

**NMAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Thursday, June 5, 2008**  
**9:00 a.m., NMAA Conference Room A**



- I. The NMAA Board of Directors met on Thursday, June 5, 2008 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), Ms. Janel Ryan (Large Area A), Mr. Michael Harris (Large Area C), Mr. Stan Rounds (Large School District II), Mr. Lawrence Johnson (NMAA Commission Representative), Mr. Mike Phipps (Large Area B), Dr. R.L. Richards (Small Area B), Mr. Bill Green (Small Area C), Mr. Dion Sandoval (New Mexico Board Association Representative), Dr. James Abreu (Large Area D). Ms. Zita Lopez (Small Area A), Mr. Winston Brooks (Large School District I) were absent. Ms. Zita Lopez (Small Area A) was present via teleconference.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Rounds and seconded by Ms. Ryan to approve the agenda. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

The minutes of the March 12, 2008 Board meeting were presented. Mr. Phipps made a recommendation to remove the general action item which was to consider using 3-person mechanics in basketball district tournaments from the March 12, 2008 minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Green to approve the minutes. 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 gave his report. He stated that this school year had been a success, especially with the addition of another state championship in state choir.

Mr. Tripp also brought some attention to a few member schools. Shiprock Northwest High School, a new member school, will now be competing in AA, in the sports of volleyball, basketball, and cross country.

Mr. Tripp stated that Shiprock High School had some issues this last school year with 23 students suffering from concussions in the sport of football. They will now be independent in the sport of football for the 2008-2009 school year.

Mr. Tripp informed the Board of Directors that Mescalero High School will move from AA to A as they do follow the bylaws.

Mr. Tripp said that Elida High School will start 6-man football for the 2008-2009 school year.

Lastly, Mr. Tripp gave an update on the NMAA Foundation Golf Tournament.

- III. *Financial Reports* – Ms. Daniels, Director of Finance, presented the proposed budget for the 2008-2009 school year. Ms. Daniels stated that she was seeking the Board of Directors approval of the proposed budget.

The 2008-2009 budget would approve a 3% increase for staff members and member schools.

Mr. Phipps stated that he believed the budget was in order and in good shape.

A motion was made by Mr. Ferguson to approve the 2008-2009 budget. Dr. Abreu seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- IV. *Executive Session* - Mr. Phipps stated that the Board had some legal issues they needed to discuss. 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), Ms. Janel Ryan (Large Area A), Mr. Michael Harris (Large Area C), Mr. Stan Rounds (Large School District II), Mr. Lawrence Johnson (NMAA Commission Representative), Mr. Mike Phipps (Large Area B), Dr. R.L. Richards (Small Area B), Mr. Bill Green (Small Area C), Mr. Dion Sandoval (New Mexico Board Association Representative), Dr. James Abreu (Large Area D). Ms. Zita Lopez (Small Area A), Mr. Winston Brooks (Large School District I) were absent. Ms. Zita Lopez (Small Area A) was present via teleconference. The Board entered into an Executive session at 9:23 a.m.

A motion was made by Dr. R.L. Richards to resume regular session. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. At 9:45 a.m. the Board returned to regular session.

- V. *General Action Items* – Consider approval of petition from Roy Municipal Schools to allow Mosquero, Wagon Mound, and Roy High School to co-op in the sport of 6-man football. – Mr. Martinez started off by stating the combined enrollment between the three schools was 66. The estimated travel is about 40 miles for all three schools. Mr. Tripp said that under the bylaws, if the total enrollment of all three schools is under 70 students, this can work. Practice time is shared between all three schools, and all three schools are in agreement with co-oping. The communities are also in agreement with this decision. Mr. Harris made a motion to carry this action item. Dr. Abreu seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

*General Action Items – Consider approval of seeding/selection criteria after feedback from the Alignment and Classification Committee, Commission Committee, Sports Specific Committees, and NMAA administrative staff.* – Mr. Tripp stated that soccer was the first sport to seed their state tournament. Football has selected to have 12 teams qualify for state. Basketball and baseball have selected to have 16 teams qualify for state. For basketball, this means that class 4-A, when the central area is split into two districts, will have no at large bids. In football the district champion will automatically qualify for state, the rest of the teams will qualify based on at-large bids. In basketball and volleyball, if the regular season and the district champion is the same, that team will automatically qualify for state. If the regular season and tournament champion is different, both teams will qualify for state. This will allow for the regular season champion to get the higher seed, but both teams will qualify for state. In volleyball twelve team’s advance, mathematically there is a chance that there are no at large births. Dr. R.L. Richards made a motion to approve this general action item. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and carried unanimously.

