

NMAA COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, January 14, 2009
9:00 a.m., NMAA Conference Room A



- I. The NMAA Commission met on Wednesday, January 14, 2009, for their regularly scheduled meeting. Mr. Lawrence Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Ms. Alissa McCarthy, Administrative Assistant called roll and the following commissioners were present: Mr. Manuel Romero (Small Area A), Mr. Gary Frazier (Small Area D), Mr. Phillip Sategna (Large Area A), Mr. Brian Stacy (Large Area B), Mr. Lawrence Johnson (Large Area C), Mr. Terry Martin (State School Boards Association) and Mr. Louie Baisa (Small Area C), Mr. Gary Salazar (Small Area B), Mr. Tom Manning (Large Area D), Mr. Scott Affentranger (National Association of Secondary School Principals), Mr. Bobby Romero (New Mexico Officials Association) and Mr. Don Gerheart (Activities Council), and Mr. Pete MacFarlane (Non-Public School Representative.) Absent was Mr. Thomas Mabrey (New Mexico High School Coaches Association), and Mr. Larry Waters (New Mexico High School Athletic Directors Association). A quorum was declared and business before the Commission could be conducted.

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

Mr. Gary Frazier made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented and Mr. Don Gerheart seconded.

The minutes from the November 19, 2008 meeting were presented (see pgs. 3-8 of **Attachments**). A motion was made by Mr. Pete MacFarlane to approve the minutes. Mr. Mr. Brian Stacy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Directors' Report – Mr. Gary Tripp welcomed the commissioners and thanked them for attending the meeting. Mr. Gary Tripp started out informing the Commission that he recently read an article in Sports Illustrated stating that 2008 was one of the greatest years in professional sports. He stated that the article also stated that the State Basketball Championships are one of the top 5 best tournaments in the country. Mr. Gary Tripp added that the Fall 2008 Championships showed extremely high attendance numbers and the association is doing well.

Mr. Gary Tripp stated that he recently attended the winter meeting where executive directors throughout the state met. He stated that economic conditions were a major concern among most executive directors. He stated that ten states were dropping 10% of their regular season schedules, other states including Minnesota were having double headers on Saturdays in order and some states even mandated that there not be any scrimmages prior to season play all in an effort to save money. He stated that most are hoping to save as much of their budget as they can to prepare for what could be a drastic

budget cut to come. He stated that some states are even cutting official crews from 3 to 2 in Basketball and 5 to 4 in Football.

Mr. Gary Salazar as well as Mr. Gerheart gave feedback regarding the legislative session and concerns for activities.

Ms. Sally Marquez started by congratulating Mr. Don Gerheart as well as those involved in activities. She stated that the All- State Music festival was held at UNM this past weekend where students involved in music learned from conductors. She stated it was a spectacular event.

Ms. Sally Marquez stated that she received a call from a legislature as well as a parent regarding Charter Students and athletic participation. She stated that the statute the NMAA has regarding this issue and in their Handbook is from 2005. She was informed that the statute was changed in July of 2007 to which the NMAA was not informed stating that any charter school student can choose where they would like to compete. She stated that the current statute states that the charter school student can participate in their home attendance zone, if they choose to go elsewhere they must follow the NMAA transfer rule guidelines. She stated that the NMAA will be working on guidelines to propose to the Board of Directors at their next meeting regarding this issue.

II. General Action Items- Consider revising Rule 7.15.1 H of the NMAA Handbook to read as follows: The tie breaking procedure in the National Federation Football Rulebook is used in all games (varsity, sub-varsity, and junior high) between New Mexico Schools as well as out of state guests, with results determining the winner.

Mr. Mario Martinez stated that the current rule had a defined procedure for tie breakers however it referred to varsity games only. He stated that the change would be to add sub-varsity and junior high games.

Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to accept the proposal with a friendly amendment to add middle schools to the rule. Mr. Gary Frazier seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

General Action Items – Consider revising a uniform district seeding/tie breaking procedures for all team sports similar to those used in football:

Mr. Mario Martinez stated that the plus and minus 13 has solved a tremendous amount of problems in football. He stated that the NMAA requests annually that each district chairperson submit a current copy of their handbook. He stated that this is needed for tie breaking procedures. The NMAA has run into several problems during playoffs.

