

NMAA Activities Council Meeting
January 8, 2019
NMAA Conference Room

Welcome and Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by NMAA Activities Council Chairman Mr. Steve Perea at 9:03 a.m. Roll call was conducted by Mrs. Jackie Martinez, NMAA Assistant Director, and the following members were present either in person or via conference call:

Mr. Don Thompson (Bowling)
Ms. Christine Phipps (CTSO)
Mr. Steve Perea (Chess)
Mr. Christopher Gonzales (Drama/One-Act Play)
Ms. Karen Trujillo (Educators Rising)
Ms. Dianna Valdez (English Expo)
Mr. Jarrod Smith (FFA)
LtCol R. W. Ingles (JROTC)
Mr. David Berlin (Mock Trial)
Mr. Joseph Romero (Science Fair/Olympiad)
Mr. Jose Samora (Speech & Debate)
Mrs. Mary Hahn (Student Council)
Mrs. Rebeca Zimmermann (Scholastic Publications)

Not Present:

Mr. Don Gerheart (Music)
Mr. Jory Mirabal (Rodeo)
Ms. Kim O'Connell-Brock (Athletic Training Challenge)

NMAA Staff Present:

Mr. Tyler Dunkel, Mr. Chris Kedge, Mrs. Shari Kessler-Schwamer, Mr. Scott Owen, Mrs. Dana Pappas, Mrs. Tammy Richards, Mr. Dusty Young, Mrs. Jackie Martinez and Mr. J.P. Murrieta.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Perea asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, with a second by Mrs. Zimmermann. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Perea asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2018 meeting. Mrs. Hahn made a motion to approve the minutes, with a second by Mr. Thompson. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items

Western New Mexico University Presentation: Margaret Medina and Cheryl Hain, representatives from Western New Mexico University, spoke to the Council about the scholarships available to New Mexico students through WNMU. Per a previous agreement between the NMAA and WNMU, each activity can select two students to receive scholarships to attend Western. One scholarship is a full-ride and one scholarship is for tuition and fees. Ms. Medina and Ms. Hain noted that they are not sure who the recipients were or how they would obtain this information. Mrs. Pappas noted that there had been some confusion about establishing criteria as well as how to get the flow of communication between the activities

liaisons and WNMU. Ms. Hain stated she would be the main contact for scholarships at Western New Mexico University and scholarships are awarded to NMAA activity participants only. There is no hard deadline for the activities scholarships. The NMAA Activity Liaisons need to get in contact with Cheryl Hain directly for their activity scholarships and can email her at hainc@wnmu.edu.

NMAA Staff Report

Mrs. Pappas reminded the Council members of the updated NMAA staff liaisons for all activities and noted that eligibility forms need to be turned into that liaison prior to each state event. Mr. Don Gerheart, former Activities Council Chair and longtime music educator, has been selected for induction into the NMAA Hall of Fame. Finally, she noted that requests for reimbursement for activity expenses for trophies, medals, banners or other expenses associated with running each activity event are due no later than June 1 to Shari Kessler-Schwaner, NMAA Business Manager.

Mr. Dusty Young presented to the Council an update on eSports. The NMAA Board of Directors approved eSports as an NMAA sanctioned activity. He noted the NMAA office is now ready to go with eSports and that registration for the event opens on January 9.. There are four games to choose from for schools participating in eSports. Thirty schools have committed to participate in eSports and the NMAA expects more to sign up as the season gets started. The NMAA is very excited to implement eSports and the state event will take place at the end of April. Information for eSports will be available on the NMAA website.

Activity Reports

Bowling – Mr. Thompson noted the state tournament will take place over two days this year on February 15-16, 2019. The event has been expanded to two days, as they are exceeding fire safety capacity, spectator seating and the number of bowling lanes needed. Classes 1-3A and 4A will take place Friday with 13 schools competing, and class 5A will take place Saturday. There are two new schools competing at state, Kirtland Central High School and Atrisco Heritage Academy. State will take place at Silva Lanes in Albuquerque. Weekly events have been taking place throughout the school year. The NM Bowling Association gave out \$17,500 in scholarships last year. Any other information for Bowling can be found on their web site.

CTSO – Ms. Phipps noted that the state conferences for CTSO's are starting in February and will end in April. They have been working on their emergency crisis plan for state events even though they are not currently mandatory for all activities. Ms. Phipps noted that they try to make sure an AED is present at all of their state events.

