

NMAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, June 3rd, 2009
9:00 a.m., NMAA Conference Room A



I. Welcome:

The NMAA Board of Directors met on Wednesday, June 3rd, 2009 for their regularly scheduled meeting. Mr. Mike Phipps, Board President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Ms. Jacquelyne Gallegos, Administrative Assistant, called roll and the following Board members were present: Mr. Dane Kennon (At-Large Member); Mr. Rick Ferguson (Small Area D); Mr. Mike Phipps (Large Area B); Mr. Bill Green (Small Area C); Dr. James Abreu (Large Area D); Ms. Zita Lopez (Small Area A); Ms. Janel Ryan (Large Area A); Mr. Dion Sandoval (New Mexico Board Association Representative); Mr. Winston Brooks (Large School District I); Mr. Michael Harris (Large Area C); and Mr. Lawrence Johnson (NMAA Commission Representative). Dr. R.L. Richards (Small Area B) was present via teleconference. Mr. Stan Rounds (Large School District II) was absent.

Present from the NMAA were Mr. Gary Tripp, Executive Director; Mr. Mario Martinez, Associate Director; and Ms. Sally Marquez, Associate Director; as well as other NMAA administrative staff.

A motion was made by Ms. Ryan and seconded by Mr. Ferguson to move item II. Executive Session below item V. Alignment and Classification on the agenda. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda with the recommended change.

The minutes from the March 11th, May 3rd, & May 6th, 2009 NMAA Board of Directors Meetings' were presented. A motion was made by Mr. Green and seconded by Mr. Ferguson to accept the minutes as presented. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

II. Director's Report:

Mr. Tripp welcomed the Board Members and thanked them for attending.

Mr. Tripp stated there were five topics he needed to discuss. The first topic was the 2008-2009 State Championship attendance. He stated there was a total of 265,157 fans that came out for the 2008-2009 State Championships. This figure was up from the previous year which was 251,046.

The second topic was scholarships. He stated the NMAA staff talked to the Board of Directors at the retreat about the scholarships awarded through the NMAA. The NMAA staff is going to work with the NMAA Board of Directors to decide what they will do with these scholarship accounts since a few are running low on funds. He stated the NMAA hopes to move the remaining funds from all three accounts over to the NMAA Foundation scholarship account. This will allow the NMAA foundation to award 16 scholarships a year to students around the state of New Mexico.

The third topic was the Coaches Association possibly having All-Star games during the school year. If the Coaches Association decides to host any All-Star games during the school year this will mean students will still be in school during the time of the All-Star games. Also, the Coaches Association is looking at possibly having all the small school All-Star games in the same week during the summer. This would mean that multiple All-Star games would be played in the same week. This would allow multiple sport athletes to play in their respective All-Star games in the same week during the summer.

The fourth topic was the seeding and selection process for state tournaments. He stated there are schools with concerns about the way their team may be seeded for a state tournament if they cut games from their schedule due to economic conditions. The NMAA wants to assure the member schools they will split the top two teams in all classifications and make sure they are on different sides of the tournament bracket.

The fifth topic was Title IX. This year the NMAA will be working with the Public Education Department to create a template for data collection to be presented to the Legislation. Mr. Tripp concluded his Director's report.

- III. *Financial Reports – Approval of Executive and Associate Director's contracts:*
Mr. Phipps stated the Board Members went over the Executive and Associate Director's contracts. Mr. Brooks made a motion to approve a three year contract for NMAA Executive Director Mr. Tripp and approve two year contracts for Associate Director's Ms. Marquez and Mr. Martinez. Mr. Sandoval seconded the motion. A vote was taken and carried unanimously.

Financial Reports – Approval of 2009-2010 Budget:

Ms. Daniels, NMAA Finance Director, presented a budget report for the 2009-2010 school year to the Board of Directors. She stated \$67,000 was cut from the 2009-2010 budget.

Mr. Phipps stated a major portion of the cuts came from not sending a full staff to the summer meeting.