Soccer: Mr. Robert Zayas referred the Commission to page 10 and proposed a uniform district tie breaking procedure for two teams that are tied would first be determined by head to head competitions, if the teams are still tied it would go to a plus or minus 5 goal differential between the teams, if the two teams still remain tied the team which defeated the other team in regular district play receives the higher placement, if still tied the team that allowed the least number of goals is the higher placement, and if still tied it will resort to a coin toss.

Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to accept the proposal presented on page 10 of the Commission packet, Mr. Scott Affentranger seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Volleyball: Ms. Marquez referred the Commission to page 11 of the Commission packet. She stated that Volleyball and Basketball are different in that they have a district tournament. She stated that the first step is to have a playoff game. If two teams are still tied then the team with the better head to head record has the higher seed. If the two teams are still tied then the team with the better head to head games (3-0, 3-1) has the better seed. If still tied then head to head points are used, if still tied then a differential of a plus or minus 5 is used and the last resort is a coin toss.

Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to accept the proposal presented on page 11 of the Commission packet. Mr. Bobby Romero seconded. The motion was passed with a vote of 10-3 in favor.

Basketball: Ms. Marquez referred the Commission to page 12 proposing that in the event that two teams are tied there would be a playoff game, if still tied head to head records is used, then a point differential of plus or minus ten would be used with the last resort being a coin toss.

Mr. Don Gerheart made a motion to accept the proposal presented on page 11 of the Commission packet. Mr. Scott Affentranger seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed 11-2.

Baseball: Mr. Dusty Young referred the Commission to pg. 14-16 proposing that in the event that two teams are tied the team with the better head to head record would be seeded higher. If the two teams are still tied the team with the least runs given up would have the higher seed, if still tied a run differential of plus and minus ten would be used. The coin toss would be the last resort.

Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to accept the proposal presented on page 14-16 of the Commission packet. Mr. Don Gerheart seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Softball: Mr. Gene Pino referred the Commission to pg. 17. He stated that he talked with the ASA Softball Committee and the tie breaking procedure is the team with the better head to head record receives the higher seed, if two teams are still tied the team that gave up the least amount of runs receives the higher bid, if two teams are still tied a run differential of plus or minus 10. The last resort is a coin flip.

Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to accept the proposal presented on page 17 of the Commission packet. Mr. Don Gerheart seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

The Commission took a 10 minute recess and re-convened at 10:40 AM

General Discussion/Information Item- Activities Update

Ms. Kristin Derr handed out essays that were written by the NMAA activities interns and hopes that everyone will have a chance to read through them. She stated that the Activities Council meeting was held yesterday and she was pleased to announce that Journalism is starting up again. She stated that the activities display will be set up at the Legislature next week.

Ms. Derr informed the Commission that she is presenting at member schools regarding Pursuing Victory with Honor for the activities community. She stated that the turn out has been tremendous.

She informed the Commission that the 2009 State Bowling Championships will be held at 10-pins in Rio Rancho and the 2009 State Choir Contest will be held at Capital High School.

She informed the Commission that the Scholarship deadline for Spirit Scholarships is due January 30, and April 14 is the deadline all activity and athletic scholarships. Lastly, she mentioned that the NMAA is still looking for National Anthem singers as well as Halftime show performances. Contact Kristin Derr to sign up.

General Discussion/Information Item- Alignment and Classification Update and Feedback-

Mr. Martinez stated that the NMAA has 90% of schools 80-day counts which will be used for the next block for alignment and classification. He stated that the NMAA does ask that all schools giving feedback and making recommendations will need to present their requests in written form in order to present that information to the Board of Directors. He stated that the rationale behind the addition of Class B is to allow for the small schools to be able to compete mainly in the sports of Volleyball and Basketball.

He mentioned that the Board of Directors will vote in March based on the 80-day numbers; at this time schools may appeal the decisions made by the NMAA regarding their alignment and classification. The Board of Directors will be making a final decision in the June Board meeting. Feedback was given by Mr. Lawrence Johnson, Mr. Phillip Sategna and Mr. Matt Martinez stating their concern regarding future alignment and classification.

Mr. Scott Evans referred the Commission to pg. 30. He stated that this form is currently on the website however he did want to point out that Class AAA was limited to 2 districts due to lack of teams forming. He stated that there was discussion regarding Class A and AA however feels that keeping them with three districts works great.

