

## **NMAA Commission Meeting**

November 15, 2023 @ 9:00 AM

Hall of Pride and Honor

Welcome – The meeting was called to order by Mr. Gary Allison, Chairman of the Commission, at 9:01 am. A roll call was conducted by Ms. Alissa Wesbrook, NMAA Assistant to the Executive Director, and the following members were present:

Mr. Ben Tensay (Large Area A)  
Mr. Gary Allison (Small Area A)  
Mr. Robert Arreola (Large, Area B)  
Mr. Dickie Roybal (Small, Area B)  
Mr. Jory Mirabal (Small, Area C)  
Ms. Karen Nougues (Large, Area C)  
Ms. Robbie Robinson (Small Area D)  
Ms. Ann Stewart (Large, Area D)  
Mr. Willie Owens (Non-Public Schools)  
Mr. Adrian Pete (Jr. High/Middle School Committee)  
Ms. Isaac Gamboa (New Mexico High School Athletic Directors Association)  
Dr. Thomas Mabrey (New Mexico High School Coaches Association) *\*joined at 925am*  
Mr. Scott Affentranger (New Mexico Association of Secondary School Principals)  
Mr. Jess Martinez (New Mexico Officials Association)  
Ms. Linda Montoya (New Mexico School Boards Association)  
Ms. Mary Hahn (Activities Council) *\*via teleconference; left at 10am*

16 members were present representing a quorum.

### **Approval of Agenda:**

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Stewart made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Montoya seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2023, Commission Meeting as presented. Mr. Owens made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Roybal seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

### **NMAA Director's Report:**

Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, discussed four (4) items on his report: 1) reported on the recent Board of Directors and Commission elections (Board - Travis Dempsey and Lee White were re-elected, Cody Diehl was elected as the new rep for Large Area A; Commission - Ben Tensay and Robbie Robinson were re-elected, Taryn Bachis was elected as the new rep for Non Public Schools); 2) provided an update on the Fall Championship season and thanked the member schools that have helped host some of these events; 3) stated that since Fall Championships were still ongoing, a Financial Report would not be available until the February meeting; 4) provided information pertaining to the NMAA Foundation's scholarship and school grant/support programs and upcoming fundraising events for the organization.

### **NMAA Activities Report:**

Mr. Young presented the activities report. He discussed five (5) items on his report: 1) reported on the State One Act Play competition that took place in October in Las Cruces; 2) stated that all other activities are underway with the rest of those state events taking place in the Spring; 3) reported that participation numbers in activities are on the rise again this school year; 4) stated that some

activity liaisons are looking at possible calendar adjustments so that more state events are held in the Fall instead of during the spring when many sports and activities championships take place; 5) provided another reminder about the NMAA Foundation's fundraising events – January 21<sup>st</sup> Bowl-A-Thon and June 24<sup>th</sup> Golf Classic . Mr. Affentranger asked to look at One Act Play and the possibility of that event to be scheduled for a different weekend so there is not a conflict with Balloon Fiesta. Ms. Hahn provided a brief update on Student Council.

#### **New Mexico Officials Association Report:**

Mr. Zac Stevenson, Commissioner of Officials, presented the officials report. He discussed four (4) items in his report: 1) stated 132 officials will be working fall championships over the next two weeks. 2) thanked the assignors and athletic directors for working together to schedule and assign games; 3) showed appreciation to member schools for their effort with Officials Appreciation Week; 4) reported RefReps continues to grow with another information meeting taking place in the next few weeks; and 5) stated winter numbers are a bit short from last year but remain steady.

#### **General Discussion/Information Items**

Sportsmanship Update - Mr. Allison discussed Sportsmanship with a focus on volleyball and some of the negative incidents that occur where chants or comments are directed towards a specific individual/player. Feedback included support to address this via member school coaches and administrators, especially when it is "team" driven.

*Dr. Mabrey joined the meeting at 9:25 a.m.*

Basketball: Shot Clock - Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, reported on recent survey results regarding the possible use of a shot clock in basketball. She stated approximately 60% of coaches were in favor of using a shot clock. Feedback included potential issues with staffing, significant expenses to install 1-2 units in each school, and challenges for officials trying to learn a new complex mechanic/rule. Mr. Martinez recommended that a similar survey be sent to basketball officials to determine their position on the matter.

Tryouts & Practice - Ms. Marquez discussed the bylaw regarding a student trying out at one school and then attempting to transfer to another school after being cut. Currently a student in this situation would be ineligible at all levels in that sport for the remainder of the school year. She stated the "5-practice rule" constituting a season also results in the same ineligibility. Feedback supported adjustments to this rule so that a student in this situation could play at the sub-varsity level at another school.

Membership Dues - Ms. Marquez discussed a potential increase in NMAA membership dues to help with rising costs from state championship events and day-to-day operations of the organization. She also referenced that dues have not been raised in over 11 years. Feedback supported a reasonable increase now so that a more significant increase would not be needed in the future.