Mr. Brooks made a motion to approve the 2009-2010 budget as presented. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

IV. *Alignment and Classification Appeals:*

Mr. Phipps stated after the appeals the Board of Directors will go into Executive session. He stated when they return from Executive session the Board will vote on the appeals. He stated anyone who is appealing before the Board of Director's today will have an answer today. He stated we want to make sure every child in the state of New Mexico is treated fairly.

Alamo Navajo Appeal:

Mr. Garcia, Chief Administrator of Alamo Navajo, spoke on behalf of his school. He state Alamo Navajo is a small community of 2,000 people. He stated no matter which way his school has to travel it is a three hour drive to the next town. He stated he was here to appeal being placed in District 5A and requesting to be moved to District 2A. He stated there are schools within two to three hours that they can play as opposed to driving five hours one way for a game and driving back another five hours to return home. He stated this is costly because in order to be in compliance with the rules he has to hire two bus drivers for a single trip and pay them overtime when traveling more than six hours. He stated Alamo Navajo is trying to cut down the amount of distance and travel time their athletes have to travel to compete.

Mr. Phipps asked Mr. Garcia if they were appealing to move into District 2A as opposed to being placed in District 5A just make sure he understood what they were appealing. Mr. Garcia stated that was correct. Mr. Phipps stated they are saying this is a geographical and budget issue. He state this would reduce time and costs that would be placed on Alamo Navajo if they were placed in District 2A.

Bloomfield Appeal:

Mr. Allison, Superintendent of Bloomfield High School, stated when you are in charge of a school district you are responsible for what happens to that district. He stated he thought boundaries for students were critical. He stated Bloomfield in his opinion needs to be in 3A. He stated we know that a clerical error caused by Bloomfield puts them in this situation to be placed in 4A. He stated Bloomfield takes full responsibility for this number. He stated the true student enrollment number for Bloomfield High School is 896.

Mr. Sategna, Bloomfield Athletic Director, spoke on behalf of Bloomfield High School. He stated he has been coaching for 30 years. He always does what is in the best interest for the kids. He stated he pleads with the NMAA Board of Directors to look at what is in the best interest for the Bloomfield High School students. He stated from a track coaches point of view he has had 54 boys and girls qualify for the State Track and Field Championships. He stated if Bloomfield moves up to 4A that number goes down to ten athletes in two years. He stated the last thing he wants the Board of Directors to do is look at the insert in their packet.

He asked the Board of Directors to please keep the goals of the NMAA in site when they make their decision.

Mr. Diehl, Bloomfield High School Principal, also spoke on behalf of Bloomfield High School. He stated since Bloomfield High School has remained a 3A school in the past there have been more students involved in athletics and activities as well as improving their grades. He stated we want to continue this trend. He stated he watched what happened to Bloomfield High School when it was moved into class 4A for a two year block. He stated he watched student pride, enthusiasm, and student participation diminish. He stated Bloomfield High School has a lot of things going for them and they want to keep things up.

Cloudcroft:

Mr. Rogers, Cloudcroft Athletic Director, spoke on behalf of Cloudcroft High School. He stated Cloudcroft High School was requesting to move from class 2A to 1A in basketball and volleyball. He stated the student numbers for next year will be 159 and ever year after that the numbers will become lower and lower. He stated the economic situation is that Cloudcroft is losing people in the community. He stated our numbers are much lower at the bottom grade levels. He stated his appeal was to request that for the 2010-2014 block Cloudcroft stays the same for wrestling, cross country, and track. He stated Cloudcroft wants to move down in basketball and volleyball to Class 1A.

Mr. Green asked Mr. Rogers what makes your situation any different from anyone else with this same problem.

Mr. Rogers stated over the last three or four years a lot of the industries that Cloudcroft supports are not as predominant as they used to be due to the current economic issues.

Mr. Brooks asked Mr. Rogers if his concern was what could potentially happen down the road?

Mr. Rogers answered yes.

Mr. Harris asked Mr. Rogers if it would help his case at all if we revisited this situation in two years.

