

NMAA Commission Meeting
January 31, 2018
9:00 AM
NMAA Office

Welcome – The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ernie Viramontes at 9:00 am. A roll call was conducted by Ms. Jacquelyne Martinez, NMAA Assistant Director, and the following members were present:

Mr. Tim Host (Small, Area A)
Mr. Larry Chavez (Large, Area A)
Mr. Dickie Roybal (Small, Area B)
Mr. Cooper Henderson (Large, Area B)
Mr. Jory Mirabal (Small, Area C)
Mr. Ernie Viramontes (Large, Area C)
Mr. Dave Campbell (Small, Area D)
Ms. Nickie McCarty (Large, Area D)
Mr. Al Martinez (Non-Public Schools)
Mr. Thomas Mabrey (New Mexico High School Coaches Association)
Mr. Jess Martinez (New Mexico Officials Association)
Mr. Scott Affentranger (New Mexico Association of Secondary School Principals)
Mr. Don Gerheart (Activities Council)
Mr. Tony Rubin (New Mexico State School Boards Association)

14 members present representing a quorum.

Mr. Mike Huston (New Mexico High School Athletic Directors Association)
Ms. Debbie Coffman (Jr. High/Middle School Council)

Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Campbell made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Roybal seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2018 Commission Meeting as presented. Mr. Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Jess Martinez seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

NMAA Directors' Report:

Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, discussed five (5) items on his report: 1) the introduction of the new Commission members - Larry Chavez, Al Martinez, and Tony Rubin; 2) the NMAA Foundation Bowl-A-Thon; 3) the NMAA Foundation scholarship program; 4) the upcoming Winter State Championships; and 5) the Spring sport season officially starting.

NMAA Financial Report:

Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwamer, NMAA Business Manager, discussed two (2) items on her report: 1) financial reports for all Fall Championships; and 2) ticket sales information for all fall championships.

NMAA Activities Report:

Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, presented the activities report. She discussed three (3) items on her report: 1) the numerous state events for activities starting in February; 2) the first ever NMAA sanctioned Educators Rising State Conference; and 3) an update on the nominations and applications for the NMAA Student Leadership Advisory Council.

NMAA Officials Report:

Ms. Pappas presented the officials report. She discussed four (4) items on her report: 1) Winter sports officials appreciation week; 2) the January NMOA State Baseball and Softball Clinic; 3) the NMOA State Clinic & Awards Banquet to be held in July; and 4) a report from the January NMOA Executive Board Meeting.

General Discussion/Information Items

Arbiter Pay: Ms. Pappas discussed arbiter pay. There are continued issues with timely payment of officials in parts of the state. Some schools use ArbiterPay or a paymaster system to alleviate this. The commission recommended that the NMAA continue exploring this option while also providing more information about ArbiterPay to the membership.

Official's recruitment: Ms. Pappas discussed the recruitment of officials and a proposal regarding the use of officiate c-team/sub-varsity contests. This was brought up at the NMOA Executive Board meeting and will be part of the discussion amongst an "Officials Recruitment/Retention Committee" that will be created and will consist of officials, athletic directors, and coaches.

Track – Fully Automated Timing (FAT): Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, discussed fully automated timing (FAT) in track and field at all levels starting in the 2018-2019 school year. This will allow for accurate times to be submitted for state qualifiers while also providing consistency across all classifications. The commission would like this to be placed on the agenda as an action item for the next board of directors meeting.

Scholastic Eligibility: Ms. Marquez discussed scholastic eligibility. She reported that NMAA has posted a document on its website that outlines the changes implemented for the 2018-2019 school year.

State Soccer Championships – venue/facility: Ms. Marquez discussed the venue/facility for the state soccer championships. She reported that there was a scheduling conflict at the Bernalillo Soccer Complex for the Saturday of the state event and that the NMAA is working on alternatives that include UNM, St. Pius, and Las Cruces. Mr. Viramontes recommended that the NMAA consider changing the dates of the event so that it concludes on Friday if that will help with the Bernalillo Complex. The NMAA will take this and all other comments from the commission in consideration before making a decision.

PlayVS: Ms. Marquez discussed PlayVS (e-games). She stated that PlayVS is providing funding to state associations that sanction e-games as an official activity. The NFHS Network will be holding a symposium in February to provide more information about this endeavor.

Middle School / Junior High Championships: Ms. Marquez discussed Middle School and Junior High State Championships. She reported that several other state associations are now sanctioning these events in sports like cross country, track, wrestling, & spirit. The commission provided feedback on the possibility of implementing this in New Mexico and the NMAA will continue to explore this idea.

Mr. Mabrey left the meeting at 9:30 am.

Action Items

Baseball, Basketball, Football, Softball: State Qualifiers: Ms. Marquez asked the commission members to consider adjustments to NMAA bylaws that would update the number of state tournament qualifiers for the 2018-2020 school years in the sports of baseball, basketball, football, and softball. Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Host made a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Chavez seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed (7-6).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
✓		Mr. Tim Host (Small, Area A)
✓		Mr. Dickie Roybal (Small, Area B)
✓		Mr. Jory Mirabal (Small, Area C)
	✓	Mr. David Campbell (Small, Area D)
	✓	Mr. Larry Chavez (Large, Area A)
✓		Mr. Cooper Henderson (Large, Area B)
	✓	Mr. Ernie Viramontes (Large, Area C)
✓		Ms. Nickie McCarty (Large Area D)
✓		Mr. Al Martinez (Non-Public School Representative)
✓		Mr. Jess Martinez (NMOA Representative)
	✓	Mr. Scott Affentranger (NM Assoc. of Sec. School Principals)
	✓	Mr. Tony Rubin (State School Board Association Rep.)
	✓	Mr. Don Gerheart (NMAA Activities Council Member)

Cross Country: State Qualifiers: Ms. Martinez asked the commission members to consider adjusting the number of state qualifiers in the A/2A classification for cross country. Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Roybal made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Chavez seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Football: Days of practice prior to scrimmage: (Referenda Item): Mr. Young asked the commission members to consider adjustments to NMAA Football Bylaw 7.15.1.B.3 so that schools/athletes may participate in a scrimmage after eight (8) days of practice. Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Football: Mid School / Junior High start date for 6/8Man: (Referenda Item): Mr. Billy Burns of Logan HS and Mr. Steve Foust of Floyd HS asked the commission members to consider an adjustment to NMAA Football Bylaw 9.8.4.A.1 so that 6 & 8-Man schools could start practice one week earlier (week #6 instead of week #7). Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Rubin made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Roybal seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

AED/EAP requirements for state event hosts: Mr. Scott Owen, NMAA Assistant Director, proposed to the commission members to require any athletic venue hosting state-level contests to have a venue-specific Emergency Action Plan (EAP) and an accessible Automated External Defibrillator (AED) during state-level contests. Additionally, this would be required for the activities of Bowling, JROTC, and Rodeo. Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Gerheart made the motion to approve the proposal. Ms. McCarty seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Consider Adjournment

Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 am. Mr. Chavez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Jess Martinez seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).