

NMAA EMERGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Sunday, May 3, 2009

3:00 p.m., Teleconference Call



I. *Welcome*

The NMAA Board of Directors (BOD) met on Sunday, May 3, 2009, by teleconference and NMAA Conference Room A, in an emergency session. Mr. Mike Phipps, Board President, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

II. *Roll Call*

Mr. Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director called roll and the following Board members were present via teleconference: Ms. Zita Lopez (Small Area A); Dr. R.L. Richards (Small Area B); Mr. Rick Ferguson (Small Area D); Mr. Winston Brooks (Large School District I); Mr. Dion Sandoval (New Mexico Board Association Representative); Ms. Janel Ryan (Large Area A); Mr. Mike Phipps (Large Area B); Mr. Michael Harris (Large Area C); Dr. James Abreu (Large Area D); Mr. Stan Rounds (Large School District II); Mr. Lawrence Johnson (NMAA Commission Representative); and Mr. Dane Kennon (At-Large Member). Not in attendance was Mr. Bill Green (Small Area C).

Present from the NMAA, Conference Room C, was Mr. Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director; Mr. Mario Martinez, Associate Director; Ms. Sally Marquez, Associate Director; all NMAA Assistant Directors and staff. Minutes taken by Ms. Kristin Derr and processed by Ms. Mindy Ioane.

III. *General Action/Discussion*

Mr. Phipps informed the Board of Directors and the NMAA staff of the phone call he received from Dr. Veronica Garcia, Secretary of Education; Public Education Department at approximately 1:30 p.m. Dr. Garcia has ordered the closure of four New Mexico Schools: Lordsburg School District, Socorro School District, Carlsbad High School and Deming Intermediate School. Dr. Garcia requested the NMAA Board of Directors hold this emergency session in order to address the effects this announcement will have on extracurricular activities including NMAA State Championships.

The Board of Directors discussed the impact school closures will have on the NMAA State Championships. It was determined that the Championships cannot be held without all member school participants due to fair and equitable participation.

Mr. Tripp read the following rough draft press release to the Board of Directors submitted to Dr. Garcia for approval:

Based on the fact that the Public Education Department and the State Department of Health have made these closures, the New Mexico Activities Association Board of Directors has suspended all athletic and activity programs for all NMAA member schools, until further notice.

This decision includes all extracurricular activities (after school practices, games, activities, etc.).

The motion to suspend all Athletic and Activity programs for all NMAA member schools until further notice was made by Mr. Rounds, Dr. Richards seconded the motion. After Mr. Phipps opened the floor for discussion and a final roll call vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously, 11 for and 1 against.

IV. *Adjourn*

Mr. Phipps thanked the Board of Directors and the NMAA staff for their time and dedication. A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Ryan. It was seconded by Mr. Rounds. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.