Mr. Rogers stated the only reason we are trying to do this in advance is because of scheduling.

District 2AAA:

Mr. Martinez, Athletic Director of Pojoaque High School, started by thanking the Board of Directors for changing the class 3A numbers from 800 to 900. He stated District 2AAA is one of the oldest districts in the state of New Mexico. He stated District 2AAA is asking the Board of Directors to leave the district as is with the addition of Taos High School. He stated, if the district is changed it would have an

impact on travel time and distance. He stated St. Mike's expenditures would be even higher than they already are. He stated Pojoaque would be placed in a district with 4 other private schools. He stated the district was asking the Board of Directors to let the district remain the same because the schools depend on the revenue to support other non-revenue producing activities.

Mr. Medina, Athletic Director of West Las Vegas, stated the community doesn't want to see any changes in their district.

Mr. Yara, Athletic Director of Robertson High School, stated he knows that the competition is something they strive for.

Mr. Manning, Athletic Director of St. Michael's High School, stated because of the economic strife St. Mike's has already had to increase their tuition. He stated to put them in that position where their travel expenses would increase could mean that they would have to cut certain sports because they won't have the revenue to pay for them.

Evangel Christian:

Mr. Olona, Principal of Evangel Christian, stated if his school is placed in Class B the enrollment of his school will decrease and increase the amount of travel time. He stated his concern was that there would be too much time taken away from class. He stated his appeal is to keep Evangel Christian in Class A instead of moving them down to Class B.

Mr. Phipps asked Mr. Olona if his appeal was indeed a request to play up in classification for all sports.

Mr. Olona stated that is correct.

Roy-Mosquero Co-op Program:

Mr. Hazen, Superintendent of Roy Municipal Schools, spoke on behalf of the Roy-Mosquero Co-op program. He asked the Board if they would grant the program permission for one year, before the four year block starts, a chance to see if this co-op program will work. He stated this would give the schools a chance to reassess the program if needed, before the four year block starts. He stated they still had a few details to work out with the co-op program, such as eligibility issues. He stated his appeal was to be granted permission to co-op this year with Magdalena High School, be able to reassess any problems that may occur within the year, and keep eligibility in tact so kids do not move back and forth between schools.

Splitting A-AA Baseball into 2 Classes:

Mr. Chenault stated at the State Baseball Championships there were five Class 1A schools that made it out of a sixteen team bracket to State. He stated the run differential was 45-15. He stated he had two proposals. His first proposal was to break up Class 1A and 2A this year. The second proposal was to leave the districts as they are now. When it came to the State Championships we would then split the

teams up by classification and seed Class 1A and 2A for the state tournament. He stated Class 1A would be willing to play at a different facility if there were problems scheduling Isotopes stadium.

Mr. Green asked what the difference was from Class A and B volleyball and basketball teams wanting to compete for a state championship this year.

Mr. Chenualt stated we all want to build Class 1A baseball. He stated the schools that want to compete in Class 1A baseball and schools don't want to commit to a team unless they know that Class 1A baseball can survive. He stated most 8th graders won't come out for baseball because they know what they are up against.

Cobre:

Mr. Kennon, Superintendent of Cobre High School, stated the cut-off for 3A is 400 students. He stated his school is far below the cut off than any other school. He stated the community is losing employment due to the closing of the copper mines. He stated companies have shut down the mines because it is becoming too expensive to mine and it is easier to take the companies overseas.

Mr. Brooks asked Mr. Kennon what his school number was.

Mr. Kennon stated it was 405 students.

Mr. Phipps asked if Mr. Kennon was appealing to move down in classification.

Mr. Kennon stated yes.

Hatch Valley:

Mr. Coker, Superintendent of Hatch Valley High School, stated that Hatch Valley High School was losing kids in enrollment. He stated that when the flood wiped out a lot of low income housing they were not able to recover. He stated they have not bounced back in enrollment after the flood and enrollment will continue to decline. He stated he thought the enrollment would level off somewhere around 370 students.

