

NMAA COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, September 17, 2008
9:00 a.m., NMAA Conference Room A



- I. The NMAA Commission met on Wednesday, September 17, 2008 for their regularly scheduled meeting. Mr. Lawrence Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Ms. Alissa McCarthy, Administrative Assistant called roll and the following commissioners were present: Mr. Manuel Romero (Small Area A), Mr. Gary Salazar (Small Area B), Mr. Gary Frazier (Small Area D), Mr. Gary Schuster (Large Area A), Mr. Brian Stacy (Large Area B), Mr. Lawrence Johnson (Large Area C), Mr. Tom Manning (Large Area D), Mr. Larry Waters (New Mexico High School Athletic Directors Association), Mr. Scott Affentranger (National Association of Secondary School Principals), Mr. Thomas Mabrey (New Mexico High School Coaches Association), Mr. Bobby Romero (New Mexico Officials Association) and Mr. Don Gerheart (Activities Council), Mr. Louie Baisa (Small Area C), Mr. Terry Martin (State School Boards Association) and Mr. Pete MacFarlane (Non-Public School Representative.) 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. Terry Martin made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented and Mr. Don Gerheart seconded.

The minutes from the May 28, 2008 meeting were presented (see pgs. 4-9 of Attachments). A motion was made by Mr. Terry Martin to approve the minutes. Mr. Pete MacFarlane seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Martinez then opened the floor for nominations for a new chairperson of the Commission. Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to elect Mr. Lawrence Johnson, keeping him as chairperson of the Commission. Mr. Gary Schuster seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Johnson opened the floor for nominations for a new vice-chairperson of the Commission. Hearing no nominations, Mr. Johnson nominated Mr. Tom Manning as the new Vice chairperson of the Commission. Mr. Terry Martin seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Directors' Report – Ms. Marquez thanked the commission for attending. She announced that Mr. Tripp's daughter is a senior and plays volleyball for the Lobos, therefore Gary is at TCU attending her game.

Ms. Marquez stated that it has been a busy year thus far. The NMAA has processed over 250 petitions for eligibility, however, is having a difficult time with appeals. She asked that

the Athletic Directors please submit only those appeals that they feel can be justified. She added that there are issues regarding coaches playing athletes that have not yet been deemed eligible by the NMAA. She asked the coaches and athletic directors ensure their athletes are in good standing before they enter into competition.

Ms. Marquez announced the second annual Volley for the Cure that will be taking place throughout the state during the month of October. There are over 60 teams that will be participating and all proceeds will go towards breast cancer awareness.

Ms. Marquez stated that she received a call from the Legislative Committee involved with Title IX in schools. The Legislation Committee is drumming up a bill involving Title IX and athletics. The NMAA currently creates awareness regarding Title IX, and will now be working with Dr. Garcia and the PED pertaining this issue.

Mr. Martinez recognized the new members of the Commission. Mr. Manuel Romero is from Mora, he replaced Mr. Amadeo Soto. Mr. Gary Salazar is the Superintendent of San Jon Schools replacing Ms. Cris Dimitroff. Mr. Pete MacFarlane is the athletic director for Sandia Prep High School replacing Steve Mederois; Mr. Larry Waters representing the athletic directors association, replacing Ernie Viramontes; and Mr. Bobby Romero representing the NMOA, replacing Oscar Payne.

Mr. Martinez stated that Mr. J.D. Heely will be attending the meeting and will present to the Commission his new company ProView Network that will work with the NMAA in providing the videostreaming of High School State Championships across the state.

Mr. Martinez announced that activities week will be held from October 13-18. He stated that Gary and Dusty have been working with Defined Fitness to promote health and fitness day on October 15. The NMAA would also like to promote awareness by having a 5k run/walk during that week. Mr. Martinez stated more information will follow.

Mr. Martinez stated that the Pursuing Victory with Honor presentations at schools are going well. He added that the cost is around \$250-\$300, and will be discussed at the Athletic Directors meeting in January. Mr. Martinez stressed the importance that we Pursue Victory with Honor in our schools throughout the state, too often headlines in the news reflect unsportsmanlike conduct.

