

NMAA Activities Council Meeting
January 9, 2018
NMAA Conference Room

Welcome and Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by NMAA Activities Council Chairman Mr. Don Gerheart at 9:03 a.m. Roll call was conducted by Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, and the following members were present either in person or via conference call:

Mr. Don Thompson (Bowling)
Ms. Christine Phipps (CTLP)
Mr. Steve Perea (Chess)
Ms. Karen Trujillo (Educators Rising)
Mr. Jarrod Smith (FFA)
Maj. Jim Koerber (JROTC)
Mr. David Berlin (Mock Trial)
Mr. Don Gerheart (Music)
Mr. Jory Mirabal (Rodeo)
Ms. Rebeca Zimmermann (Scholastic Publications)
Ms. Hannah Flake (Speech & Debate)
Ms. Mary Hahn (Student Council)

Not Present:

Ms. Kim O'Connell-Brock (Athletic Training Challenge)
Mr. Wil Kilroy (Drama/One-Act Play)
Ms. Dianna Valdez (English Expo)
Ms. Troylyn Zimmerly (Science Fair/Olympiad)

Guests Present:

Maj. Ralph Ingels (JROTC)
Mr. Jose Zamora (St. Pius Speech & Debate)

NMAA Staff Present:

Mr. Tyler Dunkel Mr. Chris Kedge, Mrs. Shari Kessler-Schwaner, Mr. Scott Owen, Mrs. Tammy Richards and Mr. Dusty Young.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Gerheart asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 29, 2017 meeting. Ms. Zimmermann noted that her name had been misspelled in the minutes and Ms. Pappas noted she would correct the spelling. Ms. Zimmermann made a motion to pass the minutes, as amended, with a second by Mr. Perea. Motion carried unanimously.

NMAA Staff Reports

NMAA Business Manager, Shari Kessler-Schwamer, reminded the Council members that she would need reimbursement requests for the \$1,000 allocation no later than the beginning of June via email or mail.

Ms. Pappas reminded the Council members of the requirement of sending in eligibility forms and rosters for all NMAA sanctioned activities. She noted they can be submitted either directly to the NMAA office or to the activity representative, who can, in turn, forward them to the respective NMAA staff member.

Activity Reports

Athletic Training Challenge – Ms. O’Connell-Brock was not present and no report had been forwarded on to the NMAA.

Bowling – Mr. Thompson noted that bowling had just completed its seventh of 10 competitive weeks for the current season. He noted that participation in bowling had increased by two schools during the 2017-2018 school year. He noted that the bowling events are getting more difficult to accommodate due to bowling alley size limitations. He noted that a student had bowled a 300 game, for the second in high school bowling history in New Mexico. Mr. Thompson stated that bowling is growing and improving statewide and that there are now 25 high schools participating across the state.

CTLP – Ms. Phipps noted that the CTLP groups had a strong membership drive due to more personalized support of the various groups. She did note that the groups had some barriers to increasing membership, such as class schedules. She mentioned that the groups were looking to educate local businesses about involvement in the various organizations. Ms. Phipps mentioned that the state conferences were being held throughout February, March and April for the CTLP groups and that all dates were listed on the NMAA web site and on nmctso.com.

Chess – Mr. Perea noted that Mr. Will Barela, the Southern Chess Director, had introduced him to a chess grandmaster who is moving to New Mexico. He stated that the Northwest Director, Ms. Emily Sanders, had added 200 members to the association, bringing statewide membership up to 2,000. He talked about the scholarships available to participants and stated that the goal was to have \$1 million in scholarships to offer to students next year.

Drama/One-Act Productions – NMAA Assistant Director, Mrs. Tammy Richards, presented on behalf of Drama/One-Act. She noted that enrollment at the event increased from 430 to 780 from last year to this year and that the learning workshops increased from 18 to 24 schools. She noted that the winners of the 2017 event were: Moreno Valley, Bosque School and Hope Christian School in the Sparta Division and Sandia, Capital and Cibola in the Athens Division.

Educators Rising – Mrs. Trujillo noted that membership in the organization was growing and that the state conference was going to be held from February 1-3, 2018 at CNM’s Workforce Training Center in Albuquerque. She noted that 24 judges were needed in 11 different events.

English Expo – Ms. Valdez was not present and no report was given.