Magdalena:

Mr. Chambers, Superintendent of Magdalena High School, Stated he did not put in a formal letter of appeal, but he was there to speak on behalf of his school. Mr. Chambers stated he would like to ask for Magdalena High School to be placed in District 2A. He stated Magdalena would like to play in a district where they can compete against Albuquerque schools. He stated this would reduce the amount of travel time for Magdalena students.

Mr. Green asked if Mr. Chambers would be against setting salary caps for workers of District and State Championship games.

Mr. Chambers stated no.

V. *Executive Session:*

Mr. Phipps stated the Board needed to go into Executive Session to discuss certain topics. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously. The Board entered into Executive Session at 11:06 a.m.

CLOSED DISCUSSION

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson to reconvene into regular session. Dr. Abreu seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously. At 12:06 p.m. the Board returned to regular session. Mr. Phipps stated that there was no action taken during Executive Session.

Mr. Harris made a motion to accept the recommendations made by the NMAA staff to place Alamo Navajo in District 5A, and to deny Alamo Navajo their request to move from District 5A to District 2A. Mr. Sandoval seconded this motion. A vote was taken and carried unanimously.

Mr. Brooks made a motion to accept the recommendations made by the NMAA staff and to deny the requests made by Bloomfield, Cloudcroft, Hatch, and Cobre High School to move down in classification. Ms. Lopez seconded the motion. Mr. Kennon abstained from the vote. A vote was taken and passed 9 to 1.

Dr. Abreu made a motion to support the District 2AAA appeal for a seven team district. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Ms. Ryan made a motion to accept the recommendation of the NMAA staff and to have District 2AAA follow the Alignment and Classification proposal. Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed 9 to 1.

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to allow Evangel Christian to play up in Class A. Dr. Abreu made seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Ryan made a motion to approve the Roy- Mosquero Co-op program for the 209-2010 school year. Mr. Green made a friendly amendment and added that Roy and Mosquero High school must commit for a four year block by the February 15, 2010 deadline. Ms. Lopez seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Green made a motion and added a friendly amendment to deny the splitting of A-AA baseball for the upcoming year, but to allow the NMAA staff to seed the teams so they can have two different playoffs before the state finals. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

VI. *General Action item – Consider approval of the 2010-2014 (4-year block) Alignment and Classification with possible adjustments.*

Mr. Green made a motion to approve the 2010-2014 Alignment and Classification proposal with the adjustments the Board of Directors just voted on. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

General Action item – Consider approving the 2009-2010 NMAA Calendar with a major adjustment in Track and Field State Championships due to UNM hosting the Mountain West Conference Championships in 2010.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the 2009-2010 NMAA Calendar with a major adjustment in the Track and Field State Championships with the A-AA State Track and Field Championships to be held on May 5-6, 2009 and the 3A-5A State Track and Field Championships to be held a week earlier on May 7-8, 2009. Ms. Ryan Seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

General Action item – Consider allowing the NMAA staff to standardize pay for all District and State Championship event workers.

Mr. Green made a motion to allow the NMAA staff to set a salary cap for District and State Championship workers. Mr. Sandoval seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

General Action item – Consider eliminating the \$100. fine for coach ejections.

Ms. Ryan made a motion and recommended that the NMAA keep the \$100. fine in place for coach ejections. Mr. Brooks seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

General Action item – Consider increasing JV and C Team wrestling officials' fees from \$25 to \$32 per dual meet.

Mr. Green made a motion to approve this for the 2010-2011 season. Mr. Kennon seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

General Action item – Consider approving the 2009-2010 Board of Directors Goals.

Mr. Phipps stated that he would like the NMAA staff to continue the Pursuing Victory With Honor program, including the Life of an Athlete program. He stated the more activities we offer for children the lower the drop out rates are. He stated the NMAA needs to encourage and promote extracurricular programs, particularly at the middle school level. The NMAA needs to establish collaborative agreements with the institutions of higher learning, such as UNM, in order for our students to be able to participate in quality facilities; while the institution increases enrollment with New Mexico students. The NMAA needs to create a template in conjunction with the Public Education Department to accommodate Title IX data collection information. Continue to be a resource to our member schools in regards to Title IX and Title IX legislation.

