

## **NMAA Board of Directors' Meeting**

**June 5, 2025**

**9:00 a.m.**

### **NMAA Hall of Pride and Honor**

Welcome - Meeting called to order by Mr. Anthony Casados, NMAA Board of Directors President, at 9:03 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)  
Mr. Cody Diehl (Large Area A)  
Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)  
Mr. Gene Strickland (Large Area B) *\*Via Teleconference*  
Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)  
Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)  
Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)  
Mr. Todd Bibiano (Large Area D)  
Mr. Ignacio Ruiz (Large Schools District II)  
Mr. Martin Madrid (At-Large)  
Mr. Scott Affentranger (NMAA Commission)  
Mr. Gary Tripp (New Mexico School Boards Association)

12 members were present representing a quorum.

Not Present:

Dr. Gabriella Duran-Blakey (Large School District I)

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

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Moyer made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Diehl seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

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

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2025, Board Meeting. Mr. Madrid made a motion to approve of the minutes as presented. Mr. Diehl seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

#### **Large Area D Board Seat:**

Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Executive Director, stated Mr. Bibiano was recently elected to the Board of Directors in place of Mr. Hilario Chavez; however, his term is set to expire in December 2025. Based on similar situations from previous years, Mr. Casados recommended that Mr. Bibiano be allowed to forgo the election process in the fall and remain on the Board for the next three-year term. Mr. Madrid made a motion to approve. Mr. Tripp seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

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

Mr. Young discussed seven (7) items in his report: 1) welcomed to the Board of Directors representing Large Area D, Mr. Todd Bibiano, Superintendent of Moriarty-Edgewood Schools; 2) reported that Spring championships were successful and thanked Albuquerque Academy and Cleveland High School for their assistance in hosting some of those championships; 3) stated that the new format in softball and the use of Los Altos Softball fields as a new venue were very

well received; 4) reported that the NMAA/NMOA/NMHSCA Summer Conference is set to take place at the Albuquerque Convention Center July 18-19<sup>th</sup>; 5) recognized Mr. Paul Benoit, Mr. Bill Green and Mr. Dickie Roybal as the newest inductees into the NMAA Hall of Fame and reported that each will be recognized at the summer conference; 6) reported that the NFHS summer meeting will take place at the end of June; and 7) thanked the NMAA staff for all of their hard work throughout the year.

### **NMAA Financial Report:**

Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwamer, NMAA Business Manager, presented the NMAA Financial Report. She discussed three (3) items in her report: 1) discussed the 2024-2025 financial reports; 2) stated fall sports reports have been finalized, winter and spring sports are still pending settlements; and 3) presented ticket sales for fall and winter sports. Mr. Casados recommended investigating ways to decrease rental fees and parking fees for state championship venues.

### **2025-2026 NMAA Budget**

Mr. Young presented the NMAA Budget for the 2025-2026 school year. Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Tripp made a motion to approve. Mr. White seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

### **NMAA Activities Report:**

Ms. Julie Sanchez, Assistant Director, presented the activities report. She discussed two (2) items in her report: 1) reported 19 activities hosted their state events this spring concluding with state FFA held in Las Cruces, all of which were a great success; and 2) thanked all NMAA activity liaisons for their hard work throughout the school year.

### **NMAA Foundation Report:**

Ms. Sanchez presented the NMAA Foundation report. She discussed three (3) items in her report: 1) reported that the NMAA Foundation awarded and recognized 69 scholarship winners during the 2024-2025 school year and awarded approximately \$100,000 in scholarships and school grants; 2) stated the NMAA Foundation Golf Tournament will take place on Monday June 16, 2025, at Tanoan Country Club; and 3) reported that the NMAA Foundation has launched its own website.

### **New Mexico Officials Association Report:**

Mr. Zac Stevenson, Director of Officiating Services, presented the officials report. He discussed several items in his report: 1) reported that RefReps, through Mr. Robert Abney, is working with the NMPED to create a high school officiating course that would be counted as a PE credit for graduation; 2) discussed the current registration waiver policy and possible amendments to ensure the policy functions as intended; 3) reported that they are currently working to get official evaluations imbedded directly in Dragonfly; 4) reported on a proposal from the NMOA Board regarding state tournament officials and the rules behind conflict of interests; 5) reported that the NMOA Board has selected their 2025 Hall of Fame members; 6) discussed the need for a consistent fee policy with regards to the cancelation of games; 7) discussed the need for a more formal sub-varsity assigner selection process and fee schedule; 8) discussed evaluating the current travel ring policy to consider an additional ring between miles 16-24; 9) discussed the need for a gradual fee schedule increase; 10) gave an update on the NMAA/NMOA/NMHSCA Summer Conference; and 11) thanked all assignors for their work this past year.

