

**NMAA Board of Directors' Meeting**  
**September 16, 2020**  
**9:00 a.m.**  
**Teleconference**

Welcome - Meeting called to order by Mr. TJ Parks, NMAA Board of Directors President, at 9:00 a.m. Ms. Alissa Wesbrook, NMAA Assistant to the Executive Director, conducted roll call and the following members were present:

- Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
- Mr. Kirk Carpenter (Large Area A)
- Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
- Mr. T.J. Parks (Large Area B - President)
- Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
- Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
- Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
- Mr. Fred Trujillo (Large Area D)
- Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)
- Dr. Karen Trujillo (Large School District II)
- Ms. Lesa Dodd (At-Large)
- Mr. Terry Martin (New Mexico School Boards Association)
- Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)

13 members were present representing a quorum.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Viramontes made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		<b>Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)</b>
Yes		<b>Mr. Kirk Carpenter (Large Area A)</b>
Yes		<b>Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)</b>
Yes		<b>Mr. T.J. Parks, Board President (Large Area B)</b>
Yes		<b>Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)</b>
Yes		<b>Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)</b>
Yes		<b>Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)</b>
Yes		<b>Mr. Fred Trujillo (Large Area D)</b>
Yes		<b>Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)</b>
Yes		<b>Dr. Karen Trujillo (Large School District II)</b>
Yes		<b>Ms. Lesa Dodd (At-Large)</b>
Yes		<b>Mr. Terry Martin (New Mexico School Boards Association)</b>
Yes		<b>Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)</b>

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2020 Board Meeting as presented. Mr. Casados made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion. A roll vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Yes		Mr. Kirk Carpenter (Large Area A)
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. T.J. Parks, Board President (Large Area B)
Yes		Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Yes		Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
Yes		Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Yes		Mr. Fred Trujillo (Large Area D)
Yes		Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)
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### **NMAA Audit Report**

Ms. Shannon Gilliland, CPA from Taylor-Roth and Company, presented to the Board of Directors the 2019-2020 Audit Report & Financial Statements.

### **NMAA Director's Report**

Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, presented the Director's report. She discussed (5) items on her report: 1) provided an update on the NMAA Foundation that included information on its Fall Golf Classic fundraiser and the decision to increase both student scholarship awards for 2020-2021 by \$20,000 and school grants/support by up to \$15,000 from previous years due to the difficult times brought forth by the current pandemic; 2) referenced the NMAA Opportunity Fund which also provides funding to schools in need; 3) stated that Cross Country, Volleyball and Golf are set to start on October 5<sup>th</sup>; 4) reported that elections will take place in October for Board Members representing Large Area A, Large Area C and Small Area D; and 5) stated that there will not be a Fall Conference this year due to the Governor's current public health orders.

Ms. Dodd asked a question regarding athletic/activity participation for schools in "red counties" as per reports from the Governor's Office. Ms. Marquez stated that no decisions have been made regarding this topic as discussions are still underway with the Governor's Office and Public Education Department.

Mr. Parks welcomed Mr. Fred Trujillo, Superintendent of Espanola Public Schools, as the NMAA's newest Board Member representing Large Area D.

### **NMAA Financial Report**

NMAA Finance Report - Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwamer, NMAA Business Manager, presented the finance report. She discussed two (2) items on her report: 1) provided the sport and activity box reports for the 2019-2020 school year; and 2) reported on ticket sales for the 2019-2020 state championships. She stated both were heavily impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

2020-2021 NMAA Budget - Ms. Marquez presented the 2020-2021 NMAA Budget to the Board of Directors. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the budget as presented. Mr. Viramontes made the motion to accept the proposal. Mr. White seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

### **NMAA Activities Report**

Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Commissioner of Officials, presented the activities report. She discussed five (5) items on her report: 1) stated the Annual Activities Council meeting was held on September 1<sup>st</sup> and Ms. Mary Hahn, Representative of the New Mexico Student Council Association, was elected as the chair for the next two years; 2) reported many of the events in the spring were canceled due to COVID-19, and that most events will be held virtually during the 2020-2021 school year; 3) announced a renewed partnership with Western New Mexico University that will provide scholarship opportunities to students participating in each NMAA sanctioned activity; 4) stated a meeting for activity sponsors was held via zoom with Lt. Governor Howie Morales in attendance advocating for activities; and 5) provided an update on the composition and current work of NMAA's Student Leadership Advisory Council.

### **New Mexico Officials Association Report**

Ms. Pappas presented the officials report. She discussed four (4) item on her report: 1) stated that the 2020 NMOA State Clinic was held virtually in July with over 600 officials in attendance; 2) reported that the NMOA has conducted over 100 successful webinars for seven different sports over the past six months; 3) announced that the NASO Summit was held virtually this year with over 10,000 attendees (150+ were NM officials); and 4) stated that District Clinics and all Officials' Meetings will be held virtually during 2020-2021 school year.

### **Discussion/ Information Items**

Athletic Eligibility Outside of Schools Attended - Mr. Josh Beug discussed the possibility of allowing student athletes to participate at a neighboring school if their school of attendance does not offer a particular sport. The Board recommended Mr. Beug meet with administration from neighboring schools regarding the possibility of a co-op.

