

NMAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, October 3, 2007
9:30 a.m., NMAA Conference Room A



I. *Call Meeting to Order and Welcome*

The NMAA Board of Directors met on Wednesday, October 3, 2007 for their regularly scheduled meeting. Mr. Mike Phipps, Board President, called the meeting to order at 9:41 a.m. Mr. Phipps welcomed Dion Sandoval, the new NM School Board Association Representative, to the Board.

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), Ms. Janel Ryan (Large, Area A), Mr. Mike Phipps (Large, Area B), Mr. Dick Pool (Large, Area C), Dr. Pete Campos (Large, Area D), Dr. Beth Everitt (Large School District I), Mr. Stan Rounds (Large School District II), Mr. Dane Kennon (At-Large Member), Mr. Dion Sandoval (NM School Board Association Representative), Mr. Lawrence Johnson (NMAA Commission Representative). 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. Pool and seconded by Mr. Rounds to approve the agenda (see pgs. 1-3 of Attachments). A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

The minutes of the Jun 6, 2007 Board meeting were presented (see pgs. 5-12 of Attachments). A motion was made by Dr. Campos to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Ryan seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

II. *Executive Session*

Ms. Ryan made a motion to move into Executive Session. Mr. Rounds seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the Board entered Executive Session at 9:45 a.m.

III. *Directors' Report*

Ms. Ryan made a motion to resume regular session. Mr. Rounds seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the Board exited Executive Session and Regular Session resumed at 10:20 a.m.

Mr. Tripp welcomed the Board and thanked them all for attending. He also welcomed Dion Sandoval and thanked him for accepting this position on the Board. Lastly, Mr. Tripp informed the Board that Mr. Bill Cleland has joined the NMAA staff as a technology and software specialist. Bill will also be helping with the sport of swimming and diving. Welcome Bill!

IV. *Financial Report*

Ms. Carol Daniels, Director of Finance, presented a summary of accounts and the recent audit to the Board. (See pgs 13-59 of attachments)

Financial Report Action Item – Consider approving financial recommendations as presented by Mr. Gary Tripp and Ms. Carol Daniels.

Ms. Daniels informed the Board that the NMAA would like to move monies from the Emergency CD to the Operating CD.

Mr. Pool made a motion to approve the moving of said funds. Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report Action Item – Consider approving the Audit RFP for the next three years, two of which will be Audit Reviews.

Mr. Richards made a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Ms. Everitt seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Phipps thanked Ms. Daniels for the reports and their being easy to understand.

V. *Alignment/Classification Action Item – Consider approving Alignment and Classification for 2008-2009, 2009-2010 as proposed by the current Alignment/Classification Committee from their meeting on 9/12/2007.*

Mr. Tripp presented Proposal A (see pages 60-92 of the Board packet), and Proposal B (see pages 93-116 of the Board packet) to the Board. He opened the floor to comments from meeting attendees.

Mr. Elmer Chavez, from Grants High School, asked the Board to consider the current classification of Grants High school.

Ms. Carolyn Renturia of Estancia, expressed her concerns in regards to Estancia High School's classification.

Representative Rhonda King, also from the Estancia area, expressed her support of Proposal B.

Mr. Martinez informed the Board that the Alignment/Classification Committee voted 4 to 4 between these two proposals, so each has equal support.

Mr. Richards asked the Board to consider the history of this issue as well as all data collected via referenda.

Mr. Green stated that option B would allow time for review.

Mr. Ferguson stated that option A would allow time for school appeals.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Green made a motion to accept Proposal B as presented. Mr. Kennon seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the results were as follows:

<u>for</u> _____	Dr. Pete Campos	<u>for</u> _____	Dr. Beth Everitt
<u>against</u> _____	Mr. Rick Ferguson	<u>for</u> _____	Mr. Bill Green
<u>for</u> _____	Mr. Dion Sandoval	<u>for</u> _____	Mr. Lawrence Johnson
<u>for</u> _____	Mr. Dick Pool	<u>for</u> _____	Ms. Janel Ryan
<u>for</u> _____	Mr. Dane Kennon	<u>for</u> _____	Mr. Stan Rounds
<u>for</u> _____	Mr. Mike Phipps	<u>against</u> _____	Dr. R. L. Richards
<u>against</u> _____	Ms. Zita Lopez	<u>10 for / 3 against</u> Motion Passes	

In regards to the request from Grants to consider their current Classification, the Board asked the NMAA to bring a recommendation back to the Board at the December meeting or earlier if necessary.

Mr. Rounds made a motion to address the Addendum Agenda at this point of the meeting. Mr. Kennon seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

- IX. *Addendum Agenda Action Item – Consider amending Action Item V to read as follows: The Alignment and Classification proposal that is approved will be for a one-year block to allow the current Alignment and Classification Committee to review a number of issues. These issues include, but are not limited to, hard numbers, non-public school, and counts for charter, alternative and home-school students. Thus the Alignment and Classification proposal will be for the 2008-2009 school year only.*

Mr. Kenny Barreras, District Athletic Director for Albuquerque Public Schools, addressed the Board. He spoke on behalf of practitioners and schedulers stating that if this is done, the new alignment process would begin in January.

