

NMAA Board of Directors
September 24, 2014
9:00 AM
NMAA Hall of Pride and Honor

Welcome - Meeting called to order by Mrs. Janel Ryan, NMAA Board of Directors President, at 9:44 am. A roll call was conducted by Mrs. Mindy Ioane, NMAA Graphic Designer/Special Event Coordinator, and the following members were present:

Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Mr. Paul Benoit (Small Area B)
Mr. Mike Chambers (Small Area C)
Ms. Lesa Dodd (Small Area D)
Mrs. Janel Ryan (Large Area A - President)
Mr. T.J. Parks (Large Area B - Vice President)
Dr. Craig Cummins (Large Area C)
Mr. Gene Parson (Large Area D)
Dr. Brad Winter (Large School District I)
Mr. Stan Rounds (Large School District II)
Dr. Crit Caton (At-Large Member)
Mr. Bruce Carver (NMAA Commission Representative)

Not present:

Mr. Dion Sandoval (NM School Board Association)

Twelve members present representing a quorum.

Approval of the Agenda:

Mrs. Ryan asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Dodd made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Rounds seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Approval of Minutes:

Mrs. Ryan asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2014 meeting. Mr. Casados made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Dodd seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Executive Session:

Mrs. Ryan reported that an Executive Session was not needed.

NMAA Executive Directors' Report:

Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, discussed four (4) items on her report: (1) Ms. Marquez introduced Mr. Tyler Dunkel, NMAA Sports/Activities Information Director as the newest addition to the NMAA staff; (2) she announced that she is attending CES meetings that are being held statewide, introducing the NMAA's Compete with Class Initiative to Superintendents and Athletic Directors as well as hosting an open forum on issues and topics of interest to them. She will be in Aztec on September 25th, Alamogordo on October 2nd, and Gadsden on October 7th at 9:00 am. Mr. Rudy Aragon will be in Silver City on Tuesday, September 30 & October 1st presenting with the School Board Association; (3) the NMAA has processed over 1000 eligibility/transfer petitions from throughout the state since the

beginning of the school year; and (4) the NMAA Administrative staff traveled to Oklahoma City for their annual Section 6 meetings where the staff was able to network with their counterparts from the Arkansas, Colorado, Oklahoma and Texas state associations. Ms. Marquez stated that during the meetings the NFHS Executive Director announced that they are considering a football rule which will allow student-athletes to participate in only 1 football game in any 5 day period.

Financial Report:

Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwaner, NMAA Business Manager, presented the 2013-2014 All Sports & Activities Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 and the 2013-2014 Ticket Sales Report.

Ms. Debbie Saunders, Saunders & Associates, presented the Annual Audit Report. Ms. Marquez thanked Ms Shari Kessler-Schwaner for her hard work in maintaining the finances for the NMAA and for the success of the annual audit.

NMAA Activities Report:

Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, reported that the Activities Council meeting was held September 2, 2014. Mr. Don Gerheart was re-elected to serve as the committee chairperson. During the meeting, members discussed the decline in the number of schools participating in events, although individual participation is either static or increasing. The members were reminded that schools must be a "member" school in order to participate in NMAA sanctioned activities. Activities are allowed to have a second "league" if the national charter allows it. The NMAA is still looking for a site to host the 2014 State Orchestra Contest which will be held April 10-11, 2014. Ms. Pappas announced that Rio Rancho High School has been selected to host the 2015 National Student Council Conference. She also discussed the fact that many schools are doing away with newspapers and other publications. During the meeting Activities representatives were asked to submit their participation numbers to the Committee Chairperson, Mr. Don Gerheart so that he can compile a report to present to the committee during their January 2015 meeting. Minutes of the Activities Council meeting can be found on the NMAA website.

NMOA Report:

Ms. Pappas announced the success of the 2014 Officiate NM Day (held during the NASO Summit) which hosted over 600 officials. This was the largest meeting in the history of New Mexico and it was evaluated as one of the best clinics ever. The NASO Summit was the largest event that NASO has ever hosted with 82 professional sport organizations represented and the highest attendance ever for the Gold Whistle Banquet.

During the past summer, basketball camps were held in Albuquerque, Pojoaque, and Las Cruces, as well as the first camp in the NW region in over 15 years. Also held was the Basketball Referee Educational Forum. A composite evaluation is available for those who would like to view it.

