

NMAA Board of Directors' Meeting
February 16, 2022
10:00 a.m.
Hall of Pride and Honor

Welcome - Meeting called to order by Mr. Anthony Casados, NMAA Board of Directors President, at 10:10 a.m. Ms. Alissa Wesbrook, NMAA Assistant to the Executive Director, conducted roll call and the following members were present:

Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A- President)
Mr. Daniel Benavidez (Large Area A)
Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Mr. J.R. Null (Large Area B)
Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
Mr. Lee White (Small Area D) **via teleconference*
Mr. Ralph Ramos (Large School District II)
Mr. Martin Madrid (At-Large)
Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)
Mr. Marvyn Jaramillo (New Mexico School Boards Association)

Not Present:

Dr. Arsenio Romero (Large Area D)
Mr. Scott Elder (Large District 1)

11 members were present representing a quorum.

Approval of the Agenda:

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Jaramillo made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Viramontes seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2021 Board Meeting. Mr. Madrid made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Benavidez seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Affirmation of Board Members:

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to affirm the Board positions for Large School District I, Mr. Scott Elder; Large School District II, Mr. Ralph Ramos, At-Large Member Mr. Martin Madrid and New Mexico School Board Member, Mr. Marvyn Jaramillo. Mr. Benavidez made a motion to affirm the Board positions as presented. Mr. Moyer seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

NMAA Directors Report:

Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, presented the Executive Director's report. She discussed two (2) items on her report: 1) welcomed Mr. Marvyn Jaramillo to the Board of Directors representing the New Mexico School Boards Association; 2) provided a report regarding the NMAA Foundation Scholarship Program and the 2022 application/selection process.

NMAA Financial Report:

Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwamer, NMAA Business Manager, presented the financial report. She discussed two (2) items on her report: 1) provided financial reports for all 2021 Fall Championships; and 2) presented ticket sales information for all 2021 Fall Championships.

NMAA Activities Report:

Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, presented the activities report. He discussed four (4) items on his report: 1) stated all state activity events will take place this semester with most showing an increase in student participation; 2) reported that some state events have already taken place to include One Act Production, Bowling, Student Council and Scholastic Publication; 3) provided information on the state events for BPA, Chess, Educators Rising, Science Olympiad, English Expo, DECA, HOSA, FCCLA, and Mock Trial; 4) gave additional information regarding the NMAA Foundation and its fundraising events (Bowl-A-Thon and Golf Classic) and school grant/support program. Mr. Ramos thanked Mr. Young for the report and asked for the Board to consider establishing a committee to look at how funding from the state legislature could be requested to support activities across New Mexico.

New Mexico Officials Association Report:

Mr. Zac Stevenson, NMAA Commissioner of Officials, presented the officials report. He discussed six (6) items on his report: 1) reported that the NMAA/NMOA has seen 110 first time official registrations this school year; 2) stated the NMOA is working on offering a Sports Officiating curriculum that would provide training for future young officials; 3) provided information regarding the NMOA's recruitment, retention, and training/educational efforts, which included a meeting with the NFL to discuss its Grassroots Pipeline Initiative; 4) reported on the recent NMOA Board Meeting which included discussions pertaining to the NMOA Constitution and possible changes to mileage payments; 5) provided information on officials numbers for all sports; and 6) gave survey data related to current registered officials and their plans to register for next year.

Discussion / Information Items:

Winter State Championships - Ms. Marquez provided an update on the changes made to the 2022 NMAA Winter Sports State Championships. These changes were made to help schools navigate the current overnight travel regulations implemented by the Public Education Department due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She stated that Swimming & Diving will be a two-day event with the boys taking place on Wednesday, February 16th, and the girls taking place on Saturday, February 19th; Only two spectators per athlete will be allowed to attend due to capacity limitations. Wrestling will take place on Friday, February 18th for Classes A-3A and 4A and on Saturday, February 19th for Class 5A and Girls. Basketball will begin with the first round on March 4th-5th at host school sites and continues at host school sites for the Quarterfinals on March 8th-9th; the Semifinals and Finals will take place March 10th-March 12th at The Pit, Bernalillo High School, and the Rio Rancho Events Center. She also mentioned that for this year only, officials for Quarterfinal rounds will be assigned from within the same region due to travel limitations. Lastly, Spirit will take place on March 18-19th with cheer taking place over one day on Friday, and dance over one day on Saturday. The Board supported these changes.

