

**NMAA Activities Council Meeting**  
**January 13, 2015**  
**NMAA Hall of Pride and Honor**

**Welcome** - Meeting called to order by Mr. Don Gerheart, NMAA Activities Council Chairperson at 9:09 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. Jeannette Vigil (English Expo)  
Mr. Jerrod Smith (FFA)  
Maj. Mark (JROTC)  
Mr. Don Gerheart (Music)  
Mr. David Berlin (NM Mock Trial)  
Ms. Rebeca Zimmermann (Scholastic Publications)  
Ms. Mary Hahn (Student Council)

**Via Teleconference:**

Mr. Tom Smith (Drama-One-Act-Production)  
Mr. David Gallegos (Athletic Training Challenge)

**Not Present:**

Ms. Dani Valdez (NMHS Rodeo Association)  
Ms. Rose Baca-Rivet (Science Fair/Olympiad) – emailed report prior to the meeting.  
Ms. Hannah Flake (Speech/Debate)

**Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Gerheart asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Agenda was approved as presented.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Gerheart asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2014 meeting. Mr. Berlin made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Zimmermann seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. (10-0). (JROTC and Athletic Training Challenge Representatives not present at this point.)

**Council Members' Reports**

Bowling: NMHSBA President, Mr. Don Thompson announced that the Association is in its 10<sup>th</sup> year with the practices beginning on October 6, 2014 and the first tournament of the season was held on November 8, 2014. The NMHSBA High School Senior tournament will be held on February 7, 2015 and the State Championships will be held on February 21, 2015 at Holiday Bowl in Albuquerque.

The current membership consists of 22 high schools and average 45 teams per event with approximately 230-270 student participants. The maximum number of teams is 65. The Association will award \$10000 in scholarship monies this year. The NMHSBA is also working with QuivicaAMF to get 100 Pins donated for their senior tournament. For information on the NMHSBA visit [www.nmhsba.org](http://www.nmhsba.org).

The Activity Council committee discussed Albuquerque Public School's policy that requires students to turn in a permission slip prior to any out of town competitions as well as their requirement to use commercial transportation to these events. Mr. Kenny Barreras, APS District Athletic Director was present to answer questions.

CTSO: Presented by Ms. Bobbi Eichhorst, HOSA and SkillsUSA Advisor. Ms. Eichhorst announced the dates and location of the upcoming state conferences as follows:

BPA – February 16-18 at the Marriott Pyramid.

BPA National Conference – May 6-10 in Anaheim, California.

DECA – February 12-14 at Hotel Albuquerque.

DECA National Conference – April 24-28 in Orlando, Florida.

FCCLA – March 5-7 at the Marriott Pyramid

FCCLA – National Conference is July 5-9 in Washington, DC.

HOSA – February 27-28 in at UNM and the La Cascada Hotel in Albuquerque

HOSA National Conference – June 25-28 in Orlando, Florida.

SkillsUSA- April 2-5 at the Crowne Plaza in Albuquerque.

SkillsUSA National Conference – June 23-27 in Kansas City, Missouri.

TSA – will be in April, time and place to be determined.

TSA National Conference – June 28-July 1 in Grapevine, Texas.

Ms. Eichhorst asked that anyone interested in supporting any of the CTSO activities as a judge, sponsor or volunteer please contact Christine Phipps, Cheri Sain or Bobbi Eichhorst.

Ms. Eichhorst also mentioned that the CTLP is re-branding and revising their website which will be up and running by the end of January. The Career Technical Leader Project anticipates overall growth from last year's over 5,500 members. The State Advisory meeting will be held on January 17<sup>th</sup> at the Association of General Contractors building.

Chess: Mr. Steve Perea, informed the committee members that the Chess organization is continuing to grow and has added State competition for elementary and middle school students which will help recruit future participants. This year there will be an additional 8-10 high school teams competing at the NMAA State Championships, held April 16-17 at The University Village. The middle school event will be held on April 24<sup>th</sup> and the elementary school event will be held on May 1<sup>st</sup>. All events will be held at the University Village, 1901 University Village, in Albuquerque, NM.