Mrs. Sanchez added that the Pursuing Victory with Honor classes online after a coach or an athlete is ejected is going well. She reported there have been twenty-one reports of good sportsmanlike conduct, however, 45 players and 5 coaches have been ejected. However, the program is doing very well and is very beneficial.

Ms. Sanchez informed the Commission that coaches/players that are ejected during a tournament, she is able complete a 24-hour turn around regarding the Pursuing Victory with Honor mandatory class. This will allow the coaches and players to return to participate in the tournament after their suspension is served.

Mrs. Sanchez reported on the retention of officials. She said it is reported that once officials have officiated for three years or more they are likely to return. The NFHS is in the process of providing a video training program for officials that will provide them with rules and game like scenarios to help them become more comfortable while they are officiating a live game.

Mr. Martinez reported on the Section IV meeting. He stated that there was discussion among the other associations pertaining Charter Schools. The NMAA Bylaws currently allow charter school students to participate at their home attendance area. He stated that the NMAA currently has five charter schools that are members of the NMAA however the issue is that many do not have the facilities required for athletic programs.

Mr. Martinez reported on the 8-man football showcase taking place on Saturday, September 20 at Menaul High School. The showcase starts out with Springer vs. Animas playing at 10:00 a.m., Clovis Christian vs. reserve at 1:00 p.m., Dora vs. Menaul at 4:00 p.m. and concluding with Logan vs. Pine Hill at 7:00 p.m.

Lastly, Mr. Martinez informed the Commission that the Co-op Referenda did pass. This will allow for 2 small schools, mostly class A/AA, to co-op in team sports in order to fill teams. He added that the Advisory Referenda will go the Board of Directors for further review regarding seeding Class A/AA in Basketball and potentially Volleyball 1-16 as is currently the format in 3A-5A.

Mr. J.D. Heely presented to Commission his new company ProView Networks that will videostream all high school championship games. He stated that his first commitment to the NMAA includes videostreaming all championship games in all sports the NMAA sanctions. He added that he hopes to broadcast more than championship games in the future. He stated that once the website is launched, schools may go to the website nmaafilms.tv and is able to broadcast their own games. ProView Networks will also offer training courses on how to live videostreaming through a link on their website, as well as a place for feedback. He stated that in the future he hopes to travel the state and teach others how to broadcast on their own. He mentioned that if there is a game that is unable to be filmed live, the recorded game will be placed on the website for viewing within 72 hours. Lastly, ProView Networks will have an advisory board that Gary and Mario will sit on. The website will launch on October 1, 2008, however a test videostream will be done at the 8-man showcase held on Saturday, September 20 at 10:00 a.m.

II. General Action Items- Consider allowing Home School students to participate in all sports starting 2009-2010. (Referenda)

Ms. Marquez referred the Commission to page 10. She stated that during the Bylaws committee meeting a guest representing home schools came and spoke his concerns. He expressed wanting to start a home school team (association). She stated that Senator Rossen pushed to the Legislation to allow home school students to participate in one athletic event and in January he is going to push to allow home school students to participate in private schools. She proposes revising 10.5.2 B from saying Home School Students can only participate in one athletic activity, to 10.5.2 B to Home School Students are eligible to participate in athletics, not limiting them to only one sport. This item will go to the Board and to Referenda if passed by the Board.

Mr. Waters made a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Martin seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

General Action Items – Consider changing and revising the language for transfers for athletic purposes (Referenda). Ms. Marquez referred the Commission to page 11 of the packet. She stated that the NMAA knows transferring for athletic purposes is happening within the state, however if a parent wants to move their residence for their kids to play sports the NMAA cannot tell them otherwise. She proposed eliminating 6.3.3 from the bylaws and revise Bylaw 6.1.2, eliminating “*in conjunction with the change of athletic season for athletic purposes.*”

Mr. Martin made a motion to accept the proposal presented on page 11 of the Commission packet, Mr. Baisa seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

General Action Items – Activities: Consider approving a requirement whereas participant member schools complete and submit an NMAA sanctioned activity of eligibility form prior to the State Competition. Ms. Derr referred the Commission to page 12 of the packet. She stated that there is concern for athletes that are ineligible but still participating. She proposed that the form on page 12 be required by all schools to be completed prior to the State Championship as a way to verify eligibility on all students participating.

