

NMAA COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, November 15, 2006
9:00 a.m., NMAA Conference Room A



- I. The NMAA Commission met on Wednesday, November 15, 2006 for their regularly scheduled meeting. Mr. Lawrence Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Ms. Kristin Derr, Administrative Assistant called roll and the following commissioners were present: Mr. Amadeo Soto (Small Area A), Ms. Cris Dimitroff (Small Area B), Mr. Louie Baisa (Small Area C), Mr. Gary Schuster (Large Area A), Mr. Bruce Carver (Large Area B), Mr. Lawrence Johnson (Large Area C), Mr. Tom Manning (Large Area D), Mr. Steve Medeiros (Non-Public Schools), Mr. Chris Pash (New Mexico High School Athletic Directors Association), Mr. Scott Affentranger (National Association of Secondary School Principals), Mr. Charles A. "Tony" Sayre (State School Boards Association), Mr. Frank Castillo (New Mexico High School Coaches Association), and Mr. Don Gerheart (Activities Council). Mr. Gary Frazier (Small Area D) and Mr. Oscar Payan (New Mexico Officials Association) were absent. A quorum was declared and business before the Commission could be conducted.

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

The minutes from the September 11, 2006 meeting were presented (see pgs. 3-9 of Attachments). Mr. Johnson asked that Mr. be changed to Ms. in regards to Sally Marquez in the first paragraph in section III. Mr. Soto asked for clarification between Mr. Soto and Mr. Hipwood in the Cross Country paragraph of section IV. A motion was made by Mr. Soto to approve the minutes with said adjustments made. Mr. Manning seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

- II. *Directors' Report* – Mr. Tripp informed the Commission that he felt that the NMAA Annual Meeting was very successful. Mr. Bob Kanaby, NFHS Executive Director, spoke at the Annual Meeting. The NMAA and NMADA (New Mexico Athletic Directors Association) met and have decided that the Annual Meeting format will remain the same in the future due to its success.

Mr. Tripp also stated that he will be working with NASSP (National Association of Secondary School Principals) to start a program meant to assist new principals.

Mr. Tripp went on to share the success of the Fall Championships with the Commission. He felt that Soccer had another successful year at the Bernalillo Soccer Complex, and that the new venues of Rio Rancho High School and Tingley Coliseum for Cross Country and Volleyball respectively were also very successful. He thanked the NMAA staff for their part in this success.

Mr. Tripp informed the Commission that the NMAA staff have presented approximately 11 Pursuing Victory With Honor workshops throughout the state since the last Commission meeting.

Lastly, Mr. Tripp told the Commission that he will be starting a Sports Medicine Committee modeled after that of the National Federation. He will be traveling to Silver City on November 16, 2006 to meet with some medical personnel to spearhead this committee.

Ms. Marquez informed the Commission that the Title IV presentation at the Annual Meeting went very well.

Ms. Marquez reminded the Commission that Basketball rules clinics must be completed online by November 30th.

Ms. Marquez also reminded the Commission that there will be no Hardship meeting or hearings during the month of December.

Ms. Marquez agreed with Mr. Tripp regarding the success of the Volleyball Championships. She stated that the use of Tingley Coliseum will be evaluated. She wanted the Commission to be aware that although most feedback regarding the tournament has been very positive, the tournament was more costly due to the change in venue.

Mr. Martinez told the Commission that the 6-Man Football Championship was very successful. New Mexico School for the Deaf claimed the State Championship Title in a 66-59 victory over San Jon High School. The 8-Man and Class A Championships are this coming weekend (November 17-18).

Mr. Martinez expressed his concern about the level of gamesmanship in the state of New Mexico.

Mr. Martinez also gave a general reminder that the Seeding/Selection process is the result of a Member School vote. He asked that everyone remember that regardless of their placement, the team who plays the best during the post season will claim the Championship.

III. General Action Items – Adopt language for forfeited games to list a score that is the maximum amount allowed by particular sport in the tie-breaking procedures of that sport.

– Mr. Martinez asked the Commission to refer to page 10/19 in their meeting documentation packet. After discussion, the following verbage was decided upon.

