

NMAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, March 10, 2010
7:30 a.m., Lobo Club Boardroom



- I. The NMAA Board of Directors met on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 in the Lobo Club Boardroom. Mr. Mike Phipps, NMAA Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Ms. Jacquelyne Gallegos, NMAA Administrative Assistant, called roll and the following board members were present: Ms. Zita Lopez (Small Area A); Mr. Paul Benoit (Small Area B); Mr. Bill Green (Small Area C); Mr. Rick Ferguson (Small Area D); Mr. Winston Brooks (Large School District I); Mr. Dane Kennon (At-Large Member); Mr. Dion Sandoval (New Mexico Board Association Representative); Mr. Mike Phipps (Large Area B); Mr. Lawrence Johnson (NMAA Commission Representative); and Dr. James Abreu (Large Area D) were present. Mr. Michael Harris (Large Area C); Ms. Janel Ryan (Large Area A); and Mr. Stan Rounds (Large School District II) were absent.

Present from the NMAA were Mr. Gary Tripp, Executive Director; Mr. Mario Martinez, Associate Director; as well as other NMAA administrative staff.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Ferguson. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion to approve the agenda carried unanimously.

The minutes from the February 24, 2010 Board of Directors Meeting were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Green. Mr. Sandoval seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

- II. *Directors Report* – Mr. Tripp stated he had four issues he needed to bring to the Boards attention. The first issue was brought up for consideration at the next board meeting. The NMAA will bring to vote the mandatory Pre-Season DVD program which has been in place for the past two years. The Athletic Directors Association has come up with the curriculum for Athletic Directors to follow. One of the things that came up in the Clovis case was that there was not enough professional development. The Pre-Season DVD helps prepare Athletic Directors for the upcoming school year and issues that may occur. The DVD covers the Life of An Athlete Program, The School Equities Act, and Senate Bill 1. These are all issues Administrators need to get information on.

The second issue was the CES Meetings throughout the state of New Mexico. The NMAA reported on different information, and was able to get out pertinent information around the state.

The third issue is that we do have the uncle of the two girls that were killed over the weekend in a car accident officiating games this week. He is an official for the State Basketball Tournament and has chosen to be here to officiate the State Tournament. His name is Kevin Jones. We have been able to give our condolences on behalf of the NMAA to Mr. Jones.

The fourth issue that Mr. Tripp reported on was that with great honor he has made his decision on who will be taking over for Mr. Mario Martinez at the NMAA. He has asked Mr. Robert Zayas to take over the position of Associate Director starting with the 2010-2011 school year. This concluded Mr. Tripp's report.

- III. *Executive Session* –A motion was made by Mr. Benoit and seconded by Mr. Johnson to enter executive session at 7:42 a.m. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED DISCUSSION

A motion was made by Mr. Green and seconded by Mr. Johnson to reconvene into regular session at 8:21 a.m. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Phipps stated there were no actions taken during executive session.

- IV. *Financial Report – Consider movement of NMAA money to a different fund with a higher percentage rate.* - Mr. Phipps stated he believed this action item was to move the money to a money market with a higher interest rate.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the movement of the NMAA money to a different fund with a higher percentage rate. Mr. Kennon seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report – Consider leaving the current school assessments for the 2010-2011 school year the same as they were for the current school year. - Mr. Phipps stated the NMAA has not increased the dues for the 2010-2011 school year.

Mr. Tripp stated that was correct. By not increasing the membership dues the NMAA will still be in good financial status.

A motion to approve leaving the current school assessments for the 2010-2011 the same as they were for the current school year was made by Mr. Green. Mr. Brooks seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

- V. *General Action Item: NMOA – Consider using NMOA Executive Board Members (NMOA sports specific chairs) to serve on NMAA Sports Specific Committees* – Ms. Sanchez stated the NMOA Executive Board felt there was some sort of disconnection between the NMAA and the Sports Specific Committees. This will

allow more shared information between both the NMAA Sports Specific Committees and NMOA.

A motion to approve using the NMOA Executive Board members to serve on NMAA Sports Specific Committees was made by Ms. Lopez. Mr. Benoit seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

General Action Item: Consider requiring basketball regional assignors to assign all regular season invitational basketball tournaments, with the input from host schools. Modification to 7.8.9 of the NMAA Handbook. – Mr. Green made a motion to table this issue until the June Board meeting. Mr. Sandoval seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion to table this issue until the June Board meeting carried unanimously.

General Action Item: Consider approving the NMAA recommendations for the 2010-2011 school year on the Seeding and Selection process and criteria with potential revisions for the June meeting. – Mr. Martinez stated the advisory referenda we put out on who should do the seeding and selection was a very close vote. Just like alignment and classification the final vote needs to be taken in June. The recommendation is the NMAA will be in charge of Seeding and Selection with the reason being due to economics. Mr. Martinez stated the committees spent one and a half hours on the seeding and selection for basketball. This would mean the NMAA staff would do the seeding for all tournaments. The NMHSCA poll will be used as a bullet in the criteria.

Mr. Phipps stated we have tried the committee side to this. It is very expensive. I believe the staff has enough input and knowledge to seed the state tournaments. I believe the staff will be the most non-biased decision. It cost \$300 for me to fund people to these meetings. This issue will be revised in June.

