The New Mexico Activities Association’s Board of Directors met in regular session on Thursday, June 13th in the NMAA Hall of Pride and Honor.

The Board of Directors elected Mr. T.J. Parks as President and Mr. Anthony Casados as Vice President for a two-year term.

Executive Director Sally Marquez gave her Director’s Report which included information on the 2018-2019 championship season, sportsmanship, and she expressed her gratitude to the staff, Commission, Board, and Association attorney for their work throughout the year.

Business Manager Shari Kessler-Schwaner presented the NMAA Financial Report which included information on the 2018-2019 state championship season as well as ticket sales information from those events. Ms. Marquez presented a discussion item regarding the credit card fees associated with payments made by member schools via this method.

Ms. Marquez discussed the 2019-2020 NMAA Budget with the Board of Directors. The Board voted to approve the budget as presented.

Commissioner of Officials Dana Pappas presented the NMAA Activities Report which included information pertaining to the many activities that took place during the Spring semester and an update regarding the State Concert Band and Choir Contests.

Ms. Pappas presented the NM Officials Association Report which started with an expression of gratitude to the NMAA Board from the NMOA for the officials’ pay increase for 2019-2020, a special thank you to regional assignors for their work during a serious officials’ shortage, an update on the ongoing recruitment and retention efforts, a reminder about a possible increase in baseball umpires’ fees, and an update on the many camps and clinics that will take place over the summer months.

Ms. Marquez presented four discussion items which included information regarding Classification & Alignment for the 2020-2021/2021-2022 block, 3rd party summer camps in the sport of football, sportsmanship & the Compete with Class initiative, and the future of the State Spirit Competition.

The Board of Directors took action on the following items.

- Voted in favor of a proposal to sanction the STEM Challenge as an NMAA activity.
- A proposal that would allow the NMHSCA to hold an All-Star Soccer Game in November failed due to no motion.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to adjust amateur status bylaws.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to add verbiage to invitational tournament/event bylaws regarding entry fees.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to amend 3rd party filming bylaws.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to amend minimum participation bylaws for participation in state events.
- A proposal to amend 8th grade participation bylaws for Class 4A/5A schools failed due to no motion.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to amend eligibility bylaws pertaining to legally separated parents.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to add a section to the ejection policy for incidents involving battery.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to amend bylaws pertaining to coach/school personnel behavior via social media.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to adjust the deadline dates for NMAA Rules Clinic review/attendance.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to adjust the deadline dates for schools to post roster/schedule information.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to require all student-athletes have a consent to treat medical form on file.
-Voted in favor of a proposal to require the use of a uniform physical examination form for all students.

- Voted in favor of a proposal to add a girls’ division with a championship to the sport of Wrestling.

- Voted in favor of a proposal to adjust the protocol for soccer tournament matches that end in a tie (reg season).

- A proposal to adjust the individual game limitations for football players failed due to no motion.

- Voted in favor of a proposal to adjust the sanctions for failure to post baseball pitch counts in a timely manner.

The Board of Directors approved a contract extension for Executive Director, Sally Marquez, through the 2021-2022 school year.

Mr. Parks announced that Mr. Crit Caton would be retiring at the end of June, thus relinquishing his seat as the NMAA’s At-Large Board Member. Mr. Parks appointed Ms. Lesa Dodd as the new At-Large member and stated that her previous position of Small Area D representative would be up for election.

The next NMAA Board of Directors’ meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2019.