

NMAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NMAA Conference Room A
Thursday, June 3, 2010
9:00 a.m.



- I. The NMAA Board of Directors met on Thursday, June 3, 2010 in the NMAA Conference Room A. Mr. Mike Phipps, NMAA Board President, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Ms. Mindy Ioane, NMAA Administrative Assistant, called roll and the following board members were present: Mrs. 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); Dr. James Abreu (Large Area D); Mr. Dick Pool (Large Area C); Ms. Janel Ryan (Large Area A); and Mr. Stan Rounds (Large School District II) were present.

Present from the NMAA were Mr. Gary Tripp, Executive Director; Mr. Robert Zayas, Associate Director; Mrs. Sally Marquez, Associate Director; as well as the NMAA administrative staff.

General Action Item: Approval of Area C Representative. The first action item of the meeting was to approve the appointment of Large Area C representative, Mr. Dick Pool, who has agreed to carry out the vacated term of Mr. Mike Harris. A motion was made to approve the appointment of Mr. Pool by Mr. Ferguson. Dr. Abreu seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion to approve the appointment was carried unanimously.

Approval of Agenda - A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mrs. Ryan. Mr. Rounds seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion to approve the agenda carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes from Wednesday, March 10, 2010 - The minutes from the March 10, 2010 Board of Directors meeting were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Green. Mr. Benoit seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

- II. *Executive Session* – Mr. Phipps informed the Board that an Executive Session was not necessary at this time.

III. *Directors Report* – Mr. Tripp began by commending the NMAA staff for the overwhelming success of all the spring state championships. He stated that the success was in part due to the quality volunteers from throughout the state of New Mexico. He explained that the State Track & Field Championships were held during the same week for all classes, and would like the Board to consider this format for the future. He received a lot of positive feedback from parents stating that they were able to attend additional state championships with this format.

Mr. Tripp gave an overview of discussions that took place on June 2, 2010, during the Board retreat, stating that the BOD would like the NMAA staff to use the summer months to survey the school administrators on budget cutbacks concerning the NMAA state championship events.

Lastly, Mr. Tripp addressed Mr. Mario Martinez's last speech as the Associate Director of the NMAA, to the NMAA Commission. Mr. Martinez was truly appreciative for the blessings he has had by working with so many great coaches, teachers, students, and administrators, during his career and is truly looking forward to his retirement. This concluded Mr. Tripp's report.

IV. *Financial Report - Action Item: Approval of Executive and Associate Director's Contracts.* A motion was made to approve the 2 years contracts of Mr. Tripp, Mrs. Marquez, and Mr. Zayas by Mr. Ferguson. Mr. Rounds seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Action Item: Approval of 2010-2011 Budget. Mr. Phipps stated that during the month of February (2010) the Budget Committee met to review the NMAA budget shortfall of approximately 33K, and were successful in balancing the budget through championship ticket price adjustments. After review and discussion of the budget Mrs. Ryan made the motion to approve the budget as presented. Mr. Sandoval seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

V. *General Action Items: Consider approval of the 2010 – 2011 NMAA Board of Director's goals (see attachment).* In regards to board goal number one, Mr. Phipps stated that the procedure regarding investigation of violations of NMAA bylaws by member schools would be drafted within the next month. He explained that the new procedure will promote the collaboration between the NMAA and the member schools to work together with issues pertaining to eligibility, transfers, etc.

Goal number two will create an athletic director's mentorship program led by Mr. Scott Evans and Mr. Doug Santo.

Mr. Phipps then emphasized that with Board goal number three, the NMAA is solely a resource for Title IX, and that the PED is responsible for the collection of data. Professional development opportunities will be available as a resource only, this fall.

Mr. Phipps agreed that Board goal number four: The NMAA staff will work to properly inform school administrators, in particular superintendents, or designee of any events potential to become an issue within the community.

Board goal number five pertains to the NMAA continuing to provide professional development for the membership. A motion was made by Dr. Abeu to approve the Board goals as presented. Mr. Pool seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the vote carried unanimously.

General Action Item: Consider requiring the NMAA Life of an Athlete alcohol education program for all student-athletes during the 2010-2011 school year.

Mr. Green made the motion to table the requirement of the program. Discussion followed, stating that during the January 27, 2010 Board meeting the motion passed with the wording, “strongly recommended.”

The BOD determined that they would like the individual school districts to be responsible for the implementation and promotion of the educational program during the upcoming school year, before proceeding with a requirement of the program. Mrs. Ryan seconded the motion to table the wording of “requiring.” A vote was taken and was carried unanimously.

