

**NMAA Board of Directors' Meeting**

**June 2, 2016**

**9:00 am**

**NMAA Hall of Pride and Honor**

Welcome - Meeting called to order by Mr. T.J. Parks, NMAA Board of Directors President, at 9:08 am. A roll call was conducted by Ms. Jacquelyne Martinez, NMAA Project Coordinator, and the following members were present:

- Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
- Mr. Jaime Widner (Small Area B)
- Mr. Bill Green (Small Area C)
- Ms. Lesa Dodd (Small Area D)
- Dr. Crit Caton (At-Large Member)
- Mr. Terry Martin (NM School Board Association)
- Mr. Kirk Carpenter (Large Area A)
- Mr. T.J. Parks (Large Area B - President)
- Dr. Craig Cummins (Large Area C)
- Mr. Gene Parson (Large Area D)
- Mr. Bruce Carver (NMAA Commission Representative)

Not present:

- Ms. Raquel Reedy (Large School District I)
- Mr. Stan Rounds (Large School District II)

Eleven members present representing a quorum.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Parson made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2016 meeting. Mr. Green made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Casados seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

**Executive Session:**

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session for purposes of discussing pending litigation and confidential personnel matters at 9:13 am. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
✓		<b>Mr. Anthony Casados, (Small Area A)</b>
✓		<b>Mr. Jamie Widner (Small Area B)</b>
✓		<b>Mr. Bill Green (Small Area C)</b>
✓		<b>Ms. Lesa Dodd (Small Area D)</b>
✓		<b>Dr. Crit Caton (At-Large Member)</b>
✓		<b>Mr. Terry Martin (NM School Board Association)</b>

✓		<b>Mr. Kirk Carpenter (Large Area A)</b>
✓		<b>Mr. T.J. Parks, Board President (Large Area B)</b>
✓		<b>Dr. Craig Cummins (Large Area C)</b>
✓		<b>Mr. Gene Parson (Large Area D)</b>
✓		<b>Mr. Bruce Carver (NMAA Commission Representative)</b>

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to exit out of Executive Session at 9:53 am. Mr. Carpenter made the motion to exit from Executive Session. Mr. Green seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

<b>Yes/For</b>	<b>No/Against</b>	<b>Board Member Name</b>
✓		<b>Mr. Anthony Casados, (Small, Area A)</b>
✓		<b>Mr. Jamie Widner (Small Area B)</b>
✓		<b>Mr. Bill Green (Small, Area C)</b>
✓		<b>Ms. Lesa Dodd (Small, Area D)</b>
✓		<b>Dr. Crit Caton (At-Large Member)</b>
✓		<b>Mr. Terry Martin (NM School Board Association)</b>
✓		<b>Mr. Kirk Carpenter (Large Area A)</b>
✓		<b>Mr. T.J. Parks, Board President (Large Area B)</b>
✓		<b>Dr. Craig Cummins (Large Area C)</b>
✓		<b>Mr. Gene Parson (Large, Area D)</b>
✓		<b>Mr. Bruce Carver (NMAA Commission Representative)</b>

#### **NMAA Executive Directors' Report**

Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, discussed three (3) items on her report: 1) The success of the 2015-2016 school year, with attendance up in every sport except football; 2) sportsmanship was great this year, the kids are definitely Competing with Class; and 3) special thanks to both the NMAA staff and NMAA Board on a great and successful year.

#### **Financial Report:**

Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwamer, NMAA Business Manager, presented the NMAA Finance Report for the 2015-2016 school year.

#### **Finance Action Item:**

2016-2017 NMAA Budget: Ms. Marquez asked the Board to approve the 2016-2017 NMAA budget as presented. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposed NMAA budget for the 2016-2017 school year with an amendment to the budget to increase the Executive Directors' salary by \$10,000. Mr. Green made a motion to accept the proposed budget with the amendment. Mr. Widner seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

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

Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, discussed two (2) items on her activities report: 1) Increase in participation in all activities for the 2015-2016 school year; and 2) the status of the Student Leadership Advisory Council.