General Discussion/Information Item- State Basketball Update: tickets, sites and time. -

Ms. Sally Marquez informed the Commission that the State Basketball Tournament is being held March 10-14. She stated that one change made this year is that the 5A girls will be playing at Santa Ana Star Center and the 4A girls are playing at the Pit. She stated that Class A Boys and Girls are playing at Bernalillo High School this year. She thanked the Bernalillo Administration for their tremendous efforts in accommodating their schedules for this tournament. She mentioned that they rescheduled an in-service to be held on Tuesday rather than Monday and they scheduled an early dismissal on Wednesday to better accommodate the crowds from the tournament.

She added that Mr. Dusty Young did receive the complimentary pass list for the state basketball tournament from the schools. Ms. Sally Marquez did state that the coaches who are on that complimentary list must be listed online as well in order to receive a hospitality pass. If they are not listed online they will not be given a complimentary pass for the hospitality room. He will be mailing out these complimentary passes in mid February.

Lastly, Ms. Sally Marquez stated that the tournament passes are in for members of the Commission to pick up, please see Ms. Jackie Gallegos to receive the passes. She stated one change is that the tournament pass holder must also wear a wristband along with the tournament pass to get in to the tournament. She stated this would alleviate the problem the NMAA has dealt with in previous years of tournament passes getting passed around. The tournament passes did go up in price this year, however the pass does allow admission to the first round of the tournament being held at high school sites on March 6-7. National

Anthem singers as well as halftime performers are still needed. Please contact Kristin for more information.

General Discussion/Information Item-Pursuing Victory with honor Awards, Scholarships and nomination process- Mr. Mario Martinez handed a packet out to the Commission. Within this packet are the nomination forms for PVWH Sportsmanship awards and Scholarships as well as information regarding the nomination process. He challenged Athletic Directors to nominate a student, adult or group of people. He did mention that the Foundation provides \$15,000 in scholarships. He stated that many students throughout the state benefit from these scholarships. The student needs a minimum of three letters from a variety of people to which highlight the person, the student does not have to be an athlete, just one who portrays qualities of sportsmanship.

General Discussion/Information Item- 8th Grade Participation at the High School level (is there any support to move forward on this issue- Mr. Gary Tripp stated that the NMAA staff would like feedback as to if the Commission would like to see more discussion regarding eighth grade participation. Mr. Gary Tripp did mention to the Commission that NMAAfilms.tv will be broadcasting a weekly show featuring Mr. Tripp and Mr. Zayas of the NMAA regarding points of emphasis of the NMAA. He stated that eighth grade participation could be a point of emphasis on this program to better inform athletic directors and parents about this issue.

General Discussion/Information Item- NMAA Films.tv and DVD sales update- Mr. Gary Tripp stated that NMAAfilms.tv is working on allowing schools to videostream from their own school. He stated that the DVD sales are starting to pick up and could potentially help school raise money towards their athletic department. Contact Gary Tripp with more questions regarding Proview Networks and NMAAfilms.tv.

General Discussion/Information Item-Basketball Summit: locations, dates and purpose.- Ms. Dana Sanchez stated that the NMAA and the NMOA is in the process of conducting summits for Basketball Coaches and Officials. She stated that they have already had one in Albuquerque, they recently did one in Roswell on Monday and they plan on having a summit at Capital High School this week, Las Cruces on January 26, and in Gallup on January 28. She added that the purpose of these summits it to get feedback from the officials and coaches and improve communication between these two parties. She stated that these summits are set to be non confrontational but improve communication both on and off the court

General Discussion/Information Item-NMAA Foundation- Mr. Gary Tripp informed the Commission that the NMAA Foundation and schools throughout the state are teaming up for a Chili's give back night. He stated that this will occur once a month throughout the state at all Chili's restaurants. Those who bring in a flyer to the Chili's and 10% of the revenue brought in from those with flyers, 5% goes to the NMAA Foundation and 5% goes to the school. He stated the NMAA Foundation had their first Bowling tournament. He stated the Foundation raised \$1950 for the Foundation with eight teams competing. The NMOA team won the tournament, the Rio Rancho School District took second with TLC taking third place. Lastly, Mr. Tripp announced that currently the Foundation has \$63,000 in their account which will help to better serve the students of New Mexico. The annual Gold Tournament will be held on May 22 in Belen, New Mexico and is \$500 per team.

Mr. Waymond Ragland spoke his concern regarding the combination of Class A and AA in the sport of Baseball.

- IV. Mr. Johnson informed the Commission that the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 25 at 9:00 a.m.
- V. A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Terry Martin. It was seconded by Mr. Gerheart and a vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.