General Action Item: Consider final approval of the 2010-2011 Seeding & Selection, as a result of member school feedback. After discussion upon reviewing the Seeding & Selection Action Item; NMAA staff being responsible for seeding/selection, (page 50) presented by Mr. Zayas. Mr. Pool made the motion to approve this item as presented. Dr. Abreu seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

General Action Item: Consider final approval of the 2010-2011 qualifying series, as a result of member school feedback. Mr. Green made the motion to table this item pending feedback from the member schools. Upon discussion, the BOD concluded that an advisory referendum would be sent within the next week in order to examine the qualifying series in the sports of baseball and softball, whereas baseball would implement a two-out-three format for the first round in Class 3A-5A and softball would have a double elimination format for the 2011 State Championships. The results will be presented during the July meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ferguson. A vote was taken and the motion to table this item carried unanimously.

General Action Item: Consider the continuance of pre-season meetings prior to all sports seasons to continue proper communication between the NMAA and its entire membership. Mr. Tripp stated that in addition to the pre-season meetings, the pre-season DVDs have received positive feedback from the member schools. In the future, Mr. Tripp stated that he hopes to have the DVDs shortened to 8-9 minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Pool to continue pre-season meetings prior to all sports seasons. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kennon. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

General Action Item: Consider allowing Foothill High School to be added into a Class A district for the 2011-2012 boys basketball season. Mr. Zayas discussed Foothill's request and presented to the board (page 56) the changes to Class A this addition would create in the sports of boys' basketball and volleyball. He stated that the NMAA staff recommended that Foothill High School be added into a Class A district for the 2011 – 2012 school year. An additional district will be created for Class A basketball and Volleyball (District 9). District 2 will consist of Alamo Navajo, Menaul, Mountainair and Temple Baptist, while the newly formed District 9 will include Desert Academy, Evangel Christian, Foothill, To'Hajiilee. A motion was made by Mr. Ferguson and seconded by Mr. Benoit. A vote was taken and carried unanimously.

General Action Item: Consider removing the \$100 fine for coaches who are ejected and replacing it with a mandatory NFHS online coaching course. The online course would have to be completed prior to coaching again after sitting out the mandatory one game suspension (Rule 7.7.2 B). (Referendum Item) Note: The second offense will carry a \$100 fine versus the \$250 as previously stated. A brief review of the current bylaw was presented (page 59) and discussed. The BOD recommended that a subcommittee be created to examine the current ejection policy and make recommendations to the Board on this issue. A motion was made by Mr. Pool to table this item with a subcommittee reporting to the BOD of their consensus. Mr. Brooks seconded the motion. A vote was taken and carried unanimously.

- VI. *Sports Specific Action Item as per the Baseball Sports Specific Committee: Consider the removal of baseball protests as per the NFHS rules that allows for state associations to formulate their own procedures. (Referendum Item)* Mr. Young presented to the BOD the NFHS rule (page 60), stating that the recommendation is supported by the NMAA staff, allowing consistency within all sports in regards to this matter. A motion was made by Mr. Ferguson to approve a referendum as to the removal of baseball protests from the NMAA Handbook. Mrs. Lopez seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Sports Specific Action Item as per the Wrestling Sports Specific Committee: Consider approving the wrestling qualifying system for the state event based on the number of schools participating in each classification. Mr. Evans presented to the BOD (page 61), the qualifying system with changes adjusted in Class A-3A based on the number of schools participating in each classification, and previously passed by the Commission. A motion was made by Mr. Johnson to accept the wrestling qualification system as presented. Mr. Pool seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Sports Specific Action Item as per the Soccer Sports Specific Committee: Consider adjusting the yellow card rule in post season play whereas a player may receive a third yellow card prior to having to sit out the next contest as opposed to the current rule of two yellow cards (Rule 7.17.5 B2). (Referendum Item) Mr. Zayas presented to the BOD (page 62) the reasoning behind the new proposal giving

athletes who accumulate a third yellow card in post-season play (inclusive of all games during the state championships) will be required to sit out the next game. He stated that currently athletes can only accumulate two yellow cards before having to sit out. A motion was made by Mr. Ferguson to approve the referendum as presented. Mr. Kennon seconded the motion. A vote was taken and carried unanimously.

