

NMAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, November 30, 2006
9:00 a.m., NMAA Conference Room A



- I. The NMAA Board of Directors met on Thursday, November 30, 2006 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: Mr. Dane Kennon (Small Area C), Mr. Rick Ferguson (Small Area D), Mr. Joe Guillen (NM School Board Association Representative), Ms. Janel Ryan (Large Area A), Mr. Dick Pool (Large Area C), Ms. Liz Marrufo (Large School District II), and Mr. Lawrence Johnson (NMAA Commission Representative). Ms. Zita Lopez (Small Area A), Dr. Beth Everitt (Large School District I), Mr. Pancho Guardiola (At-Large Member), and Dr. Pete Campos (Large Area D) were absent. Mr. Mike Phipps (Large Area B) and Dr. R.L. Richards (Small Area B) were present via teleconference. 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 pg. 2 of Attachments). Mr. Pool requested that the Action Item concerning the Classification of Silver High School be removed from the agenda. Mr. Guillen and Mr. Ferguson amended their motion to reflect this recommendation. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

The minutes of the September 27, 2006 Board meeting were presented (see pgs. 3-11 of Attachments). A motion was made by Mr. Pool to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Ryan seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

- II. Mr. Tripp welcomed the Board and thanked them all for attending. He gave his Director's Report. He stated that the Annual meeting had been a success and that Athletic Director's across the state as well as the NM Athletic Directors Association have expressed their approval of the current layout and schedule of the meeting. The annual meeting format will remain the same for next year.

Mr. Tripp informed the Board that there is a new video/audio/security system being installed at the NMAA office. This follows a recommendation by Secretary of Education, Dr. Veronica Garcia, regarding a way to keep accurate records of all

appeals heard by the NMAA office. The system has been installed in the three conference/board rooms as well as in the Hall of Pride and Honor. Mr. Tripp stated that the components installed in the Hall of Pride and Honor will also be used to create an automated tour system through the facility.

Mr. Tripp updated the Board on the progress of the NMAA network. He stated that it continues to improve and that the NMAA is researching methods of offering this service to subscribers for a lesser fee.

Mr. Tripp informed the Board that Lieutenant Governor, Diane Dennish, has volunteered to be the president of the new NMAA Foundation. He stated that the NMAA is looking for members to serve on the Foundation Board and is open to suggestions/nominations for these positions.

Mr. Tripp informed the Board that the nomination period for openings on the NMAA Board and NMAA Commission has ended. He congratulated those who were nominated.

Mr. Tripp informed the Board that he had recently received a call from NMPSIA stating that their recent audit found that the NMAA and its employees may not qualify for the insurance coverage and benefits that they currently provide. He stated that the loss of this coverage would result in additional costs to the Association in regards to risk management. He stated that there are actions to be taken to avoid the loss of this coverage and that said actions have begun. He asked that the Board be prepared for future action regarding this issue.

Mr. Tripp informed the Board that the 2nd Annual Principals Summit will be held at the Wyndham Albuquerque Airport Hotel on January 22, 2007. Mr. Bill Bond, a prominent member of the National Association of Secondary School Principals, will be the guest speaker at this event. Some topics that he plans to speak on are school crisis response, school culture, and aggressive media. The staff of the NMAA will also be presenting at the Summit. There is a registration fee of \$75/NMASSP members, \$100/non-members, and \$150/groups. All proceeds will go to NMASSP.

Lastly, Mr. Tripp informed the Board that the Alignment/Classification Committee had met and are tentatively planning on adjusting alignment/classification using hard numbers. These hard numbers will result from studying natural breaks, but the numbers will be enforced. The committee is also taking geography into strong consideration. Lastly, the committee is considering a proposal stating that all districts must consist of at least four schools. Some controversy is expected, but a proposal will be made by December 15, 2006 to present to the Board and all member schools.

- III. Financial Reports – Ms. Carol Daniels, Director of Finance, presented a summary of accounts to the Board. (See pg 12 of attachments) She informed the board that State ticket sales increased in the sports of Cross Country, Soccer and Volleyball this year.

- 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.
- V. *General Action Items – Changing the ineligibility period from 180 school days to 90 school days (Referenda vote)* – Mr. Tripp informed the Board that Dr. Garcia had recommended that the Board consider this adjustment. He stated that he was recommending a Referenda vote be taken by all member schools. Mr. Ferguson made a motion to approve this recommendation. Mr. Pool seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

General Action Items – Establishing a definition for hardship or the possibility of elimination hardship completely (Referenda vote) – Mr. Tripp stated that an informal survey presented at the Annual meeting found that the majority of member schools feel that the current hardship procedures should remain as they are. He informed the Board that the NMAA feels that there is a need to further define hardship. Discussion followed. Mr. Phipps entertained a motion to table this issue pending a proposed definition. Ms. Ryan so moved and Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and carried unanimously.

