

NMAA Commission Meeting
September 11, 2013
9:00 AM
NMAA Office

Welcome – Meeting called to order by Mr. Lawrence Johnson, NMAA Commission Chairperson, at 9:00 a.m. A roll call was conducted by Mrs. Mindy Ioane, NMAA Administrative Assistant, and the following members were present:

Mr. Todd Kurth (Small, Area A)
Mr. Wayne Ferguson (Small, Area B)
Mr. Mike Tillman (Small, Area C)
Mr. Dave Campbell (Small, Area D)
Mr. Bruce Carver (Large, Area A)
Mr. Greg Haston (Large, Area B)
Mr. Lawrence Johnson (Large, Area C)
Mr. Pete MacFarlane (Non-Public School Rep.)
Mr. Marc Baca (New Mexico Officials Association Rep.)
Mr. Scott Affentranger (National Association of Secondary School Principals Rep.)
Mr. Thomas Mabrey (New Mexico High School Coaches Association Rep.)
Mr. Don Gerheart (Activities Council Member)
Ms. Vicki Nelms (New Mexico High School Athletic Directors Association Rep.)
Mr. Terry Martin (State School Boards Association Rep.)
Mr. Kenny Barreras (Large, Area D)

Not present:

Ms. Debbie Coffman (Jr. High/Middle School Rep.)

Fifteen members present representing a quorum.

Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, thanked the late Mr. Anthony Gutierrez, Jr. High/Middle School representative, for his service to the NMAA and the students of New Mexico and welcomed Ms. Debbie Coffman who will assume the Jr. High/Middle School position on the Commission.

Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Johnson asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Vicki Nelms seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Approval of Minutes from May 22, 2013:

Mr. Lawrence Johnson asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2013 Commission meeting as presented. Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Mike Tillman seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Election of Commission Officers:

Election of Commission Chairperson: Mr. Bill Cleland asked the Commission members for nominations for the Commission Chairperson, who will serve a two-year term through September, 2015. Mr. Scott Affentranger made a motion to elect Mr. Lawrence Johnson as the NMAA Commission Chairperson. Mr. Kenny Barreras seconded the motion. No other nominations were presented. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Election of Commission Vice Chairperson: Mr. Lawrence Johnson made a motion to elect Mr. Terry Martin to serve as Vice Chairperson of the NMAA Commission. Mr. Mike Tillman seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Directors' Report:

Mr. Bill Cleland, NMAA Associate Director, discussed four items during his report: (1) Referendum results: Physical fitness and competitor insurance for JROTC, bowling and rodeo passed 84 to 4, and the revision of NMAA Bylaw 6.1 – Student Participation passed 79 to 9; (2) the NMAA is in the process of testing MaxPreps statewide messaging system for future use by the membership; (3) announced that voting is currently taking place for the NMAA Board of Directors Area D, Small Schools position to replace Mr. Buddy Little for the remainder of his term which expires December 31, 2014; and (4) thanked Ms. Mindy Ioane for the 2012 – 2013 NMAA State Champions slideshow.

Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, discussed two items on his report: (1) The success of the NMAA Foundation's Golf Classic which took place on June 3, 2013 and thanked Commission members who participated in that event and the first Fun Run that took place on August 10, 2013; and (2) reminded the Commission members of the NMAA / NMADA Fall Conference that will take place October 13, 14, and 15th, with the mandatory meeting of schools on Tuesday, October 15, 2013.

Financial Report:

Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwaner, NMAA Business Manager presented the 2012-2013 Sports Financial Reports. Ms. Kessler-Schwaner stated that the 2012-2013 Audit Report will be presented at the September 25, 2013 NMAA Board of Directors meeting.

NMAA Activities Report:

Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, discussed two items on her report: (1) The Activities Council Meeting which took place September 3, 2013. Ms. Pappas discussed a) the success of dividing the activities amongst the NMAA staff, b) fewer schools participating in activities, but more individual participants in many activities, c) the increased funding for activities through the efforts of Senator Howie Morales (from \$1000 per activity to \$2000), and d) Music Events Meeting at Rio Rancho Public School on September 20, 2013 for band, choir, and orchestra; and (2) the next meeting of the Activities Council on January 14, 2013 where the PED will be invited to present information concerning the possibility of the addition of activities participation to the

STARS system for coding, group insurance information, and expanding outreach to member schools about activities in an effort to increase involvement.

