

NMAA Board Summary September 8, 2021

The New Mexico Activities Association's Board of Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, September 8th in the NMAA Hall of Pride and Honor.

Executive Director Sally Marquez gave her Director's Report which included a welcome to the new Board Members, an introduction of the NMAA's new Commissioner of Officials, and an update on overnight travel for schools and possible adjustments to state tournament formats if necessary.

Business Manager Shari Kessler-Schwamer presented the NMAA Financial Report which included reports and ticket sales numbers from the 2020-2021 school year. CPA Shannon Gilliland of Taylor-Roth presented the organizational audit for 2020-2021.

Assistant Director Tammy Richards presented the NMAA Activities Report which included information pertaining to the recent Activities Council Meeting, last year's activity state events, participation numbers for 2020-2021, the calendar of activity events for 2021-2022, promotion of the NMAA Foundation, and the work of the Student Leadership Advisory Council.

Commissioner of Officials Zac Stevenson presented the New Mexico Officials Association Report which included information regarding the numerous virtual meetings that have taken place to start the year, the July State Clinic, the August basketball Referee Educational Forum, the August football officials' camps, the NMAA's football film requirement, the NMAA/NMOA Hall of Fame Banquet, officials' numbers for fall sports, and the hard work of assignors and athletic directors in ensuring games/events are covered.

Public Education Department Deputy Director Katrina Sandoval addressed the Board of Directors and introduced herself as the NMAA's new liaison at the PED. Mr. Steve Dulfer presented an item pertaining to student participation at schools other than those attended.

Ms. Marquez presented five discussion items which included information regarding classification & alignment for the 2022-2024 block, student eligibility as it pertains to students attending specialized sports training academies, student eligibility for students enrolled in virtual/online learning, the format for the State Tennis Championships, and a shot clock in the sport of basketball.

Assistant Director Scott Owen presented three discussion items pertaining to the sport of wrestling which included the number of weight classes, the number of classifications, and the possibility of using regional tournaments to qualify athletes for the state tournament.

The Board of Directors took action on the following items.

- Voted in favor of a proposal to expand the current film submission requirements in the sport of football.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to allow BBCOR metal bats in the sport of baseball beginning in 2022-2023.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to update the state qualifying standards for the sport of golf.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to allow for NMHSCA All-Star Games to take place during the academic year.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to adopt the use of fully automatic timing for all state qualifying track & field meets beginning in 2022-2023.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to require the use of Hytek when submitting meet results in the sport of track & field.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to adjust out-of-season coaching regulations so that contact is allowed on Saturdays.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to adjust out-of-season coaching regulations so that middle & junior high schools could hold their own workouts separate from the high school.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to remove the "clean slate" academic eligibility guidelines for 8th grade students that participate at the high school level.

The next NMAA Board of Directors' meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2021.