

NMAA Board of Directors' Meeting
June 1, 2022
9:00 a.m.
Hall of Pride and Honor

Welcome - Meeting called to order by Mr. Anthony Casados, NMAA Board of Directors President, at 10:46 a.m. Ms. Alissa Wesbrook, NMAA Assistant to the Executive Director, conducted roll call and the following members were present:

Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A- President)
Dr. Kim Mizell (Large Area A)
Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Mr. J.R. Null (Large Area B)
Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
Mr. Lee White (Small Area D) **via teleconference*
Dr. Arsenio Romero (Large Area D)
Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)
Mr. Ralph Ramos (Large School District II)
Mr. Martin Madrid (At-Large)
Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)
Mr. Marvyn Jaramillo (New Mexico School Boards Association)

13 members were present representing a quorum.

Mr. Casados welcomed the NMAA's newest Board Member, Dr. Kim Mizell of Bloomfield Schools.

Approval of the Agenda:

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Jaramillo made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2022, Board Meeting. Mr. Dempsey made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Ramos seconded the motion. A was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

NMAA Director's Report:

Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, presented the Executive Director report. She discussed five (5) items on her report: 1) provided dates for the regularly scheduled 2022-2023 NMAA Board Meetings; 2) welcomed to the Board of Directors Dr. Kim Mizell of Bloomfield Schools, representing Large Area A and congratulated Mr. J.R. Null on his retirement and thanked him for his service on the NMAA Board; 3) stated that the 2021-2022 school year was a great success for athletic and activity participants across New Mexico; 4) reported that the NMAA Foundation distributed over \$55,000 to the students of New Mexico during 2021-2022 in the form of scholarships and school grants, also referencing the upcoming Golf Classic Fundraiser; and 5) announced that she will become the next NFHS Board of Directors' President starting July 1st for the 2022-2023 school year.

NMAA Financial Report:

Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwamer, NMAA Business Manager, presented the financial report. She discussed two (2) items on her report: 1) presented ticket sales reports for 2021-2022 State Championships with comparisons to the NMAA's last full year (2018-2019); and 2) provided financial reports for all 2021-2022 State Championships.

2022-2023 Budget - Ms. Marquez presented the 2022-2023 Budget. Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the budget as presented. Mr. Viramontes made the motion to approve. Dr. Mizell seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. (13-0)

NMAA Activities Report:

Ms. Tammy Richards, NMAA Assistant Director, presented the activities report. She discussed two (2) items on her report: 1) reported that all activities have concluded for the 2021-2022 school year with participant numbers increasing in most; and 2) provided information on the next Activities Council Meeting scheduled for August/September.

New Mexico Officials Association Report:

Mr. Zac Stevenson, NMAA Commissioner of Officials, presented the officials report. He discussed five (5) items on his report: 1) he provided an update on the development of a curriculum for officials' training and education; 2) stated the NMOA Board approved several constitution/bylaw revisions which will be effective July 1st; 3) reported the 2021-22 NMOA Hall of Fame Class will be honored this summer at the NMOA State Clinic; 4) reported that DragonFly training sessions will take place throughout the summer with some virtual and some in-person by region; and 5) provided information regarding a possible change to officials' fees pertaining to mileage and per diem - included was an analysis for several schools/programs based on officials' expenses for 2021-2022. Mr. Casados requested an analysis for smaller school district in rural areas.

Discussion/Information Items:

Mr. David Osuna addressed the Board of Directors. He expressed his concerns regarding recent changes to Regional Officials' Assignor policies/procedures.

Scheduling / DragonFly - Ms. Marquez provided an update on Dragonfly and schedule submission via this new platform. In-person trainings will be held in June at locations across the state and in July during the NMHSCA Clinic. She also stated that Mr. Dillon Metzgar, NMAA Assistant to the Commissioner of Officials, is available for those in need of additional one-on-one training.

