

NMAA Board Summary December 4, 2025

The New Mexico Activities Association's Board of Directors met in regular session on Thursday, December 4th at 9:00 am in the NMAA Hall of Pride and Honor.

Executive Director Dusty Young gave his Director's Report which included information regarding fall sports championships, the winter sports season, the upcoming NADC conference, and recent NMAA Commission and Board of Directors' elections.

Business Manager Shari Kessler-Schwaner presented the 990 for the 2024-2025 fiscal year and presented the NMAA financial report which included ticket sale projections from fall sport championships.

Assistant Director Julie Sanchez presented the NMAA Foundation Report which included information pertaining to the first grant cycle of the 2025-2026 school year, the start of the scholarship application process and addition of new foundation scholarships, the upcoming Foundation Bowl-A-Thon, and offered condolences on the recent passing of Sammy "C" Chioda.

Ms. Sanchez presented the NMAA Activities Report which included information pertaining to the recent State Marching Band Championships, upcoming activity championships, and recognized Daniel Holmes of Cleveland High School as the NFHS Section 6 Outstanding Educator for Music.

Director of Officials' Services Zac Stevenson presented the New Mexico Officials Association Report which included information regarding the "Behind the Flag" training program for football officials, the improvement in submission of football game film, the return of Nate Acosta to the NMAA staff, current recruitment and retention goals, upcoming assigner elections, and recognition of officials who assisted with content for NFHS COS (Center for Officials Services) training modules.

University of New Mexico Athletic Director Fernando Lovo discussed the importance of the UNM/NMAA partnership and opportunities for improvements and long-term success. Mr. Young presented three (3) discussion items including school input seeding criteria, NMAA bylaw/handbook review, and a one-free transfer policy.

The Board of Directors took action on the following items:

- Voted in favor of a proposal to add "NM MESA" as a sanctioned NMAA activity beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to add "Academic Competition" as a sanctioned NMAA activity beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to add a \$15 first tier to the officials' travel ring schedule and to increase game fees by \$5 beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to move the 6-Man and 8-Man calendar back one week so that all classifications in football end on Week #18 of the NMAA calendar.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to increase the window to hear Appeal Review Committee and Board Committee appeals from five business days to ten.
- Voted in favor of a proposal for the 2026-2028 classification and alignment of all non-football sports.
- Voted in favor of a proposal for the 2026-2028 classification and alignment of football.

The next NMAA Board of Directors' meeting will take place on December 10, 2025.