

**NMAA Board of Directors**  
**September 25, 2013**  
**9:00 AM**  
**APS Community Stadium**

**Welcome** – Meeting called to order by Mrs. Janel Ryan, NMAA Board of Directors President, at 9:20 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. 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 - Vice President)  
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)  
Ms. Lesa Dodd (Small Area D)  
Mr. Dion Sandoval (NM School Board Association)

Thirteen members present representing a quorum.

Mrs. Janel Ryan, Board President, thanked Mr. Winston Brooks and his staff for hosting the meeting at the APS Community Stadium. Mr. Brooks, APS Superintendent, thanked Mr. Kenny Barreras, APS District Athletic Director and Brad Winter, APS Chief Operations Officer for their work in facilitating the project.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Mrs. Ryan asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Rounds made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Dr. Straface seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mrs. Ryan asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2013 meeting. Mr. Green made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dr. Caton seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

**Executive Session:**

Mrs. Janel Ryan informed the members that an Executive Session was not needed at this time.

**NMAA Directors' Report:**

Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, discussed four (4) items on her report: 1) thanked the NMAA staff for all their hard work during her first year as Executive Director; 2) the success of the "Open Forum" meetings held in various locations throughout the state with AD's and other interested school personnel; 3) the success of the NFHS Section 6 meeting that was hosted by the NMAA, which included state organizations from Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Colorado; and 4) she reminded Board members of the upcoming NMAA/NMADA Fall Conference which will be held October 13-15, 2013 at the Marriott Pyramid Hotel in Albuquerque and will feature guest presenters from Wisconsin, Colorado and Nebraska.

**Financial Report:**

NMAA Finance Report: Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwaner, NMAA Business Manager, presented the fall, winter and spring financial reports for the 2012-2013 school year.

Annual Audit Report: The Board received the annual audit report as presented by Ms. Debbie Saunders, Saunders & Associates. She reported on three items to the Board: (1) The Annual Audit report for the 2012-2013 school year; (2) Significant Audit Findings; and (3) Comments and Recommendations letter to the Board of Directors.

**NMAA Activities Report:**

Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, discussed two items during her report: (1) The Activities Council Meeting which took place September 3, 2013. Ms. Pappas mentioned a) the success of dividing activities amongst the NMAA staff, b) fewer schools participating in activities, but more individual participants in many activities, c) the increased funding for activities through the efforts of Senator Howie Morales (from \$1000 per activity to \$2000), and d) Music Events Meeting at Rio Rancho Public School on September 20, 2013 for band, choir, and orchestra; and (2) the next meeting of the Activities Council on January 14, 2014 where the PED will be invited to present information concerning the possibility of the addition of activities participation to the STARS system. Other items to be discussed are group insurance information and expanding outreach to member schools about activities in an effort to increase participation.

**NMOA Report:**

Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, discussed four items in her report: (1) a summary of 2013 summer events which included basketball camps, NMOA State Clinic, Referee Educational Forum and the Ken Murphy Football Camp; (2) the use of Hudl.com for football and basketball training and evaluation of officials; (3) online coaches feedback for all sports; and (4) the 2014 NASO Summit and events to highlight officials in the months leading up to the Summit in Albuquerque.

**General Discussion/Informational Items:**

East Mountain High School Presentation: Mr. Doug Wine, Principal, and Mr. David Naylor, Athletic Director, presented a document to the board citing barriers that exist for

East Mountain High School which keep them from equitable participation and their desire to not be placed in a sports district based solely on enrollment numbers.

6 and 8 Man Football: Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, asked for feedback concerning the future of 6 and 8 Man Football. Mr. Young will keep an eye on the participation numbers as they continue to fluctuate.

Centralized Championships (football): Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, asked for feedback concerning centralized football State Championships, stating that UNM and APS have expressed interest in hosting such an event. NMAA staff will send out an Advisory Referendum to NMAA member schools concerning this issue as requested by the Board of Directors.

Upcoming Commission / Board Elections: Mr. Bill Cleland, NMAA Associate Director, announced upcoming vacancies for the NMAA Commission and Board of Directors for terms expiring December 31, 2013: Commission - Small Areas A and C, Large Areas C and D; Board – Small Areas A and C, Large Area D.

Break 11:07 a.m. – 11:16 a.m.

#### **Sport Specific Action Items:**

Tennis: Standardize match scoring for district contests: Mr. Joe Butler, NMAA Assistant Director, asked Board members to consider a proposal to standardize the match scoring for all district regular season and district tournament matches, as follows: best two-of-three tie-breaker sets, with ad scoring and a 7-point tie-breaker at 6-all in each set. All team matches will utilize a 9-point format (6-singles and 3-doubles matches) and will be played out to the full nine points. For postponed or suspended matches (due to darkness, weather or other conditions), refer to NMAA Handbook Sections 7.9 and 7.10. For district team matches, if it is determined that a match cannot be continued, it shall be rescheduled and continued from the point of interruption. Rescheduling of a suspended match shall be by mutual agreement. If agreement cannot be reached, the NMAA director of tennis will determine a date and time for the rescheduled match. The rationale for this proposal is that standardizing match formats throughout all districts statewide, provides consistency for the sport of tennis in qualifying players and teams to the state tournament. Mr. Rounds made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Delgado seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Tennis: Standardize tie-breaking procedure for district placement: Mr. Joe Butler, NMAA Assistant Director, asked Board members to consider a proposal to change bylaw 7.21 – District Tournament: Team Champion so that in tennis districts where the district team champion is determined based on results of head-to-head matches against all other district teams, a statewide district formula for breaking ties in team placement would be established. The rationale for this proposal is to establish a standard system statewide that is based on both USTA principles and NMAA tie-breaker rules in other sports, thereby creating consistency amongst districts for state qualifying purposes. Dr. Caton

