NMAA Commission Meeting
May 22, 2013
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 Mrs. Mindy Ioane, NMAA Administrative Assistant, and the following members were present.

Mr. Todd Kurth (Small, Area A)
Mr. Wayne Ferguson (Small, Area B)
Mr. Mike Tillman (Small, Area C)
Mr. Dave Campbell (Small, Area D)
Mr. Bruce Carver (Large, Area A)
Mr. Greg Haston (Large, Area B)
Mr. Lawrence Johnson (Large, Area C)
Mr. Pete MacFarlane (Non-Public School Rep.)
Mr. Marc Baca (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)
Ms. Vicki Nelms (New Mexico High School Athletic Directors Association Rep.)
Mr. Terry Martin (State School Boards Association Rep.)
Mr. Kenny Barreras (Large, Area D)

Not present:
Mr. Anthony Gutierrez (Jr. High/Middle School Rep.)

Fifteen members present representing a quorum.

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

Approval of Minutes from February 13, 2013:
Mr. Johnson asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2013 Commission meeting as presented. Mr. Gerheart made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Tillman seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Directors’ Report:
Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, discussed four items during his report: (1) The success of the nine spring State Championship events where 60 State trophies were awarded to 43 schools; (2) He expressed gratitude to Rio Rancho Public Schools, Albuquerque Public Schools, and Albuquerque Academy for use of their facilities during the State Championship events; (3) Farmers Insurance Group has renewed their corporate
contract with the NMAA, as well as their annual contribution in the amount of $10,000 for student scholarships; and (4) US Bank recently awarded $15,000 to six NMAA member schools in their Rally 4 Rewards program.

Mr. Bill Cleland, NMAA Associate Director, discussed two items during his report: (1) MaxPreps Accessibility: Fall and Winter sports teams have been rolled over from the 2012-13 school year to the upcoming 2013-14 school year. Coaches / AD’s may begin entering schedules for those teams onto MaxPreps for the 2013-14 school year, and (2) per NMAA bylaws, Commission Representatives should be elected on a 3 year rotation in equal numbers (i.e. 3 positions every year). However, this year there are four terms set to expire. An adjustment will need to be made to the expiration date of one Commission term in order to comply with the bylaws.

**Financial Report:**
Mrs. Shari Kessler-Schwaner, NMAA Business Manager, presented the 2012-2013 Ticket Sales Report and the Income and Expense Report for the 2012-2013 Winter Sports.

**NMAA Activities Report:**
Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, presented the outcome of the following 19 Spring Activities Events:

- **NMAASC State Conference** (February 14-16) at Atrisco Heritage High School
  Over 1100 student participants.

- **State Bowling** (February 16) – Ten Pins in Rio Rancho
  Class 5A – Manzano High School
  Class 4A – Piedra Vista High School
  Class A-3A – Pojoaque High School

- **BPA** (February 18-20)
  State Champion: Fort Sumner High School

- **DECA** (February 21-23)
  Chapter Banner (1st Place): Rio Rancho High School

- **English Expo** (February 23)

- **Science Olympiad** (February 23) in Socorro
  C Division Winner: Albuquerque Academy
  700 students from over 50 Middle and High schools competed.

- **Speech & Debate** (February 28-March 3)
  1st Place – East Mountain High School
  2nd Place – Albuquerque Academy
  3rd Place – La Cueva High School
HOSA (February 28-March 3)

FCCLA (March 7-9)

Skills USA (April 3-6)

Science Fair (April 4-5) in Socorro
Over 250 Middle and High Schools students competed.

Scholastic Publications (April 13) at Highland High School
1st Highland High School
2nd (tie) Sandia Prep & Volcano Vista

State Chess (April 18-19) Marriott Pyramid
Class A/2A Results: Co-Champions – Bosque and Academy for Technology & the Classics;
3rd Place – ABQ Institute for Math & Science (AIMS)
Class 3A Results: 1st Place – Taos; 2nd Place – St. Michael’s; 3rd Place – Silver
Class 4A/5A Results: 1st Place – ABQ Academy; 2nd Place – Los Alamos; 3rd Place – Rio Rancho

Athletic Training Challenge (April 21) at Cibola High School
105 Participants
Team Placing by those with a full 4-member team:
1st Rio Rancho 280
2nd Gadsden 235
3rd Santa Teresa 231.75

JROTC
April 11-13 @ ABQ Convention Center (Rifle Portion)
April 27 @ Piedra Vista HS (Drill & Physical Fitness Portion)
Precision Rifle Results: 1st – Volcano Vista
Sport Rifle Results: 1st – Kirtland Central
Physical Fitness Results: 1st – La Cueva
Drill Results: 1st – Grants

TSA (April 28-30)

Show Choir (April 5) at Rio Rancho High School
Middle School/Junior High – Eisenhower Middle School Five Star
High School Treble – Eldorado High School 24 Carat
High School Mixed – Eldorado High School Gold Rush

Choir (April 19-20) at Cleveland High School
MS Eisenhower Middle School
1A-2A Victory Christian School  
3A New Mexico School for the Arts  
4A Piedra Vista High School  
5A Carlsbad High School

Band (April 26-27) at Cleveland High School  
MS Eisenhower Middle School  
A-AA Capitan High School  
AAA Cobre High School  
AAAA Deming High School  
AAAAA Eldorado High School

Ms. Pappas also thanked Rio Rancho Public School band students, Cleveland High School theater students and the Cleveland High School staff for their assistance with the Show Choir and Band Championships. She also discussed the upcoming Rodeo Championships which will be held June 5-9, 2013 in Lovington, New Mexico.

