

**NMAA Board of Directors' Meeting
February 20, 2020
10:00 a.m.
NMAA Hall of Pride and Honor**

Welcome - Meeting called to order by Mr. TJ Parks, NMAA Board of Directors President, at 10:11 a.m. Ms. Alissa Wesbrook, NMAA Assistant to the Executive Director, conducted roll call and the following members were present:

Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Mr. Kirk Carpenter (Large Area A)
Mr. T.J. Parks (Large Area B - President)
Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
Ms. Dana Sanders (Large Area D)
Ms. Yvonne Garcia (Large School District I) **Representing Ms. Raquel Reedy*
Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)
Mr. Terry Martin (New Mexico School Boards Association)

Not present:

Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Dr. Karen Trujillo (Large School District II)
Ms. Lesa Dodd (At-Large Member)

9 members were present representing a quorum.

Approval of the Agenda:

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. White made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Dempsey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (8-0; Mr. Martin abstained).

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2019 Board Meeting as presented. Mr. White made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Dempsey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (8-0; Mr. Martin abstained).

Affirmation of Board Members:

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to affirm the Board positions for Large District II, Dr. Karen Trujillo, and the New Mexico School Boards Association, Mr. Terry Martin. Mr. Viramontes made a motion to affirm the Board positions as presented. Mr. White seconded. A vote was taken and passed. (8-0; Mr. Martin abstained).

NMAA Executive Director's Report:

Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, discussed two (2) items on her Director's report. 1) stated that the State Swimming & Diving and Wrestling Championships will begin February 21 with State Basketball and Spirit to follow in March; and 2) thanked Ms. Wesbrook for her continued support and assistance.

NMAA Financial Report:

Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwaner, NMAA Business Manager, presented the finance report. She discussed two (2) items on her report: 1) provided full financial reports for all fall championships; and 2) presented ticket sales information for all fall championships. Mr. Parks asked for an update on the NMAA's current partnership with OutFront Media Sports. Ms. Marquez stated that it was going very well for both sides.

NMAA Activities Report:

Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Commissioner of Officials, presented the activities report. She discussed four (5) items on her report: 1) stated that the 70th Student Council State Conference was recently held; 2) provided a recap of State Bowling which also took place in February; 3) reported that Science Olympiad, HOSA, DECA and BPA will be held later in the month; 4) provided information on the first Student Leadership regional meetings which were held throughout the state and were very successful; and 5) reported on the recent Student Leadership Advisory Council Meeting and its focus on mental health awareness.

NMAA Officials Report:

Ms. Pappas presented the officials report. She discussed one (1) item on her report: 1) provided information on Officials' numbers for fall and winter sports and stated that spring sports numbers would be finalized soon. Numbers increased in the fall and winter so retention is now a primary focus for those sports.

Discussion/ Information Items

IB Program at Cottonwood Classical - Ms. Marquez asked to move this item to the May Board Meeting at the request of the Cottonwood Classical administration. The Board stated that it would be beneficial to have information from Sandia High School's IB Program at that time.

NMAA State Championship Trophies - Ms. Marquez discussed the current state championship trophy used by the NMAA and possible changes due to the limited supply of sports/activities figurines/toppers. The Board provided positive feedback in looking at other options rather than a figurine.

DragonFly - Ms. Marquez reported that the NMAA is considering a partnership with a company named DragonFly, which would serve as a data entry platform for member schools to submit schedules, rosters, eligibility forms, etc. Feedback included the possibility of linking some of this information to the NCAA Clearing House.

Bylaws Committee Work - Ms. Marquez provided an update on the discussions of the NMAA Bylaws Committee which is made up of athletic directors from around the state. Current items of discussion include future classification & alignment processes, "did not participate" eligibility bylaws, and seeding/selection. Feedback from the Board included collecting data from other states that use similar classification & alignment processes.

Seeding and Selection: SOS and Wins vs. DC - Ms. Marquez reported that several sports specific committees have asked the NMAA to look at the possibility of adjusting the criteria used for seeding/selection. Changes to be considered would be adding a strength of schedule component and using a quality win component (wins versus top 5 in final MaxPreps rankings) in place of the current wins versus district champions criteria point. Ms. Marquez stated that the NMAA Staff would put together sample brackets using the proposed changes so that continued discussion can be generated.

Officials: Invitational Tournaments - Ms. Marquez stated that the NMAA office has recently been made aware of concerns with the process for the selection/assigning and payment of officials for regular season invitational tournaments.

Action Items:

Football: Game Limitations (Referenda Item) - Mr. Cooper Henderson, Artesia High School Athletic Director, 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) *for 8-man and 2A-6A Classifications only. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Carpenter made the motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (7-2).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
	No	Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
	No	Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Yes		Mr. Terry Martin (New Mexico School Boards Association)
Yes		Ms. Yvonne Garcia (Large School District I)
Yes		Mr. T.J. Parks, (Large Area B)
Yes		Mr. Kirk Carpenter (Large Area A)
Yes		Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
Yes		Ms. Dana Sanders (Large Area D)
Yes		Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)

Baseball: Pitching Restrictions (Referenda Item) - Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, presented a proposal to consider changes to NMAA Baseball Bylaw 7.12.1 D to read: at the varsity level, a pitcher may throw 120 pitches in any three-day period. At the sub-varsity level, a pitcher may throw 105 pitches in any three-day period. The pitcher will be allowed to finish a batter if they hit the maximum limit during an at bat, but must exit the game after the batter. This would be for immediate implementation for the 2020 season. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Martin made the motion to accept the proposal. Ms. Garcia seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0). Mr. Parks clarified that this would be in effect immediately as a temporary change approved by the Board, but that the item would still need to be approved via referenda vote for long-term approval.

