

NMAA Activities Council Meeting
January 12, 2016
NMAA Hall of Pride and Honor

Welcome - Meeting called to order by NMAA Activities Council Chairperson Mr. Don Gerheart at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was conducted by Mrs. Mindy Ioane, NMAA Graphic Designer/Special Event Coordinator, and the following members were present:

Mr. Don Thompson (Bowling)
Ms. Bobbi Eichhorst (CTLP)
Mr. Steve Perea (Chess)
Ms. Gael Natal (Drama-One-Act-Production)
Ms. Jeannette Vigil (English Expo)
Mr. Don Gerheart (Music)
Mr. David Berlin (NM Mock Trial) – via teleconference
Ms. Rebeca Zimmermann (Scholastic Publications)
Ms. Rose Baca-Rivet (Science Fair/Olympiad) – via teleconference
Ms. Hannah Flake (Speech/Debate)

Not Present:

Athletic Training Challenge Representative
NMHS Rodeo Association Representative

Ms. Dana Pappas, Activities Council Contact and NMAA Deputy Director, announced that in an effort to reduce travel time and expenses associated with travel, Activities Council members had the option to attend the meeting via teleconference. A few members chose to attend the meeting via this option.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Gerheart asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Eichhorst made the motion to accept the agenda as presented. Mr. Perea seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Gerheart asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2015 meeting. Mr. Gerheart asked the members to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Zimmermann made the motion to accept the minutes as presented, with a second by Mr. Perea. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

NMAA Staff Reports

NMAA Executive Director Ms. Sally Marquez announced a new scholarship program through Western New Mexico University. The program is targeting students who participate in NMAA activities. The program is being spearheaded by Mr. Dan Salzwedel, former NMAA Executive Director, who currently serves on the WNMU Board of Regents. The program will award two or three full ride scholarships per NMAA sanctioned activity. The structure of this program is to be determined. Ms. Marquez asked that each activity send suggestions/ideas for the program to the NMAA by February 15, 2016.

Ms. Mary Hahn (Student Council) and Maj. Bill Barker (JROTC) entered the meeting.

Ms. Marquez also informed the committee that the upcoming Legislative session will focus on budget issues and she does not anticipate that Activities and Home School participation will be on the schedule at this time. She also explained that Activities will not be receiving additional money from the Legislature but she will look at the NMAA budget to see if they can provide more funding.

Ms. Marquez reminded members that all Activities are to follow NMAA guidelines/bylaws at all times and she is available to help with any questions that might arise. She also explained that activities do not have to be sanctioned by the NMAA if they do not feel that it is in their best interest. The NMAA surveyed Superintendents/Principals to see if they would support Activities if they are not sanctioned by the NMAA and most indicated that they would.

The committee also discussed liability insurance and inclement weather.

NMAA Sports Information Director Mr. Tyler Dunkel asked committee members to send names of deserving students to be featured in stories on the NMAA website.

NMAA Deputy Director Ms. Dana Pappas reminded the committee that eligibility forms must be submitted to the NMAA prior to state events. Forms can be found on the NMAA website. Ms. Pappas also announced that there are approximately 30,000 students participating in activities statewide. She will email council members the results of the study.

Council Members' Reports

Athletic Training Challenge: Not present.

Bowling: Mr. Don Thompson announced that the activity continues to grow and is doing well. The season consists of ten regular season tournaments, a senior tournament and the state tournament. Practices began on October 5, 2015; the first competition was held on November 7th, the senior tournament will take place February 6th and the state tournament will be held February 13, 2016.

High school membership consists of 23 high schools with weekly events, currently averaging 47 teams. There are approximately 230 to 270 students participants each week. They are anticipating 65 to 68 teams by January 16, 2016.

The bowling association is reviewing request for proposals for the State event from Holiday Lanes and TenPins & More. The bowling association will distribute \$10,000 in scholarship monies this year and has received 100 Bowling pins from QubicaAMF for the senior tournament. The association is continuing to work with Albuquerque Public Schools, which requires out-of-town travel paperwork for events held in Rio Rancho and Isleta.

Member schools can visit the association's website for all information/documents, tournament schedule, results, team rosters, as well as registration forms.

Mr. Jarred Smith (FFA) entered the meeting via teleconference.

CTSO: Ms. Bobbi Eichhorst, HOSA/SkillsUSA Advisor, presented the CTSO report. She announced the 2015-2016 National Officers: Eugene Otero; Bernalillo High School and Jonathan Sarmiento; Hobbs High School. Ms. Eichhorst also presented the 2015-2016 State Officers and mentioned the success of the 2nd annual Advisor Academy and the CORE (Chapter Officer Retreat for Excellence), with 573 student

leaders and advisors in attendance. Ms. Eichhorst also expressed the need for individuals to serve as judges, sponsors and volunteers for their programs. She concluded by announcing the dates of the 2015-16 State Conferences for the various CTSO groups.