New Mexico Officials Association Report:  
Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director/Commissioner of Officials, discussed four items on her report: (1) Number of individuals registered with the NMOA increased from 1718 to 1760, however, registrations decreased from 2399 to 2317, showing that multi-sport officials are declining; (2) NMOA State Clinic will be held Saturday, July 27, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency Downtown in Albuquerque where they will be celebrating “60 Years of Great Calls”; (3) Basketball camps will be held in Pojoaque, Albuquerque and Las Cruces and are considering a proposal to require attendance at camps for state tournament eligibility; and (4) NASO Summit Theme has been developed for 2014, “A Whole New Ballgame: Safe, Secure and By the Rules.”

Sports Specific Action Items:  
Change diving DD requirement for State meet and qualifying (Action Item): Mr. Bill Cleland, NMAA Associate Director, discussed a change to the DD requirement as stated in NMAA Bylaw 7.20.2.F, from 12.0 to 12.2 for boys and from 11.0 to 11.2 for girls. Mr. Cleland stated that since NMAA Bylaw 7.20.2.B requires the Sports Specific Committee to set the DD for diving, no action is required on the part of the Commission.

8-Man Football Change to 3 Districts (Action Item): Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, discussed a proposal to add a third district to 8-man football to better balance the districts and to align 8-man football with 11-man Class A football, which will also have 11 teams participating in the 2013-14 school year. The rational is that with the addition of Alamo Navajo to 8-man football, 8-man schools should be split into 3 districts, the same number of districts as 11-man Class A football, which has the same number of teams competing. There would be no change to the number of teams qualifying for State (6), but there would be one more district champion. Mr. Martin made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Tillman seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).
General Action Items:
Physical Fitness & Participant Insurance for JROTC, Bowling, and Rodeo (Action Item) (Referendum Item): Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, asked the Commission to consider a proposal that would require JROTC, bowling, and rodeo participants to follow the same physical fitness and insurance regulations as listed for athletes in Sections 6.15 and 6.16 of the NMAA Handbook, which would be implemented for the 2013-2014 school year. The rational is that the activities of JROTC, bowling and rodeo all require participants to physically exert themselves in competition. Because of this, students participating in these activities should go through the same physical examination process as those students that participate in sports. Additionally, participation in each of these activities can result in injury and therefore students should be required to be covered by accident/injury insurance. Mr. Martin made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Gerheart seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Establishment of an NMAA transgender policy (Action Item) (Referendum Item): Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, discussed the need for the NMAA to adopt a policy in regards to transgender participation in athletic competition as recommended by the NFHS. Ms. Marquez presented New Jersey’s Transgender Policy and read through other Association’s policies. Discussion was opened to the committee for feedback on this issue. Mr. Barreras made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Ms. Nelms seconded the motion. Following additional discussion the committee took a break from 10:20 to 10:30 a.m. Discussion resumed and a roll call vote was taken to accept the proposal as presented:

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Total: 6 Yes, 8 No, Motion failed (6-8).
Mr. Martin made a motion to accept the proposal with the removal of 1.c and the term “a driver’s license or” from 1.a. Mr. Baca seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken:

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Motion passed (10-5).

**General Discussion/Information Items:**

**Tennis:** Determine District Champion/tie-breaking procedures: Mr. Kenny Barreras, Director, APS Athletics, discussed four issues needing to be addressed in regards to the Tennis State Championships: (1) How districts determine team championships, head-to-head versus end-of-season tournaments; (2) establishment of statewide team tiebreaker system; (3) a system of determining match/event limits such as the points system used in wrestling, and (4) the selection process of teams to advance to the state tournament.

Rules clinic discussion, online or face-to-face: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, discussed the fact that after the 2012-2013 face-to-face basketball rules clinics that were conducted in various locations statewide, it was determined that the majority of issues arose within the Albuquerque area. The area of most concern is in the sport of soccer, having only one referee making all calls on the field. She would like research conducted to determine if more than one official on the field can make calls. She discussed the importance of the rules clinic where rule changes and points of emphasis are presented. She asked for feedback from the committee and the need for all coaches, including, assistants, JV, etc. to take the clinic.

Selection / Seeding discussion: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, discussed the positive outcome of the current process and asked for feedback from the committee members.
NFHS electronic devices policy: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, discussed the new policy adopted by the NFHS and answered questions concerning the policy.

Status of Classification and Alignment: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, discussed the upcoming Board of Directors meeting which will be held on June 5, 2013 at which time issues related to the Board approved C4 proposal will be discussed.

AD’s July/August meetings: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, discussed the mandatory AD’s meeting which will take place on July 30, 2013 and the ability to get credit for attendance by viewing the meeting online after-the-fact. This will help alleviate problems concerning attendance for the mandatory NMAA meeting. The Rookie AD’s meeting will still take place in August.

Foundation Golf: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, reminded the committee members of the upcoming NMAA Foundation Golf Classic that will be held on June 3, 2013 at the Tanoan Golf Course.

Consider Adjournment: Mr. Johnson thanked all committee members for their dedication to the Commission and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m. A motion was made by Mr. Barreras. Mr. Haston seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Next Commission Meeting will be held on September 11, 2013 at the NMAA Office.