Sports Medicine: Heat Illness Prevention Protocol (Referenda) - Mr. Young presented a proposal to amend Bylaws 7.6.21 Heat Illness Protocol to read as follows: The athletic trainer and the head coach of each sport and level are responsible for checking the heat index prior to the beginning of any athletic activity. Go to the NMAA website (www.nmact.org) and enter your zip code and the site will calculate the heat index for the current time. You may also use the site to calculate for projected high temperatures. If the heat index is above 104, athletic activities must be postponed until later in the day provided the heat index falls to 104 or less. If the heat index is 100-104, consider modifying practices to remove protective equipment and to shorten practice duration. If the heat index is 95-99, use caution, but you may practice. If the heat index is under 95, the risk of heat illness is present, but the risk is greatly reduced. Water breaks should occur every 20-30 minutes during practice. Do not restrict the intake of fluids. Immersion in cold water is the treatment of choice for management of acute heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Call EMS if you suspect heat illness. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Ms. Sanders made the motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

Ms. Garcia left the meeting.

Soccer: Overtime for State Finals - Mr. Young presented a proposal to consider removing the NOTE in Bylaw 7.17.1.J.1 so that all state tournament soccer matches are limited to two (10) minute sudden victory overtime periods. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. White made the motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (8-0).

Basketball: 3-Person Officiating Crews (Referenda Item) - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to revise current NMAA Bylaw 7.13.2 to read: Officials working NMAA sanctioned events must be registered through the Association. Schools are required to use three (3) NMAA/ NMOA officials for NMAA regular-season sanctioned varsity contests. Two (2) officials may be used at the sub-varsity level. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Moyer made the motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (8-0).

Golf: iWanamaker (Referenda Item) - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to adjust Bylaw 7.16.1.J to read: Players may not use cell phones or other communication devices while playing, except in the following circumstances: Calling a coach or tournament official for a medical or other emergency. Inputting scores for live scoring or other scoring applications such as iWanamaker. When inputting scores, ONE person from each group, prior to the start of the round, will be designated to input scores using their cell phone. Scores should be inputted following the completion of each hole at the next tee box before anyone in the group tees off to start the next hole. If at some point during the round the designated scorer for that group cannot continue to score due to i.e. cell phone battery dies, etc. a new player within the group will take over and the tournament directors should be notified of the change in scorer. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Carpenter made the motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Viramontes seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (8-0).

Mr. Dempsey left the meeting.

Scholastic Eligibility: Section X (Referenda Item) - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to add the following language to Section X of the NMAA Bylaws: If an academically ineligible student in good standing transfers from a public school in his/her attendance zone to a charter, alternative or non-member private school setting, the Student is considered academically ineligible for participation. Students may gain eligibility as per NMAA Bylaw 6.2.1. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. White made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (7-0).

Student Eligibility: J-1 Visa to F-1 Visa (Referenda Item) - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to adjust NMAA Bylaw 6.8.2 A to include students who change their visa status. Additionally, add to Bylaw 6.8.2 B, to include students who return to a member school after completing a formal CSIET program are ineligible for 180 school/ 365 calendar days at the varsity level. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Ms. Sanders made the motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (7-0).

C & A for 2020-2022: Swimming & A-3A Girls Soccer - Ms. Marquez presented the proposed district alignment for Swimming & Diving and A-3A Girls Soccer for 2020-2022. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Carpenter made the motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Viramontes seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (7-0).

Mr. Dempsey returned to the meeting.

Executive Session

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to go into Executive Session at 12:07 p.m. Mr. Carpenter made the motion to enter into Executive Session. Ms. Sanders seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (8-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Yes		Mr. Terry Martin (New Mexico School Boards Association)
Yes		Mr. T.J. Parks (Large Area B)
Yes		Mr. Kirk Carpenter (Large Area A)
Yes		Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
Yes		Ms. Dana Sanders (Large Area D)
Yes		Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to exit out of Executive Session at 1:40 p.m. Mr. Parks stated no action was taken in Executive Session. Mr. Martin made the motion to exit out of Executive Session. Mr. White seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (8-0).

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Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
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Yes		Mr. Terry Martin (New Mexico School Boards Association)
Yes		Mr. T.J. Parks (Large Area B)
Yes		Mr. Kirk Carpenter (Large Area A)
Yes		Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
Yes		Ms. Dana Sanders (Large Area D)
Yes		Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)

Consider Adjournment:

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 p.m. Ms. Sanders made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (8-0).

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2020