

NMAA Commission Meeting  
May 16, 2018  
9:00 AM  
NMAA Office

**Welcome** – The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ernie Viramontes, Commission Chair, at 9:00 am. A roll call was conducted by Ms. Jacquelyne Martinez, NMAA Assistant Director, and the following members were present:

Mr. Tim Host (Small, Area A)  
Mr. Larry Chavez (Large, Area A)  
Mr. Dickie Roybal (Small, Area B)  
Mr. Cooper Henderson (Large, Area B)  
Mr. Ernie Viramontes (Large, Area C)  
Mr. Jory Mirabal (Small, Area C)  
Mr. Dave Campbell (Small, Area D)  
Ms. Nickie McCarty (Large, Area D)  
Mr. Thomas Mabrey (New Mexico High School Coaches Association)  
Mr. Al Martinez (Non-Public Schools)  
Mr. Scott Affentranger (New Mexico Association of Secondary School Principals)  
Mr. Mike Huston (New Mexico High School Athletic Directors Association)  
Mr. Don Gerheart (Activities Council)  
Ms. Debbie Coffman (Jr. High/Middle School Council)

14 members present representing a quorum.

Absent

Mr. Tony Rubin (New Mexico State School Boards Association)  
Mr. Jess Martinez (New Mexico Officials Association)

#### **Approval of Agenda:**

Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Mabrey made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Gerheart seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2018 Commission Meeting as presented. Mr. Affentranger made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Huston seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

#### **NMAA Directors' Report:**

Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, discussed six (6) items on his report: 1) no official financial report at this time as spring sports have not been finalized; 2) ticket sales were good for the Fall and Winter Championships, but projections show that ticket sales for Spring Championships may be down – still, the NMAA stayed within budget for the year with its events; 3) the NMAA Foundation Golf Classic will take place May 21; 4) thanked the hosts that helped with Spring Championships; 5) J.P. Murrietta, NMAA Sports Information Director, joined the NMAA staff in March and is doing a great job highlighting the students of New Mexico; and 6) thanked the Commission members for their hard work and recommendations.

#### **NMAA Activities Report:**

Ms. Dana Pappas, Deputy Director, presented the activities report. She discussed four (4) items on her report: 1) most of the NMAA's state activity events took place during the spring semester – an overview of each is available on the website; 2) the NMAA's two Music Events (Choir & Concert Band) took place in April at Cleveland High School and both were again a huge success; 3) there has been an update to the NMAA Student Leadership Handbook which will be sent out to the membership over the summer; and 4) two staff members and two students will again be attending the National Student Leadership Summit hosted by the NFHS in Indianapolis in July.

### **NMAA Officials Report:**

Ms. Pappas presented the officials report. She discussed five (5) items on her report: 1) Officials' Appreciation Weeks were held in the fall, winter, and spring to recognize individuals registered with the NMOA – the program was a great success; 2) the NMOA Executive Board met and is working on Constitutional Revisions; 3) the NMOA has partnered with ex-NFL VP of Officiating Mike Pereira to launch a program called "Battlefields to Ballfields" in New Mexico; 4) the summer will again feature numerous basketball and football camps for NMOA officials; and 5) the 2018 State Clinic & Awards Banquet is set for July.

### **General Discussion/Information Items**

**Officials' Pay:** Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, discussed officials pay and how New Mexico compares to other states. New Mexico is below the regional average in most sports. She discussed a possible pay increase for 2019-2020 for all officials. The Commission was in favor of this and felt that each sport should see some sort of raise, especially for those that are well below regional averages.

**District Schedule / Postseason Eligibility:** Ms. Marquez discussed postseason eligibility and district schedules. There would be a possible change in the Bylaws so teams would have to play the full district schedule instead of just playing a team once – with forfeits not counting towards requirement. The Commission was in favor of a proposal that would address this and recommended that it be sent to the Board of Directors as an action item.

**Spirit as an Activity:** Ms. Marquez discussed Spirit being classified as a sport or activity. She also asked the Commission if this should be left up to the schools to decide. After some discussion, no official recommendation came from the group.

**Out of Season Coaching:** Ms. Marquez discussed out of season coaching. She asked for feedback from the group as to if these bylaws should be looked at so that high school coaches could spend more time with their student-athletes instead of individuals from outside their program. The group discussed this issue quite extensively and provided pros and cons for both the current system and possible changes.

**Governance Structure:** Mr. Young discussed the new governance structure of the NMAA based upon changes to Classification & Alignment for 2018-2020. He stated that there are eleven (11) schools that were previously considered "small schools", but are now designated as a "large school" because of their placement in Class 3A of a five-class system.

