

NMAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, January 24, 2007
9:00 a.m., NMAA Conference Room A



- I. The NMAA Board of Directors met on Wednesday, January 24, 2007 for their regularly scheduled meeting. Mr. Mike Phipps, Board President, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Ms. Kristin Derr, Administrative Assistant, called roll and the following Board members were present: Ms. Zita Lopez (Small Area A), Dr. R.L. Richards (Small Area B), Mr. Dane Kennon (Small Area C), Mr. Rick Ferguson (Small Area D), Mr. Joe Guillen (NM School Board Association Representative), Mr. Mike Phipps (Large Area B), Mr. Dick Pool (Large Area C). Ms. Janel Ryan (Large Area A), Ms. Liz Marrufo (Large Area B), and Mr. Lawrence Johnson (NMAA Commission Representative) were present via teleconference. Dr. Elizabeth Everitt (Large School District I), and Dr. Pete Campos (Large Area D) were absent. Mr. Phipps stated that a quorum was present and business before the Board could be conducted.

Present from the NMAA were Gary Tripp, Executive Director, Mr. Mario Martinez, Associate Director, and Ms. Sally Marquez, Associate Director.

A motion was made by Mr. Guillen and seconded by Mr. Ferguson to approve the agenda (see pgs. 2-3 of Board packet). A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

The minutes of the November 30, 2006, and the December 19, 2006 Board meetings were presented (see pgs. 4-10 of Board packet). A motion was made by Mr. Pool to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Kennon seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

- II. Directors' Report – Mr. Tripp welcomed the Board and thanked them all for attending. He informed the Board that mold damage had resulted in major construction to two offices in the building.

Mr. Tripp informed the Board that the NMAA had recently applied for multiple grants. The Sandia Foundation awarded the NMAA a grant which will be used to extend the office space of New Mexico Special Olympics, a tenant of the NMAA building.

Mr. Tripp informed the Board that the 2nd annual Principal's Summit has been postponed until June 7, 2007, due to extreme weather across New Mexico.

Mr. Tripp informed the Board that the insurance issue presented at the last meeting regarding the NMAA's coverage under NMPSIA has nearly been resolved. There will be a bill regarding this issue brought to the legislative session this year.

Mr. Tripp informed the Board that the NMAA will be requesting a \$150,000 grant from the Speaker of the House as opposed to last year's \$100,000 to assist with the production of the State Basketball Tournament.

Mr. Tripp informed the Board that the legislature has recommended paying officials per diem to avoid paying Gross Receipts Tax. This possibility is being researched by the NMOA.

Mr. Tripp informed the Board that as of January 23, 2007, the NMAA is incorporated. This is one of the final steps toward the NMAA Foundation being fully operational. The Foundation's Board of Director's is as follows:

Lt. Governor Diane Dennish, Board President

Mr. Bud Mulcock

Mr. Peter Ives

Mr. Charlie Brewer

Mr. Bob Gallagher

Mr. Steve Davis

Mr. Tripp asked the Board members to speak with him regarding any other individuals who may be interested in serving on the Board of the NMAA Foundation.

Mr. Tripp informed the Board that there is still a shortage of Baseball and Softball umpires, but that the NMOA has seen a recent increase of 10-15%. This can be partly attributed to the new Freshmen and C Team game time limit of 2 hours and 15 minutes.

Mr. Tripp informed the Board that during the NFHS Director's Meeting, Bob Kannaby, NFHS Executive Director, asked Directors to consider implementing more controls in regards to out-of-season play and national contests. Mr. Phipps recommended establishing an Ad Hoc committee to research this issue in New Mexico and present findings in June.

Lastly, Mr. Tripp informed the Board that the new NMAA website has achieved national recognition. He thanked Robert Zayas, NMAA director of communications, for his work in building this website.

- III. Financial Reports – Ms. Carol Daniels, Director of Finance, presented a summary of accounts to the Board. (See pg 11 of Board packet) She informed the Board that this numbers are not final until the end of the fiscal year. She also informed the Board that \$40,000 of Sponsorship funding, and \$13,000 of T-Shirt sales from Football are pending and have yet to be added to this report. Dr. Richards asked how this year's Volleyball compares to year's past financially.

Ms. Marquez informed the Board that the NMAA made money from the tournament, but not as much as in years past. Going from 16 teams to 12 teams resulted in a \$27,000 loss and facilities cost \$20,000 more. These two combined account for the change in revenue. Despite these losses, we are on budget for Volleyball.

