

NMAA Commission Meeting
February 3, 2016
9:00 AM
NMAA Office

Welcome – The meeting was called to order by Mr. Scott Affentranger at 9:00 am. A roll call was conducted by Mrs. Mindy loane, NMAA Graphic Designer/Special Event Coordinator, and the following members were present:

Mr. Todd Kurth (Small, Area A)
Mr. Bruce Carver (Large, Area A) via teleconference
Mr. Dickie Roybal (Small, Area B)
Mr. Dale Fullerton (Large, Area B)
Mr. Gary Schuster (Small, Area C)
Mr. Ernie Viramontes (Large, Area C) via teleconference
Mr. Dave Campbell (Small, Area D)
Ms. Nickie McCarty (Large, Area D)
Mr. Pete MacFarlane (Non-Public School Rep.)
Mr. Cooper Henderson (New Mexico High School Athletic Directors Association Rep.)
Mr. Jess Martinez (New Mexico Officials Association Rep.)
Mr. Scott Affentranger (National Association of Secondary School Principals Rep.)
Ms. Jennifer Viramontes (State School Boards Association Representative)
Mr. Thomas Mabrey (New Mexico High School Coaches Association Rep.)
Mr. Don Gerheart (Activities Council Member) via teleconference
Ms. Debbie Coffman (Jr. High/Middle School Rep.)

16 members present representing a quorum.

Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Schuster made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Mabrey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (16-0).

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2015 Commission Meeting as presented. Ms. Viramontes made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. MacFarlane seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (16-0).

NMAA Directors' Report:

Mr. Bill Cleland, NMAA Associate Director, discussed three (3) items on his report. 1) Mr. Cleland introduced three new Commission members: Mr. Dickie Roybal (Small, Area B), Mr. Dale Fullerton (Large, Area B) and Ms. Nickie McCarty (Large, Area D); 2) explained that Ms. Sally Marquez is in Santa Fe to hear discussion at the Senate Education Committee regarding SB 137 (concussion and length of required sit out time); and 3) congratulated Mr. Scott Affentranger for getting a hole-in-one at Ladera Golf Course as announced Tuesday, January 26, 2016 in *The Albuquerque Journal*.

Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, discussed three (3) items on his report. 1) Winter sports championships taking place during the month of February: State Wrestling February 19-20 at the Santa Ana Star Center in Rio Rancho, State Swimming & Diving also February 19-20 at Albuquerque Academy

Natatorium (gave thanks to Albuquerque Academy for use of their facilities), in March: State Basketball the 8th-12th at the following locations: Bernalillo HS (Class A/2A Quarterfinals/Semifinals), Rio Rancho HS & Cleveland HS (Class 3A Boys Quarterfinals Only), Santa Ana Star Center and WisePies Arena and in April: State Spirit, the 1st-2nd at WisePies Arena; 2) the NMAA Foundation Scholarship applications were due February 2, 2016. Two hundred applications were received for 16 scholarships (Foundation will award \$19,000 in scholarship monies); 3) announced the success of the 8th Annual Foundation Bowl-a-Thon held on January 31, 2016 with 22 teams participating in the event and also announced the 10th Annual Golf Classic to be held June 6, 2016 at the Canyon Club at Four Hills in Albuquerque.

NMAA Activities Report:

Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, discussed four (4) items on her report: 1) Ms. Pappas gave a synopsis of the Activities Council meeting held on January 12, 2016 adding that the minutes of the meeting are available on the Activities page of the NMAA website; 2) announced upcoming Activity events with the full calendar of events also available on the NMAA website; 3) three state music events will be held in April at VVHS (orchestra) and Cleveland HS (choir and band); and 4) WNMU is offering two to three full ride scholarships per NMAA sanctioned activity. The NMAA is currently working with activities representatives to determine criteria for receiving the scholarship with information due to WNMU by February 15th.

Mr. Cleland added that the NMAA is considering the possibility of not sanctioning some activities due to liability issues and the fact that some activities groups are not meeting the requirement that they must attend two NMAA Activity Council meetings per year to qualify for the Activities allocation.

NMOA Report:

Ms. Pappas discussed four (4) items on her report: 1) She announced that the NMOA Executive Board met on Sunday, January 31 where they discussed evaluations and the development of training and curriculum committees in all sports. Baseball will have its first training and development meeting within the next month with the intent of standardization of training from region to region, leading to increased consistency; 2) announced the Basketball "You Make the Call" video training presented by Nathan Acosta & Tony Armijo of Las Cruces; 3) the First Annual Baseball Umpire Educational Forum will be held this weekend in Las Cruces, NM. Ms. Pappas thanked Ernie Viramontes and LCPS for use of a conference room and baseball field. She explained that the conference is modeled after the Basketball Referee Educational Forum, which will be in its 10th year this summer with 30 umpires registered for the event. MLB umpire Doug Eddings will be the lead speaker and trainer; and 4) the NMOA State Clinic to be held on Saturday, July 16th with the confirmed luncheon speaker Scott Twardoski, NBA referee.