Mental Health Awareness - Ms. Marquez provided an overview of the NMAA's Mental Health Awareness initiative that was launched August 31 and will continue throughout 2020-2021. The initial "Mental Health Awareness Week" will be followed up with "Wellness Wednesdays" for the remainder of the school year.

STEM Challenge - Ms. Marquez stated that although it was successful during its first year as a sanctioned activity, the STEM Challenge would no longer be recognized under the NMAA umbrella due to cash prizes that are awarded to student participants. The NMAA still supports school involvement in this great educational opportunity.

### **Action Items**

Cottonwood Classical: IB Program - Ms. Chris Rigali, Athletic Director, and Ms. Jackie Lowe, Registrar, of Cottonwood Classical Preparatory School presented a proposal to grant junior and senior transfer students entering their IB Program immediate eligibility at the varsity level in all sports. Students must have applied and been accepted to the IB program the spring prior to the start of the school year. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Carpenter made the motion to accept the proposal. Dr. Trujillo seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Bylaw 3.1: NMAA Governance Structure - Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, presented a proposal to update Section 3.1 of the NMAA Handbook: Governance Structure for the 2020-2022 Classification & Alignment block. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Carpenter made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Esports: Adoption of NMAA Bylaws - Mr. Young presented a proposal to consider adoption of NMAA Bylaws for Esports. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Ms. Dodd made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Track and Field: Certified Officials - Ms. Pappas presented a proposal to revise a current NMAA track and field bylaw to reflect current assignment practices and procedures to read: Each qualifying meet is required to have a Certified Track and Field Meet Referee, assigned by an NMAA varsity regional Track and Field Assignor. This individual will certify/verify the results of the meet and will serve in all roles as outlined by the NFHS Track and Field Rulebook. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Trujillo made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Basketball: 2-Person Crews for Class 1A & 2A - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to use a 2-person officiating crew in the sport of basketball for Class 1A & 2A. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Casados made the motion to approve the proposal. Ms. Dodd seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed (12-1).

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Yes		Mr. T.J. Parks, Board President (Large Area B)
Yes		Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Yes		Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
	No	Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Yes		Mr. Fred Trujillo (Large Area D)
Yes		Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)
Yes		Dr. Karen Trujillo (Large School District II)
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NMPSIA Request: Coach Ed Requirement - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal, on behalf of Pom and Associates with request from the New Mexico Public Schools Insurance Authority, requiring that all coaches review the following courses offered via the National Federation of State High School Associations Learning Center: *Bullying, Hazing and Inappropriate Behaviors* and *Protecting Students from Abuse*. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Carpenter made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Casados seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Rodeo: Removal as Sanctioned Activity - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to eliminate Rodeo as an NMAA sanctioned activity. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Dempsey made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Casados seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

### Discussion/Informational or Action Items

*Handbook Addendum - COVID-19 Adjustments* \*(D/I) = Discussion/Informational; (A) = Action

(A) Bylaw 2.5.1: Annual Meeting - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to eliminate the Annual Meeting (Fall Conference) requirement for the 2020-2021 school year. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Viramontes made the motion to approve the proposal. Ms. Dodd seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

(D/I) Bylaw 3.6: District Clinics - Ms. Marquez stated that all District Clinics for the 2020-2021 school year will be held virtually with updated dates that reflect the amended sports calendar.

(D/I) Bylaw 3.9: School Online Reporting - Ms. Marquez provided details regarding the change in dates for the online reporting (schedules/rosters/etc.) of athletic information based on the amended sports calendar for 2020-2021. She also stated that there will be no pre-season meeting requirement for the current school year, but that schools would still need to provide the NMAA pre-season video to all parents and students.

(D/I) Bylaw 4.1.3 A: Failure to Complete Season and Classification and Alignment - Ms. Marquez stated that schools that do not complete a season due to COVID-19 would not be subject to penalties. However, if they choose to drop a season, the NMAA must be notified two-weeks prior to the start of that particular sport season. Classification and Alignment for the 2020-2021 school year will be updated throughout the year to reflect these possible changes.

(D/I) Bylaw 6.2: Scholastic Eligibility - Ms. Marquez reminded the group of the change in scholastic eligibility bylaws for the 2020-2021 school year only. This was approved by the Board of Directors over the summer.

(D/I) Bylaw 6.5.A.C.1 & 6.13.1 B: Multiple Seasons in Same Sport - Ms. Marquez stated that there are no changes to this NMAA bylaw and referenced that this would prohibit a student from participating in a certain sport outside of New Mexico in the Fall, and then coming back to New Mexico and participating in the same sport in the Spring.

(D/I) Bylaw 6.6: Transfer Students - Ms. Marquez stated there are no changes to this bylaw.

(A) Bylaw 6.9.2 B: Did Not Participate Exception - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal that if a school did not offer a particular sport during the 2020-2021 school year due to state, local and county health department or school/school district determinations, students who later transfer to another school will have their 2019-2020 sport participation utilized when applying the did not participate exception. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Ms. Dodd made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

(D/I) Bylaw 6.12: Semesters of Attendance - Ms. Marquez stated there are no changes to this bylaw.