Mr. Ferguson asked the Board to consider that the NMAA Bylaws state that the Alignment/Classification will remain for a 2 year block.

Mr. Rounds made a motion to retain the two year block. Dr. Campos seconded this motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Addendum Agenda Action Item – Consider allowing Class A schools to coop on team sports at the middle school level.

Mr. Martinez asked the Board to consider this to allow more students the opportunity to participate.

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Pool seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

VI. *General Action Item – Consider approving the NMAA exclusive telecast and broadcast rights of all playoff level events. (resume agenda)*

Mr. Rounds and Mr. Phipps both thanked NMAA.TV for their work in publicizing high school athletics in New Mexico.

Ms. Ryan made a motion to approve this proposal as presented. Ms. Lopez seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

General Action Item – Consider approving the defined version of the issues that are under the purview of the Board of Directors and which fall under the referendum process.

Mr. Scott Evans presented pages 118-121 of the Board packet to the Board.

Ms. Ryan asked if this change would result in another responsibility of the Board.

Mr. Tripp replied that this only clarifies what has already been taking place.

Classification and Alignment issues may be sent out for a referendum asking for input, but not asking for a vote.

Dr. Richards made a motion to table this issue until more research can be done. Ms. Ryan seconded this motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

General Action Item – Consider restructuring the NMAA Appeal process whereas when a school or aggrieved party appeals to the Board of Directors, a group of five Board members must be present to hear the appeal. (Restructuring 13.2.3, 13.2.4, 13.2.5).

Ms. Marquez informed the Board that currently 7 Board members are required to be present to hear an appeal. She also thanked Dan Flores for 15 years of dedicated service to the Appeal Committee.

Mr. Green made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Dr. Richards seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

General Action Item – Consider setting a fee to be paid by the aggrieved party for appeals that are appealed to the Board of Directors.

Ms. Marquez reminded the Board that a \$250 fine had been approved for the appeal level last January. The concern is that because this fee has already been paid, aggrieved parties are not carefully considering escalating an appeal to the Board level because they have “nothing to lose.”

Mr. Phipps expressed his concern about limiting families who have the right to appeal due to financial restraints.

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to table this issue. Mr. Pool seconded this motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

- VII. *Sports Specific Action Item: Football – Reword the coin flip procedures under A and B (Section 7_ to include that, with the approval of the two schools involved in the flip, the NMAA director of football or the Executive Director will conduct the flip as soon as possible.*

Mr. Martinez stated that this proposal was passed by the Commission and is now being presented to the Board. If the two schools involved in the flip do not agree to this exception, the pre-existing coin flip policy will be upheld.

Mr. Kennon made a motion to accept this proposal as presented. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Sports Specific Action Item: Football – Consider sending out to referendum that AA football schools will play 60% of their schedules against other schools in their classification according to a master schedule to be prepared by the NMAA in conjunction with all the AA schools. (Only AA football schools will be allowed to vote.)

Mr. Martinez informed the Board that the Commission recommended that this issue be sent to referendum. This scheduling method was successful in 8-man football.

Dr. Campos made a motion to accept this proposal as presented. Ms. Lopez seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Sports Specific Action Item: Basketball – Consider adopting a program for seeding and selection for the 2008-2009 season as per the sports specific committee.

Mr. Rounds made a motion to table this issue. Mr. Green seconded this motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Sport Specific Action Item: Softball – Consider adopting a 16-team double elimination bracket in 3A-5A and an 8-team double elimination bracket in A/AA at the state softball championships for the 2008 season.

Mr. Gene Victor of the softball sports specific committee presented pages 127 -132 of the Board packet.

Ms. Ryan made a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Rounds seconded this motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Sports Specific Action Item: Golf – Consider mandating that all head golf coaches attend the golf workshop and NMAA rules clinic on January 25-26, 2008.

Mr. Ferguson asked if there is any way that this clinic could be combined with coaching school in the summer so that coaches don't have to miss another day of school.

Mr. Martinez stated that in future years that is a good possibility.

Dr. Richards made a motion to table this issue. Mr. Green seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the results were as follows:

<u>against</u>	Dr. Pete Campos	<u>for</u>	Dr. Beth Everitt
<u>for</u>	Mr. Rick Ferguson	<u>for</u>	Mr. Bill Green
<u>for</u>	Mr. Dion Sandoval	<u>for</u>	Mr. Lawrence Johnson
<u>for</u>	Mr. Dick Pool	<u>for</u>	Ms. Janel Ryan
<u>for</u>	Mr. Dane Kennon	<u>for</u>	Mr. Stan Rounds
<u>for</u>	Mr. Mike Phipps	<u>for</u>	Dr. R. L. Richards
<u>for</u>	Ms. Zita Lopez	<u>12 for / 1 against</u>	Motion Passed (Item tabled)

Sport Specific Action Item: Consider allowing the NMAA to use discretion when scheduling the State Baseball Tournament to allow all Championship games to be played at Isotopes Park.

Mr. Green made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Dr. Campos seconded this motion. A roll call vote was taken and the results were as follows.

