create a documentary on the members of the Hall of Fame; (3) the current Life of an Athlete participation numbers; and (4) current request from Athletic Directors throughout the state to consider moving sports practice start dates back one week.

Financial Report:

Mrs. Shari Kessler-Schwaner, NMAA Business Manager, presented the 2010-2011 Financial Report. Mr. Phipps asked for a motion to make adjustments to the 2011-2012 NMAA budget. Mr. Brooks made the motion to accept budget changes as discussed. Mr. Rounds seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Activities Report:

Ms. Kristin Derr, NMAA Assistant Director, presented items discussed during the August 30th meeting of the NMAA Activities Council. Discussion topics included transportation, financial difficulties, data collection, bylaws, eligibility, participation in Southern NM and alumni associations. Ms. Derr also discussed upcoming Fall Conference dates of the NMSPA, NMASC and One Act Play Competition.

NMOA Report:

Mrs. Dana Sanchez, NMAA Assistant Director, discussed three recent NMOA meetings and one future NMOA meeting: (1) NMOA Executive Board Meeting was held on July 21, 2011; (2) NMOA State Clinic was held on July 22-23, 2011; (3) Referee Educational Forum was held on September 9-10, 2011; and (4) the National Association of Sports Officials Summit will be held in Albuquerque in 2014. Mrs. Sanchez also announced that Ronnie Milliorn a basketball referee, from Santa Fe, was selected to officiate in the 2011 Deaf International Basketball Federation World Games that will take place in Palermo, Italy, September 16th-24th. Mr. Milliorn was one of 27 basketball officials from around the world to be selected.

General Action Items:

Legal Guardianship: (Action Item), (Referendum Item) Mrs. Sally Marquez, NMAA Associate Director, presented a proposal to send a referendum out to all member schools regarding the previously passed Bylaw 6.8, Conditions of Guardianship, as follows:

Note: Legal guardianship must be established at least one calendar year before the transfer, in order to be considered for eligibility purposes. On the initial referendum, the item was placed in the Parent to Parent section of the bylaw and not in the overall bylaw section. A motion was made by Mr. Pool to accept the proposal as presented as a referendum item. Mr. Rounds seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Changes to the NMAA Handbook: (Action Item), (Referendum Item) Mr. Robert Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, presented a proposal to consider revision to the process by which changes are made to the NMAA Handbook, which eliminates reference to the annual meeting. The rationale for the proposal is to eliminate the need for amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Sports Regulations to be presented and voted at the Annual Meeting of member schools. A motion was made by Mr. Pool to accept the proposal as presented as a referendum item. Mr. Rounds seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Combine 6-Man and 8-Man Football: (Action Item), Mr. Randy Adrian, NMAA Assistant Director, presented the results of a 6-Man/8-Man Football survey concerning the elimination of 8-Man football, which was sent to the Athletic Directors of 8-Man and 6-Man football schools. He discussed combining 6-Man and 8-Man football into one 6-Man classification. Mr. Green made the motion to Table the item. Mr. Benoit seconded the motion. Mr. Phipps opened discussion to the Board and members of the audience. Audience members who spoke on behalf of their schools against the elimination of 8-Man included: Josh Sears, Menaul High School Athletic Director; Jamie Widner, Melrose Public Schools Superintendent; Gary Miller, Logan High School Athletic Director; Pat Ventura, Carrizozo Schools Football Coach; and Jay Mortensen, Mountainair Public Schools Superintendent. Mr. Green and Mr. Benoit withdrew their motion and second. Mr. Brooks made the motion to delay any decision until the beginning of the next alignment and classification block as recommended by the NMAA staff and thereby leaving 8-Man Football for the remainder of the current block. Mr. Little seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Consider appeal of Mescalero \$500 Track & Field fine: Mr. Pat Garcia, Mescalero High School Athletic Director, presented a letter written to Mr. Robert Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, asking the Board to rescind the 2011 fine. Mr. Rounds made the motion to reject the appeal, keeping the fine in place. Mr. Benoit seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Sanction Show Choir/Host State Competition: Ms. Kristin Derr, NMAA Assistant Director, presented a proposal to sanction and facilitate the annual Show Choir Competition. The rationale to sanction Show Choir would be to regulate the program per NMAA Bylaws as well as to allow for more participation by NMAA member school students. Twelve schools submitted letters of commitment to Ms. Derr. The anticipated budget impact is difficult to determine at this time but is thought to be minimal. A motion was made by Mr. Green to accept the proposal as presented, beginning with the

