

**NMAA Board of Directors Meeting**  
**January 26, 2011**  
**9:00 A.M.**  
**NMAA Office**

**I. Welcome** – Meeting called to order by Mr. Mike Phipps, NMAA Board President, at 9:00 a.m. A roll call was conducted by Ms. Mindy Ioane, NMAA Administrative Assistant, and the following members were present.

Ms. Anthony Casados, (Small, Area A)  
Mr. Paul Benoit (Small, Area B)  
Mr. Bill Green (Small, Area C)  
Mr. Dane Kennon (At-Large Member)  
Mr. Dion Sandoval (NM School Board Association)  
Mrs. Janel Ryan (Large, Area A) via Tele-Conference  
Mr. Mike Phipps, President, (Large Area B)  
Mr. Dick Pool (Large Area C)  
Mr. Adan Delgado (Large Area D)  
Mr. Lawrence Johnson (NMAA Commission Representative)

The following members were absent.

Mr. Buddy Little (Small, Area D)  
Mr. Winston Brooks (Large School District I)  
Mr. Stan Rounds (Large School District II)

10 members present representing a quorum.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Mr. Phipps asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Green seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. (10-0)

**Approval of Minutes from December 2, 2011:**

Mr. Phipps asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Benoit made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Green seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

**Affirmation of Board Members:**

Mr. Phipps requested affirmation of representatives Mr. Winston Brooks (Large School District I), Mr. Stan Rounds (Large School District II), Mr. Dion Sandoval (NM School Board Association), and Mr. Lawrence Johnson (NMAA Commission) in accordance with NMAA Bylaw 2.2.1.C.1.(c.d. & e). Mr. Green made a motion to affirm Mr. Brooks, Mr. Rounds, Mr. Sandoval and Mr. Johnson in accordance to the NMAA Bylaw. Mr. Kennon seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (10-0).

**Executive Session:**

Mr. Phipps asked for a motion to enter into an Executive session at 9:10 a.m. to discuss legal and finance matters. A motion was made by Mr. Green to enter into Executive session. Mr. Kennon seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously.

The meeting reconvened at 10:33 a.m.

**Executive Director's Report:**

Mr. Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director, discussed seven items during his Director's report: (1) The NMAA has asked that the Department of Safety take over the required background checks of officials. (2)

Requested funding from the State of New Mexico for the creation of a Centennial choir and band that will consist of approximately 60 students each. (3) The NMAA is considering a renovation of the Hall of Pride and Honor to provide more conference rooms and offices to better serve the Association. (4) Mr. Tripp will write a letter to NMAA member school's Superintendents urging them to review the mandatory reporting requirements with their Athletic Directors and Coaches. (5) There is a possibility that New Mexico will host the 2014 National Association of Sports Officials annual conference, noting that talks are preliminary at this time. (6) A new Records & Statistics committee has been established to maintain the accuracy of new and existing records. (7) The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual NMAA Foundation Bowl-a-thon will be held on January 30, 2011 at the Santa Ana Star Casino.

### **Activities Report:**

Ms. Kristin Derr, NMAA Assistant Director, discussed seven items during her report: (1) NMAA Scholarships (2) the National Student Leadership Conference (3) the upcoming 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.

### **Financial Report:**

Ms. Carol Daniels, NMAA Director of Finance, presented the NMAA financial report showing a balance of \$161K in checking, \$139K at .25% interest in checking repurchase account, \$760K in reserve account, \$760K at .25% in reserve repurchase account, and \$245K in a CD at .42% interest; which is due to mature on June 15, 2011.

### **General Action Items**

#### **180-Day Ineligibility:**

Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Associate Director, asked the Board to consider the 180-day ineligibility period to begin with all transfer students on or after March 1, 2011. The NMAA membership recently voted via referendum to implement the 180-day ineligibility period. A motion was made by Mr. Green to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Pool seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (10-0).

#### **Bylaws with Signatures**

Mr. Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director, asked the Board to consider approval of signatures to the NMAA bylaws by the Executive Director and the President of the Board of Directors to fulfill a new requirement by the New Mexico Attorney General's office. A motion was made by Mr. Pool to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Benoit seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously (10-0).

