

NMAA Activities Council Meeting
August 30, 2016
NMAA Conference Room

Welcome and Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by NMAA Activities Council Chairman Mr. Don Gerheart at 9:03 a.m. Roll call was conducted by Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, and the following members were present either in person or via conference call:

Ms. Kim O'Connell-Brock (Athletic Training Challenge)
Mrs. Sharon Thompson (Bowling)
Ms. Bobbi Eichhorst (CTLP)
Mr. Steve Perea (Chess)
Mr. Wil Kilroy (Drama/One-Act Play)
Ms. Jeannette Vigil (English Expo)
Ms. Liz Lopez (FFA)
Maj. Jim Curbert & Maj. Mark Hendrick (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)

Not Present:

Mr. Russell Sullivan (Rodeo)
Ms. Rose Baca-Rivet (Science Fair/Olympiad)

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Gerheart asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2016 meeting. Ms. Zimmermann made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, with a second by Mr. Perea. Motion carried unanimously.

NMAA Staff Reports

NMAA Sports and Activities Information Director Mr. Tyler Dunkel requested possible feature stories from the members of the Council. He stated that he was looking for individual students for features, rather than information about events. NMAA Associate Director Mr. Dusty Young did remind the Council members that they could send him information to send out press releases to the media about activities events.

Ms. Pappas reminded the Council members of the importance of submitting eligibility forms for all participating schools to the NMAA office for state events. She noted that they are available on all activity pages and said that forms could be collected by activity representatives and sent to the NMAA office or that they could be sent to the NMAA liaison for each event directly.

Ms. Pappas noted that the NMAA staff assignments to several activities had changed for the upcoming school year. She noted that Rodeo and Speech and Debate would now be handled by NMAA Executive Director Sally Marquez; CTLP and FFA would now be handled by Chris Kedge. Ms. Pappas noted that she would now be the liaison to English Expo.

Council Members' Reports

Athletic Training Challenge – Ms. O'Connell-Brock noted that the 17th Annual Athletic Training Challenge competition had been held on April 24, 2016 at Arrowhead. There were 69 participants in the event, representing seven schools. She noted that students from New Mexico State University had assisted with the event. Centennial won first place; Gadsden took home second place and Eldorado won third. She noted that various individual awards and medals had been given out as well. For 2017, they are looking to move the event to a Monday in April to increase participation. She also noted that Athletic Training Challenge was going to link to some funding with NMSU for t-shirts and other items for the participants.

Bowling – Mrs. Thompson noted that bowling had just concluded its 12th season, which saw 11 regular season tournaments, a senior tournament and the state tournament, which was held in February 2016. There are four categories of participation: rookie, novice, intermediate and advanced. Twenty-three schools currently participate in bowling, with potential programs at Grants HS, Cottonwood Classical, Hot Springs HS and Roswell. She noted that bowling had awarded \$11,500 in scholarships last year and that over \$50,000 had been awarded in the last five years. She noted that the first national bowling championships were held on July 27-28 and that Rio Rancho had participated and were the runners-up in boys' competition. She also noted that Rio Rancho HS was the only co-ed team in the event. She said that all information about bowling can be found on their web site at www.nmhsba.org.

CTLP – Ms. Bobbi Eichorst noted that there are six different organizations within the CTLP umbrella and she handed out a flier with the dates for all state events for the 2016-2017 school year. She stated that the group had already held its state officer training and advisor academy. She noted that the web site had been redone (www.nmctso.org) and that it was inspired by the Alliance for Student Activities. Ms. Eichorst stated that they had seen an increase in HOSA chapters due to Athletic Training Challenge. She pointed out that it had been the 50th anniversary of SkillsUSA in the previous year and that the 2016-17 school year would be the 50th anniversary of BPA. She said that most of the CTLP state events would be held in Albuquerque for the current school year. Ms. Flake of Speech and Debate asked how the advisor academies for the CTLP's were so successful and Ms. Eichorst noted that the sponsors/advisors are paid a stipend for attending and that attendance was very good. She said the first day of the training is for new advisors and the second day has breakout sessions by organizations.

Chess – Mr. Perea noted that more memberships had been added in the previous school year and that the Southern region had blown up in terms of growth, possibly due to his travels in that part of the state. He stated that there was some interest also in the Northern region with Aztec, Bloomfield and Dulce all looking to join in the future. Mr. Perea noted that he is now on the board of the NM Scholastic Chess Association. The state champions for chess in 2015-2016 were: Los Alamos High School (5A/6A), St. Michael's (4A), AIMS (A-3A). He stated they also offer a category for non-NMAA schools to participate.

Drama/One-Act Productions – Mr. Kilroy noted that the date for this year's state competition is October 20-22, 2016 in Las Cruces, NM. Last year was the 19th year of the event and this year's event will be held at the NMSU Theater. This year's event will include workshops, performances and an open mic night.

English Expo – Ms. Vigil stated that the 2016 event was held at La Cueva High School on February 27th and hosted 450 students and 100 adults, representing 22 schools from across the state. She noted that there are 24 different categories of participation offered in two divisions (senior for 9th through 12th graders and junior for 6th through 8th graders). The 2017 event will be on February 25th. Ms. Vigil noted that English Expo is currently working on their own web site. She expressed a special acknowledgment to NMAA staff member Jeremy Hernandez for his support over the years.

FFA – Ms. Lopez noted that there were over 400 students who participated in the State FFA contest at NMSU. There was a leadership development camp held as well as a variety of workshops. The officer team for 2016-2017 was elected on the final day of the event. Ms. Lopez noted that FFA had added two new chapters (Cuba and Pojoaque) and that their total membership was 3,433 members at the end of the 2015-16 school year.