**Football: Seeding Criteria / Strength of Schedule:** Mr. Young discussed football seeding and selection for the state championships and possibly adding a strength of schedule criteria component. The group discussed the issue and provided pros and cons for this update. In the end, the Commission stated that the current seeding/selection process has worked well and no changes are needed at this time.

### **Action Items**

**Wrestling: 2018-2020 State Qualifying Numbers:** Mr. Owen asked the commission to consider adjusting state qualifying numbers in all classes due to the new classifications and alignments approved for the 2018-2020 block. Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Chavez made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Host seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

**Wrestling: State Seeding Criteria:** Mr. Owen asked the commission to consider raising the minimum number of matches required in order to earn the winning percentage criteria for state seeding from 12 matches to 16 matches. Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Ms. McCarty made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Affentranger seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

Wrestling: A-3A Medalists: Mr. Owen asked the commission to consider reducing the number of state medalists in the 3A classification from four (4) to three (3). Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Chavez made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

Football: Officials for Class 3A: Mr. Young asked the commission members to consider adjusting NMAA Football Bylaw 7.15.2.C which currently sets the number of required officials for Class 3A football contests at four (4). Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion. Mr. Henderson made the motion to keep the Bylaw as is. Mr. Mabrey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

eSports as an Activity: Mr. Young asked the commission members to consider adding eSports as a sanctioned NMAA activity. Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Affentranger made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Huston seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed (9-5).

Yes/For	No/Against	Commission Member Name
✓		Mr. Tim Host (Small, Area A)
	✓	Mr. Dickie Roybal (Small, Area B)
✓		Mr. Jory Mirabal (Small, Area C)
	✓	Mr. David Campbell (Small, Area D)
✓		Mr. Larry Chavez ( Large, Area A)
	✓	Mr. Cooper Henderson (Large, Area B)
✓		Mr. Ernie Viramontes (Large, Area C)
✓		Ms. Nickie McCarty (Large Area D)
✓		Mr. Al Martinez (Non-Public School Representative)
	✓	Mr. Thomas Mabrey (NMHSCA Representative)
✓		Mr. Mike Huston (NMHSASA Representative)
	✓	Ms. Debbie Coffman (Jr. High/Middle School Council)
✓		Mr. Scott Affentranger (NM Assoc. of Sec. School Principals)
✓		Mr. Don Gerheart (NMAA Activities Council Member)

Mr. Larry Chavez (Large, Area A), left the meeting.

Track and Field: Ms. Marquez asked the commission to consider placement of the Class 3A State Track and Field Championships with the A-2A or 4A-5A meet. Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion. Mr. Roybal made the motion to place the Class 3A State Track Meet with the Class A-2A State Meet. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed (8-5).

Yes/For	No/Against	Commission Member Name
	✓	Mr. Tim Host (Small, Area A)
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Track and Field: Fully Automatic Timing (Class 3A): Ms. Marquez asked the commission members to consider adjustment to NMAA Track Bylaw 7.22.1.L so that Fully Automated Timing (FAT) is a requirement for state qualifying meets at the Class 3A level (along with Class 4A & Class 5A). Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion. No initial motion was made. Mr. Campbell then made a motion that Class 3A would not be required to use Fully Automatic Timing at state qualifying meets. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Sportsmanship Bylaw Updates: Ms. Marquez proposed to the commission that a new bylaw (7.7.4) be added to the NMAA Handbook to address sportsmanship issues. The new bylaw would read as follows: A school is responsible for the conduct of its team, coaches, students, and fans at any interscholastic event in which the school is participating. The Executive Director may invoke penalties upon a member school for actions which violate the principle of "Compete with Class." These actions include, but are not limited to, hindering the normal progress of an event, creating situations that may lead to the restriction or discontinuance of interscholastic competition, or endangering or threatening the personal safety of any individuals involved. Unsportsmanlike conduct by coaches, students, and or spectators may cause the school or individual to be placed on probation or suspension for 180 school days/365 calendar days. Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Host made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Henderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Undue Influence: Ms. Marquez proposed to the commission to adjust NMAA Bylaws 1.8, 6.1.3, and 7.4.3 - Undue Influence of a Student. Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Campbell made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Gerheart seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Prior to adjournment, Mr. Viramontes recognized NMAA Assistant Director Joe Butler for his service throughout his lengthy career as an educator and congratulated him on his retirement.

### **Consider Adjournment**

Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 am. Mr. Campbell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Mirabal seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

**Next Commission Meeting – September 5, 2018 (NMAA)**