General Discussion/Information Items

State Basketball Schedule: Mr. Cleland informed the committee that the state basketball schedule is posted on the NMAA website under State Basketball Championship Information. He stated that the 2A Boys Quarterfinals have been moved to Santa Ana Star Center to accommodate the large number of fans in attendance for these games. He also mentioned that class A boys and girls quarterfinal games will all take place at Bernalillo HS on Wednesday since those teams and fans all travel together.

Legislative Session Update: Mr. Cleland discussed two pending Legislative Bills: SB 137 (Student Athlete Brain Injury Protocols) which would increase the sit out period from 7 to 10 days and HB 180 (Student Athlete Brain Injury Appeals) which would add an appeals process to the NMAA Executive Director and further stating that "no court has jurisdiction over a brain-injury determination until the director has entered a decision."

Classification/Alignment Committee Update: The newly formed Classification/Alignment committee met last week to discuss the data other states use to determine classification and/or alignment and the need to establish a priority list to be used in New Mexico for the process. Mr. Cleland mentioned that Monday Morning News might be one way to list the names of committee members which would allow athletic directors to give feedback to their area representative.

Spirit as an Activity: Mr. Cleland explained that the NMAA will be looking into whether the sport of Spirit would be better served as an activity due to its unique needs. He told the members that the NFHS does not define Spirit as a sport or an activity but leaves it up to each school/district to decide.

Junior All-Star Basketball Game: Mr. Buster Mabrey asked committee members for feedback on whether the NMHSCA should consider providing an education-based Junior All-Star Basketball game in June. A committee would be formed to implement this program. Mr. Bruce Carver has volunteered to head the committee. After tryouts for the team, 20 top players will be selected to play in a game the following day. In order to try out, every student must have a coach recommendation. After discussion, the majority of committee members were in support of the proposal.

Action Items

Volleyball: Modify bylaw 7.23 H: (Referenda Item): Ms. Alissa Wesbrook asked the committee to consider a proposal that pool play games must be 2 games to 25 starting at a score of 4-4 with a cap of 27 for seeding purposes during an invitational tournament and does not count toward match limitations. All tournament matches played during an invitational tournament count towards a team's match limitations. Tournament formats must count a minimum of 2 matches towards a team's match limitations. The rationale for this proposal is that it mirrors the score that is being used for pool play games at the state tournament and will help to create more consistency state-wide. Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Mabrey made the motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Schuster seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (16-0).

Football: Increase 8-man qualifiers to 12 from 8: Mr. Young asked the board to accept a proposal to adjust the number of qualifiers for the 8-Man State Football Playoffs (Bylaw 7.15.4.C) from 8 qualifiers to 12. The change would add one week to the 8-man season, thus pushing back the championship game to Week #22. The rationale for this proposal is that with 21 teams now participating in 8-man football, it is felt that a total of 12 teams should qualify for the post season, similar to Class 3A and 4A football which have 19 and 21 teams, respectively. Currently, the 8-man community believes at least 1-2 state tournament quality teams are being left out of the playoffs. Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Roybal made the motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Fullerton seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (15-1).

Football: Definition of Past History (6-Man and 2A): Mr. Young asked the committee to consider a proposal to adjust the definition of past history as it pertains to determining the host for 6-Man and 2A Football Finals. This proposal would add a note to bylaws 7.15.4.B and 7.15.4.D as follows: past history is defined by the NMAA as any final round playoff game between 2 schools dating back to 1953. The rationale for this proposal is that the 2015 adjustment to the definition of past history affected the 6-Man and 2A classifications differently than the other classes. Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Henderson made the motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Roybal seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (16-0).

Football: 300 Mile Rule (Playoff game date/times): Mr. Young asked the members to consider a proposal to adjust bylaw 7.15.4.F regarding the date/time of state football playoff games (1st Round, Quarterfinals and Semifinals only) by changing the mileage from 300 miles to 250 miles. The rationale for this proposal is that it is felt that the current 300 mile threshold to determine dates/times for state football playoff games is too high. Travel time for trips near, but not over 300 miles, can be quite significant especially during late November/early December when weather can severely impact these trips. Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to accept this proposal. Mr. Schuster made the motion to accept the proposal. Ms. Viramontes seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (15-1).

Tennis: Seeding/Selection for State Tournament: Mr. Butler asked the committee to consider a proposal to remove bylaw 7.21.3.B.2 and replace it as follows: State Tennis Tournament Seeding and Selection process for both team and individual competition will be as per NMAA bylaw 7.11 – Seeding and Selection. Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. MacFarlane made the motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Mabrey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (16-0).

Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 am. Ms. Viramontes made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. MacFarlane seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (16-0).

Next Commission Meeting – May 18, 2016 (NMAA)