

**NMAA Commission Meeting**  
**February 13, 2013**  
**9:00 AM**  
**NMAA Office**

**Welcome** – Meeting called to order by Mr. Lawrence Johnson, NMAA Commission Chairperson, at 9:00 a.m. A roll call was conducted by Mrs. Mindy Ioane, NMAA Administrative Assistant, and the following members were present:

Mr. Todd Kurth (Small, Area A)  
Mr. Wayne Ferguson (Small, Area B)  
Mr. Mike Tillman (Small, Area C)  
Mr. Dave Campbell (Small, Area D)  
Mr. Bruce Carver (Large, Area A)  
Mr. Greg Haston (Large, Area B)  
Mr. Lawrence Johnson (Large, Area C)  
Mr. Pete MacFarlane (Non-Public School Rep.)  
Mr. Marc Baca (New Mexico Officials Association Rep.)  
Mr. Scott Affentranger (National Association of Secondary School Principals Rep.)  
Mr. Thomas Mabrey (New Mexico High School Coaches Association Rep.)  
Mr. Don Gerheart (Activities Council Member)  
Mr. Anthony Gutierrez (Jr. High/Middle School Rep.)  
Ms. Vicki Nelms (New Mexico High School Athletic Directors Association Rep.)

Not present:

Mr. Terry Martin (State School Boards Association Rep.)  
Mr. Kenny Barreras (Large, Area D)

Fourteen members present representing a quorum.

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

**Approval of Minutes from November 20, 2012:**

Mr. Johnson asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2012 Commission meeting as presented. Ms. Nelms made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Gutierrez seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

**Directors' Report:**

Mr. Bill Cleland, NMAA Associate Director, discussed three items during his report: (1) Advisory Referenda Results of the Classification and Alignment Proposals were: 65 – 58 in favor of Proposal A (C3), and Consideration of change to State Championship formats: 80 – 43 in favor of Proposal A (keep public and private schools together for State Championships, (2) the NMAA Foundation will post the names of all scholarship

recipients on the NMAA website on Friday, February 15, 2013. The Foundation received a total of 279 applications and will award \$24,000 to 19 New Mexico student recipients, and (3) presented a letter from the New Mexico Gaming Control Board to Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, concerning compliance with the Bingo & Raffle Act.

Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, discussed three items during his report: (1) The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights issued a directive in January detailing that schools are bound by federal law to ensure that students with disabilities are given equal opportunities to compete in school athletics, and (2) the Football Sports Specific committee meeting in January where they discussed issues concerning the future of football for small schools and agreed to allow the NMAA to move Seeding and Selection to Sunday because of the NMAA staff's conflict with State Soccer and the State Cross Country Championships, and (3) the upcoming State Swimming and Diving Championships to be held at the Albuquerque Academy Natatorium and the State Wrestling Championships held at the Santa Ana Star Center, both over the February 22 – 23, 2013 weekend.

**Financial Report:**

Mrs. Shari Kessler-Schwaner, NMAA Business Manager, presented the 2012-2013 Fall Sports Financial report.

**NMAA Activities Report:**

Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, discussed four items in her report. (1) The Activities Council met on Wednesday, February 12, 2013 and discussed issues concerning transportation of students to activity events. Representative from the PED and Poms and Associates were on hand to answer questions, (2) Activities are seeing an increase in the number of individual participants but a decrease in the number of schools involved, (3) upcoming activity events and (4) Physical and insurance requirements for JROTC, Bowling and Rodeo. The NMAA staff will discuss and look at expanding to other activities and will bring back to the Commission in May, 2013.

**NMOA Report:**

Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, discussed six items in her report. (1) The NMOA Executive Board meeting was held January 27, 2013, (2) a committee has been formed to review the NMOA Constitution, (3) the Executive Board approved the use of the huddle.com website, (4) met with Land Clark, former NMOA official who is spearheading the football evaluation/playoff selection process in NM, (5) Les Williams, retired NMOA Official is traveling across the state to evaluate basketball officials for state tournament consideration, and (6) the NMAA Facebook page has 1561 likes and 3072 views from January 11 -17<sup>th</sup>, receiving an average of 1775 views each week from 7 countries; 48.9% are females and 51.1% are males.