### **Sports Specific Action Items:**

#### **Volleyball Postseason Roster Limitation Increase**

Mr. Ben Wallis, Cleveland High School Volleyball Coach, on behalf of the Volleyball Sports Specific Committee, proposed to increase the volleyball postseason roster limitation from 12 to 14 uniformed players. The proposal would allow a coach the flexibility to bring two additional uniformed players. The NMAA will enforce the bench limit of 20 as it will not increase with roster size. A motion was made by Mr. Delgado to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Green seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously (10-0).

#### **Track & Field Contestant Limitation**

Mr. Robert Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, asked the Board to consider approval to have the NMAA not abide by the NFHS contestant limitation rule in the sport of Track & Field. The following wording would be placed in the NMAA bylaws upon approval of referendum: *There are no restrictions on the number of contestants from a given school who are allowed to enter an individual event, unless otherwise*

*specified by the meet director and/or games committee.* New Mexico has traditionally allowed unlimited entries in meets and does not abide by NFHS rules, which place limits on the number of entries a school is permitted to enter per event. This change would be sent to the NMAA member schools as a referendum item. A motion was made by Mr. Kennon to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

### **Fall Football Proposal**

Mr. Kevin Barker, Sandia High School Head Football Coach, on behalf of the Football Sports Specific Committee, proposed to the Board that the starting date for football practices be changed to Monday of week six (6) to begin in August of 2011. This proposal would be sent out to the NMAA member schools as a referendum item. A motion was made by Mr. Green to accept the proposal as a referendum item. Mr. Pool seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously (10-0).

### **General Discussion/Information Items**

NMAA Referendum Results: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Associate Director, presented the results of the Lightning Bylaw Policy referendum, the Open Enrollment referendum, and the Officers referendum; all of which were passed by the NMAA membership.

NMAA Referendum Procedures/Policies: Mr. Robert Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, presented before the Board NMAA Bylaw 2.7, concerning referendum procedures. The NMAA staff will establish recommendations for this procedure and present the recommendations during the June 2011 Board of Director's meeting.

Coaches Licensure: Mr. Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director explained that he is working with the New Mexico Public Education Department in regards to the importance of concussion training, CPR training and First Aid training as part of future coaching licensure requirements.

80-Day Enrollment counts and Alignment & Classification: Mr. Robert Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, presented 80-day enrollment figures for NMAA member schools. The numbers are preliminary because the Public Education Department is still finalizing school's 80-day enrollment figures.

Title IX Reporting: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Associate Director, informed the Board that the Title IX reporting system is up and running on the NMAA website. She is working on relaying the information to the member schools as well as the need for accuracy upon reporting.

Co-Curricular 50% vs. 51% Rule: Mr. Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director, explained to the Board the request of Mr. Tom Burris, Superintendent, (Truth or Consequences Municipal Schools) to consider changing the co-curricular bylaw to 50% as opposed to 51% as it is currently.

Football Power Rankings: Mr. Randy Adrian, NMAA Assistant Director, presented a comparison of NMAA's seeding in the sport of football in comparison to the Power Ranking system used by the state of Arizona, which resulted in similar seedings between the two.

Scholarship Information: Ms. Kristin Derr, NMAA Assistant Director, presented a list of the NMAA Foundation scholarships and reminded the Board that the scholarship application deadline is February 11, 2011.

Hall of Pride and Honor Renovations: As stated in the Executive Director's report, the NMAA is considering a possible renovation of the Hall of Pride and Honor.

Wrestling State Championship Information: The State Championships will be held on February 18-19, 2011 at the Santa Ana Star Center located in Rio Rancho. Due to changes in alignment & classification, the State Championships will start earlier than prior years to provide additional travel time for those schools that will be leaving after the Championships.

Spirit State Championship Information: The State Championships will take place on March 25-26, 2011 at the Santa Ana Star Center in Rio Rancho.

State Swimming & Diving: The State Championships will be held on February 18-19, 2011 at the Albuquerque Academy Natatorium.

Basketball State Championship Information: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Associate Director, informed that Board that there will be Spirit/Drill competitions during the Basketball State Championships. She explained that the hospitality room at The Pit will have a limit of 75 people in the room at all times.

2012 Basketball Complimentary Entrance Policies: Mr. Mike Phipps, NMAA Board of Director's President, reminded the Board members that upon entrance to the State Championships they will be asked to sign in. He also reminded the Board that during the state basketball championships they must wear their lanyard along with their wristband.

Consider Adjournment: Mr. Phipps asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Green made the motion to adjourn, Mr. Casados seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on March 9, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. (The Pit).