

NMAA Board of Directors' Meeting
February 15, 2017
10:30 am
NMAA Hall of Pride and Honor

Welcome - Meeting called to order by Mr. T.J. Parks, NMAA Board of Directors President, at 10:35 am. Ms. Jacquelyne Martinez, NMAA Assistant Director, conducted roll call and the following members were present:

Mr. Jaime Widner (Small Area B)
Mr. Bill Green (Small Area C)
Ms. Lesa Dodd (Small Area D)
Mr. Kirk Carpenter (Large Area A)
Mr. T.J. Parks (Large Area B - President)
Ms. Dana Sanders (Large Area D)
Ms. Yvonne Garcia (Large School District I)
Dr. Gregory Ewing (Large School District II)
Dr. Crit Caton (At-Large Member)
Mr. Bruce Carver (NMAA Commission Representative)

**representing Ms. Raquel Reedy*

Present via teleconference:

Mr. Terry Martin (NM School Board Association Representative)

Not present:

Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Dr. Craig Cummins (Large Area C)

Eleven members present representing a quorum.

Approval of the Agenda:

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Carpenter made the motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Caton seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 30, 2016 and December 19, 2016 Board Meetings as presented. Mr. Green made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Dodd seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

NMAA Executive Directors' Report:

Ms. Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, discussed two (2) items on her report: 1) she discussed the upcoming Winter State Championships; and 2) she provided an update on the bills being heard within the current legislative session that could impact the NMAA and/or its member schools.

NMAA Financial Report:

Ms. Kessler-Schwamer, NMAA Business Manager, discussed one (1) item on her report: 1) she provided an overview of the financials and attendance figures for the 2016 fall championship season.

NMAA Activities Report:

Ms. Dana Pappas, Deputy Director, discussed four (4) items on her report: 1) she provided an update regarding the NMAA Student Leadership Advisory Committee; 2) she discussed the three state activity events that have been held so far this year (One Act Play, Scholastic Publications, & Student Council); 3) she stated that the remaining 20 activity events would take place throughout the next few months; and 4) she provided an overview of the NMAA Activities Council meeting held in January.

NMOA Report:

Ms. Pappas discussed two (2) items on her report: 1) she provided an overview of the January Executive Board Meeting; and 2) she stated that a recruitment fair for officials will be held Saturday, March 18, 2017. Ms. Pappas then answered questions from the Board regarding regular season assignments of officiating crews.

Action Items:

Football – Consider allowing To'Hajiilee High School to be placed back into District 2 within 8-man Football in 2017: Athletic Director Leslie Gaztambide asked the board to consider allowing To'Hajiilee High School to be placed back into District 2 within 8-man Football for the 2017-2018 school year. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to table the proposal. Mr. Widner made the motion to table the proposal. Mr. Green seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the item was tabled until more information could be collected from the other schools within the district (11-0).

Add "Educators Rising" as a sanctioned activity: Ms. Pappas asked the board members to consider adding "Educators Rising" as an official NMAA sanctioned activity. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Carpenter made the motion to approve the proposal. Ms. Sanders seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Adjustment of Appeal Fees: (Referenda Item): Ms. Marquez asked the board members to consider any appeals to the board shall be initiated by the member school by completing the "Request for Appeal" form posted online at www.nmact.org and delivering said request to the NMAA director within fourteen (14) calendar days of the date of receipt or constructive receipt of the decision or determination being appealed. Failure to comply strictly with the time frame or process for making an appeal shall be sufficient grounds for denial of the appeal. The Request for Appeal must additionally be signed by the Athletic Director and Superintendent/Headmaster/CEO acknowledging a minimum appeal fee of \$250. If the appeal results in the modification or overturning of the original ruling, the appeal fee will be waived. Fees cannot be charged to the student or the student's family directly. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to table the proposal. Mr. Green made the motion to table the proposal. Ms. Dodd seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the item was tabled until more information could be gathered regarding payment of the appeal fees by parents (11-0).

Student Transfers after participation in tryout period: (Referenda Item): Ms. Marquez asked the board members to consider denying eligibility for students who transfer to another school after being cut during the tryout period. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Widner made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

8th grade participation – home attendance zone school: (Referenda Item): Ms. Marquez asked the board members to consider 8th grade students wishing to participate at the high school level, who are not already enrolled in the institution they will be participating for, must participate at their home attendance zone public school. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Widner made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Carver seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Classification & Alignment: Five classifications & conferences: Ms. Marquez asked the board members to consider four proposals pertaining to Classification & Alignment for the 2018-2019/2019-2020 block. This included: 1) Move to five classifications, except in the sport of football – note that classifications may be combined if limited amounts of schools are participating in a particular sport; 2) Enrollment figures used to classify schools would be based on a 3-year average of the 80 day counts from two years prior to the new block and 40 day count from one year prior to the new block (80-80-40); 3) Schools will be placed into conferences instead of districts - a conference is defined as a group of schools located within the same geographical area, with the schools being in the same classification or one higher/lower; 4) Classification breakdowns will be determined based on hard enrollment numbers. Mr. Carver made a motion to approve proposal #1 (move to five classifications, except in the sport of football – note that classifications may be combined if limited amounts of schools are participating in a particular sport). Mr. Widner seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (10-1). Mr. Widner made a motion to approve proposal #2 (enrollment figures used to classify schools would be based on a 3-year average of the 80 day counts from two years prior to the new block and 40 day count from one year prior to the new block). Ms. Dodd seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0). Mr. Parks recommended tabling proposal #3 (schools will be placed into conferences instead of districts - a conference is defined as a group of schools located within the same geographical area, with the schools being in the same classification or one higher/lower) until more information on this model could be presented to the Board. Mr. Carver made a motion to approve proposal #4 (classification breakdowns will be determined based on hard enrollment numbers). Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Ms. Yvonne Garcia left the meeting.

Executive Session:

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session for purposes of discussing litigation and confidential personnel matters at 12:16 pm. A motion was made by Mr. Green. Dr. Caton seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
✓		Mr. Jamie Widner (Small, Area B)
✓		Mr. Bill Green (Small, Area C)
✓		Ms. Lesa Dodd (Small, Area D)
✓		Mr. Kirk Carpenter (Large, Area A)
✓		Mr. T.J. Parks (Large, Area B)
✓		Ms. Dana Sanders (Large Area D)
✓		Dr. Gregory Ewing (Large School District II)
✓		Dr. Crit Caton (At Large Member)
✓		Mr. Bruce Carver (NMAA Commission Representative)
✓		Mr. Terry Martin (NM School Board Association)

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to exit out of Executive Session at 1:25 pm. Mr. Green made the motion to exit from Executive Session. Mr. Widner seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

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✓		Mr. Jamie Widner (Small, Area B)
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✓		Ms. Lesa Dodd (Small, Area D)
✓		Mr. Kirk Carpenter (Large, Area A)
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Consider Adjournment:

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:07 pm. Mr. Widner made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Green seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

Next Board Meeting – June 2017 (NMAA)