

NMAA Board Summary September 18, 2024

The New Mexico Activities Association's Board of Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, September 18th at 9am in the NMAA Hall of Pride and Honor.

Executive Director Sally Marquez gave her Director's Report which included information regarding the 2024 New Mexico High School Sports Summer Conference, the fall sports season, and the New Mexico School Boards Association's fall regional meetings.

CPA Shannon Gilliland of Taylor-Roth presented the organizational audit for 2023-2024. Business Manager Shari Kessler-Schwamer presented the NMAA Financial Report which included financials and ticket sales numbers for all 2023-2024 state championships.

Assistant Director Jackie Martinez presented the NMAA Activities Report which included information pertaining to the recent Activities Council Meeting, the success of activity events held in 2023-2024, an increase in participation numbers for most activities, the inaugural State Marching Band Competition and State One Act Play events, and all other activity state events taking place in the spring.

Commissioner of Officials Zac Stevenson presented the New Mexico Officials Association Report which included information regarding changes to certification and advancement requirements, officials' numbers, training and educational opportunities, the current partnership with RefReps, registration fee increases, limited availability of officials on certain dates, and less scheduling issues for football games compared to previous years.

NMAA Esports Liaison Michael Mascone presented a discussion item pertaining to Esports and the possible use of titles like Overwatch. Associate Director Dusty Young presented a discussion item regarding possible requirements to host a state football playoff game. Ms. Marquez presented six discussion items which included information pertaining to the state softball tournament format, game contract bylaws, 8th grade eligibility, eligibility for the children of head coaches, the inaugural middle school cross country invitational, and the NMAA Annual Meeting. NMAA Commission Chair and Board Member Gary Allison presented a discussion item pertaining to Sportsmanship and the Compete with Class initiative.

The Board of Directors took action on the following item:

- Voted in favor of a proposal to adopt physical examination, EAP, and heat illness protocols for the activities of JROTC and Marching Band.

The next regular NMAA Board of Directors' meeting will take place on December 5, 2024.