

**NMAA Board of Directors Meeting
February 19, 2015
9:00 AM
NMAA Office**

Welcome – The meeting was called to order by Mr. T.J. Parks at 9:50 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. Paul Benoit (Small, Area B)
Mr. Mike Chambers (Small, Area C)
Ms. Lesa Dodd (Small, Area D)
Dr. Crit Caton (At-Large Member)
Mr. Dion Sandoval (NM School Board Rep.)
Mr. Kirk Carpenter (Large, Area A)
Mr. T.J. Parks (Large, Area B)
Mr. Stan Rounds (Large School District II)
Mr. Bruce Carver (NMAA Commission Rep.)

Not present:

Dr. Brad Winter (Large School District I)
Dr. Craig Cummins (Large, Area C)
Mr. Gene Parson (Large, Area D)

10 members present representing a quorum.

Approval of the Agenda:

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Dodd made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Dr. Caton seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

Approval of the Minutes:

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2014 meeting. Mr. Rounds made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Casados seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

Election of Board President:

Mr. Parks asked for a nomination to fill the vacated Board President position. The elected individual will serve the remainder of the term vacated by former president Ms. Janel Ryan. Mr. Carver made a nomination to select Mr. T.J. Parks to serve as the NMAA Board of Directors President. Dr. Caton seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to elect a Vice President of the Board of Directors which had been held by Mr. Parks. Mr. Sandoval made a motion to elect Mr. Casados as Vice President of the Board of Directors. Mr. Rounds seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

Executive Session:

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session at 10:00 am. Mr. Chambers made the motion to enter into Executive Session. Mr. Rounds seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

Mr. Parks announced that no votes were taken and no actions were made during the Executive Session and asked for a motion to reconvene the meeting. Mr. Chambers made the motion to reconvene at 10:40 am. Mr. Rounds seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

NMAA Executive Director's Report:

Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, discussed four (3) items during her report: 1) Ms. Marquez announced the upcoming State Wrestling Championship, to be held at Santa Ana Star Center in Rio Rancho and the State Swimming and Diving Championships to be held at the Albuquerque Academy Natatorium on February 20th – 21st, 2) State Basketball seeding to take place on March 1st at the NMAA office building, and 3) the NMAA's new podcast series which is located near the bottom of the nmact.org homepage.

Financial Report:

Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwamer, NMAA Business Manager, presented the Fall Sports Financial report and 2014-2015 Fall Sports Ticket Sales as of January 23, 2015.

NMAA Activities Report:

Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, announced that the biannual Activities Council meeting was held January 13, 2015 at the NMAA office. Ms. Pappas discussed the Activity events for the month of February which were Student Council, DECA, and BPA as well as the upcoming Bowling, Science Olympiad, English Expo, Speech & Debate and HOSA competitions. Other events include FCCLA, Mock Trial, Scholastic Publications and Science Fair (March), followed by JROTC, Skills USA, Orchestra, Chess, Choir, Athletic Training, Concert Band and TSA in April. She reminded Board members that the calendar of events is available on the NMAA website. Ms. Pappas is working on getting actual student participation numbers from all NMAA sanctioned activities and told the Committee that Tyler Dunkel, NMAA Sports Information Director, will present feature stories about students/staff involved in Activities during the week of an Activities event.

NMOA Officials Report:

Ms. Dana Pappas, NMOA Commissioner of Officials, informed Commission members that the NMOA Executive Board met on Sunday, January 25th, where they discussed the need for evaluations in all sports in all regions. They also discussed the shortage of officials statewide. The revised NMOA Constitution will be in place for the 2015-2016 school year.

The NMOA is working on a recruitment video for officials that will be posted on the NMAA website. Recruitment is a hot topic along with how to get local associations and schools actively involved in the process.

The basketball coaches' feedback on game officials has been very successful. Ms. Marquez' involvement with this process has increased participation. Ms. Pappas mentioned that there is an extreme shortage of baseball umpires. Lea County currently has only one umpire. The NMOA is encouraging Varsity Baseball players to register as officials to be able to umpire sub-varsity games.

The NMOA State Clinic will be held Saturday, July 18, 2015 at the Marriott Pyramid. The Keynote Speaker will be Joey Crawford (NBA) and the structure of the conference is going to change from lecture to panel.

