

NMAA Commission Meeting
September 6, 2017
9:00 AM
NMAA Office

Welcome – The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bruce Carver at 9:00 am. A roll call was conducted by Mrs. Alissa Wesbrook, NMAA, and the following members were present:

Mr. Tim Host (Small, Area A)
Mr. Bruce Carver (Large, Area A)
Mr. Dickie Roybal (Small, Area B)
Mr. Cooper Henderson (Large, Area B)
Mr. Jory Mirabal (Small, Area C)
Mr. Ernie Viramontes (Large, Area C)
Mr. Dave Campbell (Small, Area D)
Ms. Nickie McCarty (Large, Area D)
Mr. Thomas Mabrey (New Mexico High School Coaches Association Rep.)
Dr. John Foreman (Non-Public School Rep.)
Mr. Scott Affentranger (New Mexico Association of Secondary School Principals Rep.)
Mr. Mike Huston (New Mexico High School Athletic Directors Association Rep.)
Mr. Don Gerheart (Activities Council Member)
Ms. Debbie Coffman (Jr. High/Middle School Rep.)
Ms. Jennifer Viramontes (State School Boards Association Rep.)

Not Present:

Mr. Jess Martinez (New Mexico Officials Association Rep.)

15 members present representing a quorum.

Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Carver asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Gerheart made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Viramontes seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Carver asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2017 Commission Meeting as presented. Ms. Viramontes made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Host seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Elections:

Mr. Carver asked for nominations for NMAA Commission Chairperson. Mr. Affentranger nominated Mr. Ernie Viramontes. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Mr. Carver asked for nominations for NMAA Commission Vice Chairperson. Ms. Coffman nominated Mr. Scott Affentranger. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

NMAA Directors' Report:

Mr. Dusty Young, Associate Director, discussed five (5) items on his report: 1) he thanked Mr. Carver for his leadership and service on the Commission; 2) he introduced two new members to the Commission, Mr. Cooper Henderson from Artesia and Dr. John Foreman from Mesilla Valley Christian, and one new NMAA staff member, Ms. Tammy Richards; 3) he stated that

there will be four openings on the Commission this fall - elections will be held after the Annual Meeting for Small Area D, Large Area A, Large Area B and the Non-Public School Representative; 4) he reported that the 2017 NMAA/NMADA Fall Conference will be held October 1-3, 2017 at the Marriot Pyramid Hotel in Albuquerque; and 5) he discussed the NMAA's recent launch of its new website.

NMAA Financial Report:

Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwaner, Business Manager, presented the NMAA financial report which included an overview of the final revenue/expense information for all of the athletic championships held during the 2016-2017 school year.

NMAA Activities Report:

Ms. Dana Pappas, Deputy Director, presented the NMAA activities report which included five (5) items; 1) the 2017 National Student Leadership took place this past summer in Indianapolis and the NMAA's vision hold a similar statewide summit here in 2018; 2) the Activities Council Meeting that was held on Tuesday, August 29; 3) the NMAA Student Leadership Handbook was completed and launched on July 1, 2017; 4) the next Student Leadership Advisory Council meeting will be held during the Fall Conference on Tuesday, October 3rd; and 5) an action item regarding the State Orchestra Contest will be placed on the November agenda based on a recent survey sent to NMAA member schools.

NMAA Officials Report:

Ms. Pappas, presented the officials report which included nine (9) items: 1) the success of multiple basketball camps that were held during the summer; 2) the 2017 State Clinic was held in June, with a change in format that was very well received; 3) Baseball and Softball umpire clinics will take place in January; 4) the next NMOA Executive Board meeting will be held in October; 5) the NASO Summit took place in July; 6) the 11th annual Referee Educational Forum was held in August; 7) the first Annual Coaches and Officials Symposium, in the sport of basketball, will be held on October 20-21st in conjunction with the NMHSCA at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Albuquerque; 8) Ms. Pappas is currently serving as the new chair for the NFHS Officials Advisory Council; and 9) the NMOA will be partnering with Battlefields to Ballfields which is a national sports officials' program for military veterans.

General Discussion/Information Items

Home School Teams: Ms. Caroline Connor with Speech and Debate and Dr. Linda Walkup with Science Olympiad discussed the need for clarification of the NMAA Handbook, specifically Section 8, in regards to allowing Home School teams to participate in all academic activities and earn state awards.

Junior High Games Limitations for 9th Graders: Mr. Henderson brought up an issue pertaining to 9th graders and how game limitations are handled for these students if they are housed in a "junior high" as opposed to a high school. After discussion, it was found that a heavy majority of 9th grade teams across the state are in fact housed at the high school.

IB program at Sandia High School: Ms. Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, discussed current eligibility rulings for students transferring to Sandia HS when accepted to its IB Program. After discussion, Ms. Marquez stated that this would also be on the agenda for the next Board of Directors' Meeting.

Classification/Alignment: Ms. Marquez provided an update on Classification & Alignment for the 2018-2019/2019-2020 block. She reported that the number of classifications in all sports will be finalized at the next Board meeting and stated that 40-day enrollment numbers for 2017-2018 will be presented to the Board with final breakdowns in November/December.

Scholastic Eligibility Committee: Ms. Marquez provided an update on the work of the scholastic eligibility committee which was formed over the summer. The group is made up of current Athletic Directors that has been and will continue to discuss online courses, concurrent enrollment, GPA standards and all other aspects of scholastic eligibility as listed in Section 6 of the NMAA Handbook. Standards in all other state associations will also be researched.

AED/EAP Requirements for State Tournament Hosts: Mr. Scott Owen asked for feedback in potentially requiring an AED and EAP at all state championship host sites. He reported that many other states mandate similar policies for its state events. The Commission provided positive feedback but recommended that member schools be granted some time to work on compliance prior to implementing the policy.

Action Items

Wrestling - State Seeding Date: Mr. Owen asked the commission members to amend the current seeding policy to conduct state seeding via video conference call on Monday, the week of the state tournament and to create a withdrawal policy for any seeded wrestlers who withdraw from the state tournament after the verification of entries deadline. Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Gerheart made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Carver seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Wrestling - Rules of Classification and Alignment: Mr. Owen asked the commission members to amend the current classification and alignment rules to classify wrestling as a team sport and all schools to enter a district only at the beginning of a new two-year block. Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Affentranger made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Roybal seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Consider Adjournment

Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 am. Ms. Viramontes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Host seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).