Sports Specific Action Item Basketball/Volleyball: Consider the possibility of eliminating playoff games to determine the first seed in the district tournament when two or more teams are tied for first place. AND Consider revisions in these sports tie-breaking procedures concerning head-to-head competition and the effect on district seeding. Mrs. Marquez explained that this entails an elimination of a playoff game if two teams are tied during a season to determine who gets the number one seed and two seed, going by the tie-breaking procedures instead of having a playoff game. A motion was made to table these items by Mr. Green, stating that a discussion was held on this topic at the prior day's meeting. Mr. Benoit seconded the motion. A vote was taken and carried unanimously.

Sports Specific Action Item as per the Golf Sports Specific Committee: Consider removing the reference to "designated home course" from bylaw 7.16.3 A10a and changing the language whereas a qualifier must have two of the three legs shot on at least two separate courses. Mr. Cleland presented to the BOD (page 64) the rationale stating that the bylaw should state, "Teams must qualify a minimum of three legs, which must be shot on at least two separate courses, to advance to the state tournament." Mr. Sandoval made the motion to accept the bylaw change as presented. Mr. Brooks seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Sports Specific Action Item as per the Golf Sports Specific Committee: Consider revising the bylaws whereas the district champion (teams or individuals) automatically qualify for state events only if they shoot a qualifying score. Mr. Cleland presented to the BOD (page 65) the rationale stating that slow pace of play greatly impacts the golf course's business and willingness to host future events. Mr. Ferguson made the motion to accept bylaw wording so that the district champion will automatically qualify to the state tournament only if their district tournament score is a qualifying score. Mr. Pool seconded the motion. A vote was taken and carried unanimously.

Sports Specific Action Item as per the Golf Sports Specific Committee: Consider allowing the NMAA to do the seeding for the state event. Mr. Cleland presented to the board (page 66) rationale for the stated action item explaining that the current bylaw does not account for this action. A motion was made by Mr. Rounds to accept the allowance of the NMAA staff to conduct the seeding of the golf state event. Mr. Green seconded the motion. A vote was taken and carried unanimously.

VII. *General Discussion/Information Items:
Las Vegas City Schools, Guidelines within the home school participation law?*

Coming before the NMAA Board of Directors, Las Vegas Public Schools Superintendent, Rick Romero, Randall and Annette Garcia, parent and tennis coach; Ramon Montano, School Board President; and Mike Yara, Athletic Director, to discuss the inequalities in guidelines required for their public school students in comparison to home schooled students. In addition to pages 67-70, Mr. Garcia gave each member a copy of his presentation. Superintendent Romero discussed specific inequalities with the current guidelines stating that: public school students must attend 180 days of school and at least 6 hours of schooling a day; practice times being favorable to the home schooled student, as well as grade requirements for participants. Lengthy discussion ensued, with Mr. Brooks clarifying that this group was asking the board to level the playing field for both the home school and the NMAA member school participant requirements. A suggestion was made of the possibility of charter and home schools being placed in their own class. The BOD asked that a home school committee be created to examine this issue.

End of school year incident report totals. Presented by Mrs. Dana Sanchez, (pages 72 – 97) Mrs. Sanchez reviewed the positive and negative reports for the 2009 – 2010 school year by season. Overall “coach” ejections decreased from 77 to 66. She stated that an area of concern was within the sport of soccer with a total of 94 ejections. This is an increase from the prior year by 4 ejections. Mr. Brooks inquired if there has been any research to identify if there is a pattern with any particular school. Mrs. Sanchez indicated that this research has not been pursued. Mr. Tripp stated that the information will be available at the July meeting.

End of the year incident report totals. Mrs. Sanchez presented before the BOD’s (page 98) the total number of official registrations for the 2009-2010 school year explaining that a crisis exists within the sport of wrestling. She stated that she and Mr. Evans are working to improve the numbers within this sport.

Review of the 2009-2010, 80 day counts for all member schools with procedures for the 2010-2011 school year if schools want to petition for adjustment in class for the 2012-2013 school year. Mr. Tripp addressed the board concerning the 80 day count (pages 99-102) highlighting schools that may potentially move up or down in classification during the new four-year block.

Current Bylaws Committee information with potential changes 2011-2012 school year. Recommendations were presented during the prior day’s meeting (page 103). Mrs. Marquez stated that the “open gym” issue is a major concern particularly with the large schools as it is being used as a practice and not solely for conditioning. She stated that she receives many calls from concerned parents throughout the year.

Feedback on team football contact camps and current NMAA interpretation based on Rule 7.15.1 B4. Mr. Zayas stated that it has come to the attention of the NMAA that high school teams competing in full contact camps outside of the state are in violation of the bylaw which states that athletes must be conditioned 3 days prior to putting on pads. Individuals do not fall under this bylaw.