Chess – Mr. Perea noted they are currently seeking more scholarships for their activity. The state competition will take place in February now instead of April, allowing more schools to participate since it no longer interferes with the state testing period. Participation in chess has increased and things are going very well.

Drama/One-Act Productions –Mr. Gonzales stated this year's NMAA One-Act play was hosted by NMSU on October 18-20, 2018. They will cap the number of schools participating to 18 due to limited space at the venue. They are currently in the planning/organizing stages for one-act play, workshops, and individual events for next year. These will take place in conjunction with the State Thespian Festival.

Educators Rising – Ms. Trujillo noted the state competition for Educators Rising will take place February 21-23 in Albuquerque at the Ramada. The Ramada has really been working with their

activity to provide them with everything they need in order to run a smooth competition at their venue.

English Expo – Ms. Valdez noted stated the state competition for English Expo will take place at La Cueva High School on February 23, 2019. Since last year, they have reorganized and have a new website, englishexponm.org. They have ordered new medals for their competition and they are no longer requiring membership in the organization; they only require a resource fee. They want to align their requirements with the common core standards. They appreciate the NMAA's presence at their activity.

FFA – Mr. Smith noted that FFA is hosting six events and they currently boast a membership of over 3,400 students. FFA has statewide events taking place in March, with the state competition on April 3-5 in Las Cruces at NMSU. The focus for the year is government outreach. Currently, they have 14 events in which students can qualify for national competition.

JROTC – Lt. Col. R.W. Ingles noted that they had a very active Spring and Summer and that community service outreach projects are scheduled for participants. On November 11, they participated and marched in a Veterans Day parade. They took two busloads of students to Colorado to compete in the air rifle competition. The state competition is coming up in late March at Cibola high school with 25-30 schools participating.

Music – Mrs. Pappas noted that the State Choir and Band competitions are coming up in April. Mr. Neil Swapp will be taking over for Mr. Gerheart as he retires this year.

NM Mock Trial – Mr. Berlin stated it was another successful year in 2017-2018. The state competition will take place March 8-9, 2019, at the Metropolitan Courthouse. The national competition will take place in Athens, Georgia.

Rodeo – Ms. Richards presented on behalf of Mr. Mirabal. She noted that Rodeo had finished Fall competition. The state competition is out for bid and will take place at the end of May. There are great participants involved and there is an abundance of opportunities offered through participation in rodeo, including various scholarships.

Scholastic Publications – Ms. Zimmermann noted that the state competition will take place in Las Cruces at the end of January and that Centennial High School will be the host. Judges for the state competitions will come from the Las Cruces area and possibly El Paso. The state competitions averages 150 student participants.

Science Fair/Olympiad – Mr. Joseph Romero noted that the state competition will be on April 5-6 and will be using a brand new software system. The new software system will make it easier for their competitors to get qualified for the national level.

Speech & Debate – Mr. Samora noted that there were nine competitions held in the Fall with two that were cancelled. This Spring, they have nine competitions scheduled. State Congress will be held at St. Pius X HS on January 26. State Speech will be held at Volcano Vista HS on February 2. State Debate will take place at Manzano HS on March 8-9. APS will host the first Spanish and Native Language Speech and Debate championships on April 6.

Student Council – Mrs. Hahn thanked the NMAA for working with them on the AED needs for all of their competitions. The Fall Conferences held throughout the month of October were well-attended and this year, NMASC welcomed back 17 schools. The growth for their activity is

good. The NMAC State Conference will take place at Farmington High School on February 14-16 and the theme is *Explore your Leadership*.

New Business

Facilities standards: Mr. Perea talked about activity budgets, AED use, certification in CPR, and having security at state competitions. The Ramada by Wyndham is keeping up with the standards that are set for hosting state competitions and have everything in place. They will match the prices activities sponsors find and have their own security they can provide for events. Everyone at the hotel is trained in AED use and CPR and they will provide these services for various competitions at their venue. The hotel will also provide free in room breakfast as well as free Wi-Fi.

Mrs. Pappas asked each activity sponsor/representative to look over their activity information on the NMAA website. If any updates or changes are needed, please contact Tyler Dunkel at tyler@nmact.org.

Adjournment

Mr. Perea asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Hahn made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with a second by LtCol R. W. Ingles. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.