

NMAA Board Summary September 16, 2020

The New Mexico Activities Association's Board of Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, September 16th via Conference Call.

CPA Shannon Gilliland of Taylor-Roth presented the organizational audit for 2019-2020.

Executive Director Sally Marquez gave her Director's Report which included information pertaining to the NMAA Foundation & the NMAA Opportunity Fund, the upcoming start date for Fall Golf, Volleyball, & Cross Country, and the Board elections that will take place in the Fall.

Business Manager Shari Kessler-Schwane presented the NMAA Financial Report which included information on the 2019-2020 state championship season as well as ticket sales information from those events.

Ms. Marquez discussed the 2020-2021 NMAA Budget with the Board of Directors. The Board voted to approve the budget as presented.

Commissioner of Officials Dana Pappas presented the Activities Report which included information on the numerous Spring events that had to be cancelled due to the pandemic, the decision by most Activities groups to hold their 2020-2021 events virtually, the NMAA's partnership with Western New Mexico University via a scholarship program, a report from the recent Activities Council Meeting, and an update on the work of the NMAA's Student Leadership Advisory Council.

Ms. Pappas presented the New Mexico Officials Association Report which included information on the 2020 NMOA State Clinic & 2020 NASO Summit which were both held virtually, the numerous webinars that have been conducted for officials since the start of the pandemic, and the schedule for officials' meetings and district clinics that will be held virtually throughout 2020-2021.

Mr. Josh Beug presented a discussion item pertaining to athletic eligibility for students outside of their school of attendance.

Ms. Marquez presented two discussion items which included information regarding the NMAA's Mental Health Awareness initiative and its support of STEM Challenge.

The Board of Directors took action on the following items.

- Voted in favor of a proposal to allow eligibility for students transferring in to Cottonwood Classical Prep's IB Program as an 11th or 12th grader.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to update NMAA Bylaw 3.1 (Governance Structure).
- Voted in favor of a proposal to adopt NMAA Bylaws for Esports.
- Voted in favor of a proposal regarding Certified Officials for Track & Field Meets.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to allow Class 1A & 2A schools to use two-person officiating crews in the sport of basketball.
- Voted in favor of a proposal from NMPSIA to require two additional Coach Education Courses.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to eliminate Rodeo as an NMAA sanctioned Activity.

The Board of Directors was presented discussion and action items pertaining to the NMAA Handbook Addendum for 2020-2021 which includes amendments/clarifications to bylaws in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms. Marquez presented 11 discussion items which included information pertaining to district clinics, school online reporting, a school's failure to complete a season & classification/alignment, scholastic eligibility, student participation in multiple seasons in the same sport, transfer students, semesters of attendance, physical examination requirements, out-of-state competition, eligibility for home/charter/alternative/non-member private school students, and qualifying numbers for state championships.

The Board of Directors took action on the following items pertaining to the NMAA Handbook Addendum.

- Voted in favor of a proposal to eliminate the Annual Meeting requirement for schools.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to add an exception to NMAA Eligibility Bylaw 6.9.2 (Did Not Participate).
- Voted in favor of a proposal to update Out-of-Season Coaching Bylaws for middle schools.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to eliminate the minimum contest requirement for an individual's eligibility to participate in the post season.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to add policies addressing games/events missed due to COVID-19.
- Voted in favor of a proposal regarding automatic qualifiers for district champions and remaining at-large bids.
- Voted in favor of a proposal which establishes policies on how schools will be seeded/selected and how the cancellation of games due to COVID-19 will impact this process.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to sanction Powerlifting as an NMAA sanctioned activity for 2020-2021.
- Voted to adopt the full NMAA Handbook Addendum on an emergency and temporary basis for the 2020-2021 school year.

The next regular NMAA Board of Directors' meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2020.