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to approve the Board of Directors Goals for the 2009-2010 school year. Mr. Kennon seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

VII. *General Action Items – Sports Specific – Golf: Consider revising rule 7.16.1D of the NMAA handbook to read as follows: Additional school members who play in tournaments may qualify legs for state.*

Mr. Cleland stated on page 89 of the Board packet you will see a proposal from the golf sports specific committee. The hosts will fill out the field with teams. The change is that additional school members, who play in tournaments on a space available basis, may qualify individual legs, as can the members of the team.

Mr. Phipps stated this would increase participation at the State Golf Championships.

Mr. Kennon made a motion to approve revising rule 7.16.1 D of the NMAA Handbook to allow additional school members who play in tournaments to qualify legs for state. Ms. Ryan seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

VIII. *General Discussion and Information Items – Charter School By-Laws.*

Mr. Tripp stated that he would make sure this is put into a formal report for the September Board of Directors Meeting.

General Discussion and Information Items – 8th grade participation at the high school level.

Mr. Tripp stated the membership has spoken and it is comfortable with 8th grade participation. Mr. Tripp stated it is up to the school districts to decide whether or not to allow 8th grade participation in their high schools.

General Discussion and Information Items – Parochial Middle Schools becoming members.

Mr. Tripp stated the NMAA has been in discussion with the archdiocese of Santa Fe. He stated the only problem is the grading system. They do grades every three weeks; this means that as soon as the child becomes eligible they are immediately eligible for play. There are still a few things that need to be worked out before any action is taken on this issue.

General Discussion and Information Items –Swimming and Diving qualifying meet (Rule 2.2.2 E3)

Mr. Tripp gave a clarification on this discussion item. He stated we do have a few issues where Alamogordo and Taos do not have diving boards. When we do get those petitions from those schools we will grant permission.

General Discussion and Information Items – Seeding and Selection for 2009-2010.

Mr. Tripp stated there are schools concerned with the reduction of games. The NMAA will do our best to keep the top two teams in the state on separate sides of the tournament bracket.

General Discussion and Information Items – Videostreaming number for 2008-2009.

Mr. Tripp stated we will have a report up this summer on each individual sport showing how many people watched the State Championships from around the world.

General Discussion and Information Items – Pursuing Victory With Honor “True Champions”.

Mr. Tripp talked about improving the program and allowing coaches to read this material and see if they want to implement these programs.

General Discussion and Information Items – Life of an Athlete.

Mr. Zayas stated New Mexico has some of the highest statistics for youths drinking under the age of 13. He stated this program is designed to teach and educate students, coaches, parents, and administrators about the effects of alcohol consumption.

General Discussion and Information Items – NMAA Foundation.

Mr. Tripp encouraged all school districts to join us next year for the annual NMAA Foundation Golf Tournament. He stated the foundation will focus on the golf tournament, bowling tournament, and basketball banquet as the three fundraising events for the NMAA Foundation.

General Discussion and Information Items – Investigation/Ejection totals for Fall, Winter, & Spring.

Ms. Sanchez stated there was a total of 77 ejections for the 2008-2009 school year. She stated in Spring there was a decrease in ejections for baseball and softball.

General Discussion and Information Items – Title IX Legislation.

Mr. Phipps stated we have House Bill 432 and we will be reporting to the Public Education Department.

Mr. Tripp stated a copy of House Bill 432 is in the Board of Director's packets.

General Discussion and Information Items – Athletic Director Orientation in July.

Mr. Tripp stated the Athletic Director Orientation is scheduled for July 29th, 2009.

- IX. *Next Board Meeting Wednesday, September 30, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the NMAA.*
- X. *Consider Adjournment* - A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Ryan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Green and a vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.