

**NMAA Commission Meeting**  
**March 2, 2011**  
**9:00 AM**  
**NMAA Office**

**Welcome** – Meeting called to order by Mr. Lawrence Johnson, NMAA Commission Chairperson, at 9:05 a.m. A roll call was conducted by Ms. Mindy Ioane, 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. 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. Scott Affentranger (National Association of Secondary School Principals Rep.)  
Mr. Thomas Mabrey (New Mexico High School Coaches Association Rep.)  
Mr. Don Gerheart (Activities Council Member)

Members not present:

Mr. Gary Frazier (Small Area D)  
Mr. Terry Martin (State School Boards Association Rep.)  
Ms. Taryn Bachis (New Mexico High School Athletic Directors Association Rep.)

Twelve members present representing a quorum.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Mr. Johnson asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Sayre made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Mabrey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

**Approval of Minutes from January 12, 2011:**

Mr. Johnson asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2011 Commission meeting as presented. Mr. Stacy made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Sategna seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

**Directors' Report:**

Mrs. Sally Marquez, NMAA Associate Director, discussed four items during her report: (1) the results of the 2011 State Swimming and Diving Championships, (2) details concerning the outcome of the 2011 State Basketball Seeding and Selection, (3) State Basketball ticket sales, and (4) Cheer and Drill competitions during the Basketball State Championships.

Mr. Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director, discussed the newly formed New Mexico High School Records and Statistics Committee, the chairpersons that will head each sport, and the sports currently lacking chairpersons. He stated that the committee will be focused on improving the historical records of each sport the NMAA sanctions.

Mr. Robert Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, discussed four items during his report: (1) the success of the 2011 State Wrestling Championships, (2) the alignment and classification appeal process during the June 9, 2011 Board of Director's meeting, (3) Public Service Announcements highlighting the benefits of youth participation in athletics as well as promoting the NMAA's Life of An Athlete program and (4) Mr. Pete Shock's induction into the NFHS Hall of Fame for his outstanding coaching career (the 7<sup>th</sup> inductee from New Mexico).

**Financial Report:**

Mrs. Sally Marquez, NMAA Associate Director, along with Mrs. Shari Kessler-Schwaner, presented the current 2010-2011 Sports Financial Reports.

**Activities Report:**

Ms. Kristin Derr, NMAA Assistant Director, discussed the results of the 2011 State Bowling Championships, the upcoming Activity events, and the 2011 State Spirit Championships that will be held on March 25-26, 2011 at the Santa Ana Star Center.

**General Action Items**

There were no general action items.

**Sports Specific Action Items**

**Soccer:** Mr. Klaus Weber, Athletic Director at Bosque School, presenting on behalf of the Soccer Sports Specific Committee, proposed to consider revising the State Soccer Tournament format to two weekends in Albuquerque. This format would allow games to be played on Friday and Saturday of weeks 18 and 19. Along with the proposal, the committee presented the results from a soccer coaches' survey, showing 52 in favor of the current format, while 40 voted in favor of a revised format. Mr. Pete MacFarlane made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Motion died due to lack of a second.

**Soccer:**

Mr. Robert Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, proposed on behalf of the Soccer Sports Specific Committee to consider adding the following soccer bylaw (7.17.1.L.4) to read: *Sub-varsity games are considered an official game at the end of regulation regardless if the game is tied.* Mr. Barreras made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Affentranger seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

**Football:**

Mrs. Dana Sanchez, NMAA Assistant Director, on behalf of the Football Playoff Officials Ad Hoc Committee, made a proposal to revise the selection process of football playoff officials. The committee's proposal is as follows:

- 1) Varsity Regional Assignors will provide a list of eligible officials (at all positions) to the NMAA office prior to September 15<sup>th</sup> each year.
- 2) The list of eligible white hats (Referees) will be sent to coaches by the NMAA office on September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 3) Coaches will rank “acceptable” white hats in order of preference. They must list a minimum of *eight* preferred white hats, with minimally one coming from each region. This list is due back to the NMAA office no later than October 1<sup>st</sup> each year.
- 4) Prior to each playoff contest, if there are no common officials between the two coaches, the NMAA Assistant Director in charge of football will contact the coaches to see if they can agree on a white hat. If there is no agreement, the NMAA office will select the crew for that contest.
- 5) Due to coaches picking multiple acceptable white hats, the NMAA office will have more flexibility in game dissemination/distribution.
- 6) If a coach does not submit a list by the October 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, he/she has no input into playoff assignments.

Mr. Stacy made the motion to accept the proposal with a change to the date that Varsity Regional Assignors are to provide a list of eligible officials to the NMAA office on August 15<sup>th</sup>, rather than September 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. Mr. Durham seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

**Volleyball:**

Mrs. Dana Sanchez, NMAA Assistant Director, presented on behalf of the NMOA Executive Board Volleyball representative, to consider a proposal to standardize the pool play pay scale for volleyball officials. This proposal goes hand-in-hand with discussion from the NMAA Volleyball Sports Specific Committee relative to the standardization of the format for pool play in our state.