Mr. Martin made a motion to accept the proposal as presented on page 12 of the Commission packet, Mr. MacFarlane seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

III. *Sports-Specific Action Items –Consider revising the A/AA Baseball Championship format whereas the first round will be one game vs. the current 2 out of 3 format.* Mr. Young referred the Commission to page 13. He stated that when A/AA combined the Championship format remained the same 2 out of 3 format. He stated the concern for students missing too much school in cases where athletes dual participate in Track and Field and Baseball. He referred the Commission to a survey that was conducted showing Class A strongly in favor of the change and Class AA not in favor of the change.

Mr. Martin made a motion to accept the proposal, changing the format to 1 game in the first round. A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Scott Affentranger- No	Mr. Lawrence Johnson- Yes
Mr. Brian Stacy- No	Mr. Thomas Mabrey- Yes
Mr. Manuel Romero- Yes	Mr. Tom Manning- Yes
Mr. Gary Frazier- No	Mr. Bobby Romero- Yes
Mr. Don Gerheart- No	Mr. Gary Schuster- Yes
Mr. Pete MacFarlane- No	Mr. Gary Salazar- Yes
Mr. Louie Baisa- No	Mr. Larry Waters- No
Mr. Terry Martin- Yes	

The motion carried with a vote of 8-7 in favor of changing the format.

Sports Specific Action Items – Consider changing the official start date from Week 32 to Week 31 as per the Sports Specific Committee (Referenda)– Mr. Young proposed changing the official start date, allowing for more preparation time for pitchers in this sport.

No motion was made. The proposal dies.

Sport-Specific Action Items – Consider increasing the A/AA State Softball Championship format to twelve teams based on the creation of five districts versus the four due to new teams and geographical makeup of the school involved– Mr. Pino presented a handout to the Commission showing the new Alignment and Classification for Softball with the addition of new schools in Class A and AA. His proposal is to increase the format to twelve teams to allow for the champion and runner-up from each district to go to the State Championship leaving two at large bids.

A motion was made by Mr. Baisa and seconded by Mr. Martin. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Sport Specific Action Item – Consider increasing the 1600 m Relay with a three turn stagger at the A/AA as is done at the 3A-5A level. (Only mandating at the State Championship.) Mr. Martinez referred the Commission to page 17 of the Commission packet. He stated that via the Sports Specific Committee, he proposes to increase the 1600 m Relay with a three stagger turn that will only be mandated during the State Championship. A survey was conducted showing 40% of the schools that voted, were in favor of the change. He added schools would have the option to mandate the three stagger turn at the District meets.

A motion was made by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Schuster. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Sports Specific Action Item- Consider revising the State Championship qualifying system whereas there could be potentially three additional individual qualifiers from non-qualifying teams as per the sports specific committee. Mr. Gary Shuster presented a handout to the Commission. He stated that in most situations the top ten qualifiers usually include those that have already qualified as a team. Mr. Schuster proposed allowing three additional individual qualifiers from non-qualifying teams.

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

The Commission took a 10 minute recess and re-convened at 11:00 AM

General Discussion/Information Items- Potentially eliminating eighth grade participation at the high school level in all classes except in Class A- Mr. Martinez informed the Commission that the NMAA has encountered several issues with eighth graders participating at the high school level. He stated that the Open Enrollment Choice rule is being disregarded and athletes are not being told this rule. He stated that eighth graders are often too young and immature, and there are problems with displacement. Class A is excluded because eighth graders are needed in order to fill varsity teams. He added that the associations at Section VI do not allow eighth grade participation. This item will be moving to the Board and then through referenda.

General Discussion/Information Items- Alignment and Classification Update- Mr. Martinez referred the Commission to page 25 of their packet. He asked for feedback from the committee and their school administration regarding these questions that need to be answered for the future Alignment and Classification.

