NMAA Board of Directors Meeting  
March 7, 2012  
7:30 A.M.  
The Pit-Letterman's Lounge

Welcome – Meeting called to order by Mr. Mike Phipps, NMAA Board of Directors President, at 7:32 a.m. A roll call was conducted by Mrs. Mindy Ioane, NMAA Administrative Assistant, and the following members were present.

Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)  
Mr. Paul Benoit (Small Area B)  
Mr. Bill Green (Small Area C)  
Mr. Buddy Little (Small Area D)  
Ms. Patricia Parsons (At-Large Member)  
Mrs. Janel Ryan (Large Area A)  
Mr. Mike Phipps (Large Area B - President)  
Mr. Dick Pool (Large Area C)  
Mr. Adan Delgado (Large Area D)  
Mr. Winston Brooks (Large School District I)  
Mr. Stan Rounds (Large School District II)  
Mr. Lawrence Johnson (NMAA Commission Representative)  
Mr. Dion Sandoval (NM School Board Association)  

Thirteen members present representing a quorum.

Approval of Agenda:  
Mr. Phipps asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Little made the motion to approve the agenda with the following changes:

1. Move item VII. Elect NMAA Board President to replace the retiring Mike Phipps as of April 13, 2012, directly after III. NMAA Executive Director’s Report.  
2. Remove General Action Item: Consider Volcano Vista’s State Swimming & Diving sanction of $500 for not abiding by State entry deadlines.  
3. Move General Action Item: Consider a waiver to the 180-day transfer rule for Las Cruces Public Schools for one school year (2012-2013) to the first action item.

Mrs. Ryan seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Approval of Minutes:  
Mr. Phipps asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 29, 2012 meeting. Mrs. Parsons made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Rounds seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Executive Session:  
Mr. Phipps stated that an Executive Session was not needed at this time.
Executive Director's Report:
Mr. Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director, discussed five items during his report: (1) He welcomed T.J. Parks, Superintendent of Hobbs Municipal Schools, to the Board of Directors, as he was elected to fill the remainder of Area B, Large School's term in place of retiring Mr. Mike Phipps; (2) discussed the cost of parking during the State Championships that is being charged by UNM; (3) House Bill 2; $50,000 line item appropriated for the New Mexico Activities Association that would support new Activities at the Middle and High School levels was vetoed by Governor Susana Martinez; (4) Mr. Tripp discussed the Foundation Board of Directors Meeting that was held on March 6, 2012; and (5) he asked that the Board consider allowing NMAA member schools an extra basketball game a season, with proceeds to benefit the NMAA Foundation and to consider a portion of violation fines/sanctions be distributed to the NMAA Foundation.

Elect NMAA Board President to replace the retiring Mike Phipps as of April 13, 2012:
Mr. Phipps asked for nominations from the Board of Directors to serve the remainder of his term as the NMAA Board of Directors President. The term will begin on April 13, 2012 and will expire June 2013. Mr. Brooks submitted a nomination for Mrs. Ryan (Large Area A), while Mr. Pool submitted a nomination for Mr. Green (Small Area C). The official election ballot was prepared by Mr. Robert Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, and was distributed following the Financial Report.

Financial Report:
Ms. Sally Marquez, Assistant Executive Director, presented the NMAA Financial Reports which included: (1) the 2011-2012 Ticket Sales report and (2) the 2011-2012 Financial reports for Fall Sports, as of February 14, 2012.

Mr. Robert Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, and Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Assistant Director of Marketing, distributed and collected the official President election ballots from the Board of Directors to tally the results.

General Action Items:
Consider a waiver to the 180-day transfer rule for Las Cruces Public Schools for one school year (2012-2013): (Action Item) Mr. Stan Rounds, Las Cruces Public Schools Superintendent, asked the Board to consider a one-year waiver of the 180-day transfer rule for current Las Cruces Public School students for the 2012-2013 school year for students to attend Centennial High School. Mrs. Ryan made the motion to approve the request as presented. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Consider eliminating Bylaw 6.7 (Boarding School Students) beginning with the 2012-2013 school year: (Action Item) (Referendum Item) Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, asked the Board to consider a proposal to eliminate Bylaw
6.7 (Boarding School Students) beginning in 2012-2013, where Boarding School students would be treated in the same manner as all other students.