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

8<sup>th</sup> grade participation at high school: Ms. Marquez and Board members discussed the pros and cons of allowing 8<sup>th</sup> grade participation at the 4A-6A classification level. In the 1A-3A classifications, not

allowing 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to participate at the high school level could hurt certain sports and teams because they may not be able to field a full team. At the 4A-6A classification, 8<sup>th</sup> grade students could be displacing high school students on a team. Allowing 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to participate at the high school level is a decision that is currently left up to local schools/districts.

Non-member private school participation: Ms. Marquez stated that currently, non-member private schools are not allowed to participate with or against NMAA member schools. She asked Board members if the NMAA should consider creating a bylaw to allow students attending a non-member private school to participate in sports at their home attendance school, just as home school and charter school students are allowed to do.

New sports/activities: Ms. Marquez discussed the current bylaw that requires at least 10% of NMAA member schools, which is currently 16 schools, to participate before adding a new sport/activity. With various activities looking for NMAA sanctioning, Ms. Marquez wanted to know if the Board was still in favor of this threshold.

Remove sanctioning of Rodeo: Ms. Marquez discussed NMAA sanctioning of rodeo. The feeling is that NMAA sanctioning was requested solely for the purpose of allowing students to participate and receive an excused absence from school. Concerns are that many rodeo teams do not have a school sponsor, which is required for NMAA activities and that rodeo has not been in attendance at NMAA Activities Council meetings for several years. Ms. Marquez stated that in looking at results from the State Rodeo competition, there were no schools listed only individual students. Many rodeo competitions are held on a Sunday and most school districts do not allow competitions on Sundays. The Board discussed the pros and cons of continued sanctioning of rodeo.

SB137 Non-Scholastic Athletic Certification form: Mr. Scott Owen, NMAA Assistant Director, discussed the certification form for schools to use in order to comply with SB137. The form would be signed by the Non-Scholastic entity to ensure they are complying with SB137 while using a school facility. The signed form would be kept on file at the school/district in order to verify the entity is in compliance and familiar with SB137. This would only be a requirement for non-scholastic youth groups utilizing a school facility. The Board discussed how the NMAA could communicate this information to member schools.

Football: Emergency Medical Personnel requirement: Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, requested the Board's opinion on requiring the presence of Emergency Medical crews at football games. The current NMAA bylaw requires Emergency Medical crews to be on call, but not present, at all athletic events. The Board discussed the pros and cons of the current bylaw.

Basketball: State Tournament Officials' Selection: Mr. David Osuna discussed the selection process for officials for the state basketball tournament.

Mr. Carpenter left the meeting at 11:01 am.

Break: 11:03 am - 11:15 am

**Action Items:**

Football: Adjust schedule submission deadline (7.15.1.F): (Referenda Item): Mr. Young presented a proposal to adjust the deadline within bylaw 7.15.1.F for football schedule submissions from April 15 to May 15. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Dr. Caton made the motion to accept

the proposal as presented. Dr. Cummins seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

Football: Post game protocols for spectators: (Referenda Item): Mr. Young presented a proposal to consider limiting field access for spectators at the conclusion of football contests. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Green made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

Football: USA Football Heads Up Coach Certification: (Referenda Item): Mr. Young presented a proposal to require football coaches become nationally certified through USA Football's Heads Up Program. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Green made the motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Widner seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

Baseball: Determining home team for State quarterfinals: Mr. Young presented a proposal to adjust NMAA baseball bylaws (7.12.4.B.5 & 7.12.4.C.6) so that the higher seed serves as the home team during the quarterfinal round of the State Baseball Championships. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Dr. Caton made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Carver seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Parson rejoined the meeting at 11:20 am.

Baseball: Individual Game Limitations-Courtesy Runner: (Referenda Item): Mr. Young presented a proposal to consider adding verbiage to baseball bylaw 7.12.1.C (game limitations) regarding courtesy runners. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept this proposal. Mr. Green made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Carver seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

Baseball: Individual Game Limitations-Innings of Play: (Referenda Item): Mr. Young presented a proposal to consider adding verbiage to bylaw 7.12.1.C (game limitations) regarding innings of play. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept this proposal. Mr. Carver made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Parson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

Baseball: Use of wood / composite wood bats: (Referenda Item): Mr. Young presented a proposal to consider mandating the use of wood/composite wood bats in the sports of baseball. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept this proposal. Mr. Martin made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Widner seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

Baseball: Pitching restriction regulations: (Referenda Item): Mr. Young presented a proposal to consider the implementation of new pitching restriction regulations (bylaw 7.12.1.D). Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept this proposal. Mr. Green made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Widner seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

Mr. Martin and Mr. Widner left the meeting at 11:30 am.