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to approve the NMAA recommendations for the 2010-2011 school year on the Seeding and Selection process criteria with potential revisions for the June meeting. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

General Action Item: Consider approving the NMAA recommendations for the 2010-2011 school year on the qualifying series in the various sports with potential revisions for the June meeting. – Mr. Martinez stated in the advisory referenda the NMAA put out, 8 man football currently has 15 schools, and 8 teams qualify for the state playoffs. This year there will be fewer teams in 8 man football. The recommendation is to have pool play in Volleyball, but get the whole tournament done in three days. In softball we want to go to double elimination and in baseball we will move to the 2 out of three format. We felt that if we were going to allow volleyball to have pool play we needed to allow baseball and softball to move back to the original state format which included double elimination and the 2 out of 3 format.

Mr. Zayas stated that with soccer we really need to spread it out over a three day period.

Mr. Phipps stated we can revisit this in June if we need to.

Mr. Tripp stated he really felt like the board may have moved too quickly on allowing the sport of volleyball to have pool play. Because of this it did cost schools more money if they were scheduled to play at 8:00 a.m.

Mr. Brooks made the motion to approve the NMAA recommendations for the 2010-2011 school year on the qualifying series in the various sports with potential revisions for the June meeting. Ms. Lopez seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

- VI. *Sports Specific Action Items: Football – Consider revising the current mercy rule in football whereas a game is concluded anytime one team leads by 50 points or more at halftime during the second half starting with the 2010 season – Mr. Martinez stated we discussed this at the June meeting. We currently have a mercy rule in place. Currently, if a team is up by 35 points, the teams will continue to play with a running clock. There have been some very lopsided games over the past six years. We do not feel that anyone benefits from this type of game. Coaches on the other hand do not want this action item to pass. They seem to have too much pride to quit a game. This also allows the winning coach to be able to play his entire team.*

After discussion, Mr. Brooks made a motion to amend the original action item to read as follows: “Once a team is 35 points behind in the second half, a running clock will be instituted as is presently the case. Once a team is 50 points behind at halftime or anytime during the second half, the game will be concluded, starting with the 2010 season.” Mr. Green seconded the motion. A vote was taken and there were eight votes in favor and one against to approve this action.

Sports Specific Action Items: Spirit – Consider approving the format of Spirit as a sport. – Ms. Derr stated that schools must declare if they are sideline cheer squads or competitive cheer squads. Cheer and dance may declare separately, and yes the school is allowed to make that decision. Practice requirements are the same as every other sport. Classifications will remain the same, with the exception of Class B. Class B will be Class A in the sport of Spirit. For safety restrictions a kid can only compete with one team. For the State Championships, coaches must be in attendance at the Thursday evening coaches meeting. This is the same as it has been in the past.

Mr. Kennon made a motion to approve the format of Spirit as a sport. Mr. Green seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

- VII. *General Discussion and Information Items: Newly formed bylaws committee with potential bylaw revisions for the future. – Mr. Tripp stated that on page 30 of the board packet is the NMAA bylaws committee. Mr. Ferguson has offered to be the Board representative on this committee. This group is totally committed and excited. There is not a private school representative on this committee. Everyone on this committee has a lot of knowledge to offer with a great background as well.*

General Discussion and Information Items – Activities Update – Ms. Derr stated that State BPA, DECA, Student Council, HOSA, and Speech and Debate took place. State Mock Trial, Spirit, Chess, ROTC, and FCCLA will be taking place in the next few weeks. State Bowling recently took place in Rio Rancho. State Choir had 30 schools participating this year. That number was up from 19 schools competing last year at state. There will be twelve students from New Mexico attending the National Student Conference in Indian this summer.

General Discussion and Information Items: Review Senate Bill 1 recently passed but the New Mexico Legislation this mandating concussion training for all coaches. – Mr. Tripp stated we had three trainers that were in attendance at the legislative session while this bill was being passed. In particular, the rural schools that do not have trainers in place will need to have this adjusted.

General Discussion and Information Items: School Athletic Equities Act possibly delayed for one year. – Mr. Phipps stated the School Athletic Equities Act will be delayed for one more year. We have been in contact with Dr. Garcia on this issue. We believe it will cost about \$100,000 for us to be involved. The PED must get the software for us and pay the fees associated with it. This program has been delayed a year for funding purposes.

General Discussion and Information Items: Calendar for the 2010-2011 school year with minor changes/adjustments from this year's calendar. – Mr. Zayas stated that August 9th is the official start date for all Fall sports. We will also be moving back to two separate weekends for Track and Field. State Spirit will be on March 25th and 26th.

General Discussion and Information Items: NMAA Foundation report with announcement of Scholarship recipients for 2010. – Mr. Phipps stated there were 16 scholarship recipients. We will be awarding them on Friday and Saturday during halftime of the championship games. There were 247 applicants this year.

General Discussion and Information Items: NMAA Hall of Fame inductee Dave Barney. – Mr. Dave Barney will be honored Thursday at the Banquet which will take place at the Marriott Pyramid Hotel at noon.

General Discussion and Information Items: State Tournament Schedule and information. – Mr. Martinez stated there was a schedule for the State Basketball tournament in all the board packets.

VIII. *Addendum Agenda:* There was no addendum agenda needed at this time.

IX. *Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 3, 2010.*

X. *Consider Adjournment*

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Green. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lopez. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.