**Discussion/Information Items:**

Perry Weather Update: Mr. Scott Owen, NMAA Associate Director, provided an update on Perry Weather and reported that the fees required for an annual subscription would be cost prohibitive for most schools. Mr. Owen recommended its use, however, if individual school/district funding permitted.

Charter School Student Eligibility: Mr. Owen discussed charter school law and clarified open enrollment eligibility for students at non-member charter schools versus member charter schools.

A/2A Cross Country: Mr. Young discussed potentially splitting class A and 2A for state cross country and that such a split will continue to be evaluated.

Director's Cup Process: Mr. Young discussed possible amendments to the Director's Cup process including altering the current disqualification policy and awarding points for good sportsmanship.

Bylaws Committee Update: Mr. Young gave an update on the Bylaws Committee, reporting that the committee is currently reviewing the classification and alignment process as well as the NMAA Handbook and that the next meeting will take place on June 18. Mr. Young also reported that the NMAA will reestablish Sports Specific Committees in each sport.

**Action Items:**

School Day Event Start Times: Mr. Young presented a proposal to update Bylaw 3.7.1 so that single day events held on school days can start prior to 3:00 p.m. with Superintendent/Headmaster approval. Proposed:

**3.7.1 Athletics and Activities in Regular Season**

- A. One-day events scheduled on Saturday or other non-school days may start at any time.
- B. One-day events scheduled on a school day must start at 3:00 p.m. or later unless approved by the Director and Superintendent/Headmaster from each participating school. Exception: Due to the limited availability of courses, golf events may start at any time.
- C. Multiple day events must include Saturday or other non-school days.  
Note: The Director has the authority to set aside this rule when necessary or upon request, when conditions and unusual circumstances warrant the exception.

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Diehl made a motion to approve. Mr. Dempsey seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Wrestling: Boys Weight Classes - Mr. Owen presented a proposal to increase boys' wrestling weight class beginning next wrestling season (2025-2026). Proposed: 7.24.1.F.5 – Boys' Weight Classes. There will be fourteen (14) weight classes utilized for boys' wrestling: 106, 113, 120, 126, 132, 138, 144, 150, 157, 165, 175, 190, 215, and 285. Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Tripp made a motion to approve. Mr. Moyer seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Wrestling: Girls' Weight Classes - Mr. Owen presented a proposal to increase girls' wrestling weight class beginning next wrestling season (2025-2026). Proposed: 7.24.1.F.4 – Girls' Weight Classes. There will be fourteen (14) weight classes utilized for girls' wrestling: 100, 105, 110, 115, 120, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 155, 170, 190, and 235. Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve

the proposal as presented. Mr. Tripp made a motion to approve. Mr. Ruiz seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

**Executive Session:**

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to go into Executive Session at 10:24 a.m. Mr. Moyer made the motion to enter into Executive Session. Mr. White seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Yes		Mr. Cody Diehl (Large Area A)
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. Gene Strickland (Large Area B) - Teleconference
Yes		Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Yes		Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
Yes		Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Yes		Mr. Todd Bibiano (Large Area D)
Yes		Mr. Ignacio Ruiz (Large Schools District II)
Yes		Mr. Martin Madrid (At-Large)
Yes		Mr. Gary Tripp (New Mexico School Boards Association)
Yes		Mr. Scott Affentranger (NMAA Commission)

*Mr. Strickland and Mr. Tripp left the meeting.*

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to exit out of Executive Session at 11:34 a.m. Mr. Moyer made the motion to exit out of Executive Session. Mr. White seconded the motion. Mr. Casados stated no action was taken in the Executive Session. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Yes		Mr. Cody Diehl (Large Area A)
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Yes		Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
Yes		Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Yes		Mr. Todd Bibiano (Large Area D)
Yes		Mr. Ignacio Ruiz (Large Schools District II)
Yes		Mr. Martin Madrid (At-Large)
Yes		Mr. Scott Affentranger (NMAA Commission)

**Consider Adjournment:**

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m. Mr. Affentranger made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Madrid seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

**Next Regular Board of Directors' Meeting – September 17, 2025**