

**NMAA Commission Meeting**  
**January 12, 2011**  
**9:00 AM**  
**NMAA Office**

**Welcome** – Meeting called to order by Mr. Lawrence Johnson, NMAA Commission Chairperson, at 9:05 a.m. A roll call was conducted by Ms. Jacquelyne Gallegos, NMAA Administrative Assistant, and the following members were present.

Mr. Todd Kurth (Small Area A)  
Mr. Keith Durham (Small Area B)  
Mr. Mike Tillman (Small Area C)  
Mr. Gary Frazier (Small Area D)  
Mr. Phil Sategna (Large, Area A)  
Mr. Brian Stacy (Large Area B)  
Mr. Lawrence Johnson (Large Area C)  
Mr. Kenny Barreras (Large, Area D)  
Mr. Pete MacFarlane (Non-Public School Rep.)  
Ms. Taryn Bachis (New Mexico High School Athletic Directors Association Rep.)  
Mr. Jim Sayre (New Mexico Officials Association Rep.)  
Mr. Scott Affentranger (National Association of Secondary School Principals Rep.)  
Mr. Terry Martin (State School Boards Association Rep.)  
Mr. Thomas Mabrey (New Mexico High School Coaches Association Rep.)  
Mr. Don Gerheart (Activities Council Member)

Fifteen members present representing a quorum.

**Approval of Agenda and Addendum Agenda:**

Mr. Johnson asked for a motion to approve the agenda and the addendum agenda as presented. Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Gerheart seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

**Approval of Minutes from November 17, 2010:**

Mr. Johnson asked for a motion to approve the minutes with a change to the names of the women from the Law Center; the names were incorrect. Mr. Durham made a motion to approve the minutes with this change. Mr. Affentranger seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

**Executive Director's Report:**

Mr. Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director, discussed four items during his director's report: (1) the New Mexico Legislative Session (2) honoring coaches around the state (3) the winter meeting for all state executive directors (4) his message about, "How we communicate with one another."

Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Associate Director, discussed one item during her report: (1) the School Athletics Equity Act.

Mr. Robert Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, discussed two items during his report: (1) the NMAA public service announcements that will air on radio stations state wide (2) the aspect of the NMAA referendas.

**Financial Report:**

Dusty Young, NMAA Assistant Director, discussed three items during his report: (1) NMAA corporate sponsorship revenue (2) the NMAA hotel rebate program (3) the LRG merchandising and licensing agreement with the NFHS.

**Activities Report:**

Kristin Derr, NMAA Assistant Director, discussed seven items during her report: (1) NMAA Scholarships (2) the National Student Leadership Conference (3) the upcoming activities state events (4) Libby Tilley’s retirement (5) the New Mexico Centennial (6) the activities booth at the New Mexico Legislative Session (7) the Activities Council Meeting.

**General Action Items**

**NMHSCA All-Star Games:**

Mr. Mabrey, NMHSCA Executive Director, proposed to approve the NMHSCA revised All-Star Games. Mr. Sayre made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Barreras seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

**Six-Man & Eight-Man Senior Bowl:**

Mr. Brandon Devine, head Football Coach from Hondo High School, proposed to consider a six-man and eight-man senior bowl. Mr. Martin made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Mabrey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (14-1).

**Sport Specific Action Items:**

**Softball:** Mr. Richard Wallace, Head Softball Coach from Farmington, proposed to consider approval that a courtesy runner in the sport of softball not be charged a game of participation. No further action due to lack of a motion.

**Football:** Mr. Kevin Barker, Head Football Coach from Sandia High School, proposed that in the sport of football, the NMAA starting date for football practice be changed from the Monday of week seven (7) to the Monday of week six (6). Mr. Tillman made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Stacy seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (9-5).

**Break – 10:30 a.m. to 10:40 a.m.**

**Football:** Mr. Kevin Barker, Head Football Coach from Sandia High School, proposed to consider approval to eliminate the current 50-point mercy rule. Mr. Barreras made a motion to table the issue. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

**Volleyball:** Mr. Ben Wallis, Head Volleyball Coach from Cleveland High School, and Brian Ainsworth, Head Volleyball Coach from Pojoaque High School, proposed to consider increasing the volleyball postseason roster limitation from 12 to 14 uniformed players. Mr. Sategna made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Ms. Bachis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

### **General Discussion / Informational Items**

NMAA Referenda Results: Ms. Marquez, NMAA Associate Director, presented the referenda results. The results were as follows:

- 88 NMAA member schools were in favor of changing/modifying NMAA bylaw 6.3 – Open Enrollment, while 21 schools opposed the change.
- 99 NMAA member schools were in favor of changing/modifying NMAA lightning bylaw policy, while 8 schools opposed the change.
- 107 NMAA member schools were in favor of changing/modifying NMAA bylaw 2.2.1.C.4.b – Officers, while 2 schools opposed the change.

Concussion, CPR, and First Aid Training: Mr. Tripp informed the commission that he is working with the PED and Scott Evans, NMAA Assistant Director, to examine whether Concussion, CPR and First Aid training should become part of the coaching licensure program.

80-Day Counts: Mr. Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, informed the commission that the 80-day counts are still in the preliminary stages because the PED is having to continue to verify duplicated students. Based upon the alignment criteria, between 30 to 40 schools will have the opportunity to appeal to the Board of Directors in June regarding an a new classification placement.

Co-Curricular 50% vs. 51% rule: Mr. Tripp, NMAA Executive Director, presented information about the 50% vs. 51% rule, which states that a student must be enrolled in at least 51% of the member school's regular class schedule and in regular attendance during the current as well as the previous grading period. Furthermore, a student enrolled in on campus courses for less than 51% of the school day may have their eligibility determined by semester grades only.

NMHSCA Association Polls: Mr. Mabrey, NMHSCA Executive Director, informed the commission that he believes the polls that the NMHSCA generates are credible and very accurate. The NMHSCA oversees over 200 polls per year. Participation amongst coaches at some levels and in some sports is a concern.

Basketball Complimentary List: Ms. Marquez, NMAA Associate Director, informed the commission that the Board of Directors has asked the NMAA to look at the complimentary pass criteria and process. The B.O.D. feels as if there are too many complimentary passes given out for the tournament.

Basketball State Championship Information: Ms. Marquez, NMAA Associate Director, informed the commission that there will be a hospitality room for the NMAA state basketball tournament. The state tournament schedule is now online and Bernalillo is scheduled to host 24 games.

State Wrestling: Mr. Evans, NMAA Assistant Director, gave an update on the NMAA state wrestling tournament. The championships will be held at the Santa Ana Star Center on February 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

State Spirit: Ms. Derr, NMAA Assistant Director, gave an update on the NMAA state spirit championships. The championships will be held at the Santa Ana Star Center on March, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011. There will be no registration fees to enter the competition this year, now that spirit is considered a sport.

Swimming and Diving State Championships: Mr. Cleland, NMAA Assistant Director, gave an update on the NMAA state swimming and diving Championships. The championships will be held at Albuquerque Academy, on February 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

### **Addendum Agenda**

#### **General Action Items**

##### **Track and Field:**

Mr. Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, proposed to consider approval to have the NMAA not abide by the NFHS contestant limitation rule in the sport of Track and Field. Mr. Mabrey made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Gerherat seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

**Adjournment:** The Commission adjourned at 12:00 p.m.