General Action Items – When tie-breaking procedures are used to determine district standings, forfeited games will list scores that are the maximum allowed by that particular sport in their district or by the NMAA Handbook. – Mr. Martinez informed the Board that this verbiage more clearly defines the procedures for forfeited games (see pg 13 of attachments). Mr. Pool made a motion to approve the verbiage as stated. Mr. Kennon seconded the motion and a vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

General Action Items – Allow spring sports to begin on Week #30 versus Week #33 for spring 2007 only. – Mr. Tripp informed the Board that a meeting of approximately 40 baseball coaches had taken place during which this recommendation was made. He stated that inaccurate information was printed on a document distributed at the Annual meeting stating that the start date of spring sports would be Week #30 (see pg 13 of attachments). Mr. Mark Koski, Assistant Director, addressed the board on behalf of the Track and Field sports specific committee. He expressed the committee’s concern with this start date and its negative effect on the sport of Track and Field and the established meet limitations. Dr. Richards made a motion to accept this recommendation. Mr. Guillen seconded and a vote was taken. The response not being unanimous, a roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Motion failed 5/4

General Action Items – Allow 7th graders moving to 8th grade to make up one summer core curriculum academic class to be used for eligibility purposes as is

presently the case at the high school level. – Mr. Gene Pino, Assistant Director, addressed the board of behalf of the Jr. High/Middle School committee and presented this recommendation (see pg 14 of attachments). Mr. Pool made a motion to approve this recommendation. Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion and a vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

General Action Items – Affirmation of a statewide Sports Medicine Advisory Committee. – Mr. Tripp asked the Board to approve this recommendation. He expressed the need to offer quality safety information to parents, athletes, and school administration. This committee will be made up of medical professionals from around the state. Mr. Pool made a motion to accept this recommendation. Mr. Johnson seconded this motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

- VI. *Sports-Specific Action Items – Basketball/Mid School – Allow mid school/junior high school basketball teams to play 18 games versus 15.* – Mr. Pino again addressed the Board with a recommendation from the Jr. High/Middle School Committee (see pg 14 of attachments). He stated that now that fuel prices have started to decrease, the committee feels that schools can afford to raise the game limitation again. He also stated that schools are finding it difficult to host/attend tournaments due to this limitation. Mr. Jim Smeltzer, Jr. High/Middle School committee member, addressed the Board. He stated that he is opposed to this change. He expressed concern regarding schools/districts with multiple teams, using the example that this change would add 30 games to a district with 10 teams. Mr. Guillen made a motion to accept the recommendation. Mr. Pool seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The response not being unanimous, a roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Motion passed 5/4

- VII. *General Discussion/Information Items – Evaluate the present school assessments and potentially look at revising the system based on school enrollment numbers versus classification* – Mr. Dane Kennon stated that the question he had regarding this issue, which prompted him adding this item to the agenda, had been answered. He recommended that the item be removed from the agenda.

General Discussion/Information Items – Red and yellow cards in soccer – Mr. Tripp presented to the Board a report of this year’s red and yellow cards in Soccer (see pg 20 of attachments). He stated that the NMAA is researching policies of other state associations who have been successful in minimizing their red and yellow card penalties. Wisconsin is one of these states (see pg. 21 of attachments)

General Discussion/Information Items – Seeding/Selection handout and clarification of terminology “one district team cannot be seeded or selected higher than another who came out of district as a lower seed with regular season taking precedence

over tournament play.” – Mr. Martinez presented the handout that is included as page 22 of the attachments.

General Discussion/Information Items – Length of sports seasons – Mr. Tripp informed the Board that there seems to be increasing conflicts between school calendars and the NMAA calendar. Some noted reasons for these conflicts are finals, testing, and graduation. Also multi-sport athletes are being placed in difficult situations due to overlapping seasons. For these reasons the NMAA is looking into different start and end dates for sports seasons.

General Discussion/Information Items – The future of state tournaments and RFPs in this area – Mr. Tripp presented the Athletic Event Schedule for 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 to the Board (see pg 23 of attachments)

VIII. The next meeting of the NMAA Board of Directors is scheduled for January 24, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. at the NMAA.

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 11:05 a.m.