

**NMAA Board of Directors**  
**November 29, 2012**  
**9:00 AM**  
**NMAA Hall of Pride and Honor**

**Welcome** – Meeting called to order by Mrs. Janel Ryan, NMAA Board of Directors President, at 9:00 a.m. A roll call was conducted by Mrs. Mindy Ioane, NMAA Administrative Assistant, and the following members were present:

Mr. Anthony Casados (Area A, Small)  
Mr. Paul Benoit (Area B, Small)  
Mr. Bill Green (Area C, Small)  
Mr. Buddy Little (Area D, Small)  
Mr. Dion Sandoval (NM School Boards Association)  
Mrs. Janel Ryan (Area A, Large - President)  
Mr. T.J. Parks (Area B, Large)  
Mr. George Straface (Area C, Large)  
Mr. Adan Delgado (Area D, Large)  
Mr. Lawrence Johnson (NMAA Commission Representative)

The following members were not present:  
Ms. Patricia Parsons (At-Large Member)  
Mr. Winston Brooks (Large School District I)  
Mr. Stan Rounds (Large School District II)

Ten members present representing a quorum.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Mrs. Ryan asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Johnson made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Parks seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mrs. Ryan asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2012 meeting. Mr. Little made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Green seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

**Executive Session:**

Mrs. Ryan stated that there were no financial, legal, or personnel issues to be discussed at this time.

**NMAA Directors' Report:**

Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, discussed four (4) items on her report: 1) The cancellation of Mr. Gary Tripp's reception; 2) introduction of two new staff members, Assistant Directors' Chris Kedge and Scott Owen; 3) the 2012 Fall State Championships in the sports of Cross Country, Soccer and Volleyball - attendance

numbers were lower than last year but the action was exciting at all venues and the events themselves were successful; and 4) spoke of the successful Basketball Rules Clinics hosted by the NMAA and held in various cities around the state.

**NMAA Activities Report:**

Mr. Joe Butler, NMAA Assistant Director, gave details of the 2012 One Act Play Competition that was held at San Juan College in Farmington. There were 331 participants from 16 member schools. Aztec High School won the Athens division and Lordsburg High School won the Sparta division.

Mr. Bill Cleland, NMAA Associate Director, discussed the success of the CTSO Fall Leadership Conference, where 417 students participated, representing 54 member middle / high schools.

**New Mexico Officials Association Report:**

Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, discussed the NMAA's webpage being down during part of the State Volleyball Championships. To ensure that individuals would have up-to-date State Championship information, traffic to the NMAA website was diverted to the NMAA Events Facebook page. As a result of that decision, the Facebook page is up to 1195 "likes" and she discussed the demographics of those who visited the site. Ms. Pappas spoke of the NW Region's continued struggle in getting enough officials to cover the region and she discussed the success of the Fall District Basketball Clinics held in various locations statewide. Ms. Pappas also discussed the implementation of the online basketball evaluation process.

**General Discussion Items:**

Football seeding on Saturday night: Ms. Marquez discussed issues concerning football seeding on Saturday night. It takes place on the same night that NMAA staff is wrapping up State Soccer and Cross Country Championships. She explained that in addition to the timing of the seeding, this year two of the games were held that same night and staff had to wait for the results of those games. She also stated that MaxPreps was not updated with results of all Saturday contests, as well as the issue of film exchange no longer being necessary due to the use of the Huddle website by many schools. After discussion, Ms. Marquez stated that she will present this item to the Football Sports Specific committee for their recommendation.

1<sup>st</sup> place playoff game (regular season basketball/volleyball): Ms. Marquez asked if the playoff game for the regular season championship should go to the tie-breaker rule instead of playing an extra game in the sports of basketball and volleyball. Ms. Marquez stated that this item was for discussion only and final decision would be the purview of the Board.

Mr. Winston Brooks entered the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

Move Fall sports up one week: Ms. Marquez discussed the prospect of moving the start date of cross country, soccer, and volleyball up one week, thereby allowing State

Championships to be completed a week earlier. In addition to possibly helping with issues related to the time change and cold weather, this would also allow students participating in volleyball, cross country, and soccer to participate in Winter sports sooner than they can now. She asked for feedback and discussion on this item.