Football Mercy Rules: Mr. Phipps read the results of the Mercy Rule referendum as 40 schools in favor, and 33 schools not in favor of the revision stating: When a team is ahead at half-time by 35 or more points or becomes 35 or more points ahead in the second half, the clock will not stop during out of bounds, incomplete passes or first downs. The clock only stops for time-outs or touchdowns. If the point differential becomes less than 35 points, regular timing resumes. A game is concluded anytime one team leads by 50 points or more at halftime or anytime during the second half starting with 2010 season.

Baseball: Clarification on shortened games, recording of scores and forfeitures. Presented by Mr. Young, (page 110) gave an overview of the lack of time limit rule for any level in the sport of baseball. The NMAA does allow for a time limit to be set by individual districts or for invitational tournaments; games that end due to a time limit will be considered regulation games regardless of how many innings were played. He also briefly spoke of proposed procedures to be implemented concerning forfeited games; recording scores; forfeits before a game begins and forfeits after a game begins.

Mid school bylaws in need of clarification: Mr. Pino presented the revisions, changes and updates to Section IX of the NMAA handbook. (page 111) Mr. Pino stated that this was for clarification and is recommended by the NMAA staff and the committee.

1. The changes are as follows: change regions to league or districts to submit a junior high/middle school handbook to NMAA Office by September 15 on an annual basis. (Section IX, 9.2)
2. Add “Elementary (K-5th) students cannot play up on junior high or middle school teams. (Section IX, 9.3.M)
3. Insert age limitations on page 21 of Section IX here (both sections). (Section IX, 9.3N)
4. Replace “District” with “Online Sports Rules Clinics.” (Section IX, 9.7.4)
5. Delete: “Football/volleyball/soccer schools may start practice one week (5 school days) after their last scheduled game, but in no case before Monday of Week #16.”
6. Football mercy rule change: “35 points running clock after halftime and game ends at 50 points.”

NMAA interpretation whereas JV participants cannot advance to the state event when participating as a member of a junior varsity team (Rule 7.6.13). Mr. Tripp stated that this continues to be a problem and stated that a “varsity” team and its participants are the only athletes eligible for post-season play (page 112).

New Mexico School Athletics Equities Act and progress for the future. Mr. Phipps stated that this topic was discussed in the prior day’s meeting; therefore there was no need to address this item.

The organization of a Native American Tournament sponsored by an organization called SEED, a nonprofit Native American organization. Mr. Tripp stated that the

NMAA is helping this organization get this program started to promote the increased participation in activities and other sports.

Activities Update: Presented by Ms. Kristin Derr, she gave a brief update as to the success of all the spring activity events. She stated that the declaration of spirit participation form is online. State Spirit had no major issues. State Band had 40 ensembles perform. She stated that Brian Gurule, the BPA advisor at West Las Vegas Middle School received the National BPA Outstanding Service Award. Ms. Derr also stated that she will be conducting open auditions for those interested in singing the National Anthem at future state championships.

2010-2011 Calendar: Given to the Board of Directors

Update on newest version of the NMAA reporting system and database known as MVP 2.1. Mr. Tripp stated that during the upcoming Superintendents Conference, all Superintendents will be encouraged to set up their MVP accounts.

Review current information on Sports Medicine including but not limited to the Concussion Law, CPR and the Heat Index. Mr. Tripp stressed that all middle and high school coaches must be certified in the new law. He stated that the term concussion is defined on the NMAA physical form. It must be signed by both the parent and athlete to acknowledge the understanding of the risks associated and knowledge that there is a return to play criteria.

Special Recognitions: Mr. Phipps presented Dr. Abreu a plaque as an expression of gratitude for his dedication and service on the Board of Directors. Mr. Phipps stated that Dr. Abreu is a strong example of a leader who puts students first and foremost and will sincerely be missed.

Mr. Phipps recognized Mr. Ferguson with a plaque for his service on the Board of Directors upon his retirement after 38 years of education service. He stated that Mr. Ferguson has always been an advocate of the students of New Mexico.

Mr. Phipps recognized Mr. Bud Mulcock and presented him with an NMAA shirt for his service as a lobbyist for the NMAA. He stated that Mr. Mulcock is solely responsible for the money and support granted to the NMAA and is tremendously grateful for all that he does.

VIII. *Addendum Agenda:* There was not an addendum agenda needed at this time.

IX. *Next Meeting Date:* To be determined (July 26, 27, or 28th)

X. *Consider Adjournment*

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Abreu. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ryan seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the vote carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.