The NMOA elected Jess Martinez of Albuquerque as the Association's president and Nate Acosta of Las Cruces as the Vice President. Ms. Pappas will meet with the newly elected president and vice-president to discuss future initiatives of the NMOA, including revision of the NMOA Constitution and Bylaws. The NMOA is working towards hosting an Umpire Educational Forum in January that will be held in Las Cruces. They will be utilizing NM officials who have worked or currently work in MLB, D1, or D2 baseball. It will consist of a combination of classroom and field work which will be beneficial to NMOA Umpires. Ms. Pappas also announced the delay of the statewide Arbiter use and asked schools to submit feedback concerning Officials' evaluations and submission of HUDL/film for the evaluation process. Ms. Pappas

also announced an extreme shortage of officials and asked for help from the member schools to recruit individuals from their areas of the state.

The Board members discussed how they can help the NMOA recruit potential officials and issues concerning crowd control and the safety of officials.

General Discussion / Information Items:

Spirit: State Championships in December: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, asked the Board for feedback concerning the possibility of hosting the State Spirit Championships in December as opposed to March as it is currently. She explained that the State of Colorado and many other states hold their competition in December. Board members discussed the advantages and disadvantages of a move to December.

Potential legislative issues: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, discussed two potential issues that may come up this year during the 60 day session: Non-member private school student participation (desire to be able to participate just as charter and home school can) and Charter School participation. Board members discussed current transfer guidelines and asked that NMAA staff stand firm in the Board's position on this issue when communicating with legislators.

Compete with Class Sportsmanship Initiative: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, explained that the NMAA has distributed Compete with Class banners to all high schools and the Compete with Class curriculum is provided online and is available to all member schools for their use.

Upcoming Commission and Board of Directors elections for terms expiring December 31, 2014:

Commission:

Large, Area A - Bruce Carver

Small, Area D - David Campbell

Non-Public School Representative - Pete MacFarlane

Board of Directors:

Small, Area D - Lesa Dodd

Large, Area A - Janel Ryan

General Action Items:

Request to have non-travel assessment removed: Mr. Mike Derrick, Principal of Evangel Christian, asked the Board to consider removal of their non-travel assessment fee. Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, explained the history behind the non-travel assessment. Mr. Rounds made a motion to table this item until more information can be obtained by the NMAA since any decision could impact other schools as well. Mr. Chambers made an amendment to the motion to table the proposal and requested that it be put on the December agenda after research by the NMAA. Mr. Casados seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Officials' fee increase proposal: Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Commissioner of Officials, asked the Board to consider a proposal for a five percent (5%) pay increase across the board for officials. The rationale for this proposal is that NMOA officials last received a pay increase in 2004. Over the past 10 years, the NMOA has not requested a pay increase out of respect for tightened school budgets and the overall economic climate in New Mexico. However after a decade, the NMOA Executive Board would like to request an increase of 5% for their officials for varsity participation and a \$2 per game raise for JV/9th grade and Junior High (7th and 8th grade) competition. During the September 10, 2014 Commission meeting the members approved the proposal (16-0). Ms. Pappas presented a Proposed Officials Pay Increases report to the Board. Mr. Chambers made a motion to approve the proposal with a

recommendation to study the variance in pay within all sports and bring a report back to them during the December, 2014 meeting. Dr. Winter seconded the motion. Mr. Rounds made a motion to table the item since it would not go into effect until July 1, 2015 and NMAA staff could do further research on pay equity between sports. Mr. Chambers and Dr. Winter rescinded their motions. Mr. Chambers seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Sports Specific Action Items:

Softball: District tie-breaking procedure (Referenda): Mr. Scott Owen, NMAA Assistant Director, asked the Board to consider a proposal to amend the current softball district tie-breaking procedures to mirror baseball's tie-breaking procedures. The rationale for this proposal is that the current tie breaking procedure contains a duplicate step, creating only a two-step tie-breaking procedure (run differential between tied teams and then a coin toss). Mirroring baseball's tie-breaking procedure will create an additional step to break ties (run differential among all district games) and will create a standard tie-breaking procedure across the sports of baseball and softball. During the September 10, 2014 Commission meeting the members approved the proposal (16-0). Mr. Casados made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Parsons seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Golf: Change A/4A districts for 2014-2016 block: Mr. Bill Cleland, NMAA Associate Director, asked the Board to consider a proposal to modify the current class A/4A golf districts due to the additions and deletions of schools since the original districts were approved. If approved, these changes will go into effect immediately for the 2014-15 school year. Mr. Cleland presented a comparison of the proposed districts with the current district alignments. Mr. Parson made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Ms. Dodd seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Consider Adjournment

Mrs. Ryan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:21 am. Mr. Caton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Parson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Next Meeting Date: December 4, 2014, NMAA Hall of Pride and Honor