

NMAA Board of Directors' Meeting
February 17, 2016
9:00 am
NMAA Hall of Pride and Honor

Welcome - Meeting called to order by Mr. T.J. Parks, NMAA Board of Directors President, at 9:36 am. A roll call was conducted by Mrs. Mindy Ioane, NMAA Graphic Designer/Special Event Coordinator, and the following members were present:

Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Mr. Jaime Widner (Small Area B)
Mr. Bill Green (Small Area C)
Ms. Lesa Dodd (Small Area D)
Mr. Todd Resch for Ms. Raquel Reedy (Large School District I)
Dr. Crit Caton (At-Large Member)
Mr. T.J. Parks (Large Area B - President)
Dr. Craig Cummins (Large Area C)
Mr. Gene Parson (Large Area D)
Mr. Stan Rounds (Large School District II)
Mr. Bruce Carver (NMAA Commission Representative)

Not present:

Mr. Kirk Carpenter (Large Area A)
Mr. Terry Martin (NM School Board Association)

Eleven members present representing a quorum.

Approval of the Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2015 meeting. Mr. Rounds made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Parson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to affirm the appointment of Dr. Crit Caton to serve as the At-Large representative for the three-year term which ends on December 31, 2018. Ms. Dodd made the motion to accept the appointment of Dr. Caton. Mr. Rounds seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (11-0).

NMAA Executive Directors' Report:

Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, discussed seven (7) items during her report: 1) State Swimming and Diving will take place February 19-20, 2016 at the Albuquerque Academy Natatorium; 2) State Wrestling Championships will also take place February 19-20, 2016 at Santa Ana Star Center in Rio Rancho; 3) Basketball District Tournaments will be held February 22-27 and first round of State will be held March 4th-5th at various sites throughout New Mexico; 4) the NMAA staff will be on spring break from March 18-28; 5) State Spirit will be held April 1-2, 2016 at UNM WisePies Arena; 6) numerous

Activity events will be taking place during the months of February, March and April; and 7) the State Bowling championships were held on February 13th at TenPins & More in Rio Rancho with Pojoaque Valley High School taking first place in Class A-4A, Los Lunas High School winning in Class 5A and Rio Rancho High School in Class 6A.

Financial Report:

Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwaner, NMAA Business Manager, presented the 2015-2016 Ticket Sales Report.

NMAA Activities Report:

Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, discussed four (4) items in her report: 1) The Activities Council meeting was held on January 12, 2016. The minutes of the meeting are available on the NMAA website; 2) the calendar of Activity events are located on the NMAA website with many competitions being held in the months of February, March, and April; 3) State Orchestra, Choir and Band will be held in April at Volcano Vista High School (orchestra) and Cleveland High School (choir and band); and 4) WNMU is offering 2-3 full ride scholarships per NMAA sanctioned activity. The NMAA has been working with activity representatives to determine criteria for receiving the scholarships.

New Mexico Officials Association Report:

Ms. Pappas discussed six (6) items on her report: 1) The NMOA Executive Board met on Sunday, January 31st discussing Evaluations and development of training and curriculum committees in all sports. They also discussed the intent to standardize training from region to region with baseball having its first training development meeting within the next month; 2) announced basketball's "You Make the Call" video training created by Nathan Acosta and Tony Armijo of Las Cruces; 3) announced Zoom Technology Video Training, which is a pilot program with Artesia and Los Alamos football groups and mentioned the need for more film from coaches for training purposes; 4) the NMOA has seen success in combined coach/officials' training sessions in wrestling and track/field and plans to hold more training in similar formats in the future; 5) the First Annual Baseball Umpire Educational Forum was held the first week of February in Las Cruces with 30 registered umpires in attendance and Mr. Doug Eddings was the lead speaker and trainer. Ms. Pappas thanked Mr. Ernie Viramontes and Mr. Rounds for the use of their conference room and baseball field; and 6) the NMOA State Clinic will be held Saturday, July 16th with luncheon speaker Scott Twardoski, NBA referee.

General Discussion / Information Items:

State Basketball Schedule: Ms. Marquez discussed the changes in the State Basketball schedule, specifically the fact that Class A boys and girls will both play on Wednesday, March 9th at Bernalillo High School and Class 3A boys will play that same night at Rio Rancho and Cleveland High Schools.

Legislative Session Update: Ms. Marquez announced that Senate Bill 137, Student Athlete Brain Injury Protocols passed in both the Senate and House Chambers. She also reported that House Bill 180, Student Athlete Brain Injury Appeal was not heard. Members discussed the implications of these bills.

Classification/Alignment Committee Update: Ms. Marquez discussed the outcome of the Classification/Alignment Committee January meeting. The committee consists of 12 Athletic Directors from around the state. The initial discussion indicated that decisions should be made based on the following three priorities:

1. Class Time – amount of time missed from the classroom.
2. Cost – the cost of transportation and extended stay caused by travel.
3. Education-Based Athletics – keep the focus on education-based athletics.

Spirit as an Activity: Ms. Marquez discussed whether individual school districts should have the option to designate spirit a sport or an activity. The majority of spirit coaches would prefer it be an activity; however some of the larger school districts would like it to remain a sport which helps with Title IX compliance. The members discussed the pros and cons of retaining spirit as a sport.

Private school exemption (co-op): Dr. Gregory Koury, MD, and assistant Silver HS Soccer Coach asked the board to consider allowing Calvary Christian Academy, a small private school in Silver City to co-op in the sport of soccer with Silver High School. The members discussed the implications of allowing this to happen. Mr. Koury presented a letter to the Board members from the director of Calvary Christian, Nils Eng.

