

NMAA Activities Council Meeting
August 29, 2017
NMAA Conference Room

Welcome and Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by NMAA Activities Council Chairman, Mr. Don Gerheart at 9:02 a.m. Roll call was conducted by Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director and the following members were present either in person or via conference call:

Mr. Don Thompson (Bowling)
Ms. Christine Phipps (CTLP)
Mr. Steve Perea (Chess)
Maj. Jim Koerber (JROTC)
Mr. Don Gerheart (Music)
Mr. David Berlin (NM Mock Trial)
Ms. Rebeca Zimmermann (Scholastic Publications)
Ms. Hannah Flake (Speech & Debate)
Ms. Mary Hahn (Student Council)
Ms. Karen Trujillo (Educators Rising)
Ms. Kim O'Connell-Brock (Athletic Training Challenge)
Ms. Julie Hendron/ Wil Kilroy (Drama/One-Act Play)
Ms. Liz Lopez for Jarrod Smith (FFA)
Ms. Jeanette Vigil for Dianna Valdez (English Expo)
Mr. Jory Mirabal (Rodeo)
Ms. Troylyn Zimmerly (Science Fair/Olympiad)

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Gerheart asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Zimmermann made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, with a second by Mr. Perea. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Gerheart asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2017 meeting. Mr. Berlin made a motion to pass the minutes, with a second by Ms. Zimmerman. Motion carried unanimously.

NMAA Staff Reports

Ms. Pappas reminded the Council members of the requirement of sending in eligibility forms and rosters for all NMAA sanctioned activities, prior to the state event. She also requested participation numbers for each activity be sent to her within the next few weeks, as these are included in the NMAA Annual Report. Lastly, Ms. Pappas introduced Ms. Tammy Richards of the NMAA. She will serve as the NMADA Executive Director along with other NMAA duties as assigned. Prior to her employment with the NMAA she was the Athletic Director at Reserve High School.

Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwaner reminded the Council Members to submit their reimbursement requests no later than the beginning of June 2018.

Mr. Tyler Dunkel stated the new NMAA website was launched in July. He requested any changes to be made to an activity page be submitted to him via email at tyler@nmact.org.

Activity Reports

Athletic Training Challenge – Ms. Kim O' Connell-Brock noted that the State Athletic Training Challenge was held on April 23, 2017 at Cleveland High School. One hundred and six students participated, representing 14 different schools.

Bowling – Mr. Don Thompson noted that Bowling is currently in its 13th year as an NMAA-sanctioned activity. Twenty-four schools participated in the 2017 State Bowling Championships, and \$14,000 were awarded in scholarships last year. Ten regular season tournaments will be held on Saturdays throughout the upcoming season, scheduled to start in November. The 2018 State Championships are scheduled for February 10, 2018.

CTLP – Ms. Christine Phipps stated they did see an increase in membership and school participation during the past year and are looking forward to another successful year. Upcoming Conference dates are as follows:

CORE Leadership Conference will be held September 23, 2017 at the Marriott Pyramid.
HOSA State Leadership Conference will be held February 8-10, 2018 at UNM Hospital.
DECA Development Conference will take place February 15-17, 2018 at Hotel Albuquerque.
BPA State Leadership Conference will be held at the Marriot Pyramid on February 22-24, 2018.
FCCLA State Leadership Conference takes place on March 15-17, 2018 at the Marriott Pyramid.
TSA State Leadership Conference will take place March 23-24, 2018 at Los Lunas High School.
Skills USA Conference will take place on April 12-14, 2018 at the Crowne Plaza in Albuquerque.

Chess – Mr. Steve Perea noted they have seen a large increase in NMAA membership. He has been all over NM hosting workshops. They currently have 1800 participants. In 2017, there were 160 students who participated in the High School Chess Championships. The number of participants for Middle Schools and Elementary Schools have exceeded those for High Schools. He also has recently appointed a Southern and Northern director to help him throughout the year.

Drama/One-Act Productions – Ms. Julie Hendron stated that the Desert Thespian Festival will be merged with the High School One Act Festival this year. Registration forms are posted online. Mr. Wil Kilroy stated that this year UNM will host the 2017 One Act Play Productions. NMSU does however, hope to contribute with workshops and judging for this year's festival and plans to host the event in 2018.

Educators Rising- Ms. Karen Trujillo stated this is their first meeting for Educators Rising. Educators Rising is for future teachers (formerly the Future Educators of America). They are affiliated with the National office, which is housed in Washington, DC. There are 28 active chapters, which involve 400 students. Last year's event was held in Las Cruces with 140 attendees, 22 of whom qualified for Nationals in Boston. In March 2017, they became a

recognized activity with the NMAA. This year's conference will be held on February 1-3, 2018 in Albuquerque.

English Expo – Ms. Jeanette Vigil mentioned the 2017 English Expo was held on February 25, 2017 at La Cueva High School. Three hundred and eighty nine students participated, which included 11 Middle Schools and 11 High Schools. This year's event will take place on February 24, 2018 at La Cueva High School. They are seeing a drop in attendance but hoping it will improve.

FFA – Ms. Liz Lopez noted they have 3,412 current students within their membership. State FFA officers are holding trainings statewide for approximately 500 students throughout the year. The next event will be the FFA Red Barn taking place in September at Expo NM as part of the New Mexico State Fair.

