

**NMAA Board of Directors' Meeting**  
**September 18, 2019**  
**10:30 a.m.**  
**NMAA Hall of Pride and Honor**

**Welcome** - Meeting called to order by Mr. TJ Parks, NMAA Board of Directors President, at 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Alissa Wesbrook, NMAA, conducted roll call and the following members were present:

Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)  
Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)  
Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)  
Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)  
Mr. Kirk Carpenter (Large Area A)  
Mr. T.J. Parks (Large Area B - President)  
Ms. Dana Sanders (Large Area D)  
Ms. Lesa Dodd (At-Large)  
Ms. Yvonne Garcia (Large School District I)                   *\*representing Ms. Raquel Reedy*  
Dr. Karen Trujillo (Large School District II)  
Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)  
Mr. Ramon Montano (New Mexico School Boards Association)

Not present:

Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)                   *\*joined meeting via teleconference at 11:33 a.m.*

12 members were present representing a quorum.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Casados made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2019 Board Meeting as presented. Ms. Dodd made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

**NMAA Executive Directors' Report:**

Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, discussed two (2) items on her report: 1) provided information regarding the recent NFHS Section 6 Meetings held in Oklahoma City; and 2) stated that the 2019 State Soccer Championships will again take place Wednesday thru Friday.

**NMAA Financial Report:**

Annual Audit Report - Ms. Shannon Gilliland, CPA from Taylor-Roth and Company, presented to the Board of Directors the 2018-2019 Audit Report & Financial Statements.

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 2018-2019 school year; and 2) reported on ticket sales for the 2018-2019 state championships.

**NMAA Activities Report:**

Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Commissioner of Officials, presented the activities report. She discussed three (3) items on her report: 1) reported on the August Activities Council Meeting which welcomed two new representatives from Esports and the STEM Challenge; 2) stated that Drama/One-Act is the only activity state event to take place in the Fall, with all others being held in the Spring (February-May); and 3) announced that there is support from the Activities Council to hold only one annual meeting at the start of the school year (instead of one in the fall and one in the spring).

**New Mexico Officials Association Report:**

Ms. Pappas presented the officials report. She discussed seven (7) items on her report: 1) reported on the numerous basketball camps and clinics that took place over the summer months; 2) stated that the July NMOA State Clinic was a success; 3) provided information on the NASO Summit and her recent appointment to the NASO Board of Directors; 4) reported on the Referee Educational Forum that took place in August for basketball officials; 5) stated that several football camps took place in August; 6) reported on the recent change to utilize regional assignors in all sports; and 7) provided an update on officials numbers and the effectiveness of recent recruitment efforts. Mr. Casados asked Ms. Pappas for information regarding the selection of state championship officials and what qualifications these individuals must have to be eligible for state; Ms. Pappas explained that this process is handled on a sport-to-sport basis.

**General Discussion/Information Items:**

Baseball Umpires' Fees Increase - Ms. Pappas discussed the possibility of raising baseball umpire fees for the 2020-2021 school year so that these fees match those given to basketball officials. Both the Commission and Board of Directors have supported this idea at past meetings and Ms. Pappas stated it would be an action item at a later meeting. The Board again provided positive feedback regarding this proposal.

Member School Cyber Programs - Ms. Marquez discussed Cyber Programs within member schools. She stated that these programs allow students from all areas of New Mexico to participate in athletics/activities at the school where they are enrolled as a "cyber student". Feedback from the Board included the possibility of allowing participation at their home attendance zone school only. Ms. Marquez informed the Board that she will discuss this issue with the bylaws committee that is currently reviewing several other NMAA rules/regulations.

State Championship Qualifiers - Ms. Marquez discussed the possibility of lowering the number of state qualifiers in Class 2A & 3A baseball and Class A/2A & 3A softball from 16 to 12 and Class A-3A soccer from 12 to 8. The Board provided positive feedback due to the lower number of schools that participate within these classifications/sports, but encouraged NMAA staff to review state tournament formats/schedules to ensure that the structure of these events did not negatively impact top seeded teams that may receive byes in the first round.