**General Action Items:**

Officials' Pay Adjustment for 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Contests: (Action Item) Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, presented a proposal to compensate officials for 9<sup>th</sup> grade contests played at the junior high level in all sports the same as 9<sup>th</sup> grade contests played

at the high school level, effective July 1, 2013. Mr. Gerheart made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Baca seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

Establish Volleyball Officials' Line Judge Fee Schedule: (Action Item) Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, presented a proposal to establish a fee schedule for line judges for volleyball matches, as no set fee currently exists. Fees would only be paid if a school/district elects to use NMOA officials to serve as line judges and would go into effect on July 1, 2013. Mr. Affentranger made the motion to accept the proposal. Mr. MacFarlane seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

Basketball / Football Varsity Regional Assignors Fee Schedule: (Action Item) Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, presented a proposal to establish a fee schedule for varsity regional assignors that would distribute the funds allowable for each sport based upon the proportion of varsity programs assigned per each region, effective July 1, 2013. Mr. Baca made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Gerheart seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

### **Sports Specific Action Items**

Soccer: Post Season Misconduct Progression Rule Revision: (Action Item) Mr. Joe Butler, NMAA Assistant Director, presented a proposal to revise NMAA Handbook Section 7.17.3B (Misconduct Progression Rule – Post Season) to begin the yellow card “clean slate” after the first round of state games (in the quarterfinal round), versus the end of the regular season as is presently the rule. Mr. Mabrey made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. MacFarlane seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

Soccer: Establish an Annual All-Star Event: (Referenda Item) Mr. Thomas Mabrey, NMHSCA Executive Director, presented a proposal to allow a waiver of NMAA Bylaw 7.6.22D which states, “Games must be held after the academic completion of the respective school year”. The NMHSCA would like to create an annual North versus South All-Star Soccer game for both males and females. The event would take place one week following the Soccer State Championships. Mr. A.J. Herrera, former soccer player and current Santa Fe High School Soccer coach, spoke in support of the proposal. Ms. Nelms made the motion to accept the proposal. Mr. MacFarlane seconded the motion. A vote was taken and failed (1-13).

Tennis: Establish an Annual All-Star Event: (Referenda Item) Mr. Thomas Mabrey, NMHSCA Executive Director, presented a proposal to allow a waiver of NMAA Bylaw 7.6.22D which states, “Games must be held after the academic completion of the respective school year”. The NMHSCA would like to create an annual North versus South All-Star Event in conjunction with the Coleman Vision Professional Championships. Mr. Johnson asked for a motion on this item. No motion was made. Proposal died due to lack of a motion.

Cross Country: Establish an Annual East / West All-Star Event: Mr. Thomas Mabrey, NMHSCA Executive Director, presented a proposal to allow the NMHSCA to create an annual East versus West All-Star Cross Country Event to be held in conjunction with the NMHSCA Coaches Clinic / All-Star week every July. Mr. Jeff Turcotte, St. Pius X High School Cross Country coach, spoke in support of the proposal. Mr. Ferguson made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Baca seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

**General Discussion / Information Items:**

“Electronic devices” during competition: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, informed Commission members that the NFHS has instructed NFHS sports specific committees to establish an Electronic Devices during Competition policy for each sport. The concern is that policies may vary from sport to sport. The NMAA will wait until all NFHS committees have a policy in place, and then will create / modify NMAA policies as needed.

Results of Game Reduction Survey: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, stated that results of the survey were equally divided and asked the members for their feedback on the issue of game reductions, which might be adopted for the 2014-2015 / 2015-2016 block. Ms. Marquez agreed to present the issue to Athletic Directors during the NMAA Annual Meeting that will take place in July 2013. Ms. Marquez will also add this item to the May 29, 2013 Commission meeting for continued discussion.

Status of Classification and Alignment: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, and Mr. Bill Cleland, NMAA Associate Director, informed Commission members that the Board of Directors will decide between proposals C3 and C4 during the February 27, 2013 Board of Directors meeting.

**Consider Adjournment:**

Mr. Johnson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 a.m. A motion was made by Mr. Gearhart. Mr. Gutierrez seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

**Next Commission Meeting: TBD.**