General Discussion/Information Items- The possibility of mandating a two week moratorium for summer athletics/activities. Mr. Martinez stated that Dr. Richards from the Board of Directors wanted this issue to be discussed. Ms. Marquez stated the two week moratorium went to the Commission, the Board and out to Referenda. She stated that most of the pressure came from the Baseball community due to summer leagues being played during that time. She added that the Basketball Sports Specific committee did discuss having the month of June designated to the spring and winter sports, and the month of July designated to Fall sports only. This item will be discussed by the Board of Directors in October.

General Discussion/Information Items- The possibility of adding new sports in the future.. Mr. Martinez stated that there has been a lot of requests to bring lacrosse, hockey, and even

skiing to high school athletics throughout the state. He asked for the Commission's input on this issue.

General Discussion/Information Items- NMAA Calendar for the current year and the next. Mr. Zayas referred the Commission to page 26. He presented the calendar with the Championship dates for all sports for the current and following year. Ms. Marquez informed the Commission that the State Volleyball Championship for 3A-5A will be held at the Santa Ana Star Center for pool play, the first round, and the quarterfinals only, concluding with the semi's and finals being played at Johnson. Class A/AA will be held at Johnson Center. Ms. Derr added State Spirit will be held at the Santa Ana Star Center on April 3-4 due to the renovation of the Pit. Mr. Zayas mentioned that there is a 5-yr tentative calendar online as well. www.nmact.org

General Discussion/Information Items- Rosters and Schedules required to be on-line by September 15 or face financial penalties. Mr. Zayas presented a handout to the Commission referring them to member schools who did not meet the deadline for putting the rosters online. He stated that Bylaw 3.9.3 states that rosters must be put online by September 15 or face a financial fine. The schools that did not meet this deadline for the current year were fined \$250.

General Discussion/Information Item- Report on all star games by Buster Mabrey- Mr. Mabrey stated that the coaches association is continually growing. He thanked the schools and the Commission for their support. He informed the Commission that the Coaches association is now providing top 10 polls throughout the year. Every Monday morning a new poll will be placed on the website www.nmhsca.com. Mr. Mabrey added that he will be starting All State Teams. He stated that at the conclusion of the seasons, the Coaches Association will contact the coaches at their district meetings to develop all state teams including players from grades 9-12. He stated this process will start in mid- October.

General Discussion/Information Item- the NMAA Foundation and how member schools can help- Mr. Martinez stated that Gary's goal is for the NMAA Foundation to be a success. He stated that On May 22, the Foundation is holding an annual Golf tournament in Belen, and on December 6-7 the Foundation will be holding a Bowling Tournament in efforts to raise money for the Foundation. The top three teams participating in the Bowling tournament will win a prize ad bowling shoes are provided. The donations go to help pay students college tuition and schools that do not have the funds to start new programs. He asked the Commission's to help in making the NMAA Foundation a success.

General Discussion/Information Item- Annual Fall Conference and Information. Mr. Zayas informed the Commission that fall conference will be held on October 12-14 at the Marriot Pyramid Hotel. Mrs. Austin from the Montana High School Association will be a guest speaker along with Mr. Larry Waters and Mr. Steve Alford will speak at the Luncheon. The registration form may be found in the Back to School packet and online at www.nmact.org.

Ms. Derr informed the Commission that Activities Council met and are making efforts to expose activities more to the high schools. She added that Spirit Summit was held last week at the Marriot Pyramid Hotel in Albuquerque. The spirit committee is implementing workshops where cheerleaders that attend the most home games will receive a Pursuing Victory with Honor patch to put on their uniforms. She added that they will be having a Sportsmanship award based on the number of home games a squad has attended as well as community service work.

Mr. Johnson concluded with thanking the NMAA for the DVD, it was very beneficial and informed several parents about the rules of the NMAA. For information regarding Pursuing Victory with Honor merchandise contact Dusty Young at dyoung@nmact.org.

- IV.* Mr. Johnson informed the Commission that the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 19th at 9:00 a.m.
- V.* A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Martin. It was seconded by Mr. Baisa and a vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.