2011-2012 school year. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Consider alignment and classification appeal of Santa Fe High Schools: Ms. Bobbie Gutierrez, Santa Fe Public Schools Superintendent, presented a memo written to the NMAA concerning a reorganization of schools/programs within the Santa Fe Public Schools. The memo asked that changes within the structure of their Teen Parent Center and The Career Academy reflect an equal split of enrollment numbers between Santa Fe and Capital High Schools, allowing Santa Fe High School to remain in Class 4A. Mr. Delgado made the motion to approve Santa Fe's appeal to remain in Class 4A. Mr. Casados seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (6-4). *Note: Two Board Members not present during vote.*

Consider approval of 2012-2013, 2013-2014 Classification Districts: Mr. Robert Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, asked the Board to approve the proposed districts as presented. Mr. Rounds made the motion to approve the districts as presented with the exception of Santa Fe High School to be placed in 4A, and allow the NMAA staff to adjust AA football by adding a 5th district. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Sports Specific Action Item:

Cross Country: Consider an adjustment to the Class A/AA State Qualifying Standards. A motion was made by Mr. Green to reject the proposal as presented. Mr. Little seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

General Discussion/Information Items:

Allow a student-athlete from a consolidated school district to play at another NMAA member school in the same consolidated school district if the school does not have a sport. Mr. Pool, Silver Consolidated Schools Superintendent, asked the Board for input/discussion on the topic presented. Mr. Phipps stated that a committee will need to be created to address issues.

Lunch Break: 12:10 – 12:48

Mr. Brooks, Mr. Rounds, and Mr. Casados departed the meeting.

Update on 2011-2012 Board of Directors Goals: Mr. Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director, discussed the current board goals, a proposed All-State Academic Team and issues concerning Attendance/Non-attendance School Zones. Mrs. Sally Marquez, NMAA Associate Director, briefly discussed the importance of creating an equitable standard of eligibility for all students to ensure impartiality and fairness.

Athletic Trainer's Letter of Concern: Mr. Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director, discussed a letter of concern he received from an athletic trainer concerned with the new August 1st start date of football.

Sport Specific Committee Reports: The NMAA Staff presented reports identifying items discussed during past meetings and action taken.

NMAA Bylaw 7.4.5 – Open Gymnasium or Facility: Mrs. Sally Marquez, Associate Director, asked the Board for feedback/discussion concerning the definition of the bylaw and issues surrounding open gyms/facilities.

Transfer students, foreign exchange students and JV participation: Mrs. Sally Marquez, Associate Director, discussed issues relative to the Bylaw since many small schools do not have JV teams and some foreign exchange students are therefore not able to participate in athletics. She requested feedback on this issue from NMAA member schools.

Future of Alignment and Classification: Mr. Robert Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, discussed the proposed drafts that were presented to the Board and the membership. He emphasized that the proposals were for discussion only and would like to hear feedback from the Board after review.

Future Media Policies and Procedures: Mr. Robert Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, presented an Associated Press document titled, "Court: No First Amendment Right to Stream Live Games."

Code of Conduct Workshops / Life of An Athlete Update: Mr. Robert Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, presented the upcoming Code of Conduct/School Alcohol Policies Registration Form for workshops that will take place February 22-24, 2011. He also mentioned that over 11,000 individuals have taken the Life of An Athlete course since its inception, adding that many schools are now making it a required course for all athletic participants.

Future Commission/Board Openings: Mr. Robert Zayas, Associate Director, announced the December 31, 2011 expiration of the following terms for the Commission: Mr. Gary Frazier, Small Area D; Mr. Phillip Sategna, Large Area A; and Mr. Pete MacFarlane, Non-Public School Representative. Board of Director terms that are expiring December 31, 2011 are: Ms. Janel Ryan, Large Area A, and Mr. Buddy Little, Small Area D.

SafeTeen New Mexico: Mrs. Dana Sanchez, NMAA Assistant Director, presented an informational brochure on the nonprofit organization. SafeTeen is currently determining how their program can help the NMAA member schools.

Consider Adjournment:

Mr. Phipps asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Mrs. Ryan. Mr. Green seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

Next Board of Directors Meeting Date:

December 1, 2011 (NMAA)