

NMAA Board of Directors' Meeting

September 19, 2018

10:30 a.m.

NMAA Hall of Pride and Honor

Welcome - Meeting called to order by Mr. T.J. Parks, NMAA Board of Directors President, at 10:33 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 – Vice President)
Mr. Jamie Widner (Small Area B)
Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Ms. Lesa Dodd (Small Area D)
Mr. T.J. Parks (Large Area B - President)
Dr. Crit Caton (At-Large Member)
Ms. Yvonne Garcia (Large School District I) *Representing Ms. Raquel Reedy
Dr. Gregory Ewing (Large School District II)
Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)
Ms. Jennifer Viramontes (New Mexico School Boards Association)

Not present:

Mr. Kirk Carpenter (Large Area A)
Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
Ms. Dana Sanders (Large Area D)

Ten 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. Ms. Dodd seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2018 Board Meeting as presented. Mr. Widner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Casados seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

NMAA Executive Directors' Report:

Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, discussed (4) items on her report: (1) the NMAA recently hosted the NFHS Section 6 Meetings which included representatives from the National Federation as well as association staff from Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Colorado; (2) an update on the fall sports season and the NMAA's emphasis on sportsmanship. (3) information pertaining to the Annual NMAA/NMADA Fall Leadership Conference; and (4) announced that the Board of Director seats for Small Area B and Large Area B are up for election in October, as well as the At-Large position which is to be appointed by the NMAA Board President – terms for these positions start January 1.

NMAA Financial Report:

Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwaner, NMAA Business Manager, presented the organization's Financial Report. This included information regarding the financials for all athletic and activity events from 2017-2018 as well as ticket sales reports. These reports will be final with the conclusion of the organization's annual audit.

Ms. Shannon Gilliland, CPA with Taylor, Roth & Company, presented to the Board of Directors the 2017-2018 Audit Report.

NMAA Activities Report:

Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, presented the activities report. She discussed four (4) items on her report: 1) she provided information from the August 28th Activities Council Meeting; 2) she reported that Mr. Steve Perea (Chess) was elected as the new chair of the committee with the upcoming retirement of Mr. Don Gerheart (Music); 3) she stated that the fall is a slower time for activities with only one state event (One Act Play); and 4) she informed the group that nearly 30 schools were represented at the NMAA's first Esports workshop held in August.

NMAA Officials Report:

Ms. Pappas presented the officials report. She discussed seven (7) items on her report: 1) she provided an update on the many in-person trainings that took place over the summer which included multiple basketball & football camps, the basketball REF, and NMOA state clinic; 2) she stated that the NMOA is working on training videos for official's education and improvement; 3) she discussed the Battles 2 Ballfields program that was recently introduced in New Mexico to recruit military veterans in to the avocation; 4) she informed the group that the 2019 NMOA State clinic will be held on July 12-13; 5) she stated that the NMAA will again be holding Officials' Appreciation Weeks throughout the year but will also introduce Coach Appreciation Weeks as well; 6) she reported on the football officials' shortage that has plagued the membership this fall but stated that the NMOA has seen an increase in volleyball and soccer officials; and 7) she stated that the NMOA Executive Board will meet in October.

General Discussion/Information Items:

NMMI: Boarding School Classification Rules - Dr. Jerry Grizzle, NMMI Superintendent discussed their concern with current classification & alignment rules as they pertain to boarding schools. He asked that the Board consider adjustments to this rule for NMMI based on the school's special circumstances. These included removal of the 1.3 multiplier applied to their enrollment for classification, possible consideration of different classes for its boys and girls programs based on the school's ratio of each, and allowing 8th grade participation to be granted to only those whom have a long family history of attending NMMI.

NMADA/NIAAA: Importance of LTC Program: Ms. Tammy Richards, NMAA Assistant Director, encouraged the Board of Directors to support and promote professional development for Athletic Directors. In particular, she mentioned the availability of the LTC Program offered by the NIAAA.

EAP/AED Requirement: Activity State Events - Mr. Scott Owen, NMAA Assistant Director, asked for feedback in potentially requiring an EAP and accessible AED at all state activity events. This is currently the case for all sports and the activities of Bowling, JROTC and Rodeo. The Board of Directors offered some concerns with certain activities that utilize multiple locations for its events, but agreed that continued discussions should occur.

Scholastic Eligibility: Clean Slate Rule - Ms. Marquez discussed scholastic eligibility, in particular the clean slate rule that allows for students to participate in activities/athletics regardless of previous year grades once they make an open enrollment choice to participate in high school athletics. The Board of Directors agreed that this should be reviewed and Ms. Marquez stated that the issue would be discussed with member school Athletic Directors to obtain more feedback for possible changes moving forward.

Scholastic Eligibility: 2.3 GPA - Ms. Marquez discussed current GPA requirements for eligibility and the possibility of raising this from a 2.0 to 2.3. She mentioned the current 2.0 standard is state statute, which would thus require changes from the state legislature. Feedback from the Board of Directors included looking at the number of credits for scholastic eligibility instead of a GPA. This item will be discussed with member school Athletic Director to obtain additional feedback.

Ejection Policy for Fighting: Ms. Marquez discussed the increased number of ejections for fighting and asked if the NMAA should consider harsher penalties (i.e. multiple game ejections, meetings with the Executive Director) for these type of ejections. She referenced how it has helped in the sport of soccer and inquired as to if it should thus be applied to all sports.

IB Program at Sandia High School: Ms. Marquez discussed current eligibility rulings for students transferring to Sandia HS when accepted to its IB Program. Mr. Larry DeAnza, Principal at Sandia High School, stated the IB program is a very prestigious program and is the only IB program of its type in New Mexico. Albuquerque Public Schools will be asking for an extension to these rulings which will be reviewed by the Board of Directors at a meeting later this school year.

Action Items:

Dulce HS: Petition to play Independent 8-man Football - Mr. Bruce Hatch, Athletic Director at Dulce High School requested that Dulce High School be allowed to compete as an independent program in 8-man football for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years due to a drastic decline in football numbers. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Widner made the motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Casados seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

NMOA: Officials Fees - Ms. Dana Pappas asked the Board to consider an increase in officials fees effective July 1, 2019. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Dr. Caton made a motion with an amendment that an additional increase be made to basketball officials' fees at all levels so that they were the same as those received in the sport of football. Ms. Viramontes seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

Team Huddles at Midfield/Half-court/Home Plate/Etc.: Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to add regulations for all sports regarding team huddles. The proposal stated that neither team (home or visitor) can huddle on or near the center of the field/court/diamond/mat before, during or after contests. This mandate is within the parameters of Compete with Class in order to deescalate the perception of intimidation, disrespect and unsporting behavior. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Widner made the motion to accept the proposal. Ms. Dodd seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

Executive Session

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session for purposes of discussing financial, legal and personnel matters at 12:36 p.m. A motion was made by Ms. Viramontes. Dr. Caton seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
✓		Mr. Anthony Casados, (Small Area A)
✓		Mr. Jamie Widner (Small Area B)
✓		Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
✓		Ms. Lesa Dodd (Small Area D)
✓		Ms. Yvonne Garcia (Large School District I)
✓		Dr. Crit Caton (At-Large Member)
✓		Mrs. Jennifer Viramontes (NM School Board Association)
✓		Mr. T.J. Parks, Board President (Large Area B)
✓		Dr. Greg Ewing (Large School District II)
✓		Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission Representative)

Consider Adjournment:

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 p.m. Mr. Widner made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Dodd seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2018