FFA – Mr. Smith noted that the current FFA membership is 3,648. He noted that FFA would be having a Day at the Roundhouse on January 23rd. The main focus of FFA is to increase participation in supervised agricultural experiences. He noted a continued need for qualified ag instructors statewide. The

National FFA competition was held October 25-28. A student from Elida was a national officer candidate and 13 schools from New Mexico participated at the national event.

JROTC – Maj. Koerber noted that JROTC had hosted multiple military skills events in the fall, as well as several STEM activities and a Near Space Challenge in October. He stated that spring is busy with various events, including the State Contest in April at Albuquerque High, with shooting events at West Mesa High School. He noted that the regionals and national events are coming up and that the 1st Annual Bill Barker Invite was held with over 275 shooters participating.

Music – Mr. Gerheart stated that approximately 3,000 students registered to audition for eight different All-State ensembles (two choirs, three bands, two orchestras and one guitar). He noted that 950 students would be in attendance at All-State during the week of the Activities Council meeting, with eight concerts being held on the Saturday of the All-State event. The students will rehearse on Thursday and Friday, with over 30 educational sessions for directors on those two days.

NM Mock Trial – Mr. Berlin stated that there had been an increase in teams registered from 26 to 32 this year, for a total of 320 students. He noted that it was the 1st year for the Court Reporting competition. The regional competitions were to be held February 16th, with State on March 16-17. The Nationals are being held in Reno on Mother's Day

Rodeo – Mr. Mirabal noted that the rodeo season began in August and that it had two seasons – fall and spring. Junior high competes in the spring only and high school participates during both seasons. During the first event held in Santa Rosa, students select individuals to serve as officers. The participants held a food drive during their event in Clovis that was very successful. The Rodeo directors meeting was held a week prior to the Activities Council meeting. There are five events set for the Spring season – March 17-18, March 31-April 1, April 14-15, April 21-22, May-12-13. The finals will be held in Gallup during Memorial Day weekend. The National Junior High event will be held in South Dakota and the National High School event will be held in Wyoming.

Scholastic Publications – Ms. Zimmermann noted that ninth annual state scholastic publications contest would be held at Eldorado High School in two weeks. She noted there would be more participation than in years past due to increased participation from Southern schools. The judges for the event will come from the professional ranks and scholastic publications continues to partner with the New Mexico Press Association. She noted the addition of a new event in honor of Mark Holm, who passed away last year.

Science Fair/Olympiad – Ms. Zimmerly present and no report was forwarded to the NMAA.

Speech & Debate – Ms. Flake noted that the 2018 state event is split into two weekends – January 27 (Congressional Debate at Del Norte HS) and March 1-3 (all other events at Cleveland HS). The national qualifier will be held two weeks later at Albuquerque Academy. She noted that Albuquerque will host the national speech tournament in 2020.

Student Council – Ms. Hahn noted that the fall district conferences had been held throughout the state in October, with over 1600 students had attended. She noted that the state service project for NMASC was Project Children. She said that the NMASC State Conference will be held at Bernalillo High School from February 8-10, with 1170 total registered for the event. The number of schools participating has grown to 67. The summer leadership conference will be held June 5-8, 2018 at New Mexico Tech in Socorro. The Region VI Conference will be held June 22-24, 2018 in Tucson, AZ. The National

Association of Student Council Conference will be held in Minneapolis/St. Paul on June 25-27. Ms. Hahn noted that Student Councils across the state participated in Thoughtful Thursday on December 14 after the shooting that took place at Aztec High School.

New Business

Ms. Pappas reminded the Council members about nominating deserving students for the NMAA Student Leadership Advisory Council and noted that the NMAA Student Leader Handbook was available online for all activity groups to use with their leaders.

Other Business

There were several items that came up from NMAA staff and Council members:

- Mr. Gerheart asked the Council members to send items to be discussed to Ms. Pappas for the September Activities Council Meeting. He mentioned possible topics: liability insurance concerns, transportation issues, fundraising and sponsorships.
- Ms. Flake asked about the Western New Mexico University Scholarships and Mr. Perea stated he had been able to obtain more information about them.
- Mr. Young reviewed the new NMAA by-law for scholastic eligibility that will go into place beginning next school year.

Adjournment

Mr. Gerheart thanked the NMAA staff and the Council members for their attendance and asked for a motion to approve the meeting. Maj. Koerber made a motion to approve the meeting, with a second by Mr. Perea. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.