Classification & Alignment - Ms. Marquez stated that the new C & A proposal would be presented to the NMAA Board of Directors on November 29<sup>th</sup>, with appeals then set for December 11<sup>th</sup>. She added that the system and breakdown of schools will be very similar to the current block for all sports except football. In football, enrollment thresholds may change for the smaller classifications, district sizes could be increased to help with scheduling, and a non-success factor will be proposed that would afford struggling programs the option of playing down one classification.

*Ms. Hahn left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.*

## Action Items

Marching Band as a Sanctioned Activity - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to consider approving Marching Band as an NMAA Sanctioned Activity. Mr. Allison asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Martinez made the motion to approve the proposal. Ms. Stewart seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Forfeiture Fee Adjustments - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to standardize forfeiture fees for all high school contests and update them for basketball and football. Bylaw 5.1.6 B, Forfeits at Senior High Level, shall read: When schools do not have a forfeiture fee in their contract for a regular season event and cannot resolve the failure of one school to fulfill the contract, the Board has established minimum forfeiture fees as follows.

1. Minimum forfeiture fees: If not already in the contract this applies to both regular season games and tournaments.

	<u>Football</u>	<u>Basketball</u>	<u>Other Sports</u>
A, 6-Man, 8-Man.	\$1500	\$1000	\$500
2A	\$2000	\$1500	\$500
3A.	\$2500	\$2000	\$750
4A	\$3000	\$3000	\$1000
5A	\$4000	\$4000	\$1500
6A	\$4500		

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Tensay made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Roybal seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Eligibility: Summer School Courses - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to allow students to use summer school courses to replace spring semester courses if they earn a passing grade in at least the regular level of the same course. Bylaw 6.2.4 Make Up Class in Summer School shall read as follows: A Student may make up classes during summer school by earning a passing grade in at least the regular level of the same course from an accredited program. The new grade may be substituted for the original grade in that class providing the local school policy permits. Summer School is defined as an extension of the spring semester for that year only. If the course is to be utilized for determining a student's eligibility, it must be placed on the transcript prior to the first day of the school year. Mr. Allison asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Ms. Montoya made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Gamboa seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Officials Fees: Powerlifting - Mr. Stevenson presented a proposal to approve Powerlifting Judge levels, duties and fee structures. Details are as follows:

Certification Levels/Duties:

- a. Head Judge – 1) Ensure all technical rules and formats are correctly applied by the Lifters, Teams, Coaches, and Platform Judges; 2) Hold Pre-Meet Judges and Coaches Meetings; 3) Ensure the safety/legality of the equipment and any personal equipment

Note – For a meet to be considered for state qualification, a head judge must be assigned.

In absence of an assigned head judge, two (2) or more head coaches who are head judge certified, may fill this role.

- b. Platform Judge – 1) Oversee lifting activities and regulations at the assigned platform; 2) Determine clean lifts and only qualify lifts to score if the lift meets the technical rules outlined in the NMAA Powerlifting Rule Book

Fee Schedule:

- a. Head Judge – \$100/meet plus an additional \$25/hour for every hour over 4 up to a maximum of 8 hours (\$200 max) – 1 per meet (or 2 or more head coaches who are head judge certified).
- b. Platform Judge – \$60/meet plus an additional \$15/hour for every hour over 4 up to a maximum of 8 hours (\$120 max) – 3 per platform.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Affentranger made the motion to approve the proposal, with the recommendation that school districts look at how they may be able to compensate coaches for working as officials in these situations. Mr. Owens seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (14-0).

Officials Fees: Wrestling, Spirit, Swimming, Track- Mr. Stevenson presented a proposal to modify the current Officials fees for events in the sports of wrestling, spirit, swimming & diving, and track & field. Updates for state championship events in these sports will take effect immediately, while regular season updates would not be implemented until the 2024-2025 school year. Mr. Allison asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Gamboa made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Tensay seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Track & Field: Coaches as Meet Officials - Ms. Marquez, presented a proposal to allow track and field coaches who are also NMOA certified, to serve as meet officials. There must be three coaches, from three different schools to certify/verify results. Addition to Bylaw 7.22.3 M shall read as follows: Meet referees may be coaches who are certified track officials via the NMAA/NMOA as long there are at least three coaches from three different schools at the meet who are NMOA certified and all three must agree to certify/verify the results of the meet. Mr. Allison asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Mirabal made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Roybal seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Tennis: State Tournament Seeding - Mr. Scott Owen, NMAA Assistant Director- presented a proposal to Increase individual state seeds (singles/doubles) from top 4 to top 6. Mr. Allison asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Gamboa made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Arreola seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

**Consider Adjournment**

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:32 a.m. Ms. Stewart made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Tensay seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).