Classification & Alignment Update - Ms. Marquez provided an update on the work of the Bylaws Committee regarding Classification & Alignment. She stated that the group is reviewing the use of possible success factors to move schools down in classification. The committee and NMAA staff will continue to explore this and other options for future classification and alignment proposals. The Board provided positive feedback regarding these new possibilities.

Track & Field: FAT for Class A-3A - Ms. Marquez reminded the Board that Fully Automatic Timing will be a requirement for all track and field state qualifying events in Class A-3A beginning next school year (2022-2023). Mr. Casados requested information regarding this new requirement and best practices in purchasing/outsourcing these systems be sent to Class A-3A member schools.

Softball: State Tournament Venue - Ms. Marquez requested feedback regarding the State Tournament Venue for future State Softball Championships. She stated possible issues regarding ADA compliance, parking, and spectator accommodations may warrant a change from the current facilities. Feedback included possibly alternating small school/large school championship sites or placing them on separate weekends, along with consideration to move the event to other areas across the state.

Spring Championships: Calendar - Ms. Marquez asked for feedback regarding a possible shift with the Spring Sport Championship calendar that would place events 1-2 weeks later. She referenced conflicts with other UNM events, including graduation at The Pit which causes severe logistical challenges for State Baseball and Softball. She also mentioned that the Soccer State Championships and the Mountain West Conference Soccer Championships have conflicting dates for the 2022 season, and thus the NMAA is currently looking at alternatives for this Fall.

Action Items:

Football: State Qualifiers for 8-Man Playoffs - Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, presented a proposal to consider adjusting the number of qualifiers for the 8-Man State Football playoffs from 6 to 8 starting with the 2022-2023 school year (2022 football season). Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Dempsey made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Null seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Football: Coaches Education Update - Mr. Young presented a proposal to update bylaw 7.15.1.K Coaches Education to read as follows: Football Coaches must complete the NFHS Learn Football Tackling Course. It is the responsibility of the school district to ensure that each coach has this certification, which is current for four (4) years from the date of completion. This requirement is for ALL middle school/junior high and high school coaches. *Note- Coaches that have previously taken the USA Football Heads Up Course do not need to take the new course until their original certification expires (expiration is 4-years from the date of completion). Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Madrid made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Jaramillo seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Wrestling: Standardized Point Value for District Duals - Mr. Scott Owen, NMAA Assistant Director, presented a proposal to add to the match/meet limitation rule a standardized point value for conducting each district's district dual meet requirement. 7.24.1.D Match/Meet Limitation- Each varsity team/individual is limited to thirty-two (32) competition points prior to the regional tournament. Competition points are as follows (See bylaw 9.8.12.B for middle school/junior high competition limits): Dual Meet- 1 point; Double Dual/Triangular-2 points; Quad/One-Day Tournament-3 points; District Dual Meet Requirement for districts with 6 or fewer schools- 3 points; Two-Day Tournament with Single or Double Elimination-4 points; District Dual Meet Requirement for districts with 7-8 schools- 4 points; District Dual Meet Requirement for districts with 9 or more schools -5 points and Two-Day Multi-School Event with No/Limited Elimination- 6 points. Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Dr. Mizell made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Dempsey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

NMHSCA: All Star Games - Mr. Buster Mabrey, NMHSCA Executive Director, presented a proposal to edit Bylaw 7.6.22.C and eliminate Bylaw 7.6.22.D (which stated "games must be held after the academic completion of the respective school year unless specific games are approved by the NMAA Commission & NMAA Board of Directors on a yearly basis). Bylaw 7.6.22.C shall now read as follows: Only current seniors that are academically eligible per NMAA standards and on pace to graduate may participate. Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Ramos made the motion to amend the language to Bylaw 7.6.22 C to read: only current seniors that are academically eligible per NMAA standards and on pace to graduate, or have graduated, may participate. Mr. Dempsey seconded the amended motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

