

NMAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, January 30, 2008
9:00 a.m., NMAA Conference Room A



I. *Call Meeting to Order and Welcome*

The NMAA Board of Directors met on Wednesday, January 30, 2008 for their regularly scheduled meeting. Mr. Mike Phipps, Board President, called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m.

Roll Call – Ascertain Quorum

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. Bill Green (Small Area C), Mr. Rick Ferguson (Small Area D), 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. Dane Kennon (At-Large Member), Mr. Dion Sandoval (NM School Board Association Representative), and Mr. Lawrence Johnson (NMAA Commission Representative). Ms Janel Ryan (Large Area A) was present via teleconference. Ms. Linda Sink (Large School District I) was absent. Mr. Phipps stated that a quorum was present and business before the Board could be conducted.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Richards and seconded by Mr. Ferguson to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Rounds asked that the Discussion Item regarding a central location for the 5A football championships, be placed immediately after the Alignment/Classification action items. Mr. Richards and Mr. Ferguson amended their motion to reflect this request and a vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the December 6, 2007 Board meeting were presented. A motion was made by Mr. Rounds to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Kennon seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Phipps welcomed new Board members Mr. Michael Harris, Dr. James Abreu, and Ms. Linda Sink, and thanked them for their service.

II. *Financial Report*

Ms. Carol Daniels addressed the Board and presented the NMAA financial report, contained in the Board packet beginning on page 12. Ms. Daniels informed the Board that there are still a handful of schools who have not submitted gate receipts/financial reports for fall sports. Mr. Green asked what can be done to

collect this information. Mr. Phipps stated that a letter should be sent to the president of the respective school boards to ask that this information be submitted to the NMAA as soon as possible.

Ms. Daniels stated that approximately 200 1099's have been mailed out by the NMAA.

Mr. Tripp asked that the budget review committee set a meeting in the near future to assure progress in budget planning. Mr. Phipps asked that the following Board members make up this committee:

Mr. Stan Rounds
Mr. Dane Kennon
Mr. Bill Green
Mr. Mike Phipps

in cooperation with

Mr. Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director
Mr. Mario Martinez, NMAA Associate Director
Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Associate Director
Ms. Carol Daniels, NMAA Assistant Director

III. *Directors' Report*

Mr. Tripp welcomed the Board and thanked them all for attending. He also extended a special welcome to Mr. Harris, Dr. Abreu, and Ms. Sink.

Mr. Tripp informed the Board that the 2nd Annual T-Mobile Invitational had been a successful event. Over 6,000 members of the Gallup community attended the tournament, and the tournament received national media coverage.

Mr. Tripp gave a brief update of the NFHS winter meeting to the Board. He stated that three major issues were discussed at the meeting in Hawaii.

1. Investments, financial contracts and budgets.
2. NCAA has hired an investigation firm to look into "alternative high schools" in America.
3. Status of Basketball in America

Mr. Tripp congratulated Coach Marv Sanders of Capitan who just recently celebrated his 800th coaching victory.

Mr. Tripp also congratulated Coach Pete Shock of Cliff who recently celebrated his 700th coaching victory.

Mr. Tripp informed the Board that the Secretary of Education would like the NMAA to consider forming a task force to examine scholastic eligibility issues.

Mr. Tripp updated the Board on the National Strategic Planning meeting he recently attended. The following items were major topics of conversation.

1. The NFL has started to offer National High School All-Star games following the High School football season. Whether the NFHS will support these games is still undecided.

2. National High School Championships
3. How can the NFHS and member associations support these championships while still enforcing educational parameters?

Lastly, Mr. Tripp informed the Board that Mr. Bobby Gibbs, Executive Secretary of the NMHSCA, is retiring. Mr. Thomas “Buster” Mabrey will replace Mr. Gibbs full time beginning on February 1, 2008.

- IV. *General Action Items – Alignment/Classification – Consider Shiprock’s petition to play football at the AAA level for the next two year block* – Mr. Tripp informed the Board that the NMAA’s recommendation is to not approve this petition so as to abide by the current NMAA Bylaws. Mr. Richards made a motion to not approve this petition, but to encourage Shiprock to take advantage of the independent status option. Mr. Ferguson seconded this motion and a vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

General Action Item – Alignment/Classification – Consider Magdalena’s petition to play in District 6 versus District 5 in baseball based on geography and district balance – Mr. Martinez informed the Board that the Alignment/Classification committee favored this petition in their meeting on January 29, 2008. Mr. Tripp informed the Board that the NMAA is also in favor of this petition. Mr. Green made a motion to approve this petition as presented. Dr. Abreu seconded this motion and a vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