made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Dr. Straface seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Track and Field: Require Fully Automatic Timing (2016): Mr. Chris Kedge, NMAA Assistant Director, asked Board members to consider a proposal that would require all state qualifying track and field meets be timed using a Fully Automatic Timing (FAT) system. This requirement would begin with the 2016 track and field season. The rationale is that by requiring state qualifying track and field meets to use FAT timing, it ensures that all times submitted are accurate for seeding purposes. Mr. Kedge presented a track and field survey showing support for the proposal. Mr. Green made a motion to not accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Casados seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Mr. Lawrence Johnson discussed the Commission’s vote of support for this item including the possibility of financial assistance from the NMAA for the purchase of FAT systems and the possibility of school districts sharing a system. Joe Giglia, Cimarron High School track coach, discussed the validity of the survey. A roll call vote was taken on not accepting the proposal with results as follows:

Yes	No	Board Member
✓		Mr. Anthony Casados (Small, Area A)
	✓	Mr. Paul Benoit (Small, Area B)
	✓	Mr. Bill Green (Small, Area C)
✓		Ms. Lesa Dodd (Small, Area D)
✓		Mr. Winston Brooks (Large School District I)
	✓	Dr. Crit Caton (At-Large member)
✓		Mr. Dion Sandoval (NM School Board Association)
	✓	Mrs. Janel Ryan (Large, Area A)
	✓	Mr. T.J. Parks, (Large Area B)
	✓	Dr. George Straface (Large Area C)
✓		Mr. Adan Delgado (Large, Area D)
	✓	Mr. Stan Rounds (Large School District II)
	✓	Mr. Lawrence Johnson (NMAA Commission Representative)

Vote failed 8 to 5. The motion to not accept the proposal was defeated.

Mr. Rounds then made a motion to table this item, requesting further information on a proposal from the NMAA regarding financial assistance for the program, how it will be structured, and what the estimated costs will be to the member schools. Mr. Benoit seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Track and Field: Remove Bylaw 7.22.3 E (Finals Qualification): Mr. Chris Kedge, NMAA Assistant Director, asked Board members to accept a proposal that would eliminate Bylaw 7.22.3 E which states “in all races except distance events, contestants qualify for the finals on the basis of time only.” The rationale for the elimination is that it would allow the NMAA to use the NFHS preferred system that allows heat leaders and a designated number of the next fastest runners (dependent on the number of heats) to

advance to the finals through head to head competition. Mr. Green made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Dr. Straface seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (13-0).

**General Action Items:**

Policy to establish/maintain sports/activities (Referenda): Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, asked Board members to consider a proposal as follows: “In order to add a new sport or activity to the New Mexico Activities Association, ten percent (10%) of member high schools must indicate their intention to participate in that sport or activity. Prior to the start of a new block, NMAA staff will review all programs and conduct a feasibility study for the continuance of each sport/activity it offers.” The rationale is that in the past, the NMAA has been approached by various groups wishing to establish new sports or activities in the state. While the standard answer has been that 12 programs are necessary, no policy was in writing. This proposal would establish such a guideline. Dr. Caton made the motion to accept the proposal as presented as a referenda item. Mr. Benoit seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Remove bylaw item 6.7.7 A.6 (Boarding School Foreign Student) (Referenda): Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, asked the members to consider a proposal to remove Bylaw 6.7.7 A.6 (Boarding School Foreign Student) thereby allowing all foreign students who are boarding to be immediately eligible. The rationale for the proposal would allow boarding foreign students to be immediately eligible upon enrollment, treating them the same as all other boarding school students. This will also allow boarding schools to have a true 40-day count when it comes to Classification and Alignment. Dr. Straface made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Benoit seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested as follows:

Yes	No	Board Member
✓		Mr. Anthony Casados (Small, Area A)
✓		Mr. Paul Benoit (Small, Area B)
✓		Mr. Bill Green (Small, Area C)
✓		Ms. Lesa Dodd (Small, Area D)
✓		Mr. Winston Brooks (Large School District I)
✓		Dr. Crit Caton (At-Large member)
✓		Mr. Dion Sandoval (NM School Board Association)
✓		Mrs. Janel Ryan (Large, Area A)
✓		Mr. T.J. Parks, (Large Area B)
✓		Dr. George Straface (Large Area C)
✓		Mr. Adan Delgado (Large, Area D)
	✓	Mr. Stan Rounds (Large School District II)
✓		Mr. Lawrence Johnson (NMAA Commission Representative)

The motion passed (12-1).

Classification/Alignment revision to NMAA Handbook, Section IV: Mr. Bill Cleland, NMAA Associate Director, presented the revised version of section IV which would be in effect for the 2014-15/2015-16 block and discussed the changes that were made to that section of the NMAA Handbook. Mr. Green made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Rounds seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

**Consider Adjournment:**

Mrs. Ryan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:22 p.m. Mr. Green made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Parks seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

**Next Board of Directors Meeting Date:** November 20, 2013