JROTC - Major Jim Koerber stated that longtime ROTC liaison Major Bill Barker had passed away this past summer from brain cancer. His passing is a tremendous loss to our New Mexico JROTC family, APS, and New Mexico junior shooting. The 2017 New Mexico JROTC State meet hosted over 1,500 cadets competing in five different events from 30 different schools. Eldorado precision air rifle team captured their first National Championship in Alabama in March and La Cueva High School placed 4th. West Mesa competed at the SOCAL Regional robotics qualifier in Long Beach in May. They won 5th and 6th place. Eldorado travelled to Anniston in June to compete in the National Junior Olympic 3 Position and CMP Air Rifle Championships. They placed 4th in CMP and 5th in the Junior Olympics. West Mesa also coordinated the launching of high altitude balloons in an effort to collect pictures of the eclipse. Maj. Koerber noted that APS JROTC and Marching Band received a P.E. waiver last year for those students who take two years of JROTC or Marching Band consecutively starting their freshman year. He noted that many school districts are now allowing this waiver.

Music – Mr. Don Gerheart stated the NMMEA Executive Committee met in July to recap the year and discuss districts and awards. A little more than 100 ensembles participated in the three music State Contests last year. In June, all three of the NMAA State Music Contest Advisory Councils met to recap the State Contests held in April and to plan for the 2018 State Contests. All-State audition registration is now open for directors to register their students for the upcoming string, guitar, and vocal auditions that will be held in October. The wind and percussion auditions will take place in November. The 74th Annual All-State Competition will be held at UNM on January 10-13th.

NM Mock Trial – Mr. David Berlin stated Mock Trial registration will begin on September 1, 2017. Last year, the organization did see an increase in the number of teams statewide, with 300 students participating. Ninety of those went on to compete at the state level. Volcano Vista High School won the 2017 State championship. The 2018 event will take place February 16-17, 2018 at the Metropolitan Courthouse.

Rodeo - Mr. Jory Mirabal stated the State Rodeo Competition was held during Memorial Day weekend. Between 250 and 300 participants were in attendance for this event with 24 individual and team state champions. Junior High Nationals were held at the end of June. High School Nationals took place at the end of July with several students receiving awards.

Scholastic Publications – Ms. Rebeca Zimmermann noted that Scholastic Publications State Competition was in January. One hundred fifty six students participated with nine schools represented. Last year, they held a live TV anchor presentation that turned out to be very successful. Also new last year was the naming of the State Journalism Student of the Year, who attended the National Conference representing New Mexico. The 2018 State Competition will be held in January 2018.

Science Fair/Olympiad – Ms. Troylyn Zimmerly noted the 2017 NM Science Olympiad State Finals were held February 25, 2017 at New Mexico Tech in Socorro. Fifty teams advanced from four regional Science Olympiad tournaments. Albuquerque Area Home Schoolers (middle school team) and Albuquerque Academy (high school team) qualified to represent New Mexico at the National Science Olympiad Tournament in Dayton, Ohio.

The 2017 NM Science & Engineering Fair State Finals were March 31 and April 1, 2017. Three hundred students advanced from six regional Science & Engineering Fairs to participate at the State Science Fair. Six students qualified to represent New Mexico at the International Science & Engineering Fair in Los Angeles.

Speech & Debate – Ms. Hannah Flake noted the 2017 state event was well attended with 238 students, hosted by Manzano High School. Two hundred students competed in the district tournament, with 40 qualifying for the national tournament. New Mexico had 14 schools represented, which was the highest ever at the tournament. The National Speech and Debate Tournament took place in Alabama in June. NMSDA has started a student leadership committee. Two to three students from each school were invited to attend a leadership summit earlier in 2017 to speak about current issues and possible solutions in regards to Speech and Debate. Lastly, V. Sue Cleveland High School will host the 2018 State Competition on February 22-24, 2018.

Student Council – Ms. Hahn presented a growth chart for NMASC for the past five years. NMASC has seen an increase in participants from 2011 until now. The NMASC State Leadership Conference will take place February 8-10, 2018 at Bernalillo High School. Over seventy schools participated in the state conference last year. District Conference Week will kick off October 21-26, 2017.

Ms. Pappas reviewed the NMAA Staff liaisons for each activity.

New Business

Ms. Pappas stated the Student Leadership Advisory Council started two years ago. The council is comprised of members across the state who are nominated by school administration. Students must be active in activities and/or athletics. The Council meets twice a year, once in October and once in March. The Council produced a leadership handbook during the previous school year and are currently working on the possibility of hosting a Student Leadership Summit in New Mexico. This would be similar to the National Student Leadership Summit which takes place in Indianapolis every summer. Their hope is to hold this summit during the summer of 2018, and would be comprised of two students from each NMAA Member High School. Nominations for the Student Leadership Advisory Council take place in January/February with selections occurring in March.

Other Business

Transportation issues- Ms. Hahn stated they have issues with transportation where students were transporting other students. She asked if the NMAA had policies in place. Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, mentioned it is up to each local school district and their local policies regarding transportation.

Fundraising Opportunities - Ms. Hahn asked for suggestions in regards to gaining corporate sponsorships to help fund activities.

Online Course - Ms. Pappas stated the NFHS offers a free course titled "Bullying, Hazing and Inappropriate Behaviors." Mrs. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, is advising Activities Directors and all sponsors to go through this course. This course can be found on nfhslearn.com.

Adjournment

Mr. Gerheart thanked the NMAA staff and the Council members for their attendance and asked for a motion to approve the meeting. Ms. Trujillo made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with a second by Mr. Perea. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m.