

NMAA Board of Directors' Meeting
September 20, 2017
10:00 am
NMAA Hall of Pride and Honor

Welcome - Meeting called to order by Mr. T.J. Parks, NMAA Board of Directors President, at 10:30 am. 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. Jaime Widner (Small Area B)
Mr. Bill Green (Small Area C)
Mr. Kirk Carpenter (Large Area A)
Mr. T.J. Parks (Large Area B - President)
Dr. Craig Cummins (Large Area C)
Ms. Dana Sanders (Large Area D)
Mr. Terry Martin (NM School Board Association)
Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission Representative)
Ms. Raquel Reedy (Large School District I)
**Representing Ms. Raquel Reedy was Ms. Yvonne Garcia*

Not present:

Dr. Gregory Ewing (Large School District II)
Dr. Crit Caton (At-Large Member)
Ms. Lesa Dodd (Small Area D)

Ten members present representing a quorum.

Mr. Parks asked that an adjustment be made to the agenda so that Executive Session could be held after the action items and before adjournment.

Approval of the Agenda:

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Casados made the motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Carpenter 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 1, 2017 Board Meeting as presented. Mr. Green made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

NMAA Executive Director's Report:

Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, discussed three (3) items on her report: 1) the Fall Regional Meetings with Athletic Directors that have been taking place in conjunction with CES; 2) a welcome and introduction of Ms. Tammy Richards, the NMAA's newest Assistant Director and NMADA Executive Director; and 3) the NMAA staff recently attended the NFHS Section 6 Meeting in Colorado.

NMAA Financial Report:

Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwamer, NMAA Business Manager, presented the 2016-2017 Financial Reports for athletic and activity championships as well as attendance figures.

Ms. Debbie Saunders, CPA for Saunders & Associates, presented the 2016-2017 Annual NMAA Audit Report.

NMAA Activities Report:

Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, presented the activities report. She discussed six (6) items on her report: 1) the 2017 National Student Leadership that took place in Indianapolis; 2) the NMAA is working to hold a student leadership summit in New Mexico in 2018, modeled after the NSLS; 3) the Activities Council Meeting that was held in August with all committee members in attendance; 4) the Student Leadership Handbook which was completed and launched on July 1, 2017 and can be found on the NMAA website; 5) the next Student Leadership Advisory Council meeting to be held during the Fall Conference; and 6) an update regarding Orchestra and its future as an NMAA sanctioned Activity.

NMOA Report:

Ms. Pappas presented the officials report. She discussed eight (8) items on her report: 1) basketball officials' camps that were held during the summer; 2) the 2017 State Clinic that was held in June, with a change in format that was very well received 3) Baseball and Softball State Clinics will take place in January; 4) the next NMOA Executive Board meeting will be held in October; 5) the NASO Summit that took place in July; 6) the Referee Educational Forum for basketball officials that was held in August along with Ken Murphy's football officials' camp; 7) the first annual Coaches and Officials Basketball Symposium, will be held in October in conjunction with the NMHSCA; and 8) the NMOA will be partnering with Battlefields to Ballfields which will work as a mentoring program for military veterans to serve as officials.

General Discussion/Information Items:

Individuals representing home school teams for NMAA sanctioned activity programs were not in attendance to discuss their agenda item (Home School Teams).

Logan High School Presentation: Mr. Dennis Roch, Superintendent of Logan Schools, discussed the Ute Lake Online Learning Center and the impact that non-traditional students within this program, many of which do not meet the eligible age requirements to participate in athletics, has on their enrollment numbers for Logan High School.

Basketball Officials' Presentation: Mr. David Osuna commended NMAA Executive Director Sally Marquez, Commissioner of Officials Dana Pappas, and Assistant to the Commissioner of Officials Nate Acosta for their efforts in improving the processes for the assigning and evaluating of basketball officials throughout the state.

Santa Fe Indian School Presentation: Mr. Roy Herrera, Superintendent of SFIS, presented a background of Santa Fe Indian School specific to their culture and traditions. Mr. Eric Brock, Athletic Director of Santa Fe Indian School, discussed his concerns in regards to the application of a multiplier for classification and alignment purposes due to limitations they are currently experiencing. Mr. Pablo Padilla discussed three (3) reasons why Santa Fe Indian School should be exempt from the Boarding School Rule and the multiplier - 1) Santa Fe Indian School does not receive private funding; 2) their students participate in cultural activities, which supersede athletics; and 3) SFIS' geographical attendance zone is specific to race.