“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. Johnson entertained a motion to make the language change as stated above. Mr. Carver so moved, Mr. Manning seconded the motion, and a vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

General Action Items – Suspension of two-week moratorium for one more year – Mr. Tripp stated that there are three (3) reasons that upholding the two-week moratorium may be unrealistic for this year. The first of these is the question of its enforceability. The second is a question of whether the NMAA is hindering a school’s attempt to give their students more participation time. The third is a question of whether the NMAA is overstepping its boundaries in regards to dictating the decisions of its member schools. Discussion ensued

and Ms. Dimitroff Called to Question. Mr. Pash moved to suspend the two-week moratorium for one more year. Mr. Sayre seconded this motion and a vote was taken. Motion failed 6 votes for and 7 votes against.

General Action Items – Allow spring sports to begin on Week 30 versus Week 33– Mr. Tripp explained to the Commission that the NMAA distributed incorrect information regarding the start of the spring sports season at the Annual Meeting. This change would only be for the 2006-2007 year. Ms. Dimitroff moved to allow spring sports to begin on Week 30. Mr. Carver seconded the motion and a vote was taken. Motion carried 12 votes for and 1 vote against.

General Action Items – Mid School – Allow 7th graders moving to 8th grade to make up one summer school class to be used for eligibility purposes as is presently the case at the high school level– Mr. Gene Pino, NMAA Assistant Director, presented this item to the Commission. He stated that there has been some confusion as to what rules apply to middle school and that rule 6.2.4 in the NMAA Handbook has always been interpreted as a high school specific rule. Mr. Johnson suggested that there be a provision stating that the summer school class be a core related class. Mr. Carver made a motion to accept this item with Mr. Johnson's addendum. Ms. Dimitroff seconded this motion and a vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

- IV. *Sports-Specific Action Items – Baseball – All Classes 3A through 5A to use a 16-team format in the state tournament* – Mr. Kenny Barreras, APS Athletic Director and Baseball Specific Committee member, presented this item to the Commission. He first stated that the sports specific committee is aware that the Commission recently voted to make no changes to championship formats until the 2008-2009 school year. However, the committee would like the Commission to reconsider in regards to baseball, as the format was changed from 8 team to 16 team to 12 team, without a 16 team format championship ever being played. Mr. Castillo moved to vote on this item as stated, Mr. Sayre seconded, and a vote was taken. Motion failed unanimously.

Baseball – Allow the first round of the state tournament in Class 3A through 5A to use a two-out-of-three format – Mr. Barreras state that because this item corresponds directly to the previous item that it be removed from the agenda.

Middle School basketball – Allow mid-school eighth grade basketball teams to play 18 games versus 15. – Mr. Pino state that the game limitation had been lowered to 15 due to the price of gas being so high but that middle schools are now requesting this limitation be increased again. Mr. Castillo made a motion to allow eighth grade basketball teams to play 18 games. Mr. Medeiros seconded the motion and a vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously. After the vote was taken, discussion ensued and Mr. Soto made a motion to amend the main motion and change the verbiage to include all middle school teams, not just eighth grade teams. Mr. Schuster seconded the motion and a vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

- V. *General Discussion/Information Items – Alignment and Classification* – Mr. Martinez asked the Commission to refer to pages 12-13 of their meeting documentation. He stated that these should be the final dates for the future Alignment and Classification committee meetings.

General Discussion/Information Items – Survey Results from the Annual Meeting – Mr. Tripp, Mr. Martinez, and Ms. Marquez presented the survey results, see pages 14-18 of Attachments, to the Commission.

General Discussion/Information Items – Length of all Sports Seasons – Mr. Tripp stated that due to the fact that the state recently passed a rule mandating that each student must take a final, the NMAA is looking into adjusting the length of sports season. Mr. Tripp explained that this process will start with discussion at both Commission and Board of Directors meetings, and then proceed to the Alignment and Classification committee.

General Discussion/Information Items – Yellow and Red Card Violations in Soccer – Mr. Tripp shared his concern regarding the number of Yellow and Red violations received in the sport of Soccer. He informed the Commission that during the state tournament alone, 94 yellow cards were issued. Mr. Tripp informed the committee that the NMAA is considering the possibility of adopting a policy stating that an athlete/team that receives a certain number of violations will not be eligible for post-season play.

General Discussion/Information Items – Seeding/Selection Handout and Clarification of Terminology – Mr. Martinez asked the Commission to refer to the handout, see page 19 of Attachments, for clarification of the following 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 precedent over tournament play.”

- VI. Mr. Johnson informed the Commission that the next meeting was scheduled for January 10, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. at the NMAA.
- VII. A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Dimitroff. It was seconded by Mr. Affentranger and a vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.