General Discussion / Information Items:

Classification / Alignment: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, presented an updated 3-year Average Enrollment (2012-2015) report which is the next step towards voting on the 2016-17 / 2017-18 Classification and Alignment block. Mr. Bill Cleland, Associate Director, also mentioned schools that dropped in enrollment under the 3-year Average column as a result of current 40-day numbers. He also told the Board that in the future the PED will not be releasing the 40 day counts until much later than they have in the past.

Legislative Session: Ms. Marquez informed the Board members of the issues that have been/are being discussed during this Legislative session: 1) Non-member private schools participating at their public attendance zone school in NMAA athletics and activities; 2) students who participate in athletics to receive PE credit for their participation; 3) additional language is being proposed to the current Concussion Law that would include student training as well; and 4) a Joint Memorial stating that there should be a STEM State championship. This would mean that groups such as Science Fair, Science Olympiad, and Math Bowl would become part of a single Championship.

Contest Rules / Procedures for out-of-state competitions: Ms. Marquez informed the Board members that many states (including California and Colorado) do not allow 8th grade participation, a fact that was not known until recently. The Colorado Association's Executive Director wants the NMAA to sign an agreement that 8th graders will not participate for NM schools when they compete in Colorado. Ms. Marquez will keep the Board informed and asked for feedback concerning this issue.

Out-of-state schools as NMAA members: Ms. Marquez informed the Board members that there have been requests from schools in neighboring states wanting to become members of the New Mexico Activities Association. Board members briefly discussed the issues and concerns that may arise by extending membership to neighboring states.

General Action Items:

Modify bylaw 6.9.3 - Petition Process: (Referenda Item) Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, asked the Board to consider a proposal to add additional wording to bylaw 6.9.3 - Petition Process as follows: A student must be academically eligible prior to submission of the petition (regular or hardship). The rationale behind this proposal is that scholastic eligibility is the fundamental requirement for a student to be eligible. It precedes all other eligibility requirements. Ms. Marquez explained that the NMAA processes many petitions where student-athletes are not scholastically eligible. Athletic directors are asking that these students move through the Appeals/Hardship process. This can be time consuming and costly for a student that is not even eligible.

Mr. Parks asked the Board members for a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Chambers made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Rounds seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

Community charter school attendance zone: (Referenda Item) Ms. Marquez asked the Board members to consider a proposal to allow Community Charter Schools to have an attendance zone radius of 10 miles. She defined a "Community Charter School" as a charter school whose location is over 15 miles

from the nearest attendance zone public school. The rationale for this proposal is that the PED approved an appeal during the 2013-14 school year allowing a home school student to participate at their nearest public school, which in this case was a Community Charter School, not their home attendance zone school. Currently there are two member charter schools that would be considered Community Charter Schools (East Mountain and Moreno Valley). Preceding discussion, Mr. Rounds made a motion to temporarily table the proposal to allow the NMAA staff to seek legal advice on this item. Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

Modify bylaw 7.4 Out of Season Coaching Q & A's: Ms. Marquez asked the Board to consider adding the following questions and answers to Bylaw 7.4 - Out of Season Coaching rule. The rationale for this proposal is to clarify the Out of Season Coaching rules further in regards to community service, fundraisers, and social events. The Q & A's are as follows:

Q: *Does a coach led community service event count toward the 7.5 weekly hours of allowable Out of Season Coaching time?*

A: *Community Service projects led by a coach do not count toward the allowable 7.5 weekly hours of Out of Season coaching time as long as the project is approved by the school administration and is not mandatory. Community Service is defined as unpaid voluntary work intended to help people in a particular area.*

Q: *Does a coach led fundraising event count toward the 7.5 weekly hours of allowable Out of Season Coaching time?*

A: *Fundraising events led by a coach do not count toward the allowable 7.5 weekly hours of Out of Season coaching time as long as the event is approved by the school administration and is not mandatory. A fundraising event is defined as a gathering that generates publicity or raises money for a program.*

Q: *Can community service projects and fundraising events take place on a weekend during the off season?*

A: *Community service projects and fundraising events can take place on a weekend during the off season as long as the project or event is not mandatory and it is approved by the school administration.*

Q: *If a youth camp is used as a community service project or fundraising event, does it count toward the 7.5 weekly hours of allowable Out of Season Coaching time?*

A: *(1) A youth camp held on school days where potential team members 7-12 grade are present does count towards the 7.5 weekly hours of allowable Out of Season Coaching time.*

(2) A youth camp held on school days for grades 6 and below does not count toward the 7.5 allowable Out of Season coaching time as long as potential team members in grades 7-12 are not present.

