

NMAA Board Summary February 14, 2018

The New Mexico Activities Association's Board of Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, February 14th in the NMAA Hall of Pride and Honor.

Executive Director Sally Marquez gave her Director's Report which included information on new Board Members as of January 1, House Bill 51, the upcoming Winter Championships, and the addition of a new NMAA staff member starting in mid-March.

Business Manager Shari Kessler-Schwamer presented the NMAA Financial Report which included information from the fall state championship season as well as ticket sales information from those events.

Deputy Director Dana Pappas presented the NMAA Activities Report which included information on the State Scholastic Publications, Bowling, & Educator's Rising events, a report of all other upcoming activity events, and an update on the Student Leadership Advisory Committee.

Ms. Pappas presented the NM Officials Association Report which included information on the current officials shortage, the NMAA's Officials Appreciation Week campaigns, the Battlefield to Ballfields program, the Baseball & Softball Clinic held in January, the process of appointing regional assignors, the State Clinic to be held in July, an update of officials pay scales, and an overview of the recent NMOA Executive Board Meeting.

Ms. Pappas presented two discussion items which included information regarding the payment process for officials (including a platform called ArbiterPay) and current/planned efforts pertaining to the recruitment and retention of officials.

Ms. Marquez presented four discussion items which included information regarding the scheduling of regular season football games in the 8-man classification, the newly adopted scholastic eligibility bylaw changes, the venue/facility for the 2108 State Soccer Championships, the possibility of sanctioning E-Games as an activity, and the possibility of starting Middle School / Jr. High Championships.

The Board of Directors took action on the following items.

- Voted in favor of a proposal to update the number of state qualifiers in the sports of baseball, basketball, football, & softball.
- Voted against a proposal to require the use of Fully Automated Timing (FAT) at all state qualifying track meets.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to update the number of state qualifiers in the sport of cross country for Class A/2A.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to change the number of days of practice required for schools/athletes before they can participate in a football scrimmage.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to change the start date for middle school / junior high football for schools in the 6-Man & 8-man classifications.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to require that venues hosting state level events must have a venue-specific EAP and be equipped with an accessible AED.

The next NMAA Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for May 31, 2018.