

NMAA Board of Directors Meeting

June 9, 2011

8:00 AM

NMAA Office

Welcome – Meeting called to order by Mr. Mike Phipps, NMAA Board of Directors President, at 8:05 a.m. A roll call was conducted by Mrs. Mindy Ioane, NMAA Administrative Assistant, and the following members were present.

Mr. Anthony Casados (Small, Area A)
Mr. Paul Benoit (Small, Area B)
Mr. Bill Green (Small, Area C)
Mr. Buddy Little (Small, Area D)
Mr. Winston Brooks (Large School District I)
Mr. Dane Kennon (At-Large Member)
Mr. Dion Sandoval (NM School Board Association)
Mrs. Janel Ryan (Large, Area A)
Mr. Mike Phipps (Large, Area B)
Mr. Dick Pool (Large, Area C)
Mr. Adan Delgado (Large, Area D)
Mr. Stan Rounds (Large School District II)
Mr. Lawrence Johnson (NMAA Commission Representative)

Thirteen members present representing a quorum.

Approval of Agenda and Addendum Agenda:

Mr. Phipps asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Rounds made the motion to approve the agenda with the following changes: Item II (Election of President/Vice President) exchanged with Item III (Executive Session) and Item IV (Executive Director's Report) moved to the last item on the agenda. Mr. Sandoval seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (13-0).

Approval of Minutes from March 9, 2011:

Mr. Phipps asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2011 meeting as presented. Mr. Green made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Rounds seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (13-0).

Executive Session:

Mr. Phipps asked for a motion to enter into an Executive session at 8:08 a.m. A motion was made by Mrs. Ryan to enter into Executive session. Mr. Rounds seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (13-0).

Mr. Phipps called the meeting back to order at 9:30 a.m. Personnel, finances and litigation were the items discussed during the Executive Session with Mr. Phipps stating that no decisions were made.

Election of President/Vice President:

Mr. Brooks made a motion to retain Mr. Phipps as President of the Board of Directors. Mr. Green seconded the motion. A vote was taken and affirmed unanimously. (13-0)

Mr. Little made the motion to retain Mrs. Janel Ryan as Vice President of the Board of Directors. Mr. Rounds seconded the motion. A vote was taken and affirmed unanimously. (13-0)

Financial Report:

Mrs. Sally Marquez, NMAA Associate Director, presented the 2011-2012 Budget Summary Report as well as the 2010-2011 Sports Financial Reports with the exception of Spring Sports.

Activities Report:

Kristin Derr, NMAA Assistant Director, discussed the results of the 2011 Spring Activity Championships.

Special Presentation:

Mr. Phipps recognized Mr. Kennon for his service as a member of the NMAA Board of Directors and presented him with a plaque. Mr. Kennon is vacating his position on the Board as he has accepted a position with the Las Cruces Public Schools.

NMOA (New Mexico Officials Association) Report:

Mrs. Dana Sanchez, NMAA Assistant Director, presented an Officials Registration Comparison spreadsheet displaying the number of official's registrations by sport for the 2010-2011 school year showing that registrations were down 3% in comparison to the 2009-2010 school year. She also presented a 13-year comparison spreadsheet. Spreadsheet will be filed with the minutes.

Alignment & Classification Appeals (2012-2013, 2013-2014)

Alignment Appeals for schools to be moved to a lower classification: The following 14 schools requested an appeal to be moved to a lower classification: Bloomfield, Cloudcroft, Cobre, Crownpoint, Des Moines, Escalante, Evangel Christian Academy, Gateway Christian School, Hatch Valley, Jemez Valley, Magdalena, McCurdy School, Temple Baptist Academy, and Zuni High Schools. A motion was made by Mrs. Ryan to approve all appeals in accordance with the NMAA Bylaws. Mr. Rounds seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the appeals were approved.

Alignment Appeals for Schools to Remain in a Lower Classification: The following five schools requested an appeal to remain in a lower classification: Capitan, Desert Academy, Dora, New Mexico Military Institute, and Santa Fe High School.

Mr. Jason Hightower, Athletic Director at Capitan High School, presented their appeal to remain in class 1A for the sports of baseball, basketball and volleyball as presented in the Board of Director's packet. Mr. Brooks made the motion to deny the appeal based

on the Alignment and Classification cut off numbers provided in the NMAA Bylaws. Mr. Delgado seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the appeal was denied. (12-0)

Mr. Terry Passalacqua, Principal of Desert Academy, presented their appeal to remain in class 1A for the sport of track & field. Mr. Green made the motion to deny the appeal. Mr. Delgado seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the appeal was denied. (12-0)

Mr. Steve Barron, Superintendent of Dora Consolidated Schools, presented their appeal to remain in Six-Man football. Mr. Rounds made the motion to deny the appeal. Mr. Pool seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the appeal was denied. (12-0)

Mr. Reggie Franklin, Athletic Director of New Mexico Military Institute, presented an appeal to remain in class 2A for all sports. Mr. Green made the motion to deny the appeal. Mr. Sandoval seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the appeal was denied. (12-0)

Mr. Skip Hemperley, Athletic Director of Santa Fe High School, and Ms. Sondra Adams, Santa Fe Public Schools Technology Director, presented an appeal for Santa Fe to remain in class 4A. Mr. Green made a motion to deny the appeal. Mr. Pool seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the appeal was denied. (12-0)

Break: 10:43 a.m. – 10:55 p.m.

