

NMAA Commission Meeting
September 10, 2014
9:00 AM
NMAA Office

Welcome – Meeting called to order by Mr. Terry Martin, NMAA Commission Vice Chairperson at 9:03 am. A roll call was conducted by Mrs. Mindy Ioane, NMAA Graphic Designer/Special Event Coordinator, and the following members were present:

Mr. Leonard Velasquez (Small, Area A)
Mr. Wayne Ferguson (Small, Area B)
Mr. Gary Schuster (Small, Area C)
Mr. Dave Campbell (Small, Area D)
Mr. Pete MacFarlane (Non-Public School Rep.)
Mr. Cooper Henderson (New Mexico Athletic Directors Association Rep.)
Mr. Jess Martinez (New Mexico Officials Association Rep.)
Mr. Scott Affentranger (National Association of Secondary School Principals Rep.)
Mr. Bruce Carver (Large, Area A)
Mr. Greg Haston (Large, Area B)
Mr. Ernie Viramontes (Large, Area C)
Mr. Kenny Barreras (Large, Area D)
Mr. Terry Martin (State School Boards Association Rep.)
Mr. Thomas Mabrey (New Mexico High School Coaches Association Rep.)
Mr. Don Gerheart (Activities Council Member)
Ms. Debbie Coffman (Jr. High/Middle School Rep.)

Sixteen members present representing a quorum.

Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Martin asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Velasquez made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Viramontes seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (16-0).

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Martin asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2014 Commission Meeting as presented. Mr. Barreras made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Schuster seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (16-0).

Elections:

Mr. Bill Cleland, NMAA Associate Director, informed the members that nominations and a vote will take place to fill the vacant role of Commission Chairperson. Mr. Martin asked for nominations to serve as chairperson of the Commission. Mr. Haston nominated Mr. Bruce Carver to serve as chairperson. Mr. Gerheart seconded the motion. Mr. Martin asked if there were any other nominations and there were none. Mr. Barreras made a motion to approve the nomination of Mr. Carver to serve as Chairperson of the Commission. Mr. Mabrey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (16-0).

Directors' Report:

Mr. Bill Cleland, NMAA Associate Director, discussed Classification & Alignment which is now Class 1A through 6A. He also announced the change in venues for the NMAA State Golf Championships. The

new sites will be The Canyon Club at Four Hills in Albuquerque, Pinon Hills in Farmington and Spring River in Roswell.

New members to the Commission are: Mr. Ernie Viramontes, representing Large Area C, Mr. Cooper Henderson representing the New Mexico Athletic Directors Association and Mr. Jess Martinez representing the New Mexico Official Association.

Mr. Cleland stated that NMAA Executive Director Sally Marquez is attending eight Cooperative Educational Services Regional Meetings this fall and has encouraged all Athletic Directors to attend a session in their area. It is an opportunity for Athletic Directors to have an open forum type session with the NMAA Executive Director on issues and topics of interest to them as well as receive an overview of the Compete with Class initiative. On September 15th Ms. Marquez will be in Dora, September 17th in Bernalillo and September 25th in Aztec.

Mr. Chris Kedge, NMAA Assistant Director, discussed the success of the 2014 NMAA Foundation Golf Classic which was held June 2, 2014. There were 39 4-person teams participating and the event raised about \$2000. He also discussed the success of the 2nd annual NMAA Foundation Fun Run. 16 member schools participated and approximately \$2000 was raised toward scholarships for NM High School students. The 2015 Golf Classic will be held June 1, 2015 at The Canyon Club in Albuquerque.

Mr. Cleland reminded the members of the annual NMAA Fall Leadership Conference will be held October 12-14, 2014 at the Marriott Pyramid Hotel in Albuquerque. This conference is held in conjunction with the NM Athletic Directors Association. All attendees are required to submit a registration form prior to the conference. Deadline to register for the event is September 26, 2014.

Mr. Cleland thanked Ms. Ioane for the creation of the 2013-2014 State Champions PowerPoint that was shown during the Commission Meeting and introduced Mr. Tyler Dunkel, NMAA Sports Information Director, as the association's newest staff member.

NMAA Activities Report:

Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, reported that the Activities Council meeting was held on September 2, 2014. Mr. Don Gerheart was re-elected to serve as the committee chairperson. During the meeting members discussed the decline in the number of schools participating in events, although individual participation is either static or increasing. The members were reminded that schools must be a "member" school in order to participate in NMAA sanctioned activities. Activities are allowed to have a second "league" if the national charter allows it. The NMAA is still looking for a site to host the 2014 State Orchestra Contest which will be held on April 10-11, 2014. Ms. Pappas announced that Rio Rancho High School has been selected to host the 2015 National Student Council Conference. She also discussed the fact that many schools are doing away with newspapers and other publications. During the meeting Activities representatives were asked to submit their participation numbers to the Committee Chairperson, Mr. Don Gerheart so that he can compile a report to present to the committee during their January 2015 meeting. Minutes of the Activities Council meeting can be found on the NMAA website.