General Action Item – Alignment/Classification – Consider the tennis proposal as per the sports specific committee to re-district the sport of tennis in Classes A/AAA and AAAA based on geography and problems with the Championship format. – After brief discussion, Dr. Richards made a motion to table this item. Mr. Rounds seconded this motion and a vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

General Action Item – Alignment/Classification – Consider allowing House High School and Grady High School to co-op in the sport of 6-person football. – Mr. Martinez informed the Board that the NMAA recommendation is to approve this proposal. He also clarified that alternative students at these schools, as well as at any other schools participating in co-op programs, will not be permitted to participate. Mr. Lawrence Johnson made a motion to approve this proposal as presented. Mr. Ferguson seconded this motion and a vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

*** General Discussion/Information Item – Central location for 5A state football championships in the future (as per APS football coaches).* – Mr. Tripp informed the Board that this issue has been brought to the sports specific committee and they were not in favor of this change. This issue has also been heard by the Commission who felt that the sports specific committee’s decision should be upheld. Mr. Martinez stated that a process for changes and decisions has finally been established and this process should remain the standard. A proposal moving through this process begins at the Sports Specific Committee then moves to the Commission then to the Board of Directors, and finally to a member school referenda if necessary.

General Action Item – Bylaws – Scholastic Eligibility – Summer session grades must be placed on a transcript prior to the first day of the fall semester. – Mr. Green made a motion to approve this proposed change. Mr. Tripp clarified that all changes to the NMAA bylaws will be sent to the member schools as a referenda if approved at this level. Mr. Johnsons seconded this motion and a vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

General Action Item – Bylaws – Scholastic Eligibility – Students enrolled in on-campus courses for less than 51% of the school day will have their eligibility determined by semester grades only. – Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve this proposed change. Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

General Action Item – Bylaws – Practice for Academically Ineligible Players – Whereas any student who is ineligible for reasons other than academics cannot practice with the team. – Ms. Marquez informed the Board that this change would not affect most students, but offers some much needed clarification for a small number of cases. This change applies to students who are not in good standing. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve this proposed change. Mr. Kennon seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

General Action Item – Bylaws – Right of Appeal – Decisions made by the Executive Director in respect to any matter set forth in this Handbook, of which a student is aggrieved, may be appealed to the Appeals Review Committee – Mr. Green made a motion to approve this proposed change. Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

General Action Item – Bylaws – Revising Rules 6.1.2 (Transfer of Students for Athletic Purposes Prohibited) and 7.4.2 (Coaching Student Athletes Outside of School/Player Following Coach) to read as follows: Student will be ineligible for all athletic participation for 180 school days/365 calendar days – Mr. Rounds made a motion to send this change through the Bylaws committee for review and proposal. Mr. Johnson seconded this motion and a vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

General Action Item – NMOA – Consider requiring that all officials used for regular season invitational tournaments, in all sports, be approved by the NMAA office and/or the Varsity Regional Assigner or Local Assigner prior to their assignment to said tournaments. To be added to Section 7.8 (Invitational Tournaments) of the NMAA Handbook. – Ms. Sanchez, NMAA Commissioner of Officials, addressed the Board. She stated that there have been many cases of officials not registered with the NMAA being used for tournaments. The resulting liability to both the schools and the NMAA could be very high. There is a \$20 reciprocal fee that would cover out of state officials and still allow them to officiate. Mr. Kennon made a motion to accept this proposed change. Mr. Harris seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The response not being unanimous, a roll call vote was taken and the results were as follows:

Dr. Abreu	Yes	Ms. Lopez	Yes	Mr. Ferguson	Yes
Mr. Green	Yes	Mr. Sandoval	Yes	Mr. Johnson	Yes
Mr. Harris	Yes	Ms. Ryan	Yes	Mr. Kennon	Yes
Mr. Rounds	Yes	Mr. Phipps	Yes	Dr. Richards	No

Motion passed 11/1

General Action Item – NMOA – Consider a proposal to sanction coaches and other personnel who make inappropriate comments to media outlets relative to the performance of NMOA officials. – Mr. Tripp stated that he feels that this sanction is imperative if we plan to continue with the Pursuing Victory With Honor initiative. Mr. Rounds asked for clarification in regards to the term of the sanction. Mr. Kennon asked for some leeway for the NMAA to sanction according to the circumstances. Mr. Ferguson made a motion to table the item, seek legal counsel, clarify all aspects of the proposal and then re-present to the Board at a later date. Dr. Richards seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

General Action Item – Middle School Bylaws – Consider changing the mercy rule in middle school football to be the same as that used at the high school level. (35 point running clock, versus ending the game at halftime.) – Mr. Ferguson made a motion to accept this proposed change. Dr. Abreu seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