NMOA Report:

Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, discussed four items in her report; (1) a summary of the 2013 summer events which included basketball camps, NMOA State Clinic, Referee Educational Forum and the Ken Murphy Football Camp; (2) the use of Hudl.com for football and basketball training and evaluation of officials; (3) online coaches feedback for all sports; and (4) the 2014 NASO Summit meetings with Barry Mano, the scholarship process, and events to highlight officials in the months leading up to the Summit in Albuquerque.

General Discussion/Information Items:

Upcoming Commission / Board Elections: Mr. Bill Cleland, NMAA Associate Director, announced upcoming vacancies for the NMAA Commission and Board of Directors for terms expiring on December 31, 2013: Commission - Small Areas A and C, Large Areas C and D; Board – Small Areas A and C, Large Area D.

6 and 8 Man Football: Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, asked members for feedback concerning the future of 6 and 8 Man Football.

Centralized Championships (football): Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, asked for feedback concerning centralized football State Championships, stating that UNM and APS have expressed interest in hosting the event.

Track and Field Number of Events per athlete: Mr. Chris Kedge, NMAA Assistant Director, asked Commission members for input concerning the number of allowed events for individual competitors in Track & Field. The NMAA currently allows athletes to participate in 5 events, which is not in compliance with NFHS rules that allow participation in only 4 events. The NMAA is concerned about liability issues and the safety of participants in these events.

Mr. Joe Giglia, Cimarron Track and Field coach, expressed concern regarding the validity of a track and field survey (pgs. 27-31) that was sent to all track and field coaches and his concerns regarding allowing participation in only 4 events.

Sport Specific Committees: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, asked the Commission for feedback regarding the future of Sport Specific Committees. The pros and cons of the sports specific committees were discussed along with possible changes for the future.

Break: 10:30 – 10:42

Sport Specific Committees: Discussion ensued.

Selection / Seeding: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, asked if there were any questions concerning Selection and Seeding. No questions were asked.

Spirit (Sport / Activity): Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, asked for input concerning the sanctioning of Spirit as a Sport. Ms. Marquez also added that the NMAA State Spirit competition will be held at the UNM Pit this year.

Status of Classification and Alignment: Mr. Bill Cleland, NMAA Associate Director, discussed the Classification and Alignment timeline approved by the Board of Directors at the June 2013 meeting. The goal is to have a Section 4 of the NMAA Handbook that can remain the same from block to block. On November 20, 2013, the Board will vote on classes / districts for the 2014-15/2015-16 block and on December 5, 2013, schools that wish to appeal to the Board may do so. Ms. Marquez added that 40 day counts for all schools need to be submitted to Bill Cleland (bill@nmact.org) at the same time they are submitted to the PED, so that NMAA staff can complete the Classification and Alignment process in a timely manner.

Sport Specific Action Items:

Tennis: Standardize match scoring for district contests: Mr. Joe Butler, NMAA Assistant Director, asked Commission members to consider a proposal to standardize the match scoring for all district regular season and district tournament matches, as follows: best two-of-three tie-breaker sets, with ad scoring and a 7-point tie-breaker at 6-all in each set. All team matches will utilize a 9-point format (6-singles and 3-doubles matches) and will be played out to the full nine points. For postponed or suspended matches (due to darkness, weather or other conditions), refer to NMAA Handbook Sections 7.9 and 7.10. For district team matches, if it is determined that a match cannot be continued, it shall be rescheduled and continued from the point of interruption. Rescheduling of a suspended match shall be by mutual agreement. If agreement cannot be reached, the NMAA director of tennis will determine a date and time for the rescheduled match. The rationale for this proposal is that standardizing match formats throughout all districts statewide, provides consistency for the sport of tennis in qualifying players and teams to the state tournament. Mr. Barreras made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Tennis: Standardize tie-breaking procedure for district placement: Mr. Joe Butler, NMAA Assistant Director, asked Commission members to consider a proposal to change bylaw 7.21 – District Tournament: Team Champion so that in tennis districts where the district team champion is determined based on results of head-to-head matches against all other district teams, a statewide district formula for breaking ties in team placement would be established. The rationale for this proposal is to establish a standard system statewide that is based on both USTA principles and NMAA tie-breaker rules in other sports, thereby creating consistency amongst districts for state qualifying purposes. Mr. Barreras made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Carver seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Track and Field: Require Fully Automatic Timing (2015): Mr. Chris Kedge, NMAA Assistant Director, asked Commission members to consider a proposal that would require that all state qualifying track and field meets be timed using a Fully Automatic Timing (FAT) system. This requirement would begin with the 2015 track and field season. The rationale is that by requiring state qualifying track and field meets to use FAT timing, it ensures that all times submitted are accurate for seeding purposes. Mr. Kedge presented a track and field survey showing support for the proposal. Mr. Barreras made a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. MacFarlane seconded the motion. Discussion amongst the members suggested modification to the proposal. Mr. Barreras rescinded his motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Martin made a motion to accept the proposal beginning with the 2016 season instead of 2015. Mr. Affentranger seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed (11-3) as follows:

Yes	No	Commission Member
	✓	Mr. Todd Kurth (Small, Area A)
	✓	Mr. Wayne Ferguson (Small, Area B)
✓		Mr. Mike Tillman (Small, Area C)
	✓	Mr. Dave Campbell (Small, Area D)
✓		Mr. Bruce Carver (Large, Area A)
✓		Mr. Greg Haston (Large, Area B)
✓		Mr. Lawrence Johnson (Large, Area C)
Not Present		Mr. Pete MacFarlane (Non-Public School Rep.)
✓		Mr. Marc Baca (New Mexico Officials Association Rep.)
✓		Mr. Scott Affentranger (National Association of Secondary School Principals Rep.)
✓		Mr. Thomas Mabrey (New Mexico High School Coaches Association Rep.)
✓		Mr. Don Gerheart (Activities Council Member)
✓		Ms. Vicki Nelms (New Mexico High School Athletic Directors Association Rep.)
✓		Mr. Terry Martin (State School Boards Association Rep.)
✓		Mr. Kenny Barreras (Large, Area D)

Track and Field: Remove Bylaw 7.22.3 E (Finals Qualification): Mr. Chris Kedge, NMAA Assistant Director, asked Committee members to accept a proposal that would eliminate Bylaw 7.22.3 E which states “in all races except distance events, contestants qualify for the finals on the basis of time only.” The rationale for the elimination is that it would allow the NMAA to use the NFHS preferred system that allows heat leaders and a designated number of the next fastest runners (dependent on the number of heats) to advance to the finals through head to head competition. Mr. Barreras made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Baca seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (14-1).

General Action Items

Policy to establish/maintain sports/activities (Referenda): Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, asked Commission members to consider a proposal as follows: “In order to add a new sport or activity to the New Mexico Activities Association, ten percent (10%) of member high schools must indicate their intention to participate in that sport or activity. Prior to the start of a new block, NMAA staff will review all programs and conduct a feasibility study for the continuance of each sport/activity it offers.” The rationale is that in the past, the NMAA has been approached by various groups wishing to establish new sports or activities in the state. While the standard answer has been that 12 programs are necessary, no policy was in writing. This proposal would establish such a guideline. Ms. Nelms made the motion to accept the proposal as presented as a referenda item. Mr. Tillman seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Remove bylaw item 6.7.7 A.6 (Boarding School Foreign Student) (Referenda): Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, asked the members to consider a proposal to remove Bylaw 6.7.7 A.6 (Boarding School Foreign Student) thereby allowing all foreign students who are boarding to be immediately eligible. The rationale for the proposal would allow boarding foreign students to be immediately eligible upon enrollment, treating them the same as all other boarding school students. This will also allow boarding schools to have a true 40-day count when it comes to Classification and Alignment. Mr. Carver made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Mabrey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Consider Adjournment

Mr. Johnson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:56 a.m. Mr. Martin made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. MacFarlane seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Next Commission Meeting -November 6, 2013 (NMAA)