Mr. Perea has appointed 3 regional directors (Northern, Central and Southern) and under each regional director are 3-4 section directors. Each section leader is able to focus on his/her area and has been a great communication tool in passing information to others. Mr. Smith is also traveling to each region in efforts to promote chess by means of lectures to coaches/teachers and hosting chess events for children of all ages.

Drama/One-Act Production: Mr. Tom Smith reported that New Mexico State University hosted the One-Act Production on October 23-25 in conjunction with the High Desert High School Theatre Production. Eleven Athens and seven Sparta schools participated for a total of 421 attendees and 29 representatives from eight colleges. Thirty-one workshops were held during the event. Bosque High School won first place for the Sparta division and Gadsden High School took first in the Athens division. Over 15 college scholarships were awarded during the competitions.

English Expo: Ms. Jeannette Vigil, English Expo representative announced that the 2015 English Expo XXVI will be held on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at La Cueva High School in Albuquerque. The academic competition covers all areas of English, having 24 contests in writing, skills, speaking and production expression. The newest speaking event is Shakespearean monologue. Over 500 students from approximately 30 middle and high schools statewide will participate in the event. For more information logo on to [www.nmira.org/what-is-english-expo.html](http://www.nmira.org/what-is-english-expo.html).

FFA: Mr. Jerrod Smith, FFA representative reported that there were 610,240 members in 2014. In New Mexico, FFA chartered one new chapter this year at Jemez Valley High School to bring the total number of chapters to 80.

The National FFA Convention was held in late October in Louisville KY. There were 62,998 members present for the three day event, including over 340 New Mexico FFA members. New Mexico students competed in 25 different Career Development events ranging from Agricultural Issues to Agricultural Mechanics. Students placed well in several events and several received gold ratings.

Caleb Gustin of the Moriarty FFA Chapter was one of six FFA members elected to a National FFA Office. Caleb will spend the next twelve months representing the 610,240 FFA members Nationwide. Caleb will travel throughout the country and internationally advocating for agriculture and learning new skills.

In 2015 New Mexico will host six statewide events where students will compete and learn lifelong skills.

Music: Mr. Don Gerheart, NMMEA Executive Director announced that the NMMEA has a new website and new logo. The website now hosts over 100 online forms for all of the district music events as well as the registration forms for the annual All-State conference.

Guitar, Choir, Orchestra and Band sections held auditions this fall for placement in one of the eight All-State ensembles. The organization had 2310 students register for the auditions. All State Music Festival and In-Service Conference concluded with 950 students participating in ensembles and over 400 music educators and collegiate students in attendance. While the students rehearsed in their respective ensembles music educators had the opportunity to attend over 30 workshops and clinics for two full days. Four honor groups also performed during the conference. Eight ensembles performed on Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> with a combined total of 4200 people in attendance at Pope Joy Hall. Deb Minyard from Pojoaque Valley High School was named the New Mexico Teacher of the Year. The NMAA State Orchestra, Choir and Band will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> weekends in April.

JROTC: Maj. Mark Hendricks, JROTC representative discussed the upcoming Rifle competition and the Drill and Fitness competitions which will take place on April 8-11<sup>th</sup> in Albuquerque.

Mock Trial: Mr. David Berlin, Mock Trial representative told the committee that 35 teams registered for Mock Trial competition, with three new teams from nex+Gen Academy in Albuquerque, Pecos and Zuni schools.

The 2015 case was adapted with permission from the Pennsylvania State Bar, it is a criminal case based upon true events in which a crane at a construction site collapsed in a storm and two people were killed.

Regionals will take place on Friday and Saturday, February 20-21, at the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Courthouse in Albuquerque. An awards ceremony will take place on February 21. The top five teams

from regionals will receive trophies and the top eight will advance to finals. Outstanding Witnesses and Attorneys as determined by the judging panels will also receive awards.