Co-Ops - Ms. Marquez discussed co-ops and the possibility of allowing all classifications to co-op in an effort to save programs at all levels. She stated that some states do allow large schools to co-op if they can prove they are not able to field teams over a certain period of time. She also stated that the NMAA staff is collecting information from all other state associations and the findings will be discussed with the bylaws committee for additional feedback.

Classification and Alignment Update - Ms. Marquez informed the Board of the timeline in regards to classification and alignment. She stated that 40-day numbers will be collected over the next two months and once finalized, the new breakdown of schools will be presented to the Board at its December meeting. Mr. Parks stated that two meetings should be scheduled so that the initial proposal can be reviewed, then appeals can take place the following week.

Mr. Dempsey joined the meeting at 11:33 a.m. via telephone making 13 members present.

**Action Items:**

Foreign Exchange Direct Placement Students - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to consider an update to Bylaw 6.8.2.A (International Student Exchange Participant) whereas a student is eligible immediately if the student is participating in a formal program sanctioned through the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET) and is not directly placed by the CSIET program. Directly placed foreign exchange students will be eligible at the sub-varsity level only. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Carpenter made the motion to approve the proposal. Ms. Dodd seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Bylaw 2.3.4: Activity Organizations - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to amend Bylaw 2.3.4 (Activity Organizations) to read as follows: Activity Organizations may be admitted to the Association if 10% of the membership's high schools agree to participate (See Bylaw 4.2.1) and if approved by the Commission and Board of Directors. A copy of their constitution and bylaws must be submitted. Activity organizations have no vote in the election of officers for the Association. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Ms. Sanders made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Montano seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Bylaw 7.4.2 & 7.4.3: Undue Influence - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to consider an addition to Bylaw 7.4.3 (Undue Influence of a Student) to include if a coach is directly associated with undue influence, the member school will be fined \$2,500/\$5,000 (See Bylaw 7.4.2). In addition, this would change Bylaw 7.4.2 to read as Violations for Out-of-Season Coaching during the school year and/or Undue Influence by a Coach. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Ms. Dodd made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. White seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Golf: State Qualifying Formula - Mr. Tyler Dunkel, NMAA Assistant Director, presented a proposal to consider an adjustment to the qualifying formula for the boys' state golf championships (team and individual). Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Carpenter made the motion to approve the proposal. Dr. Trujillo seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Mr. Parks announced that the Board of Director seats for Small Area A, Small Area C, and Large Area D would be up for election in October. Terms for these positions start January 1, 2020 and are for three years.

Mr. Dempsey left the meeting at 11:53 a.m. making 12 members present.

**Executive Session**

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to go into Executive Session at 11:54 a.m. Mr. Moyer made the motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Lackey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Yes		Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)

Yes		Mr. Kirk Carpenter (Large Area A)
Yes		Mr. T.J. Parks (Large Area B)
Yes		Ms. Dana Sanders (Large Area D)
Yes		Ms. Lesa Dodd (At-Large)
Yes		Ms. Yvonne Garcia (Large School District I)
Yes		Dr. Karen Trujillo (Large School District II)
Yes		Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)
Yes		Mr. Ramon Montano (New Mexico School Boards Association)

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to exit out of Executive Session at 12:45 p.m. Mr. Parks stated no action was taken during Executive Session. Mr. Carpenter made the motion to exit out of Executive Session. Ms. Dodd seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously. (12-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Yes		Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Yes		Mr. Kirk Carpenter (Large Area A)
Yes		Mr. T.J. Parks (Large Area B)
Yes		Ms. Dana Sanders (Large Area D)
Yes		Ms. Lesa Dodd (At-Large)
Yes		Ms. Yvonne Garcia (Large School District I)
Yes		Dr. Karen Trujillo (Large School District II)
Yes		Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)
Yes		Mr. Ramon Montano (New Mexico School Boards Association)

**Consider Adjournment:**

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:47 p.m. Dr. Trujillo made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2019.