General Action Items:

Consider revision of NMAA Forfeiture Fees: (Referendum Item) Sally Marquez, NMAA Associate Director, presented a proposal to consider revision of NMAA forfeiture fees (Bylaws 5.1.7 B.1 and 3.11.4 B.1) as follows:

	<u>Football/Basketball</u>	<u>Other Sports</u>
A/B; 6-man, 8-man	\$1000	\$500
AA	\$1500	\$750
AAA	\$2000	\$1000
AAAA	\$3000	\$1500
AAAAA	\$3000	\$1500

Mr. Green made the motion to accept the proposal as a referendum item. Mr. Casados seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (11-0).

Consider revision of NMAA Bylaw 7.10 (Games/Events Interrupted): (Referendum Item) Mr. Robert Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, presented the following changes to Bylaw 7.10 as a response to questions by member schools as to whether a game that is interrupted by conditions which make it impossible to continue play (i.e. lightning, darkness, power outage, etc.) can be rescheduled. The proposed changes will create a defined policy for when games can be rescheduled from the point of interruption.

7.10.1 The game officials are the only authoritative body that may interrupt a game or event. In sports where no officials oversee the event, the host school administrator shall determine the rules regarding interrupted games.

7.10.2 In the event that a game must be interrupted because of conditions which make it impossible to continue play (i.e. lightning, darkness, power outage, etc.) the head official/ referee shall declare it an official game if one complete half or more of the game has been played; based upon the NFHS definition of a regulation game.

If less than one-half of the game has been played, and it is a district game/ post season game, the game must be rescheduled from the point of interruption/ suspension of play.

If less than one-half of the game has been played, and it is a non-district game, the participating schools must mutually agree to reschedule the game from the point of interruption/ suspension of play or the game will be considered a non-game.

Note: If one complete half or more of the game has been played in a post-season game, it will be left up to the discretion of the tournament director and or the NMAA Executive Director to determine if the game is played to its entirety.

7.10.3 If the contest is to be finished at a later date, both schools share equally in the expense of the visiting school.

7.10.4 Only participants eligible at the interruption are eligible when the contest is resumed.

7.10.5 Officials receive one additional round-trip mileage when working the remainder of the game/event at a later date, but receive only one officiating fee. If the same crew cannot be used to complete the game, both the original officiating crew and the crew assigned to complete the game will receive officiating fees. Both crews would receive mileage reimbursement.

7.10.6 In the event of lightning, refer to the NFHS Lightning disturbance policy.

Mr. Little made the motion to accept the proposal as a referendum item. Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (11-0).

Consider revision of NMAA Lightning Policy by referring to the NFHS Lightning Disturbance policy in all NFHS rule books in place a New Mexico specific policy:

(Referendum Item) Utilizing the NFHS Lightning Disturbance policy will create more consistency and provide easier access to the lightning policy by officials during games and eliminate confusion amongst member schools, coaches and officials.

The NFHS Lightning Disturbance policy reads:

The purpose of these guidelines is to provide a default policy to those responsible for making decisions concerning the suspension and restarting of contests based on the presence of lightning. The preferred sources from which to request such a policy for your facility would include your state high school association and the nearest office of the National Weather Service.

Proactive Planning

1. Assign staff to monitor local weather conditions before and during events.
2. Develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate nearby shelters.
3. Develop criteria for suspension and resumption of play:
 - a. When thunder is heard, or a cloud-to-ground lightning bolt is seen, the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play and take shelter immediately.
 - b. Thirty-minute rule. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or flash of lightning is witnessed prior to resuming play.
 - c. Any subsequent thunder or lightning after the beginning of the 30-minute count, reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.
4. Hold periodic reviews for appropriate personnel.

Mr. Johnson made the motion to accept the proposal as a referendum item. Mr. Rounds seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (11-0).

Sports Specific Action Items

Baseball: Mr. Kenny Barreras, Albuquerque Public Schools District Athletic Director, presenting on behalf of the Baseball Sports Specific Committee proposed to consider mandating the use of wood/composite wood bats in the sport of baseball for the 2011-2012 school year. (Referendum Item)

The rationale is based on the fact that in 2012, the NFHS will begin implementing new bat standards on aluminum bats. All aluminum bats must adhere to BBCOR certification. This change means that schools/athletes will need to purchase new BBCOR bats for the 2011-2012 school year. This proposal is for a one-year trial. Mr. Rounds made a motion to accept the proposal as a referendum item. Mr. Delgado seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (11-0).