Chess: Mr. Steve Perea, Chess Director, discussed the completion of the new structure for chess, which occurred just in time to handle the new flow of members into the activity. Mr. Perea's encouragement of high schools going to middle and elementary schools to recruit students has taken off. Middle school numbers in Albuquerque consist of approximately 600 students and elementary is currently at approximately 1400 students. This increase will ultimately impact the NMAA high school chess membership. Last semester, Rio Grande and Sandia rejoined the chess competition as well as The New America School (which is planning to join the association).

Drama/One-Act Production: Ms. Gael Natal discussed the success of the 2015 New Mexico High Desert Theater and NMAA One Act Production Competition held at Rio Rancho and Cleveland High Schools. She announced the winners of the events, which featured 400 students from 19 high schools. The event had seven colleges in attendance and 22 judges from throughout the state.

English Expo: Ms. Jeannette Vigil announced that there are 23 contests in writing, skills, speaking and production expression at the state contest, with over 500 students from approximately 30 middle and high schools participating. The contest will be held at La Cueva High School this year. She noted that Proof of Liability Insurance was provided by NM Reading Association by their local council, Camino Real who is an Expo sponsor.

Additionally, on Friday, February 26th a literacy gala is being arranged with exhibitors as well as a presentation by Deborah Blanche as Georgia O'Keefe. Martha Bedeaux, English teacher at La Cueva is the on-site contact. La Cueva High School English Department will prepare contest packets and prompts. CRC members and officers will monitor and provide support for the Saturday activities. Delta Kappa Gamma members will prepare registration packets, medals and school signs. Ms. Bedeaux and other sponsoring teachers will run the tally room.

FFA: Mr. Jerrod Smith announced that there are 3277 members statewide and announced the dates of upcoming events. He also discussed the association's work to increase and improve curriculum available to instructors and advisors and announced the need for highly qualified agricultural education instructors to fill the role of advisor to the chapters.

The National FFA convention took place in Louisville KY on October 28-31, 2015. Caleb Gustin of the Moriarty FFA retired from his position as Western Region National Vice President on October 31st as part of the National Convention. Caleb did an excellent job of representing the State of New Mexico. Mr. Smith asked that the committee members and staff watch Mr. Gustin's retiring address on YouTube.

JROTC: Maj. Barker announced that there are 40 high schools with JROTC programs in the state and between 5000 to 6000 student participants. The September competition was held at Volcano Vista High School with 600 students participating in military skills and 180 students in marksmanship. Maj. Barker presented a list of noncompetitive activities and discussed the success of the archery program that is currently at 11 middle schools. The program is considering having a competition in the future for middle schools.

Music: NMMEA Executive Director Mr. Don Gerheart announced the success of the All-State auditions, held at several New Mexico sites in October and early November, to select the students to perform in each of the eight All-State performing ensembles. Teams of judges heard over 2500 students audition and, based on their scores, students were assigned to one of the All-State ensembles. A total of 942 students were selected.

The 72nd annual All-State Music Festival & In-Service Conference was held January 6-9, 2016 on the campus of the University of New Mexico. Eight guest conductors rehearsed with one of the eight performing ensembles for two days, culminating in a performance at Popejoy Hall on January 9th.

During the students' rehearsals, over 450 music educators and students had the opportunity to attend several in-service clinics and workshops. This is the only statewide in-service held in New Mexico.

This second semester is always busy for music events. Each of the six NMMEA districts holds a number of events including a Music Performance Assessment at which ensembles are evaluated by a team of judges. The ratings they receive are, for the most part, used by PED for a portion of the teacher's evaluation.

In April, the NMAA will sponsor three state contests: one for orchestra, one for choir, and another for concert band. These ensembles will be evaluated by a panel of adjudicators from out-of-state and the results of the scores will determine the trophy winners in each classification.

Mock Trial: Mr. David Berlin announced that the Center for Civic Values continues to experience change as Kristen Leeds completes her first year as Director. This year's case was released on October 1, 2016 and involves a student suing a school district for injuries suffered when a coach allegedly fails to implement the school district's heat index protocol. Team registration concluded on December 31, 2015 with 26 teams signing up for the competition. The Center's goal is to bring in teams from schools located on the east side of the state. The Regional Competition will be held on February 19-20, 2016 and the State Finals will be conducted on March 18-19, 2016. Both the Regional and the State competitions will take place at the Metropolitan Courthouse in Albuquerque. The National Competition will be held this May in Boise, Idaho. The event will take place in Connecticut next year.

He asked that if any members of the Council work at a school that does not have a Mock Trial program and is interested, to please call Ms. Leeds or Mr. Berlin. They are willing to travel to schools to discuss the program with the Administration or the appropriate teacher.