Mr. Lindsey Gilbert, Head of Menaul Schools, presented and discussed Foreign/Boarding School Student Rule concerns.

Mr. Mike Tillman, Athletic Director, Navajo Prep High School discussed his concerns with NMAA Bylaw 6.7.

A motion was made by Mr. Little to accept the request as presented, as a referendum item. Mr. Pool seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Consider revising Athletic Class and Open Gym bylaws to read, "Seven and one half hours of total contact time in a school week, inclusive of sports specific and sports specific condition classes beginning with the 2012-2013 school year." (Action Item) (Referendum Item) presented by Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director. Mr. Benoit made a motion to accept the proposal as presented as a referendum item. Mr. Pool seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (12-1).

Mr. Phipps announced that Mrs. Janel Ryan had been officially elected to the position of NMAA Board of Directors President.

Consider the revision of NMAA financial policies and procedures for volleyball, football and basketball and a 7% increase in NMAA membership dues to begin with the 2012-2013 school year: (Action Item) Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, presented PowerPoint slides displaying district tournament financial reports and membership dues. Mr. Rounds made the motion to allow member schools to keep all volleyball and basketball district tournament revenue, eliminate the travel reimbursement in football and increase membership dues by 10% with an allowance for individual schools to apply for a waiver as needed. Mr. Pool seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Mr. Green had to leave the meeting.

Consider alternative Class B Districts for the 2012-2013, 2013-2104 school years: (Action Item) Dr. Chuck Harrison, Maxwell Schools Superintendent, asked the Board to approve the division of Class B, District 1 into two separate districts for the 2012-2013 and the 2013-2014 school years. District 1 will include Wagon Mound, Des Moines, Maxwell, Roy/Mosquero and the newly formed District 5 will be Temple Baptist, Evangel Christian, Victory Christian, Santa Fe Waldorf, NMSD and Walatowa. Mr. Casados made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Sandoval seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Consider dividing District 1-2A into two four team districts for the 2012-2013, 2013-2014 school years: (Action Item) Mr. Mike Tillman, Athletic Director, Navajo Prep, presented the proposal. Mr. Rounds made the motion to table the proposal until NMAA
staff has an opportunity to present a formal realignment proposal to the Board in June 2012. Mrs. Ryan seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Mr. Phipps asked the Board to elect a Vice-President of the NMAA Board of Directors to fill Mrs. Ryan's term that will expire June 2013. Mr. Phipps recommended Mr. Green for the position. Mr. Rounds made the motion to formally nominate Mr. Green. Mrs. Ryan seconded the nomination. Mr. Little made the motion to elect Mr. Green to fill the position of Vice-President for the NMAA Board of Directors. Mr. Casados seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Mr. Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director presented Mr. Phipps with a plaque and thanked him for his service as the NMAA Board of Directors President.

**General Discussion/Information Items**

Seeding and Selection Process – Consideration of Power Ratings in place of the New Mexico High School Coaches Association Poll as one criteria: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, provided the Board information on The Freeze Ratings and MaxPreps Rankings. She will provide more information during the June 7, 2012 Board of Directors meeting.

Mr. Rounds left the meeting at 9:09 a.m.

Review 40-Day enrollment numbers: Mr. Robert Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, provided the 2011 40-Day enrollment numbers to the Board of Directors.

Review Referenda Results (January 19, 2012): Mr. Robert Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, presented the referenda results of the “8th grade participation form”- 60 in favor, 30 do not favor.

Review estimates for Hall of Pride and Honor updates: Mr. Robert Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, provided two estimates for additional lighting, as well as two estimates for a microphone system for the Hall of Pride and Honor.

**Consider Adjournment:**

Mr. Phipps asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 a.m. A motion was made by Mr. Benoit. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brooks. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

**Next Board of Directors Meeting Dates:**

June 6, 2012 – 9:30 a.m. at the Marriott Pyramid (Retreat)

June 7, 2012 – 9:00 a.m. NMAA (Board Meeting)