*General Action Items – Consider approval of co-op programs at the Class A level (tabled during March meeting)* – Mr. Tripp informed the Board that some of the small schools keep downsizing in numbers. This brings up the question of whether or not we should allow the schools to participate and co-op in order to keep the best of our ability alive. The issue that arises with this is that the attendance can sway if we start letting schools co-op. Mr. Tripp informed the Board that the NMAA staff will come up with criteria to determine if schools can co-op together. Dr. R.L. Richards made a motion to approve this issue. Mr. Rounds seconded the motion. A vote was taken and it carried.

*General Action Items – Consider mandating schools to place team information online, as per written policy, or face financial penalties.* – Mr. Evans informed the board that 2 years ago the NMAA went online with a new information system. This was an attempt to formalize what we need recorded and when. There also incentives for getting information in to the NMAA. Mr. Evans stated that the NMAA has found that with fines, it will make it easier to deal with compliance. The fine would be for \$250.00 if information is missing by the deadline. The NMAA would inform coaches and administrators about the fines via email, such as our *Monday Morning News*. Dr. Abreu made a motion to approve this recommendation. Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and it carried unanimously.

*General Action Items – Consider mandating pre-season meetings for all NMAA member school. These meetings will consist of the presentation of the NMAA DVD, general school/district information, and information pertaining to individual sports and activities.* – Mr. Evans spoke on behalf of the NMAA and their needs to encourage Pursuing Victory With Honor by putting out expectations regarding sportsmanship, eligibility, and coaching guidelines. The NMAA wants to let community members know what type of sportsmanship is expected of them. The NMAA will provide a DVD to help athletes, coaches, administrators, and members of the community, understand what is expected of them. Mr. Green made a motion to accept this recommendation. Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and it was carried unanimously.

*General Action Items – Consider having Cimarron High School play in District 4-AA in sports where Moreno Valley Students participate with the Cimarron team based on enrollment figures that total approximately 200 students.* – Mr. Martinez stated that because Moreno Valley High School has no track team the students participate on the Cimarron High School track team. Charter school legislation allows for students to move to Cimarron to participate in sports. They are allowed to choose a school to participate with. Because Moreno Valley High School students choose to participate with Cimarron High School, this means that Cimarron all of a sudden has 200 students to choose from because Moreno Valley consists of 80-90 students. Track is the main issue, because Moreno Valley has a basketball and soccer team, and they don't participate in volleyball. Many of the students from Moreno Valley participate on the Cimarron High School track team. Mr. Rounds suggested a substitute motion and Mr. Richards seconded the motion. Dr. Abreu intervened and made a recommendation to table any decisions on this issue until the next meeting on Wednesday, October 1, 2008. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

*General Action Items –Discussion Item - Survey regarding the seeding and selection process for the Class A and Class AA state basketball tournament as sent out by Mr. Mike Chambers, Superintendent, Magdalena Municipal Schools .* – Mr. Chambers said the survey came back as 25 schools said they need to seed 16 teams, and 14 schools said to leave it alone. Mr. Chambers asked the board to send it out referendum and let the schools decide. Mr. Chambers said that some teams make it to the tournament and they don't belong there. Some schools get knocked out and they actually do belong in the state tournament. This process would just eliminate regionals and it doesn't increase the number of games played.

Mr. Tripp state that they Alignment and Classification Committee is working on moving to 6 classes to make everything more equitable.

Mr. Chambers said that the issue is on seeding and is not a classification and alignment issue.

Mr. Phipps recommended that we put an advisory referendum out. If we put an advisory referendum out, we can see if they want to move to 16 teams and eliminate regionals.

*General Action Items – Board Goals for the 2008-2009 school year* – Mr. Tripp said that the NMAA would work on actively promoting activities through commercials throughout the state.

Dr. Abreu said that the commercials could be made through public service announcements.

Mr. Tripp stated that he could possibly get on radio stations throughout the state to make the public service announcements.

Mr. Richards motioned to accept the Board goals for the 2008-2009 school year. Dr. Abreu seconded the motion. A vote was taken and was carried unanimously.