NMOA Report:

Ms. Pappas announced the success of the 2014 Officiate NM Day (held during the NASO Summit) which hosted over 600 officials. This was the largest meeting in the history of New Mexico and it was evaluated as one of the best clinics ever held. The NASO Summit was the largest event that NASO has

ever hosted with 82 professional sport organizations and the highest attendance ever for the Gold Whistle Banquet.

During the past summer, basketball camps were held in Albuquerque, Pojoaque, and Las Cruces, as well as the first camp in the NW region in over 15 years. Also held was the Basketball Referee Educational Forum. A composite evaluation is available for those who would like to view it.

The NMOA elected Jess Martinez of Albuquerque as the Association's president and Nate Acosta of Las Cruces as the Vice President. Ms. Pappas will meet with the newly elected president and vice-president to discuss future initiatives of the NMOA, including revision of the NMOA Constitution and Bylaws.

The NMOA is working towards hosting an Umpire Educational Forum in January that will be held in Las Cruces. They will be utilizing NM officials who have worked or currently work in MLB, D1, or D2 baseball. It will consist of a combination of classroom and field work which will be beneficial to NMOA Umpires. Ms. Pappas also announced the delay of the statewide Arbiter use and asked schools to submit feedback concerning Officials' evaluations and submission of HUDL/film for the evaluation process.

Ms. Pappas also announced an extreme shortage of officials and asked for help from the member schools to recruit individuals for their areas of the state.

General Discussion / Informational Items

Track and Field: Mr. Chris Kedge, NMAA Assistant Director, asked the Committee for feedback concerning the use of the Fully Automatic Timing (FAT) system and the goal to have all state qualifying meets be FAT timed. The discussion included cost of the system, cost of training, requests for a list of certified FAT trainers, and ideas on ways to gradually implement the system.

Track and Field: Mr. Kedge asked the members for feedback concerning the issue of certified officials who are also coaches and are officiating track meets. They discussed the current bylaw (7.22.2.C.7.b) which states, "If the director of a qualifying meet wishes to use a coach as the meet referee, at least THREE coaches from three different schools at the meet must be certified through the NMAA and all three must sign off on the results of the meet." A previous referendum was sent to members and passed with the wording: "Consider allowing track and field coaches to serve as meet referees provided that at least three coaches from three different schools are NMAA/NMOA certified track and field officials." Commission members asked that the wording be placed into the bylaw as previously approved.

Volleyball: Mr. Leonard Velasquez, Pecos High School Athletic Coordinator, asked the committee for feedback concerning Volleyball individual game limits. The members discussed the current limit of 5 games and how raising the limit to 6 might be beneficial to students. Ms. Marquez told the members that she will poll the volleyball coaches to get their feedback on the issue and will discuss the report during the November Commission meeting.

Spirit: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, asked the committee for feedback concerning moving the State Spirit Championships to December from March, as it is currently. Members discussed what they felt would be best for the student-athletes and the other sports that it would affect. They also discussed the possibility of a no contact period. Ms. Marquez will place this on the next meeting agenda as a discussion item.

Year Round Sports: Ms. Marquez asked the members to discuss the issue of year round sports (i.e. golf, tennis, spirit and swim/dive) and the idea of placing limitations on the amount of time sports can work with their athletes during a school year. They discussed the benefits to students including the ability to participate in multiple sports.

Break: 10:21-10:31

Golf: Mr. Bill Cleland, NMAA Associate Director, discussed a change in golf A /4A districts that will be presented to the NMAA Board as a result of changes in the number and location of schools that are participating.

Upcoming Commission and Board of Director elections for terms expiring December 31, 2014:

Commission:

Large, Area A – Bruce Carver

Small, Area D – David Campbell

Non-Public School Representative, - Pete MacFarlane

Board of Directors:

Small, Area D – Lesa Dodd

Large, Area A –Janel Ryan

Sport Specific Action Items:

Softball District Tie-Breaking Procedures: (Referenda Item) Mr. Scott Owen, NMAA Assistant Director, asked the members to consider a proposal to amend current softball district tie-breaking procedures to mirror baseball's tie-breaking procedures. The rationale for this proposal is that the current softball tie-breaking procedure contains a duplicate step (i.e. run differential among all district games) and this change will create a standard tie-breaking procedure between the sports of baseball and softball. Mr. Carver asked for a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Henderson made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Barreras seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (16-0).

Officials' Fee Increase Proposal: Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Commissioner of Officials, asked the members to consider a proposal for a five percent (5%) pay increase across the board for officials. The rationale for the proposal is that the last pay increase for New Mexico officials was in 2004. Over the past 10 years, the NMOA has not requested a pay increase out of respect for tightened school budgets and the overall economic climate in New Mexico. After a decade, the NMOA Executive Board would like to request an increase of 5% across the board for its members for Varsity contests and a \$2 per game increase for JV/9th grade and junior high/middle school competition. Mr. Carver asked for a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Barreras made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Velasquez seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (16-0).

Additional Comments:

Mr. Buster Mabrey, NMHSCA Executive Director, thanked everyone involved in the success of the 70th Annual High School Coaches Clinic. He was pleased to report that this year's number of registrants was the highest in the history of the clinic.

Adjourn

Mr. Carver asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Martin made the motion. Mr. Haston seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (16-0).

Next Commission Meeting Date

November 19, 2014 (NMAA)