Golf: Modify state qualifying formula to include slope: Mr. Bill Cleland, NMAA Associate Director, presented a proposal to include the use of slope rating to determine individual/team qualifying score requirements at each event. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept this proposal. Ms. Dodd made a

motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Parson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (8-0).

Swim/Dive: Small school team champion: Mr. Cleland presented a proposal to continue with a combined A-6A state championship but to award a championship trophy to the A-4A high point team in each gender. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept this proposal. Mr. Green made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Parson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (8-0).

Wrestling: Require the use of Track Wrestling software: (Referenda Item): Mr. Owen presented a proposal to require Track Wrestling (TW) software for all in-state varsity individual tournaments. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept this proposal. Mr. Carver made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Dr. Caton seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (8-0).

Wrestling: Adjustment to 4A and 5A State Qualifying: Mr. Owen presented a proposal to adjust 4A and 5A state qualifying numbers due to the new classification and alignment and the recent addition of Pojoaque to the sport. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept this proposal. Mr. Green made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Ms. Dodd seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (8-0).

Health / Safety Audit: Mr. Scott Evans, NMAA Assistant Director, presented a proposal to require all member high schools to complete a Student-athlete health and safety self-audit annually. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept this proposal. Ms. Dodd made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Parson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (8-0).

Bylaw 3.10.2 – District Handbooks: (Referenda Item): Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to strike sentence two in bylaw 3.10.2 requiring district handbooks to be submitted annually to the NMAA. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept this proposal. Dr. Caton made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Ms. Dodd seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (8-0).

Bylaw 3.11.2 – Contract Agreements (emailing): (Referenda Item): Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to add electronic correspondence (email) as a binding contract to bylaw 3.11.2. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept this proposal. Mr. Green made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Ms. Dodd seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (8-0).

Bylaw 6.4.1 – Open Enrollment Choice: (Referenda Item): Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to allow students making a bona fide resident move into the state of New Mexico for the first time an open enrollment choice. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept this proposal. Mr. Green made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Casados seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (8-0).

Bylaw 6.6.2.G – Practice Regulations: (Referenda Item): Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to strike section G from bylaw 6.6.2 which disallows practice for reasons other than academic ineligibility. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept this proposal. Mr. Green made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Parson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (8-0).

Bylaw 6.7.4 and 6.7.5 – Parent to Parent: (Referenda Item): Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to disallow the parent to parent provision for students transferring within the same or adjoining districts.

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept this proposal. Mr. Carver made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Dr. Cummins seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (8-0).

Bylaw 6.8.1 – Eligibility Retention: (Referenda Item): Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to require a student who achieves initial eligibility as a bona fide resident or transfer student to remain at that school for 180 school/365 calendar days to utilize the eligibility retention exception. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept this proposal. Mr. Carver made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Parson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (8-0).

Bylaw 6.9.2.B – Did not Participate: (Referenda Item): Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to allow 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> grade transfer students and boarding students to utilize the “did not participate” exception. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept this proposal. Mr. Green made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Carver seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (8-0).

Bylaw 7.4 – Out of Season Coaching: (Referenda Item): Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to amend the out-of-season coaching bylaw to include only 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders who have made an open enrollment choice, to participate in out-of-season practices. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept this proposal. Mr. Casados made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Green seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (8-0).

Bylaw 8.1.7 – Home School Teams: (Referenda Item): Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to re-amend bylaw 8.1.7 (Home School Student Eligibility) to allow home school “teams” to participate in activities but with all former restrictions in place. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept this proposal. Dr. Caton made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Carver seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (8-0).

**Consider Adjournment:**

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:08 pm. Mr. Green made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Parson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (8-0).

**Next Board Meeting – September 21, 2016 (NMAA)**