State Finals will take place on March 20-21 at the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Courthouse in Albuquerque. The awards ceremony will take place on March 21<sup>st</sup>. The top three teams will receive trophies and the state champion will advance to nationals in Raleigh, NC in May. Four students as determined by the judging panels will receive gavels for their performances.

Larry Zamzok, and Albuquerque attorney, continues to donate \$1,000 each year to be divided equally between the two students at the state finals who are deemed to be the Most Outstanding Witness and Attorney by the judging panels. The Hon. Gene E. Franchini Scholarships sponsored by the Center for Civic Values will give a \$1000 scholarship in 2015 and will be announced during the awards ceremony. To be eligible, a student must have competed in mock trial for at least two consecutive years, including the current competition years; complete a simple cover page; prepare a personal statement/ and submit two letters of recommendation.

Rodeo: No representative present.

Scholastic Publications: Ms. Rebeca Zimmermann, Scholastic Publications representative announced that the organization is looking into ways to increase the membership as so many high schools no longer publish newspapers. This year they will add broadcast categories into the state championship this year, however, participation in the state championship is very adviser-driven, schools are not likely to compete unless the organization can get teachers interested. The NMSPA board is working on ways to accomplish this. The State Championship will be held on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at Volcano Vista High School.

Speech and Debate: Ms. Hannah Flake, Treasurer of the NM Speech and Debate Association announced that many schools have revised their two-day speech and debate format to a one-day speech – only or debate – only tournament. The coaches have given positive input regarding this change as teams are paying less for hotel and students have their Friday evening free. Additionally, more schools have the capability to offer a one-day small tournament than a two-day large event. At least three new schools are offering tournaments this year compared to last year. Thus, the number of two-day tournaments has gone down while the number of tournaments has gone up.

The 2015 State Tournament venue has changed due to the cost of securing a university at which to hold the state event. This year the event will be held Los Alamos Middle School and High School.

The number of schools competing in speech and debate has remained about the same, around 25. Retention of coaches is challenging give the amount of hours a person must dedicate at little to no extra stipend. Some schools do not support speech and debate. Schools in the far corners of the state find it difficult to manage the needed funds to travel often to Albuquerque to compete. Because of the new tournament format, however, the organization expects to see tournaments in the next few years in Farmington, Santa Fe and Las Cruces, which will provide a positive impact on the growth of this activity. Ms. Hahn also discussed East Mountain High School's first Timber-Con in December. This anime and sci-fi convention was hosted by EMHS Anime Club and the Doctor Who Club.

Student Council: Ms. Mary Hahn, NMASC representative discussed the Fall District Conference Week which was held on October 18-23, 2014. Student Council leaders attended *A Gladiator's Quest!* District

conferences which consisted of leadership training and camaraderie throughout the state with national motivational storyteller Bob Tryanski; peer-to-peer leadership instruction; and creative executions of our state service project – the elderly - in Albuquerque, Roswell, Las Cruces, Farmington, and Española. Approximately 1200 students attended the conference.

The National Association of Student Councils LEAD Conference was held on November 14 – 16, 2015 at Hotel Albuquerque. L.E.A.D. training emphasizes communication; leadership skills; and leadership roles on the local, state, and regional levers.

NMASC State Leadership Conference will be held on February 12-14, 2015 at Cibola High School in Albuquerque. The conference will host student and adult-led training workshops; national motivational speakers – Danny Batimana – Happiness is NOW and Omekongo Dibinga – Upstander International. The conference will also host a SafeTeen NM – net-iquette workshop to train Cibola High School students as the presenters. Also, an Achievement Showcase workshop will be held to promote practicing democracy via student elections; building camaraderie with schools in geographical regions as well as from around the state; peer to peer learning; with awards and recognition.