Softball: Mr. Randy Adrian, NMAA Assistant Director, presenting on behalf of the Softball Sports Specific Committee presented a proposal to consider revising the State Softball Tournament format as follows: Continue to bring all 16 qualifiers to Rio Rancho for the A-AA classification, but start the A-AA tournament on Wednesday and

end on Friday. In classes 3A-5A, play the first round (single elimination) at the home site of the higher seed (one game). Bring the winners (eight teams) in each class to Rio Rancho for the remainder of the state tournament, which will be a double elimination format. This will cause the seeding to be done one week earlier than last year and schools will have to end their district season one week earlier. Mr. Lawrence made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Rounds seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (11-0).

General Discussion/Information Items

NMAA Referenda Results: Mr. Robert Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, presented the results from the April 22nd referenda. The results were as follows:

- 82 NMAA member schools were in favor, while 4 member schools opposed the changing/modifying of NMAA bylaw to standardize the pool play pay scale for volleyball officials to \$15.00 per pool play match.
- 66 NMAA member schools were in favor, while 2 member schools opposed the changing/modifying of implementing the NMAA Soccer Bylaw to read, "*Sub-varsity games are considered an official game at the end of regulation, regardless if the game is tied.*"
- 77 NMAA member schools were in favor, while 5 member schools opposed the changing/modifying of the selection process for football playoff officials as follows:
 - 1) Varsity Regional Assignors will provide a list of eligible officials (at all positions) to the NMAA office prior to August 15th of each year.
 - 2) The list of eligible white hats (Referees) will be sent to coaches by the NMAA office on August 15th.
 - 3) Coaches will rank "acceptable" white hats in order of preference. They must list a minimum of eight preferred white hats, with at least one coming from each region. This list is due back to the NMAA office no later than October 1st of each year.
 - 4) Prior to each playoff contest, if there are no common officials between two coaches, the NMAA Assistant Director in charge of football will contact the coaches to see if they can agree on a white hat. If there is no agreement, the NMAA office will select the crew for that contest.
 - 5) Due to coaches picking multiple acceptable white hats, the NMAA office will have more control of game dissemination/distribution.
 - 6) If a coach does not submit a list by the October 1st deadline, he/she has no input into playoff assignments.

Life of An Athlete Update: Mr. Robert Zayas, NMAA Associate Director stated that approximately 7,300 individuals have taken the course; 5,000 of those are from New Mexico.

Coaches Education: Mr. Scott Evans, NMAA Assistant Director, presented a proposal to add First Aid and CPR education to the Coaching Licensure. Mr. Evans will present the information during the Mandatory Athletic Director's meeting on July 27, 2011.

Showfest becoming an NMAA Sanctioned Activity: Ms. Kristin Derr, NMAA Assistant Director, discussed the possibility of Showfest becoming an NMAA sanctioned activity in the future. Ms. Derr is waiting on letters of interest from NMAA member schools at this point.

Private/Public Member Schools: Mr. Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director, informed the Board of a Private/Public School Committee made up of Superintendents and Headmaster representatives to discuss and resolve issues brought before the NMAA. The goal is to ensure equity to both private and public school participation.

Student Participation and Missed Classroom Instruction: A Board of Directors goal for the 2011-2012 school year is to develop potential bylaws to improve student-athlete academic achievement and school attendance.

Ejection Process for Students and Coaches (2011-2012): Mr. Randy Adrian, Assistant Director, presented the 2010-2011 Ejection totals for the school year. Ejection essays written by students will now be the responsibility of the School/Athletic Director not the NMAA.

Amateur Status: Presented by Sally Marquez, NMAA Associate Director, discussed an NFHS Survey concerning school/team/booster club gifts and policies from various states on this issue for review. Ms. Marquez will email the document to the Board of Directors and asked that each member review the document for upcoming discussion.

NMAA Foundation School Grants: The NMAA Foundation recently awarded the following schools grants to assist with the start-up costs of new athletic programs: Navajo Preparatory School, Native American Community Academy, and Foothill High School. The NMAA Foundation also awarded a grant in the amount of \$2500 to the NMAA to aid schools with the purchase of wood/composite bats for the upcoming school year should the referenda pass.

Addendum Agenda

Consider allowing Grady to co-op with San Jon in 6-man football for the 2011-2012 school year: Mr. Randy Adrian, NMAA Assistant Director, asked the board to consider allowing the co-op.

Mr. Green made the motion to allow the co-op as presented. Mr. Benoit seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (11-0).

Directors' Report:

Mr. Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director, discussed 3 items during his report: (1) the success of the 2011 State Championships were the result of a combined effort of NMAA event directors, the Albuquerque Public Schools, the Rio Rancho School District, the Bernalillo Public Schools and Albuquerque Academy. The NMAA would like to thank those schools/districts for the use of their facilities; (2) the Board of Directors goals for

the 2011-2012 school year; and (3) the sale of Dan Ford's "*History of New Mexico Football*" book benefiting scholarships and grants for New Mexico student athletes.

Consider Adjournment:

Mr. Benoit made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:37 a.m. Mr. Pool seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Next Board of Directors Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, September 21, 2011 (NMAA) 9:00 a.m.