*General Action Items – Allowing the NMAA Executive Director to levy sanctions on coaches or other school personnel who engage in unethical or unprofessional behavior (tabled at January meeting) – Ms. Sanchez stated that any sanctions would be for that current year in which a specific school is sanctioned. Mr. Harris made a motion to carry this action item. Mr. Rounds seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

*General Action Items –NMOA - Consider mandating the use of 3-person mechanics for district basketball tournaments in all classifications in boys' and girls' (tabled at March meeting) – Ms. Sanchez stated that this would be for the varsity basketball level district tournament play only. Using the 3-person mechanics for district play would help clean up the game, because of rough play. Districts can choose to petition to the NMAA to waive this rule on a year to year basis based upon district finances. Ms. Ryan motioned to carry this action item. Mr. Sandoval seconded the motion. A vote was taken and it carried unanimously.*

*General Action Items – Sport specific – Wrestling - Revise the wrestling qualifying procedures for the state event as proposed by the wrestling sports specific committee. – Mr. Evans stated that in the past the state qualifying procedures were based on the overall district season record. Mr. Evans would like to change it back to a district playoff. Mr. Ferguson motioned to pass this action item. Mr. Rounds seconded the motion. A vote was taken and it carried unanimously.*

*General Action Items – Sport Specific – Soccer – Revising the soccer tie breaking procedure for pool play specifically defining the coin-flip procedure. – Ms. Sanchez stated that on page 39 of the packet, on item # 8 the verbiage is now clear that the coins will be provided by the NMAA Event Director. Heads and tails will be determined prior to the coin toss. The issue before this change was not being able to decide what side was heads and what side was tails. Mr. Green motioned to carry this action item. Dr. Abreu seconded the motion. A vote was taken and it carried unanimously.*

*General Action Items – Sport Specific – Tennis – Approve Classification and Alignment for Tennis allowing schools to play in a different classification. (i.e. Cobre to class 4A, 4A reduced to 5 districts. Add “small schools” classification.) – Ms. Marquez stated the change in Classification and Alignment to balance the tournament so we can eliminate an extra day of the tournament. Mr. Green made a motion to carry this action item. Dr. Abreu seconded the motion. A vote was taken and it was carried unanimously.*

- VI. *General Discussion/Information Items –NMAA calendar and Graduations: is this a conflict that can be resolved/improved? – Mr. Tripp said that he will have a better grasp on this and understanding for the next meeting.*

*General Discussion/Information Items – Private/Public issues. Progress and feedback regarding these issues. – Mr. Phipps stated that some private schools don't have the proper facilities needed. Athletic scholarships and coaches recruiting is also another issue that we face with private schools. It makes it easier to recruit because private schools don't have attendance caps and public schools do. Also, special*

education students attend many public schools and not too many private schools. This is because private schools can choose to not have special education students.

*General Discussion/Information Items –Summertime athletics and their impact in student athletes–* Ms. Marquez stated that Spring and Winter sports are with their athletes in June. Most Fall sports are with their coaches in July. The students feel as if they have to go to summer practice in order to keep up with others. This puts pressure on students if they participate in 2 sports.

Mr. Phipps asked the NMAA staff to find out what is happening in other states and see what we can do.

Mr. Tripp stated that closing off of facilities can be controlled by the local superintendents. This will help control who can practice and who can't.

*General Discussion/Information Items – NMAA Foundation Golf Tournament – Friday, June 13, 2008 at the UNM Championship Golf Course –* Mr. Tripp stated that we need some more teams but it is going well. This golf tournament helps support scholarships for student athletes.

*General Discussion/Information Items – Report on NMAA Activities –* Ms. Derr gave an update on all activities. She stated that activities went really well this school year. We had Sandia High school mock trial placing 4<sup>th</sup> at nationals. There was a new choir state championship that was added this year. Lastly, there was also a bowling All-American.

Ms. Derr did state that the choir contest will need a host for the 2008-2009 and also the 2009-2010 state competition.

*General Discussion/Information Items – Report from the Sports Medicine Committee –* Mr. Tripp stated that they had revamped the physical forms. They are also working on the heat index meter for cross country and football. The heat index will be valuable for determining how long an athlete can be out in the heat and how much water is needed.

## VII. *Addendum Agenda*

No Addendum Agenda

## VIII. *Next Board Meeting Wednesday, October 1, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. at the NMAA.*

## IX. *Consider Adjournment*

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Green. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rounds and a vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.