COVID Handbook Addendum: For 2022-2023 - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to consider adoption of the NMAA Handbook Addendum on a temporary basis for the 2022-2023 school year. The addendum includes amendments and clarifications to NMAA Bylaws due to COVID-19 and may be adjusted throughout the year to address state and/or local public health guidelines. Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Moyer made the motion to approve the proposal. Dr. Mizell seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. (13-0)

Bylaw 7.7.4: Add Administrative Presence - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to require administrative presence at all home contests. Also, recommend administrative presence at potentially contentious away contests. Bylaw 7.7.4 Crowd Control shall 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 basic responsibility for crowd control lies with the host administration who are required to be in attendance. It is recommended that the visiting school provide administrator/faculty presence for any potentially contentious contests. The Executive Director may invoke penalties upon member school for actions, which violate the principles 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 (See also 7.6.23). Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Moyer made the motion to amend the proposal to Bylaw 7.7.4 Crowd Control to 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 basic responsibility for crowd control lies with the host

administration who are required to provide an administrator or administrator's designee to be in attendance. It is also recommended that the visiting school provide an administrator or administrator's designee for any potentially contentious contests. In both situations, the administrator and/or administrator's designee cannot be a coach participating in the event. The Executive Director may invoke penalties upon member school for actions, which violate the principles 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 (See also 7.6.23). Dr. Mizell seconded the motion as amended. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. (13-0)

Seeding/Selection: Tiebreaker Criteria Change - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to update Bylaw 7.11.3 NOTE to read as follows: In the event of a tie among criteria points, head-to-head will be used to break the tie. If there is no head-to-head competition, or the head-to-head competition is tied, then MaxPreps Strength of Schedule shall be used to break the tie. Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Null made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Lackey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Powerlifting: Sanction as Sport - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to continue to sanction Powerlifting as an NMAA sanctioned activity in 2022-2023 and elevate it to a sport in 2023-2024. Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Dr. Romero made a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Viramontes seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Out-Of-Season Coaching: New Bylaws - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to consider adjustments to NMAA Bylaws within Section 7.4 and 7.5 that reflect the recent changes to out-of-season coaching that were passed by the Board and via Referenda in May. Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Ramos made the motion to amend the proposal and remove 7.5.3 A from the Bylaws. Dr. Mizell seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Executive Session:

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to go into Executive Session at 12:57 p.m. to discuss financial, personnel, pending/possible legal matters, and to review the end of year Executive Director evaluation with Ms. Marquez. Mr. Dempsey made the motion to enter into Executive Session. Mr. Jaramillo seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Anthony Casados, Board President (Small Area A)
Yes		Dr. Kim Mizell (Large Area A)
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. J.R. Null (Large Area B)
Yes		Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Yes		Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
Yes		Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Yes		Dr. Arsenio Romero (Large Area D)
Yes		Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)
Yes		Mr. Ralph Ramos (Large School District II)
Yes		Mr. Martin Madrid (At-Large)
Yes		Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)
Yes		Mr. Marvyn Jaramillo (New Mexico School Boards Association)

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to exit out of Executive Session at 1:34 p.m. Mr. Casados stated no action was taken in Executive Session. Mr. Madrid made the motion to exit out of Executive Session. Mr. Ramos seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Anthony Casados, Board President (Small Area A)
Yes		Dr. Kim Mizell (Large Area A)
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. J.R. Null (Large Area B)
Yes		Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Yes		Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
Yes		Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Yes		Dr. Arsenio Romero (Large Area D)
Yes		Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)
Yes		Mr. Ralph Ramos (Large School District II)
Yes		Mr. Martin Madrid (At-Large)
Yes		Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)
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Executive Director Contract

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the Executive Director’s contract as presented. Dr. Mizell made the motion to approve the renewal of the Executive Director’s contract through the 2024-2025 school year and also include a 10% raise. Mr. Null seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Consider Adjournment:

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:36 p.m. Mr. Elder made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Jaramillo seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2022