NMOA State Clinic / NMHSCA Summer Clinic - Ms. Marquez discussed the possibility of holding the NMOA State Clinic and NMHSCA Summer Clinic at the same time in future years. This would bring coaches and officials together as was done many years ago and would help with communication between the two groups while also ensuring the same messages were heard. She stated the New Mexico Athletic Directors Association, NMAA staff, and possibly even student leaders could also participate to make the event a larger and more collaborative event for all facets of education-based athletics/activities.

Bylaws Committee Update: Classification and Alignment, Football Scheduling, and Seeding/Selection - Ms. Marquez provided an update on the work of the Bylaws Committee and Classification & Alignment for the future. She stated that the group discussed the possible implementation of formulas pertaining to socio-economic factors and/or success/lack of success to classify schools. This would include moving schools down that lack the success factor in certain sports. The committee will continue to look at these factors pertaining to classification and alignment of schools. She also stated the group discussed the possibility of changing seeding and

selection criteria points where strength of schedule and other changes may be used in an effort to help with scheduling.

Action Items

Wrestling: Boys’ Weight Class Realignment - Mr. Scott Owen, NMAA Assistant Director, presented a proposal to reduce and realign the boys’ wrestling weight class beginning with the 2022-2023 wrestling season. Bylaw 7.24.1.F.4 would be amended to read as follows: There will be thirteen (13) weight classes utilized for boys’ wrestling: 107,114,121,127,133,139,145 152,160,172,189, 215 and 285. Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Ramos made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Wrestling: Regional State Qualifying - Mr. Owen presented a proposal, beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, to use a regional format for state qualifying instead of the district format. Teams would continue to compete in team duals within their standard district alignment but would qualify individually to state through a regional qualifier. Bylaw 7.24.5 would read as follows: State Tournament is held during week #34, State Tournament qualifying shall be determined by placement in the regional tournament or by the wild card procedure, and the number of automatic qualifiers in each region and classification are as follows: Class 5A (27 schools) 1-5A (7), 2-5A (7); Class A/4A (38 schools) 1-A/4A (7), 2-A/4A (7). Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Lackey made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Dempsey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Football: 6-Man Calendar - Mr. Young presented a proposal to consider amending the calendar (Bylaw 7.15.6-Playoff Weeks) for Class 6-Man Football so that brackets for the state tournament are released on the Saturday of Week #17 (one week later). This would add one week to the regular season and push back all rounds of the playoffs one week. Finals would take place on the Saturday of Week #20. Game limitations would be left at 9 but would provide one open/bye week for schools. Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Madrid made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Esports: Bylaw Amendments - Mr. Young presented a proposal to consider amendments to Section 8.3 (Esports Bylaws) of the NMAA Handbook which reflect the current process/procedures utilized by the New Mexico Activities Association in conjunction with its Esports provider. Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Moyer made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Ramos seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Executive Session

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to go into Executive Session at 11:43 a.m. to discuss financial, personnel, and pending/possible legal matters. Mr. Benavidez made the motion to enter into Executive Session. Mr. Ramos seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Yes		Mr. Daniel Benavidez (Large Area A)
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. J.R. Null, (Large Area B)
Yes		Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Yes		Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)

Yes		Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Yes		Mr. Ralph Ramos (Large School District II)
Yes		Mr. Martin Madrid (At-Large Member)
Yes		Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)
Yes		Mr. Marvyn Jaramillo (New Mexico School Boards Association)

Mr. White left the meeting.

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to exit out of Executive Session at 12:57 p.m. Mr. Casados stated no action was taken in Executive Session. Mr. Null made the motion to exit out of Executive Session. Mr. Benavidez seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Yes		Mr. Daniel Benavidez (Large Area A)
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. J.R. Null, (Large Area B)
Yes		Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Yes		Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
Yes		Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Yes		Mr. Ralph Ramos (Large School District II)
Yes		Mr. Martin Madrid (At-Large Member)
Yes		Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)
Yes		Mr. Marvyn Jaramillo (New Mexico School Boards Association)

Consider Adjournment:

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:58 p.m. Mr. Dempsey made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Viramontes seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

The next Board Meeting will be scheduled for June 2, 2022