Action Items:

Volleyball: Modify bylaw 7.23 H re: Pool Play: (Referenda Item): Ms. Alissa Wesbrook, NMAA Assistant to the Executive Director, presented a proposal that would take effect for the 2016-2017 school year as follows: 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 will mirror the score that is being used for pool play games at the state tournament and will help to create more consistency statewide. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Widner made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Parson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Volleyball: Increase officials' fees for regular season pool play: Ms. Wesbrook presented a proposal that would be effective beginning with the 2016-2017 school year. Officials' fees for pool play matches during invitational tournaments for varsity officials \$22.00, sub-varsity/9th grade officials \$18.00 and for junior high (7th and 8th grade) officials \$14.00. The rationale for this proposal is that the officials' fees for a regular season varsity match are currently \$47.00. This increase would make the fees not quite half of a regular season match and would more closely align pool play fees for invitational tournaments with what the NMAA pays for pool play matches at the state volleyball championships (\$57.00 for a match; \$29.00 for pool play matches). The budget impact of this increase will be \$6.00 per pool play match for each official used. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Widner made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Ms. Dodd seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Football: Increase 8-man qualifiers to 12 from 8: Mr. Dusty Young asked the members to consider a proposal to adjust the number of qualifiers for 8-Man State Football Playoffs 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 (held November 26 in 2016). 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 postseason. This would be 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 field. The Football Sports Specific Committee is in favor of making this adjustment. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Dr. Caton made the motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Rounds seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Football: Definition of past history (6-Man and 2A): Mr. Young asked the Board to consider a proposal to adjust the definition of past history as it pertains to determining the host site for the 6-Man and 2A

Football Finals. This proposal would add a note to Bylaw 7.15.4.B & 7.15.4.D. 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 quite differently than 8-Man, 3A, 4A, 5A, and 6A. Because the semifinal rounds in 6-Man (6-team bracket) and 2A (4-team bracket) are hosted by the higher seed, it is feasible that these “earned games” have a negative impact on a school’s chance to host a championship game in future years. For example, since higher seeded Fort Sumner (#2) hosted Hagerman (#3) in the 2015 2A semifinal round the current definition of past history would force Fort Sumner to travel to Hagerman in 2016 if the two schools met up in the finals. This is exactly what the football community wanted to avoid when proposing the adjustment last spring. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Rounds made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Green seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Football: 300 mile rule (Playoff game dates/times): Mr. Young asked the Board to consider a proposal to adjust the bylaws regarding the date/time of state football playoff games from 300 miles to 250 miles in the 1st Round, Quarterfinals, and Semifinals only (Bylaw 7.15.4.F). The rationale for this proposal is that the current 300 mile threshold used to determine potential dates/times for state football playoff games may be too high. Travel time for trips near, but not over 300 miles can be quite significant especially during late November and early December when weather can cause these trips to become even longer. Mr. Young presented a document titled, “2012-2015 State Football Championships – Distance between Opponents.” Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept this proposal. Mr. Rounds made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Casados seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Tennis: Seeding/Selection for State Tournament: Mr. Joe Butler, NMAA Assistant Director, asked Board members to consider a proposal that will allow State Tennis Tournament Seeding/Selection (both team and individual competition) to take place as per NMAA 7.11 – Seeding and Selection. The rationale for this proposal is that tennis is currently the only seeded sport where the seeding is not conducted by NMAA staff. As per a tennis sports specific committee vote in June 2015, and in the interest of consistency amongst sports, it is recommended that current bylaw 7.21.3.B.2 be removed and be replaced with the above language. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal. Dr. Caton made the motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Green seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Junior All-Star Basketball Game: Mr. Buster Mabrey, Executive Director of the NM High School Coaches Association, asked the Board to consider a proposal to remove Bylaw 7.6.22 C. which reads: “Only graduating seniors are eligible to participate.” This bylaw refers to All-Star games that are recognized and sanctioned by both the NMAA & the NMHSCA. The rationale for this proposal is as follows: 1) Removing the bylaw allows for the creation of sanctioned all-star games involving student-athletes that are underclassmen; 2) the NMHSCA would like to initiate a Soccer game at the annual clinic using incoming seniors; 3) the NMHSCA would like to initiate an incoming senior all-star basketball game for both male and female athletes; 4) will be the way of the future with so many graduated seniors not being allowed to participate in all-star games because of college conflicts. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal. After discussion, Mr. Rounds made a motion to table the proposal asking Mr. Mabrey and the NMHSCA to present a proposal structure, time frame and email links to the Board with information about other states that allow this. Ms. Dodd seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
✓		Mr. Anthony Casados (Small, Area A)
	✓	Mr. Jamie Widner (Small, Area B)
✓		Mr. Bill Green (Small, Area C)
✓		Ms. Lesa Dodd (Small, Area D)
✓		Mr. Todd Resch for Ms. Raquel Reedy (Large School District I)
✓		Dr. Crit Caton (At-Large Member)
✓		Mr. T.J. Parks (Large, Area B)
✓		Dr. Craig Cummins (Large, Area C)
Abstain		Mr. Gene Parson (Large, Area D)
✓		Mr. Stan Rounds (Large School District II)
	✓	Mr. Bruce Carver (NMAA Commission Representative)

Motion tabled (8-2).

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session at 11:41 am. Mr. Rounds made the motion to enter Executive Session. Mr. Parson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to exit out of Executive Session at 12:33 pm. Mr. Caton made the motion to exit Executive Session. Mr. Rounds seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Consider Adjournment:

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:34 pm. Mr. Casados made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Dodd seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Next Board Meeting – June 1, 2016 (NMAA)