Game limitations: Ms. Marquez asked the Board for approval to send out a survey to all member schools to find out whether they are in favor of cutting back on the number of games throughout all sports.

**General Action Items:**

Consideration of Classification & Alignment proposals for the 2014-15 / 2015-16 block: Ms. Marquez presented the Classification and Alignment 40 Day Enrollment numbers for the 2011 and 2012 school years and a Proposal Comparison (11/29/12) spreadsheet, with the following notes to the proposal spreadsheet:

- 1) SQ = “status quo”. Used 08-09 80 day enrollment numbers for grades 9-12 instead of the 8-11 grades (with alternatives) that had been used originally to create this block. We then determined the lowest enrollment total within each classification at that time. That became our floor for the classification for the SQ proposal. 5A is 1601 and above, 4A is 1600 to 801, 3A is 800 to 401, 2A is 400 to 151, A is 150 to 69, and B is the remainder.
- 2) C2 - Six equal classifications. Private/boarding schools with enrollment above 125 have a 1.3 multiplier applied before classifications are determined.
- 3) C3 – Use enrollment of 400 as the boundary for large and small schools. Schools with enrollment of 400 and lower in grades 9-12 are divided into 3 equal classes (2A, A, B). Schools with enrollment of 401 and above in grades 9-12 are divided into 3 equal classes (5A, 4A, 3A). Private/boarding schools with enrollment above 125 have a 1.3 multiplier applied before classifications are determined.
- 4) C4 – Equal numbers of schools in large school classifications (i.e. 24 schools each in 5A, 4A, and 3A) and the remaining schools are split equally into classes 2A, A, and B. Private/boarding schools with enrollment above 125 have a 1.3 multiplier applied before classifications are determined.
- 5) Columns with “-no” in the title have no multiplier applied. All other characteristics are the same as identified above for the corresponding proposal. For example, “C2-no” is six equal classifications without a multiplier.
- 6) No assumptions were made about a school choosing to move up in class. Schools were only moved up or down based on the criteria for each proposal.
- 7) Schools shown in yellow are private/boarding schools. Their enrollment number with a 1.3 multiplier applied, is shown next to their name. These schools do not yet have 2012 40-day enrollment numbers factored in.
- 8) Schools highlighted in blue do not yet have 2012 40-day enrollment numbers factored in.
- 9) Red highlights in each proposal reflect starting points for a classification based on the criteria for that proposal.

Ms. Marquez read a letter sent to Janel Ryan, NMAA Board of Directors President, from the New Mexico Athletic Directors Association Board of Directors, which indicated their support of public and private schools “participating together rather than being segregated into separate classifications.”

Mr. Little made a motion to recommend Classification and Alignment proposals C3 and C4 to the membership (with the 1.3 multiplier for a 2 year block) and question the membership as to whether they would like to have separate championships for public and private schools. Mr. Delgado seconded the motion. Mrs. Ryan asked that a roll call vote be taken, with "yes" being in favor of the motion and "no" not in favor of the motion:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Mr. Dion Sandoval	✓	
Mr. Winston Brooks	<b>Abstain</b>	
Mr. Buddy Little	✓	
Mr. Bill Green	✓	
Mr. Paul Benoit	✓	
Mr. Lawrence Johnson	✓	
Mr. Anthony Casados	✓	
Mr. Adan Delgado	✓	
Mr. George Straface	✓	
Mr. T.J. Parks	✓	
Mrs. Janel Ryan	✓	

Motion passed (10-0).

Break 10:53 – 11:03

Mr. Winston Brooks announced the IB Program that will be housed at Sandia High School beginning in August of 2013. He asked the Board to consider during the next Board meeting, how eligibility will be handled for this program, which will consist of approximately 200 Junior and Senior high school students.

Mr. Brooks also stated a concern with the fact that the NCAA Clearinghouse is not accepting credit hours from some online classes taken in New Mexico and the fact that may cause high school students to lose athletic scholarships. He asked that the NMAA help disseminate this information to member schools. Ms. Marquez reminded the Board that NCAA Clearinghouse information is posted on the NMAA website under the "For Parents" link.

**Consider Adjournment:**

Mrs. Ryan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:24 a.m. A motion was made by Mr. Benoit. Mr. Casados seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

**Next Board of Directors Meeting Date:** February 27, 2013 at the NMAA