General Action Item – Middle School Bylaws – Consider changing game limitations in middle school volleyball from 14 (present number) to 16. – Dr. Richards made a motion to not approve the proposal. Mr. Ferguson seconded that motion and a vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

General Action Item – Middle School Bylaws – Placing the 10 day transfer rule in section 9 (currently only in section 6) to state that middle school transfer students adhere to the same policies as high school students. – Mr. Green made a motion to accept this proposal as presented. Dr. Richards seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

- V. *Sports Specific Action Item – Football – Revising the tie-breaker procedure to clarify the current rule 7.15.5 D, such that item #3 will be restated after what is currently rule #4. (As per sports specific committee) – Mr. Martinez distributed a handout (presented as part of the Board packet) to the members of the Board to illustrate this change. Mr. Rounds made a motion to accept this proposal as presented. Dr. Abreu seconded this motion and a vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.*

Sports Specific Action Item – Soccer – Revising pool play (formerly known as World Cup) tie-breaking procedures. (As per the sports specific committee.) – Mr. Rounds made a motion to accept this proposal as presented. Mr. Kennon seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

Sports Specific Action Item – Soccer – Revising the method of assigning teams to pools. (As per the sports specific committee.) – Mr. Kennon made a motion to accept this proposal as presented. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion and a vote was taken, The motion carried unanimously.

- VI. *General Discussion/Information Item – NMAA.tv financial report and presentation* – Mr. Jim Williams of NMAA.tv made a presentation to the Board illustrating the features and possibilities of NMAA.tv. Mr. Phipps informed the Board that when handled properly, this is an incredible fundraising opportunity for schools. Mr. Williams also stated that this is a great educational opportunity for web design and technology classes. For more information, please visit www.nmaa.tv.

General Discussion/Information Item – Sanctions for disqualified players and coaches where as they would have to do an on-line Pursuing Victory With Honor program and pass a corresponding test. Individuals would also incur financial penalties. These sanctions would be in addition to the current mandatory one game sit out as well as sanctions potentially imposed by the local school districts. – Mr. Tripp informed the Board that the NMAA would like input from all Board members to make sure that this is the direction in which we should be going. Please email Mr. Tripp with any thoughts.

General Discussion/Information Item – Creating co-op teams at the Class A level in all sports as opposed to only football – Mr. Martinez stated that when proceeding with this goal, guidelines are imperative.

General Discussion/Information Item – How virtual, cyber and charter schools are affecting the NMAA now and in the future. – Mr. Tripp stated that he addressed this issue in his Director's report.

General Discussion/Information Item – Information regarding the NMOA, upcoming state championships, as well as spring sports. – Ms. Sanchez presented the investigation reports from the fall sports season. These reports are included in the Board packet.

General Discussion/Information Item – NMAA Foundation – Mr. Martinez informed the Board that ten \$1,000 scholarships, and two \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded to Sportsmanship award winners. Mr. Tripp stated that the Foundation Board would like all requests for funding to be submitted in early Spring so that funds can be distributed in a timely manner.

General Discussion/Information Item – State Legislature initiatives and progress thus far. - \$100,000 Bill for Basketball has been introduced, but no decision has been made. Gross Receipts Tax – this bill has reached the same level as in years past, but further action is still pending.

General Discussion/Information Item – State Basketball Tournament tickets and information. – Ms. Marquez reminded all Board members to pick up their Tournament Passes in the NMAA office.

General Discussion/Information Item – Activities – Upcoming Championships and other information. – See handout included in packet.

- VIII. *Addendum Agenda – Alignment/Classification – Consider East Mountain’s request to be moved from their present district to another district in the sport of soccer. – The NMAA recommendation is to not grant this request. Dr. Richards made a motion to not grant the request presented. Mr. Ferguson seconded this motion and a vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.*

Addendum Agenda – Media – Consider adding language to the NAMA credential request form to confine on-air remarks to the actual description of a game and the action connected with a game; refraining from making comments in regard to the judgment of the game officials or coaches during a broadcast. – Mr. Ferguson suggested that the verbiage “your credentials may be revoked for up to one year” be added to the Media Credential Application form. Mr. Green made a motion to accept this proposal with the additional verbiage added. Mr. Kennon seconded this motion and a vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. *Executive Session*

Mr. Kennon made a motion to enter Executive Session. Dr. Abreu seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously and the Board of Directors entered Executive Session at 1:15 p.m.

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to leave Executive Session. Mr. Harris seconded this motion. The motion carried unanimously and the Board of Director exited Executive Session at 1:50 p.m.

- VIII. The next meeting of the NMAA Board of Directors is scheduled in the Pete McDavid Lounge on Wednesday March 12, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. during the State Basketball Tournament.

- IX. A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Abreu. The motion was seconded by Mr. Green and a vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.