The summer Leadership Workshop will be held on June 2-5, 2015 at NM Tech in Socorro. New student council officers for the 2015-16 school year and their Executive Advisor will prepare leadership training through team building, goal setting, camaraderie, teamwork, event planning and much more in a four day creative exploration of our natural elements.

The NASC Nation Student Council Conference, *Elevate Your Leadership* will take place on June 26-28, 2015. Rio Ranch High School was selected to be the national host of the event that will welcome mid and high school students and advisors.

Ms. Hahn announced that Las Cruces high schools have rejoined NMASC after 22 years and that Ms. Elizabeth Gonzales has joined the NMASC as the Executive Advisor to the State Secretary. NMASC leaders Adrianna Sanders from Aztec High School and Mario Martinez from Española High School were selected to attend the NFHS National Summit in July in Indianapolis and announced that she was selected to represent Region 6 on the NASSCED board for the upcoming two years.

Science Olympiad: Ms. Rose Baca-Rivet was unable to attend be sent a report which was read by Mr. Gerheart as follows: The 2014-2015 Annual Science Olympiad Fall Teacher's workshop was held on October 24-25 at New Mexico Tech in Socorro with 65 science teacher in attendance.

The 2015 NM Science Olympiad State Finals will be held on February 21, 2015 at New Mexico Tech in Socorro. There will be 50 teams of 15 students participating. Students will compete in 23 separate events that include physics, engineering, math, English, etc. The National Competition will be held at the University of Nebraska on May 15-16, 2015 in Lincoln, Nebraska. A middle school and high school team will qualify to represent New Mexico in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The 2015 NM Science and Engineering Fair State Finals will be held on March 27-28, 2015. There will be 300 projects (1 to 3 students per project) qualify to participate. 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 Pittsburgh, PA – May 10-15, 2015. Six projects will qualify to represent New Mexico in Pittsburgh.

Athletic Training Challenge: Mr. David Gallegos, ATC Sponsor announced that the 2015 Athletic Training Challenge will be held on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at Centennial High School in Las Cruces. New Mexico State University and University of New Mexico have agreed to help host the event on a rotating schedule. This is a tremendous opportunity because the event draws in students to learn about the respective athletic training education programs and college opportunities as well as provide staffing assistance from their student associations. Mr. Gallegos told the committee that the event may move to Monday in the future.

Extra money received last year allowed the organization to recognize three charter schools for their perfect attendance for the past 15 years as well as minimize the cost for the students. An invitation e-mail will be sent next week to state athletic trainers' association members advertising registration. Scott Owen, NMAA Assistant Director will send a flyer to the athletic directors. Mr. Gallegos also asked that the deadline be placed on the NMAA calendar as the event is always held on week 43.

Mr. Gerheart asked the committee members to send their student participant participation numbers to Ms. Dana Pappas by January 31, 2015. Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director explained that the numbers are needed to provide Sen. Howie Morales information to pass on to the Legislators. Ms. Marquez explained that of the \$2000 given to each activity, \$1000 is from the NMAA and the other \$1000 is awarded from the Legislative session.

#### **Staff Reports**

Ms. Marquez reminded the committee members that in order for each activity to receive funding, the representative must attend both of the two meetings per year. She also introduced Mr. Tyler Dunkel, NMAA Sports Information Director, telling the committee members to utilize Mr. Dunkel to advertise events through social media.

Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director reminded the committee members that eligibility forms with rosters must be submitted to our office prior the event. She also asked the committee members to review the council directory for any updates/accuracy.

Discussion: The committee discussed the NMAA bylaw to sanction an activity. The requirement that schools must be a member school to participate and must be accredited to be a member of the NMAA.

Mr. Tyler Dunkel: Mr. Dunkel gave the committee members an overview of his job and discussed various ways that he is available to help them promote their events.

Mr. Gerheart asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 a.m. Mr. Berlin made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Perea seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. (12-0).

Next meeting date: September 1, 2015