(D/I) Bylaw 6.15: Physical Exam Waivers - Ms. Marquez reminded the group of the changes that were made to the physical exam requirements for the 2020-2021 school year only. These were approved by the Board of Directors over the summer.

(A) Bylaw 7.4 & 9.7.8: Out of Season Coaching - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to update Out of Season Coaching bylaws for junior high and middle schools for the 2020-2021 school year only. All high school out-of-season coaching regulations will remain in effect as per Bylaw 7.4 in the NMAA Handbook. However, middle school students/coaches will be permitted out-of-season contact time, exclusive of the high school, but must follow the out of season coaching regulations listed in Bylaw 7.4. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Ms. Dodd made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

(A) Bylaw 7.6.5: Minimum Contests for Postseason Eligibility - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to eliminate the requirement for individual students to participate in a minimum of 25% of its team contests to be eligible for postseason competition. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Casados made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Elder seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

(A) Bylaw 7.9, 3.11.4, 5.1.6, & 5.1.7: Missed Games - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal that teams not be penalized a loss or forfeit due to state, county, or local health department determinations relative to COVID-19. These games will be considered a “no contest” but can be made up if mutually agreed upon. District games missed due to COVID-19 must be rescheduled if time permits. Teams may work to reschedule with new opponents if games (district or non-district) cannot be rescheduled. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Carpenter made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. White seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

(D/I) Out of State Competition - Ms. Marquez clarified that out of state competition is permitted. Schools, however, must comply with public health orders, including potential quarantine orders, that may be in place at the time of the contest.

(D/I) Section 10: Home/Charter/Alternative/Non-Member Private School Eligibility - Ms. Marquez stated there are no changes to these bylaws.

(D/I) Bylaw 7.11: Seeding and Selection – Qualifying Numbers - Ms. Marquez provided details pertaining to the new qualifying numbers for the 2020-2021 school year only. 8-team formats will be utilized for Baseball (2A-5A), Basketball (A-5A), Football (6-man, 2A-6A), Soccer (A/3A-5A, Softball (A/2A-5A), and Volleyball (A-5A). 4-Team formats will be utilized for Baseball (A), and Football (8-Man). Individual sports will also have a reduction in qualifiers for 2020-2021.

(A) Bylaw 7.11: Seeding and & Selection – District Champions & At-Large Bids - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal that for 2020-2021, District Champions automatically qualify for the State Championships with the remaining teams selected At-Large using the standard criteria listed in Section 7.11.2.B of the NMAA Handbook. She stated that the Commission voted in support (12-2) of this proposal at its September 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Elder made the motion to approve the proposal. Dr. Trujillo seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

(A) Bylaw 7.11: Seeding and & Selection – Parameters/Criteria - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal that if a school is forced to cancel one or more district games due to state, country or local health department determinations, it must complete at least 51% of their district schedule to be eligible for post-season selection. This rule only applies to those schools forced to shut down due to state, country, local health department determinations. District finish will be determined using the win/loss percentage of district games played. District ties will be broken using the sport specific procedures listed in Section 7 of the NMAA Handbook. District tie-breaking games will not occur in the sport of basketball. State seeding will utilize the standard criteria listed in Section 7.11.3 of the NMAA Handbook. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Carpenter made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Viramontes seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

(A) Powerlifting - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to consider Powerlifting as a sanctioned activity for the 2020-2021 school year. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Dr. Trujillo made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

(A) NMAA Handbook Addendum: Adoption for 2020-2021 - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to consider full adoption of the NMAA Handbook Addendum on an emergency and temporary basis for the 2020-2021 school year. The addendum includes amendments and clarifications to NMAA Bylaws due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Dempsey made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

### Executive Session

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to go into Executive Session at 11:25 a.m. to discuss Financial, Personnel, and Legal matters pertaining to the organization and also to review the Executive Director's Evaluation from 2019-2020 Mr. Carpenter made the motion to enter into Executive Session. Mr. Viramontes seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

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Yes		Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Yes		Mr. Kirk Carpenter (Large Area A)
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. T.J. Parks, Board President (Large Area B)
Yes		Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Yes		Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
Yes		Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Yes		Mr. Fred Trujillo (Large Area D)
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Yes		Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to exit out of Executive Session at 12:08 p.m. Mr. Parks stated no action was taken in Executive Session. Mr. Viramontes made the motion to exit out of Executive Session. Mr. Dempsey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously. (13-0).

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**Consider Adjournment:**

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m. Mr. Casados made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Dodd seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

<b>Yes/For</b>	<b>No/Against</b>	<b>Board Member Name</b>
Yes		<b>Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)</b>
Yes		<b>Mr. Kirk Carpenter (Large Area A)</b>
Yes		<b>Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)</b>
Yes		<b>Mr. T.J. Parks, Board President (Large Area B)</b>
Yes		<b>Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)</b>
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**The next Board Meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2020**