IB Program at Sandia High School: Ms. Marquez discussed the eligibility exception granted by the Board of Directors several years ago that was given to students transferring to Sandia HS as part of their acceptance to the school's IB Program. The Board felt that no changes need to be made at this time.

Scholastic Eligibility Committee Update: Ms. Marquez informed the Board of Directors that a committee of athletic directors was created to review current scholastic eligibility requirements. The NMAA staff researched all other state associations and based on this information and feedback from the committee, several recommendations have been made that will be discussed at the Annual Meeting of Schools in October. Membership feedback will determine if a proposal to change scholastic eligibility bylaws will be presented to the Commission/Board in the spring.

AED/EAP Requirements for State Tournament Hosts: Mr. Scott Owen, NMAA Assistant Director, asked for feedback in potentially requiring an EAP and AED to be in place/available at all NMAA state tournament host sites. He reported that many states across the country do already mandate this either via the association office or because of legislation. The Board of Directors supported the NMAA's efforts in working to ensure these requirements are in place in the future.

Mr. Kirk Carpenter left the meeting.

Action Items:

Wrestling - State Seeding Date: Mr. Owen presented a proposal to amend the current seeding policy to conduct state seeding via video conference call on Monday, the week of the state tournament, and to create a withdrawal policy for any seeded wrestlers who withdraw from the state tournament after the verification of entries deadline. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Casados made the motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Green seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

Wrestling - Rules of Classification and Alignment: Mr. Owen presented a proposal to amend the current classification and alignment rules to classify wrestling as a team sport and all schools to enter a district only at the beginning of a new two-year block. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Green made the motion to approve the proposal as presented. Ms. Sanders seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

Basketball/Volleyball - District Tournaments: Ms. Marquez presented an item that no changes be made in regards to district tournaments in the sports of volleyball and basketball. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Widner made the motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

Classification and Alignment - Number of Classes by Sport: Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to finalize Section 4.1.5 (Sport Specific Classifications) of the NMAA Handbook for the 2018/2019-2019/2020 block. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented in all sports, except in the sports of wrestling and baseball. Mr. Widner made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Widner made a motion to approve five (5) classes in the sport of baseball for the 2018/2019-2019/2020 block. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Casados made a motion to approve three (3) classes in the sport of wrestling for the 2018/2019-2019/2020 block. Mr. Green seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

Classification and Alignment - State Football Qualifiers: Ms. Marquez asked the Board of Directors to consider adjustments to NMAA Football bylaws that would update the number of state tournament qualifiers to eight (8) teams in Class 2A-6A & 8-man, and four (4) qualifiers in 6-man for the 2018-2018/2019-2020 block. Mr. Parks asked for a motion. Mr. Widner made a motion to amend the current proposal as presented to ten (10) qualifiers in Classes 2A-6A & 8-man but leaving 6-man at four (4) qualifiers. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

Ms. Marquez informed the Board of Directors that elections will be held for Large Area A, Large Area C and Small Area D after the Annual Meeting in October as those seats have terms that expire on December 31, 2017.

Executive Session:

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session for purposes of discussing legal, financial, and confidential personnel matters at 12:21 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Viramontes. Mr. Widner seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

| Yes/For | No/Against | Board Member Name |
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| ✓ | | Mr. Anthony Casados (Small, Area A) |
| ✓ | | Mr. Jamie Widner (Small, Area B) |
| ✓ | | Mr. Bill Green (Small, Area C) |
| ✓ | | Mr. T.J. Parks (Large, Area B) |
| ✓ | | Dr. Craig Cummins (Large, Area C) |
| ✓ | | Ms. Dana Sanders (Large Area D) |
| ✓ | | Ms. Yvonne Garcia (Large School District I) |
| ✓ | | Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission) |
| ✓ | | Mr. Terry Martin (NM School Board Association) |

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to exit out of Executive Session at 1:02 p.m. Mr. Widner made the motion to exit from Executive Session. Mr. Green seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

| Yes/For | No/Against | Board Member Name |
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| ✓ | | Mr. Anthony Casados (Small, Area A) |
| ✓ | | Mr. Jamie Widner (Small, Area B) |
| ✓ | | Mr. Bill Green (Small, Area C) |
| ✓ | | Mr. T.J. Parks (Large, Area B) |
| ✓ | | Dr. Craig Cummins (Large, Area C) |
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| ✓ | | Ms. Yvonne Garcia (Large School District I) |
| ✓ | | Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission) |
| ✓ | | Mr. Terry Martin (NM School Board Association) |

Consider Adjournment:

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:03 p.m. Mr. Green made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

Next Board Meeting – November 30, 2017 (NMAA)