

NMAA Board of Directors' Meeting
February 20, 2019
9:00 a.m.
NMAA Hall of Pride and Honor

Welcome - Meeting called to order by Mr. Anthony Casados, NMAA Board of Directors Vice-President, at 9:32 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)
Ms. Lesa Dodd (Small Area D)
Dr. Crit Caton (At-Large)
Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
Ms. Dana Sanders (Large Area D)
Ms. Jennifer Viramontes (New Mexico School Boards Association)
Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)
Mr. Kirk Carpenter (Large Area A)
Ms. Yvonne Garcia (Large School District I) **Representing Ms. Raquel Reedy*
Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)

Not present:

Dr. Gregory Ewing (Large School District II)
Mr. T.J. Parks (Large Area B - President)

Eleven members were present representing a quorum.

Approval of the Agenda:

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, asked for three action items to be removed from the agenda - Football petitions for Questa HS and Foothill HS, and Scholastic Eligibility: 8th graders playing at the High School Level. Ms. Sanders made the motion to approve the agenda as amended. 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 6, 2018 Board Meeting as presented. Ms. Sanders made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Dempsey 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 following positions of the NMAA Board of Directors: two positions held by member school public school districts with largest k-12 enrollment, New Mexico State School Boards Association representative, Chairperson of NMAA Commission, and At-Large Member. Mr. Carpenter made a motion to affirm the positions. Ms. Sanders seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. (11-0)

NMAA Executive Director's Report:

Ms. Marquez discussed four (4) items on her report: 1) recognized outgoing (Jennifer Viramontes) and incoming (Matt Moyer) Board Members; 2) provided an update on the upcoming Winter Sport Championships; 3) reviewed the current legislative session and House Bill 438; and 4) reported on a recent meeting with the new Secretary of Education and plans to work together moving forward – in particular via a co-hosted student leadership conference.

NMAA Financial Report:

Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwamer, NMAA Business Manager, presented two (2) items on her report: 1) provided financial reports for all fall championships; and 2) presented ticket sales information for all fall championships.

NMAA Activities Report: Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Commissioner of Officials, presented four (4) items on her report: 1) stated that the Activities Council met in early January; 2) reported that numerous state activity events would take place over the next two months; 3) provided an update on the status of the NMAA's partnership with Western New Mexico University for Activities' scholarships; and 4) provided an update on the nomination process and work of the NMAA Student Leadership Advisory Council.

New Mexico Officials Association Report:

Ms. Pappas presented two (2) items on her report: 1) provided a recap of the NMOA State Baseball, Softball and Track and Field Clinics; and 2) stated that the NMOA Executive Board met in January.

General Discussion/Information Items:

NMOA: Baseball Umpires' Fees – Ms. Pappas discussed a possible increase in Baseball Umpires' fees based on feedback from the Commission during its last meeting. The increase would start in 2019-2020 and match the same fee given to basketball officials. The Board discussed current officials' shortages in the sport of baseball and the start-up expenses for new umpires. The group asked if the NMAA could consider financial assistance for equipment when these individuals first sign-up with the NMOA.

Tournament Fees: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, discussed the issues with fees currently being charged by host schools to attend tournaments/meets/events during the regular season. There is a concern that these fees are starting to place a financial burden on schools across the state.

Forfeitures / Not Competing Schedules – Ms. Marquez discussed the recent increase in forfeitures and number of schools not completing their schedules. She stated that this is having a significant negative impact on schools due to last minute cancellations.

8th Grade Participation for Class 4A/5A – Ms. Marquez discussed 8th grade participation at the high school level, in particular for larger schools (Class 4A & 5A), and the inequities this allowance can create.

Football: One Site for State Finals – Mr. Young discussed the possibility of one site being used for all state football finals. He stated that continued discussion regarding this matter was supported by the Football Sports Specific Committee and that a slight majority of coaches were in favor of this change. Feedback from the Board included keeping the current process in place so that various communities around the state can host these championships, but recommended the consideration of regional sites if certain venues are not suitable for an event of this size.

Action Items:

Sandia: IB Program – Mr. Brian Weems, Sandia High School Athletic Director, presented a proposal requesting a 3-year extension to the current waiver of NMAA eligibility in relation to IB diploma program students and participation in athletics and activities. Mr. Casados asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Ms. Viramontes made the motion to accept the proposal. Ms. Garcia seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Laguna Acoma HS: Petition to Rejoin football district – Mr. Nicholas Cheromiah, Laguna Acoma High School Athletic Director, presented a proposal to rejoin District 5/6 within Class 3A football for the 2019 season. Mr. Casados asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. No motion was made.

Football: State Qualifiers for 8-Man Playoffs – Mr. Young presented a proposal to consider adjusting the number of qualifiers for the 8-Man State Football playoffs from 12 teams to 8. This would become effective starting with the 2019 season. Mr. Casados asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Dr. Caton made the motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Viramontes seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Football: Individual Game Limitations (Referenda) – Mr. Young presented a proposal to consider adjusting NMAA Football Bylaw 7.15.1 D so that individuals can participate in a maximum of 11 football games during the regular season. Varsity teams would still be limited to 10 total games, sub-varsity to 9 total games (8-Man and 2A-6A classifications only). Mr. Casados asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. No motion was made.