Ms. Daniels brought the Board's attention a review of accounts on page 15 of the Board packet.

Mr. Phipps thanked Ms. Daniel's for the concise and undisclosed report.

Mr. Phipps reminded the Board that this "loss" for the NMAA resulted in a gain for member schools.

IV. Mr. Phipps asked the members of the Board if there were any items to be brought to Executive Session. All members stated that they saw no need for an Executive Session at this time.

V. *Governance Action Items – Approve recommendation on Board of Directors At-Large member.* – Mr. Tripp and Mr. Phipps recommended that Mr. Dane Kennon serve as the At-Large member to the Board of Directors. Dr R.L. Richards made a motion to accept this recommendation. Mr. Dick Pool seconded this motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Kennon's role as Small Area C representative will be filled by another individual following a Board vote at a future meeting.

Governance Action Items – Election of Board of Directors President as per the By-Laws. – Mr. Phipps opened the floor for nominations for the position of Board of Directors President. Mr. Ferguson nominated Mr. Mike Phipps. Mr. Guillen seconded this nomination. Hearing no more nominations, Mr. Phipps closed the floor for nominations. Mr. Ferguson made a motion to elect Mr. Phipps as per the nomination, and Mr. Guillen seconded this motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously. Congratulations Mr. Phipps!

Governance Action Items – Election of Board of Directors Vice-President as per the By-Laws. – Mr. Phipps opened the floor for nominations for the position of Board of Directors Vice President. Mr. Kennon nominated Ms. Janel Ryan. Mr. Ferguson seconded this nomination. Hearing no more nominations, Mr. Phipps closed the floor for nominations. Mr. Kennon made a motion to elect Ms. Ryan as per the nomination, and Mr. Ferguson seconded this motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously. Congratulations Ms. Ryan!

VI. *General Action Items – Definition of participation* – Ms. Marquez directed the Board to page 16 of the Board packet for the history of this issue. She informed the Board that this proposal is being presented by the Ad Hoc committee comprised of members of the By-Laws committee. Mr. Phipps asked if this proposal is comparable to policies of other state associations. Ms. Marquez affirmed that yes it is. Discussion ensued. Mr. Phipps recommended that it be written with the inclusion that the try-out period ends one day prior to the first contest. Mr.

Ferguson made a motion to accept the definition with this addition. Dr. Richards seconded this motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

General Action Items – Financial responsibility for appeals initiated by member schools – Ms. Marquez addressed the Board and directed their attention to the proposal on page 17 of the Board packet. She stated that this proposal puts more responsibility on member schools when appealing eligibility decisions of the NMAA. Discussion ensued. Mr. Tripp stated that verbiage may need to be added stating that parents may not be assessed this fee directly or indirectly. Mr. Pool suggested that this new policy needs to be monitored closely over the following year to assess whether the minimum fee is enough to cover the Appeal process costs. Mr. Pool then made a motion to accept this new policy with the verbiage regarding parents being exempt to financial responsibility. Mr. Ferguson seconded this motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

General Action Items – Policies for disqualified coached and players placed in NMAA Handbook for permanent reference point – Mr. Martinez presented the proposed policies on pages 18-19 of the Board packet. Mr. Ferguson made a motion to accept the policies as presented. Mr. Kennon seconded this motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

General Action Items – Clarification of out-of-season coaches versus one hour of a day for athletes not involved in a current sport – Ms. Marquez informed the Board that per the survey taken at the Annual Meeting, 95% of Member Schools want to see this policy remain. However, an exception to the current rule is presented on page 20 of the Board packet. Mr. Pool made a motion to accept this exception as presented. Mr. Ferguson seconded this motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

General Action Items – Examination of current hardship petition process and the potential future of this issue – Ms. Marquez presented page 21 of the Board packet to the Board. She stated that this proposal is a result of the request from Dr. Veronica Garcia to establish a definition of hardship. Mr. Richards made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Pool seconded this motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

- VII. *Sports-Specific Action Items – **Football** – Adopt procedures for coin tosses in regards to determining game site.* – Mr. Martinez presented the proposed procedure on pages 22-23 of the Board packet. Dr. Richards asked if these procedures would only apply to post-season games. Mr. Martinez replied that these procedures would apply to post-season games played by teams who had never played in play-off history. An amendment was proposed stating that if both teams could not be present at the NMAA offices for the flip, both teams must be present by teleconference. Dr. Richards made a motion to accept this proposal with the stated amendment. Mr. Ferguson seconded this motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