The proposed pool play fee schedule was as follows:

\$22.50 per pool play match

This fee is in line with the rate paid at the State Tournament for pool play, which is \$27.00 or half of the match rate for volleyball (\$54) at state. Officials being paid \$22.50 per pool play match in regular season would be half of the regular season match rate of \$45.00.

Mr. MacFarlane made the motion to accept the proposal with a change in the rate of standardized pay from \$22.50 to \$15.00 per pool play match. Mr. Stacy seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

**Break – 10:25 to 10:43 a.m.**

**General Discussion/Information Items:**

NMAA Forfeiture Fees: Mr. Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director, discussed the need to revise NMAA Bylaw 5.1.7., Forfeits at Senior High School Level. He stated that the fees need to be examined and potentially increased to further discourage forfeits.

Team Entry Fees for New Mexico Spirit Competitions: Mr. Kenny Barreras, Albuquerque Public Schools District Athletic Director, discussed the need to establish standardized team entry fees for Spirit and Drill competitions.

NMAA Referenda Results: Mr. Robert Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, presented the results from the February 18 referenda. The results were as follows:

- 69 NMAA member schools were in favor of changing/modifying NMAA bylaw 7.0, 7.15.1B, 7.6.7 – Master Schedule of Practice and Competition Dates in the sport of football, to allow football practice to start on week 6, while 11 schools opposed the change.
- 83 NMAA member schools were in favor of changing/modifying NMAA Track & Field bylaw 7.22.1, E., to allow unlimited entries into events as is currently practiced, while 8 schools opposed the change.

Public and Private Member Schools: Mr. Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director, informed the Commission that an ad-hoc committee has been created at the request of the Board of Directors to discuss issues pertaining to private and public schools. Three private school headmasters and three public school superintendents will meet in the Spring of 2011 to discuss the issues.

Appeal Format: Mrs. Sally Marquez, NMAA Associate Director, discussed the growing number of parents who want to appeal the Eligibility cases on their own, without the school's support. Mrs. Marquez stated that upon recommendation of the NMAA's legal council that these appeals should be heard to allow parents "due process." She recommended that an appeal charge be considered for this category of appeals.

Scholastic Eligibility standards for NMAA Activities and Athletics: Mr. Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director, stated that he has been asked by a coach to consider reviewing and raising the academic standards for eligible student-athletes from a 2.0. Mr. Tripp stated that the minimum grade point requirement was a legislative mandate implemented in 1986.

Possibility of New Mexico serving as the host of the National Association of Sports Officials Summit in 2014: Mrs. Dana Sanchez, NMAA Assistant Director, stated that New Mexico is being considered to host the National Association of Sports Officials Summit in the summer of 2014. She and Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director, will meet with the organizers of the event in May of 2011.

Information regarding New Mexico Officials Association's Executive Board's January 2011 meeting and their discussion regarding pay raise moratorium as well as reduction in officials' fees: Mrs. Dana Sanchez, NMAA Assistant Director, stated that this

moratorium will be placed on the agenda as an action item during the NMOA's Executive Board meeting in July, 2011. This item is widely supported by the NMOA members.

Information regarding the involvement of the New Mexico Department of Public Safety in conducting officials/ background checks at a reduced rate: Mrs. Dana Sanchez, NMAA Assistant Director, informed the committee that the New Mexico Department of Public Safety will begin conducting the background checks on officials beginning July 1, 2011 for \$12 per background check; this is a reduction from the prior rate of \$35 per background. They will conduct 200 background checks per year.

Central Location for 8-Man, Class A and 2A Football: Mr. Randy Adrian, NMAA Assistant Director, informed the committee that a central location for the playoffs is being considered. Mr. Adrian sent a survey to the 8-Man, Class A, and 2A football coaches to consider a one day, one site, central location for those State Championship football games. Of the responses received, 12 schools were in favor, while 8 schools were opposed to the consideration.

6-Man and 8-Man Football: Mr. Randy Adrian, NMAA Assistant Director, informed the committee that the NMAA is one of only four states to play 6-man football. He discussed the possibility of combining 6-man and 8-man teams into one classification of 22 schools.

NMAA Foundation Bowl-A-Thon: Mr. Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director, discussed the very successful Bowl-A-Thon event held on January 30, 2011. Mr. Tripp encouraged participation in the 2011 Foundation Golf Classic, to be held on May 26, 2011 at Albuquerque's Desert Greens Golf Course.

MVP/SAEA Workshop Information: Mr. Bill Cleland, NMAA Assistant Director, along with Mrs. Sally Marquez, NMAA Associate Director, will conduct a workshop on March 30, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid Hotel. Mr. Cleland encouraged participants to bring a laptop as there will be wireless service available.

**Consider Adjournment:**

Mr. Johnson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Barreras. Mr. MacFarlane seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

**Next Commission Meeting Date:**

May 25, 2011