<u>for</u>	Dr. Pete Campos	<u>for</u>	Dr. Beth Everitt
<u>for</u>	Mr. Rick Ferguson	<u>for</u>	Mr. Bill Green
<u>for</u>	Mr. Dion Sandoval	<u>for</u>	Mr. Lawrence Johnson
<u>for</u>	Mr. Dick Pool	<u>against</u>	Ms. Janel Ryan
<u>for</u>	Mr. Dane Kennon	<u>for</u>	Mr. Stan Rounds
<u>for</u>	Mr. Mike Phipps	<u>for</u>	Dr. R. L. Richards
<u>for</u>	Ms. Zita Lopez	<u>12 for / 1 against</u>	Motion Passes

Sport Specific Action Item: Baseball – Consider changing the baseball start date to week 31.

Mr. Dusty Young addressed the Board and asked that this proposal be changed to state that the starting date of baseball be week 32.

Mr. Rounds made a motion to change the baseball start date to week 32. Ms. Ryan seconded this motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

VIII. *General Discussion and Information items – Dr. Kaye Peery, Zuni Superintendent: GPA/Scholastic*

Dr. Peery addressed the Board and drew their attention to pages 139-140 of the Board packet. She informed the Board that in Zuni, solutions are being researched for academic deficiencies. Currently, Middle School students have to make scores of “near proficiency” in order to participate. Dr. Peery asked the Board to research and examine this issue and to consider the merits of the GPA system and its relevance to No Child Left Behind, Adequate Yearly Progress, etc.

Zuni schools have also passed a policy stating that students, teachers and coaches may not leave school during instructional time for participation purposes.

Mr. Tripp stated that the NMAA Bylaws allow a school district to go above and beyond the policies set forth by the NMAA, and the steps that Zuni schools have made are commendable.

Ms. Ryan suggested that this issue be brought up at the next Superintendents meeting.

The Board took a 15 minute recess beginning at 12:30 p.m. The meeting was resumed at 12:45 p.m.

General Discussion and Information Items – Walt Gibson, Los Lunas Superintendent: Athletic Classes and Academic Standards.

Mr. Tripp stood and spoke in lieu of Mr. Gibson. Los Lunas Public Schools has removed all athletic classes from their schedules in the effort to strive for better academic proficiency and to allow for more instruction time in the classroom.

Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Green both clarified that this is an issue that will always be decided at the district level.

General Discussion and Information Items – Summary of out of season coaching and taking a proactive stance vs. a reactive stance on this issue.

Mr. Scott Evans presented pages 141-142 to the Board. No discussion.

General Discussion and Information items – NMAA Calendar: Start dates, State Championship dates.

Mr. Tripp asked the Board to consider whether a committee needs to be formed to examine these issues.

Mr. Bud Mulcock suggested that the Board consider setting a time frame for all Spring Sports.

Mr. Tripp reminded the Board that the 5-year calendar is posted on the NMAA website at www.nmact.org.

General Discussion and Information Items – Legislative Agenda

Mr. Robert Zayas, NMAA Assistant Director, presented a brochure to the Board that will be used to inform New Mexico Legislators about the NMAA and its purposes.

Ms. Dana Sanchez, NMAA Commissioner of Officials, informed the Board that the issue of gross receipts tax seems to be better understood by the legislature and that progress is being made.

General Discussion and Information Items – National Activities Week

Mr. Tripp informed the Board that October 14-20, 2007 is National Activities Week. The NMAA will host events in the Hall of Pride and Honor throughout the week. These events will include a recognition social for New Mexico Officials and a recognition banquet for Mr. Bobby Gibbs.

Mr. Tripp also informed the Board that Robert Zayas and Rudy Aragon, both Assistant Directors at the NMAA, are currently serving on the committee overseeing the new nationally distributed publication, "High School Today." This monthly publication will include articles recognizing high schools and students throughout the country and will be distributed to all member schools. The publication is in need of articles and photographs, and the committee asks that member schools consider commissioning articles to submit for publication. Questions regarding this publication can be directed to Robert Zayas at (505) 923-3274 or rzayas@nmact.org.

General Discussion and Information Items – Board of Directors elections/openings.
Mr. Martinez drew the Board's attention to page 144 of the Board packet which shows which Board terms expire in December.

Small, Area A	Zita Lopez	Large, Area C	Dick Pool
Small, Area C	Bill Green	Large, Area D	Dr. Pete Campos

Nomination forms will be available at the NMAA Annual Meeting and will be accepted through November 2nd. Elections will be completed by November 30th.

General Discussion and Information Items – 2007 Annual Meeting dates and information.

Mr. Zayas presented pages 145-151 of the Board packet which includes registration and itinerary information for the 2007 NMAA and NMADA Fall Conference.

- IX. The next meeting of the NMAA Board of Directors is scheduled for December 6th, 2007, at 11:00 a.m. at the NMAA.
- X. Mr. Phipps thanked the Board members for attending. He also thanked the NMAA staff, NMAA.TV, and Bud Mulcock for all the work that each has done to benefit the students of New Mexico.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Kennon. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ryan and a vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.