JROTC – Maj. Curbert and Maj. Hendrick presented the year in review for JROTC for the 2015-2016 school year. They noted that there were 40 JROTC's across the state, with a membership of over 5,000 students. The JROTC state event had been held at Cibola and West Mesa, with Santa Fe High School winning the Class 6A championship and Piedra Vista winning Class 5A. They noted that there were various meets and shooting events throughout the school year. The 2017 state event will be hosted by Rio Rancho High School, with the shooting camp at West Mesa High School. They talked about the STEM curriculum in JROTC, including submersible robotics, engineering, rocketry, naval science and cyber-defense. They also talked about a new aerospace challenge in conjunction with the Balloon Fiesta on October 3-5, 2016.

Music – Mr. Gerheart stated that the officers' meetings for the New Mexico Music Educators Association had taken place in July with all of the district presidents for the various music disciplines. He stated that the purpose of the meetings is to voice concerns from each district and to troubleshoot statewide issues. He noted that there is a need for consistency across in the various district events relative to financial reporting, standardization of meetings and adjudication. He noted that the PED did not utilize the MPA's for teacher evaluations, as had been the plan. The 73rd annual NMMEA All-State Music event will be held on January 4-7, 2017 at the University of New Mexico.

NM Mock Trial – Mr. Berlin stated that the 2015-2016 state champion had been Albuquerque Academy, who went on to place in the top ten at the national mock trial competition. He noted that the previous season had been a success overall and that he looked forward to the next year, as Mock Trial looks to add a courtroom journalism competition in the future. Regional mock trial events will be held on February 17-18, 2017 and the state mock trial event will be held on March 17-18, 2017.

Rodeo – Not present.

Scholastic Publications – Ms. Zimmermann noted that there had been 111 participants representing 10 schools at the 2016 state event. Highland High School won the state championship in 2016. She noted that there had been judges from the Albuquerque Journal as well as yearbook representatives. She noted that there had been a board meeting in the previous week, with eight advisors and two emeritus advisors present. There will be a strong effort by a couple of the new advisors to seek out new members of Scholastic Publications. She noted that the board would be looking to revise its constitution, which had not been updated since 1992 and that the group would be looking to create a speakers' bureau. She noted that the state contest has been moved out of March to January 28, 2017 at

Manzano High School. The move will take the event away from other spring event dates and ahead of most yearbook deadlines.

Science Fair/Olympiad – Not present.

Speech & Debate – Ms. Flake noted that the 2017 state event will be held March 2-4, 2017 at Manzano High School. She talked about the changes to their guidelines about homeschool due to NMAA guidelines and by-laws. She noted that the group would no longer vote on NMAA bylaw changes but she would just inform their board of the changes. She noted that 2015-2016 was the first year that all members had been retained and that they had received some potential interest from Alamogordo, Gallup and Socorro. She noted that one of the speech and debate participants had received a full-ride from WNMU and that he was the first member of his family to attend college.

Student Council – Ms. Hahn noted that the NMASC State Student Council Conference had been held at Los Alamos High School on February 11-13, 2016. After state, the following events were held: Region VI meeting at Highland High School (April 10-11, 2016); Summer Workshop at NM Tech (June 7-10, 2016) and National Association of Student Councils in Orlando (June 24-26, 2016, with 34 delegates from New Mexico in attendance). The fall district student council meetings will be held October 22-27, 2016 in five districts throughout the state and the state student council conference will be held at Centennial High School in Las Cruces in February 2017. Ms. Hahn noted that the membership of NMASC had grown by 12 member schools in 2015-2016.

New Business

Ms. Pappas asked the Council members to verify their state dates and other information on the NMAA web site and to notify staff immediately of any discrepancies. She also talked to the Council about the NMAA Student Leadership Advisory Council and noted that nominations for the Council would be open in the early spring. She also mentioned the National Student Leadership Summit (NSLS) in Indianapolis and recognized Artesia High School sophomore Paityn Houghtaling and Magdalena High School junior Jorrell Mirabal for attending the NSLS in July 2016.

NMAA Business Manager Mrs. Shari Kessler-Schwamer reminded the Council that she must receive all receipts for the \$1,000 reimbursement as soon as possible so that she can cut checks prior to the end of the NMAA's fiscal year (June 30th). Per the request of the Council, the email address to send the information to is: shari@nmact.org.

NMAA Associate Director Mr. Bill Cleland asked the Council if transfer guidelines for eligibility are an issue within the various activities. He noted that there had been issues in bowling, JROTC and in one music event. After some brief discussion, the Council asked that the transfer guidelines from the NMAA Handbook be sent to them. Ms. Pappas stated that the office would send the guidelines out with the meeting minutes

There was some discussion by the Council about the scholarships being offered by Western New Mexico University to the various activities participants. Mr. Perea noted that he had asked some questions about grade point average and other requirements to the WNMU representative and that he had not received a response. Ms. Pappas and Mr. Young said they would follow-up with WNMU.

Other Business

The JROTC representatives asked about transportation of students to various events and what the policies were by activity. A majority of those responding stated that transportation was up to the policy of each school/school district.

Mr. Cleland talked about by-laws pertaining to homeschool participants. He stated that the national charter of activities would dictate whether or not homeschool teams can participate. He stated that the PED has required that this language be added back into our by-laws. These by-laws state that home school teams may participate at state but may not win awards and that home school students can participate at state and may win awards with the school in their residence area.

Adjournment

Mr. Gerheart asked for a motion to approve the meeting. Mrs. Thompson made a motion to approve the meeting, with a second by Mr. Perea. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.