NMOA: Varsity Assignors in All Sports – Ms. Pappas presented a proposal for the New Mexico Activities Association to begin selecting Varsity Regional Assignors for officials in all sports. Mr. Casados asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Dr. Caton made the motion to accept the proposal. Ms. Viramontes seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

NMOA: Game Cancellation/ Reschedule Policy (Referenda) – Ms. Pappas presented a proposal whereas in the event games are cancelled or rescheduled, it is the home school's responsibility to inform the Varsity Regional Assignor or sub varsity assignor and the NMAA, in writing, at least 24 hours in advance unless unforeseen circumstances occur (weather, facility, transportation issue). Failure to notify would result in the school being responsible for paying the contest officials. In addition, the Athletic Director or Athletic Secretary for the host school and the officials assigned are expected to confirm scheduled games with one another approximately three days in advance of each contest. Mr. Casados asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Dempsey made the motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Viramontes seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Basketball: Replay – Ms. Marquez presented a proposal on behalf of Eldorado High School Head Coach and Athletic Director, Roy Sanchez, to adopt the use of replay for the NMAA Basketball State Championships (quarterfinals to finals), in concert with NFHS Rule 2.2.1. This would be in effect immediately for the 2019 state championships. Mr. Casados asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Ms. Sanders made the motion to accept the proposal. Ms. Viramontes seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0)

Volleyball: State Tournament Format – Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to adjust the format for the State Volleyball Championships, beginning in 2019. The new format would eliminate pool play but ensure two full matches for each school via a modified double-elimination bracket. Mr. Casados asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Dr. Caton made the motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Lackey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Seeding/Selection: Ties in District Standings – Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to amend Bylaw 7.11.2 so that in the event of a tie in the regular season district standings, the NMAA Staff may use the six criteria points or any other head to head competition to determine the selection/seeding order between the two teams that are tied. This would go into effect starting with the 2019-2020 school year. Mr. Casados asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Viramontes made the motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Dempsey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Middle School: Transferring to Follow a Coach (Referenda) – Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to amend Bylaw 9.3 R to clarify that students who transfer to follow a coach at the middle school level will be ineligible for high school participation for both the 8th and 9th grade

school years. Mr. Casados asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Dr. Caton made the motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Dempsey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Middle School: Annual Meeting Requirement (Referenda) – Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to amend Bylaw 2.5.1, State Meeting, so that each member school, both high school and middle/junior high, must be represented at the annual meeting by its official voter (or the Superintendent designee) or the school is assessed a fine. Mr. Casados asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Ms. Sanders made the motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Dempsey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Scholastic Eligibility: Cumulative Provision (10th-12th Grade) (Referenda) – Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to amend Bylaw 6.2.1c, Cumulative Provision, whereas only semester grades can be used, and all semester grades starting with the 9th grade year must be utilized (the cumulative provision cannot be used for 9th grade or middle/junior high students.). Mr. Casados asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Ms. Sanders made the motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Viramontes seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Scholastic Eligibility: Cumulative Provision (2.3 GPA) (Referenda) – Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to amend Bylaw 6.2.1c, Cumulative Provision, whereas a student shall have a 2.3 grade point average, based on a 4.0 grading scale, or its equivalent, in order to be eligible using the cumulative provision. Mr. Casados asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Viramontes made the motion to accept the proposal. No second to the motion was made.

Ejection Policy: Fighting (Referenda) – Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to amend Bylaw 7.7.2 in regards to the protocol used when a participant is ejected for fighting (the first ejection for fighting would be treated as a participant's second overall ejection; a second ejection would then be treated as a participant's third overall ejection). Mr. Casados asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Dr. Caton made the motion to table the proposal until the next meeting. Mr. Dempsey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Scrimmage Definition/Bylaws (Referenda) – Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to consider adjusting the definition of a "scrimmage" as listed in Section 14 of the NMAA Handbook to read: Scrimmage - a practice competition between two (2) or more schools where time and score are not kept, admission is not charged, and paid officials are not used (officials must work without pay, are beginning or registered officials, and are secured locally). A team or individual is allowed one (1) scrimmage day per sport which must occur prior to the school's first game/match/contest in that sport. Participants must meet minimum practice requirements before scrimmaging. The pre-season scrimmage does not count towards game limitations. Mr. Casados asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Ms. Sanders made the motion to accept the proposal. Ms. Viramontes seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

NMAA Rules Clinics (Referenda) – Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to make an adjustment to NMAA Bylaw 3.6.1 (and other places throughout the handbook) whereas the deadline for all head coaches to complete the district clinic would be either in person or online at www.nmact.org, depending on the sport. Mr. Casados asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Viramontes made the motion to accept the proposal. Ms. Sanders seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Executive Session:

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session for purposes of discussing financial, legal and personnel matters at 11:33 a.m. Ms. Sanders made the motion. Dr. Caton seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
✓		Mr. Anthony Casados, (Small Area A)
✓		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
✓		Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
✓		Ms. Lesa Dodd (Small Area D)
✓		Mr. Kirk Carpenter (Large Area A)
✓		Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
✓		Ms. Dana Sanders (Large Area D)
✓		Ms. Yvonne Garcia (Large School District I)
✓		Dr. Crit Caton (At-Large)
✓		Ms. Jennifer Viramontes (NM School Boards Association)
✓		Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to exit out of Executive Session at 12:01 p.m. Mr. Viramontes made the motion. Ms. Dodd seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
✓		Mr. Anthony Casados, (Small Area A)
✓		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
✓		Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
✓		Ms. Lesa Dodd (Small Area D)
✓		Mr. Kirk Carpenter (Large Area A)
✓		Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
✓		Ms. Dana Sanders (Large Area D)
✓		Ms. Yvonne Garcia (Large School District I)
✓		Dr. Crit Caton (At-Large)
✓		Ms. Jennifer Viramontes (NM School Boards Association)
✓		Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)

Consider Adjournment:

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:02 p.m. Ms. Sanders made the motion. Mr. Dempsey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

The next NMAA Board of Directors' Meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2019