

NMAA Commission Meeting
February 22, 2012
9:00 AM
NMAA Office

Welcome – Meeting called to order by Mr. Lawrence Johnson, NMAA Commission Chairperson, at 9:00 a.m. A roll call was conducted by Ms. Jacquelyne Gallegos, NMAA Administrative Assistant, and the following members were present.

Mr. Todd Kurth (Small, Area A)
Mr. Keith Durham (Small, Area B)
Mr. Mike Tillman (Small, Area C)
Mr. Dave Campbell (Small, Area D)
Mr. Phil Sategna (Large, Area A)
Mr. Brian Stacy (Large, Area B)
Mr. Lawrence Johnson (Large, Area C)
Mr. Kenny Barreras (Large, Area D)
Mr. Pete MacFarlane (Non-Public School Rep.)
Mr. Jim Sayre (New Mexico Officials Association Rep.)
Mr. Thomas Mabrey (New Mexico High School Coaches Association Rep.)
Mr. Scott Affentranger (National Association of Secondary School Principals Rep.)
Mr. Don Gerheart (Activities Council Member)
Ms. Vicki Nelms (New Mexico High School Athletic Directors Association Rep.)
Mr. Terry Martin (State School Boards Association Rep.)

Fifteen members present representing a quorum.

Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Johnson asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Barreras seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Approval of Minutes from November 16, 2011:

Mr. Johnson asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2011 Commission meeting as presented. Mr. Stacy made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Gerheart seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Election of Vice Chairperson:

Thomas Mabrey made a motion to accept Mr. Terry Martin as the vice chairperson of the Commission. Scott Affentranger seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0). Terry Martin is the new vice chairperson.

Directors' Report:

Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, discussed four items on her report. (1) Life of An Athlete: Mr. Robert Zayas is conducting code of conduct seminars in Santa Fe, Roswell and Las Cruces this week; (2) Mr. Gary Tripp is currently working

with the scholarship committee selecting the 2012 scholarship recipients; (3) the swimming and diving and wrestling state championships were held on Feb. 17-18, 2012; and (4) state basketball tournament pass sales are about even right now with what was sold last year.

Financial Report:

Mrs. Shari Kessler-Schwaner, NMAA Business Manager, presented the Fall sports revenue and expense reports.

Activities Report:

Ms. Kristin Derr, NMAA Assistant Director, discussed three items during her report. (1) The student council Spring conference; (2) the BPA and DECA State championships that were held Feb. 17-18, 2012; and (3) the upcoming Spring Activities State Championships.

NMOA Report:

Ms. Dana Sanchez, Commissioner of Officials, discussed three items during her report. (1) Officials' numbers were down for the fall season but increased for the winter season; (2) the executive board meeting was held at the end of January 2012; and (3) the possibility of online officials registration.

General Action Items

Athletic Class and Open Gym: (Action Item), (Referendum Item) Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, presented a proposal to eliminate 7.4.4 (Athletic Class) and 7.4.5 (Open Gym) and replace them with "Seven hours of total contact time in a school week inclusive of athletic class, beginning in the 2012-2013 school year."

Currently the NMAA Bylaws allow students to participate in Athletic Classes and Open Gym as well as meeting for one hour a day with a coach to condition for out of season sports. A motion was made by Mr. Barreras to amend the proposal as presented from 7 hours to 7.5 hours of total contact time in a school week inclusive of athletic class. Mr. Sayre seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Adding a middle school representative to the NMAA Commission: (Action Item), (Referendum Item) Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, presented a proposal to consider adding a middle school representative to the NMAA Commission; creating a 16 member commission. The rationale is that middle schools currently do not have representation on the NMAA Commission. A motion was made by Ms. Nelms to amend the proposal to consider adding the chairperson of the middle school committee to the NMAA Commission. Mr. Durham seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Break 10:10 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.

General Discussion/Information Items

Update on 2011-2012 Board of Directors' Goals: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, presented the updated Board of Directors' Goals for 2011-2012. She went over the academic achievement survey results, the PED letter to superintendents, and the NMAA Bylaw exceptions regarding scheduling and attendance in school.

Future Calendar Adjustments: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, discussed potential changes to future NMAA calendars.

District Tournament Financial Reports & Membership dues: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, discussed a potential increase in membership dues, while allowing districts to keep all revenue from the district tournaments.

Seeding and Selection Process: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, discussed the consideration of using power rankings in place of the New Mexico High School Coaches Association Poll as one criteria for seeding and selection.

Mandating a two-week moratorium: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, asked the commission for input regarding a mandated two-week moratorium.

Interschool competition / scrimmages being prohibited in the off-season: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, discussed that this should not be taking place in the off season and is currently a violation of NMAA Bylaw 7.4.4.

Eliminating Bylaw 6.7: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, indicated that there are numerous problems with boarding schools and students transferring from them. This item will be heard at the NMAA Board meeting on March 7, 2012 because it was previously passed by the Commission.

Private schools' potential to play up in a classification for the 2012-2013 and the 2013-2014 classification block: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, discussed that the NMAA has approached several private schools and asked if they would consider moving up in classification, for a two year block (beginning with the 2012-2013 school year) in select sport programs.

Review 40 day enrollment numbers: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, discussed the 2011 40-day enrollment counts.

Review Referenda Results: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, reviewed the referenda results and discussed that starting in the 2012-2013 school year any eighth grader that plays at the high school level must sign a participation form and it must be sent to the NMAA office PRIOR TO PARTICIPATION.

Track & Field Jewelry rule: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, discussed that the NMAA will abide by the NFHS rule book concerning jewelry.

Football: Increasing Class AA playoff teams from 8 to 12: Mr. Randy Adrian, NMAA Assistant Director, discussed revising Class 2A football state qualifying from 8 teams to 12 teams because there are now 24 teams participating in 2A football.

Football: Decreasing Class 3A playoff teams from 12 to 8 teams: Mr. Randy Adrian, NMAA Assistant Director, discussed revising Class 3A football state qualifying from 12 teams to 8 teams because 3A dropped from 22 football teams to 18 teams.

Football: Football Coaches Survey results: Mr. Randy Adrian, NMAA Assistant Director, reviewed the results of a football coaches survey; 78 schools responded to the survey.

Consider Adjournment

Mr. Johnson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:38 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Martin. Mr. Affentranger seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Next Commission Meeting Date will be May 23, 2012 (NMAA)