*Sports-Specific Action Items – **Soccer** – Implementation of procedures whereas when a team (coaches and players collectively) receive a set number of yellow/red*

cards that a team would be prohibited from post-season play – Ms. Dana Sanchez, NMOA Commissioner of Officials, presented this proposal to the Board. Please see page 25 of the Board packet for the current policy and page 24 for the proposed changes. Ms. Sanchez informed the Board that had this policy been implemented this past season, 8 teams would have been affected in post-season play. The soccer specific committee has asked that this policy be implemented for two years and then be re-evaluated. Dr. Richards made a motion to accept this proposal as presented. Mr. Kennon seconded this motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Sports-Specific Action Items – Soccer – Implementation of World Cup Soccer format for 2007 versus 2008. – Mr. Robert Zayas presented this proposal on behalf of the Soccer specific committee. Please see pages 26-34 of the Board packet for details of the World Cup format and the direct impact on New Mexico schools. Discussion ensued and Mr. Guillen made a motion to implement this format. Mr. Pool seconded this motion and a vote was taken. The response not being unanimous, a roll call vote was taken as follows:

Dr. Richards	Yes	Mr. Kennon	No	Mr. Ferguson	Yes
Mr. Guillen	Yes	Ms. Ryan	Yes	Mr. Phipps	Yes
Mr. Pool	Yes	Ms. Marrufo	Yes	Mr. Johnson	Yes
Ms. Lopez	Yes				

Motion passed 9/1

Sports-Specific Action Items – Track/Field & Swimming/Diving – Member schools have seven calendar days to post qualifying marks established at qualifying meets. This is to be done through the NMAA via www.directathletics.com. Mr. Koski presented this proposal to the Board. Please see page 35 of the Board packet for the proposed additions to the NMAA handbook. Mr. Pool made a motion to accept this proposal. Mr. Ferguson seconded this motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

- VII. *General Discussion/Information Items –90 day versus 180 day ineligibility period* – Ms. Marquez informed the Board that approximately 70 petitions have been overturned since this change was made. The NMAA feels that this change is what is best for the students of New Mexico.

General Discussion/Information Items – Alignment and classification for the next two-year block – Mr. Martinez presented the upcoming Alignment and Classification schedule which appears on page 36 of the Board packet. He stated that there are two proposals presented in the Board packet, the first of which has already been made public to the member schools. He stated that 6.2% of member schools have expressed concern with this proposal and that the rest have expressed no opinion either way. Mr. Martinez asked the Board to review the second proposal which is presented beginning on page 62 of the Board packet. Mr. Phipps asked that the NMAA note on the schedule that input from the member schools is encouraged as this process must be one of complete disclosure and open

participation. He also thanked the Alignment and Classification committee for all their hard work.

General Discussion/Information Items –Legislative Session: Issues that directly affect the NMAA – Please see the Directors’ report.

General Discussion/Information Items – State Swimming and Diving Championships (Sites, Dates, etc.) – The State Swimming and Diving Championships will take place February 16-17, 2007 at the Albuquerque Academy Natatorium. 39 teams will participate and 1 state champion will be named for both boys and girls.

General Discussion/Information Items – State Wrestling Championships and other wrestling issues – The State Wrestling Championships will take place at the Santa Ana Star Center. Rio Rancho Convention and Visitor’s Bureau has been very helpful in alleviating costs to the NMAA associated with this venue. New corporate sponsors secured by the NMAA have also helped with these costs. The wrestling weight management program is also underway and going very well. Lastly, changes to Alignment and Classification are being carefully considered in regards to wrestling.

General Discussion/Information Items – State Basketball Tournament (Sites, Dates, Tickets, Etc.) – Some difficulties have arisen in regards to the use of the Santa Ana Star Center. The venue is imposing a 12% tax on all ticket sales, not including the facility cost. The NMAA is also paying for parking costs so that spectators do not have to. The use of a hospitality room at the Santa Ana Star Center is also undetermined due to policies prohibiting the use of outside food. On a positive note, the Santa Ana Star Center has purchased a brand new basketball court for the purpose of this tournament.

- VIII. The next meeting of the NMAA Board of Directors is scheduled during the State Basketball Tournament on March 8, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. in the Pete McDavid Lounge at The Pit.
- IX. A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Ferguson. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kennon and a vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.