Mr. Berlin presented a schedule of upcoming events.

Rodeo: No representative present.

Scholastic Publications: Ms. Rebeca Zimmermann announced that they are in the process of organizing the state competition, tentatively scheduled for March 19, 2016 at Highland High School. The organization has struggled this year with the closing of Vanguard, which had printed high school newspapers in the area for more than 30 years. High School papers are now being printed by the Albuquerque Journal and the Santa Fe New Mexican. The NMSPA has also lost a few advisers to other jobs, so they are in the process of regrouping.

Ms. Zimmermann is working with the Society of Professional Journalists and the UNM Chapter of SPJ on possibly offering workshop sessions for high school students. The New Mexico Press Association also is

hosting a high school summer workshop in June for which NMSPA helps to provide instructors. The main goal is to increase participation at the state competition to 16 schools. The organization has averaged eight schools per year in the past six years.

Science Fair / Olympiad: Ms. Rose Baca-Rivet gave a special thanks to everyone that assisted with the home school issue. She announced that 60 teachers attended this year's Annual Science Olympiad Fall Teachers' workshop held on October 30th at New Mexico Tech in Socorro. Fifty teams of 15 students each will advance from five regional Science Olympiad tournaments. Students will compete in 23 separate events that include physics, engineering, math and English. A middle school and high school team will qualify to represent New Mexico at the University of Wisconsin on May 20-21, 2016.

The 2016 NM Science and Engineering Fair State Finals will be held on April 1-2, 2016. There will be 300 projects (one to three students per project) that qualify from six regional Science Fairs to participate at the state final. Students will compete in 14 different categories in two divisions (high school and middle school). The Intel International Science and Engineering Fair will be held in Phoenix, Arizona on May 8-13, 2016. Six projects will qualify to represent New Mexico in Phoenix. She asked that if anyone is interested in volunteering, please call her.

Speech and Debate: Ms. Hannah Flake, Treasurer of the NM Speech and Debate Association, reported that the state tournament will take place at two different venues and times. They are expecting 250 students and will need over 100 volunteers at the state tournament.

Ms. Flake announced that the biggest issues facing this activity are coach retention, training new coaches, travel costs and finding volunteer judges. For the issue of coach retention, the organization started an in-service day for new coaches and a mentoring system so coaches feel supported. The organization is inviting new coaches to co-facilitate tournaments with veterans and invite new coaches to take jobs at the state tournament. They are working on ways to raise money to give scholarships to new teams and have started giving a Volunteer of the Year award, getting press coverage and utilizing signupgenius.com and perfectpotluck.com.

Student Council: Ms. Mary Hahn announced the success of the 2015 Fall District Leadership conferences that consisted of leadership training and camaraderie at five sites throughout the state with national speaker A'ric Jackson and approximately 1500 students / school advisors in attendance.

The NMASC State Leadership Conference will be held on February 11-13, 2016 at Los Alamos High School. The conference will consist of student and adult-led training workshops; national motivational speakers Houston Kraft and Jessie Funk, and an annual Achievement Showcase. There will be at least one officer candidate from every Student Council district in the state; building camaraderie with schools in geographical regions as well as from around the state; peer to peer learning, awards and recognition. There are approximately 1000 individuals pre-registered for this conference.

Ms. Hahn announced upcoming events for the months of April and June, 2016. The NMASC welcomed seven high schools and nine middle schools to the organization. She recognized Mr. Justin Landis to the organization and announced the organization's current goal to create an in-organization scholarship for the Summer Leadership Workshop. In December of 2015, Ms. Hahn was recognized as the Region 6 recipient of the Earl Reum Excellent Teacher of Teachers Award for her outstanding leadership and commitment to the promotion of excellence in Student Activities.

Other Business

Ms. Bobbi Eichhorst requested that the NMAA host a summer workshop for sponsors of the various activities.

Adjournment

Mr. Gerheart asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 a.m. Ms. Eichhorst made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Perea seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Mr. David Gallegos, outgoing Athletic Training Challenge sponsor, did not attend the meeting, but sent the following report on January 17, 2016 on behalf of himself and incoming Athletic Training Challenge Sponsor, Joe Mora:

The Athletic Training Challenge was held Sunday April 19th at Centennial HS. There were 85 participants. Gadsden High School placed 1st, Centennial High School placed 2nd and Eldorado High School placed 3rd. The major focus for this year was to find a replacement for Mr. Gallegos as the sponsor. Mr. Joe Mora from Gadsden High School has agreed to be the event sponsor and work with Mr. Gallegos this year to organize the event. The 2016 event will be held at St. Pius X High School in Albuquerque the weekend of April 24th, 2016. A focus for the next year will be to establish an official 501c3 account and hopefully utilize our proposed scholarship process.