(3) A youth camp held on non-school days must be for students 6th grade and below and potential team members in 7-12 grades cannot be present.

Q: *Does a coach led social event count toward the 7.5 weekly hours of allowable Out of Season Coaching time?*

A: *A coach led social event/gathering does count toward the 7.5 weekly hours of allowable Out of Season Coaching time and must follow the Out of Season Coaching guidelines which includes "on school days only." A social event/gathering is defined as a planned informal or formal occasion/activity in which people come together as a group.*

The Board members discussed the proposed questions and answers and asked Mr. Carver and Mr. Kenny Barreras, NMAA Commission Large, Area D Representative, for feedback concerning the NMAA Commission's vote. Mr. Parks then asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Carver made the motion to approve the proposal. Ms. Dodd seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (9-1).

Non-travel Assessment removal: Ms. Marquez asked the Board members to consider a proposal to eliminate non-travel assessments for metro area member schools beginning with the 2015-16 school year. The non-travel assessment was originally passed in June of 2004. Only 9 metro area schools are still being assessed the fee (a total of \$11,000) along with their membership dues. The non-travel assessment fee served its purpose at the time when state championships were initially being centralized. However, currently, the only schools now affected are private schools in the metro area. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Casados made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Carver seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (9-1).

Sport Specific Action Items:

Track: FAT requirement for 4A-6A qualifying: Mr. Chris Kedge, NMAA Assistant Director, asked the Board to accept a proposal that would require schools at the 4A-6A level to use FAT timing for all state qualifying track and field meets starting in the 2015-16 school year. The rationale for this proposal is that the use of FAT timing will assure accuracy for all submitted state qualifying times. The FAT system is approximately \$500-\$1,500 when hiring an individual/company for one meet or \$12,000 - \$20,000 to purchase. After discussion, Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Chambers made the motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Rounds seconded the motion. Mr. Chambers made a second motion to have NMAA staff report back to the Board with an update on the possible purchase of a system, along with guidelines/procedures to check-out the system and training/certification procedures. Mr. Casados seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (10-0).

Track: Allow two relay teams per district to qualify for state: Mr. Kedge asked the Board to consider a proposal to allow the top two relay teams at a district track meet, in all classifications, to advance to the state championships beginning in the current season (2015). The current bylaw, 7.22.2 C, only applies to classes 4A-6A. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Chambers made the motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Carver seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

Football: Modify bylaw 7.15.1.C 48 minute competition period (Referenda Item): Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, asked Commission members to consider a proposal to modify bylaw 7.15.1.C whereby a student shall not compete in more than 48 minutes of football competition in a five (5) day period (Monday through Saturday). The proposed NMAA rule is as follows:

Competition Period: A student shall not accumulate more than 8 football experiences within a 5-day period. A football experience is defined as follows:

- Participating in more than one play on offense during a quarter
- or
- Participating in more than one play on defense during a quarter

Per these definitions, a student could accumulate a total of 8 football experiences during any one game.

*NOTE – Special Teams plays do not count towards participation limits / football experiences.

Example: Student A is on both the Junior Varsity and Varsity Football Teams. The student participates in the JV and Varsity games as follows:

Tuesday, Junior Varsity

1st Quarter – 2 plays on offense (1 football experience), 12 plays on defense (1 football experience)

2nd Quarter – 15 plays on defense (1 football experience)

3rd Quarter – 12 plays on defense (1 football experience)

4th Quarter – 1 play on offense (NOT a football experience), 11 plays on defense (1 football experience),

TOTAL FOOTBALL EXPERIENCES = 5

Friday, Varsity

1st Quarter – 10 plays on offense (1 football experience)

2nd Quarter – 15 plays on offense (1 football experience)

3rd Quarter – 14 plays on offense (1 football experience)

4th Quarter – Did not play

TOTAL FOOTBALL EXPERIENCES = 3

TOTAL FOOTBALL EXPERIENCES FOR THE 5-DAY PERIOD = 8

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Rounds made the motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

Adjournment:

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:07 pm. Mr. Carpenter made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Sandoval seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).