

NMAA Board of Director Meeting
September 26th, 2012
9:00 AM
NMAA Office

Welcome

Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Janel Ryan, NMAA Board President at 9:00 a.m. A roll call was conducted by Mr. Jeremy Hernandez, NMAA Administrative Assistant, and the following were present:

Mr. Anthony Casados (Small, Area A)
Mr. Paul Benoit (Small, Area B)
Mr. Bill Green (Small, Area C)
Mrs. Janel Ryan (Large, Area A-President)
Mr. T.J. Parks (Large, Area B)
Mr. Dick Pool (Large, Area C)
Mr. Stan Rounds (Large School District II)
Ms. Patricia Parsons (At-Large Member)
Mr. Lawrence Johnson (NMAA Commission Representative)
Mr. Dion Sandoval (NM School Board Association)
Mr. Buddy Little (Small, Area D)
Mr. Adan Delgado (Large, Area D)

Members not present:

Mr. Winston Brooks (Large School District I)

12 members were present representing a quorum.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Ryan asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Rounds made a motion to amend the agenda so that Action Item 5A was moved to immediately follow the Approval of Agenda and Approval of Minutes. Mr. Green seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. (12-0)

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Ryan asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2012 and August 14, 2012 meetings as presented. Mr. Little made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Benoit seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. (12-0)

Hiring of Executive Director: Mrs. Janel Ryan, NMAA Board President, asked for a motion to accept the recommendation of the Interview Committee, for the hiring of a new NMAA Executive Director. Mr. Delgado made a motion to approve Ms. Sally Marquez as the new NMAA Executive Director. Mr. Casados seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously. (12-0)

Executive Session

Mrs. Ryan asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss financial, legal, and personnel matters. Mr. Rounds made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mrs. Parsons seconded. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously. (12-0)

Mrs. Ryan called the meeting back to order at 10:04 a.m. Mrs. Ryan stated that the board discussed possible litigation and the salary for Ms. Marquez, NMAA Executive Director.

NMAA Directors' Reports: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, thanked the staff for their continued hard work the past 6 weeks.

Ms. Dana Sanchez, NMAA Commissioner of Officials, informed the board that her report will come during the NMOA Report

Mr. Bill Cleland, NMAA Deputy Director, discussed two items: (1) the slideshow running in the Hall of Pride which shows all sports champions from the 2011-12 school year and he thanked Jackie Martinez for putting it together; and (2) schools are doing a good job posting information on MaxPreps and the rankings are now available on MaxPreps for football, soccer, and volleyball.

Financial Report

NMAA Financial Report: Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwaner, Business Manager, discussed the fall, winter and spring financial reports for the 2011-2012 year.

Annual Audit: The Board was in receipt of the audit information as presented by Mr. Dick Satter and Ms. Debbie Saunders, Satter & Company. They reported on six items to the Board: (1) NMAA procedures are very good, (2) the NMAA budget was set and adjusted accordingly and a profit was made, (3) financials were prepared correctly, (4) spoke about the revenues coming in and out of the NMAA and sponsorships. The NMAA far exceeds the number of sponsorships of other State Associations, (5) management suggestions for sponsorships, and (6) governance letter stating there were no issues working with the staff and adjustments could be seen in the handouts given to the Board of Directors.

General Action Items

Consider approval of Document Retention/Destruction policy: Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwaner, Business Manager asked for approval for the Document Retention/Destruction policy.

Consider approval of Whistleblower policy: Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwaner, Business Manager.

Consider approval of Gift Acceptance policy: Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwaner, Business Manager.

Ms. Janel Ryan asked for a motion to accept all three policies (Document Retention/Destruction policy, Gift Acceptance policy and Whistleblower policy) pending

legal review. Mr. Rounds made a motion to accept the three (3) policies pending legal review. Mr. Green seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. (12-0)

Consideration of Classification & Alignment proposal for the 2014-15/2015-16 block: Mr. Dick Pool made a motion to table this action item until the December meeting to allow for input by the new Executive Director. Ms. Parsons asked that this proposal not be limited to just the four current options but listen to other proposals. Paul Benoit seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0)

Sports Specific Action Items

Volleyball: Consider revision to Volleyball pool play officials' fee schedule: Mr. Todd Handy, NMOA Executive Board Member, stated that the sport of volleyball is changing and giving the advantage to schools to play more games. It is hard to get officials to officiate tournaments at the current pay rate.

Ms. Marquez informed the board that this will increase costs to schools and that this should be taken to the volleyball sports specific committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Little to table this item. Mr. Casados seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. (12-0)

NMAA Activities Report

Ms. Sally Marquez, Executive Director, discussed two items: (1) the NMAA staff met with the Activities Council September 4th and described how the NMAA staff was going to help all activities this year; and (2) there is a disconnect between Athletic Directors and Activities Directors and how to improve lines of communication.

NMOA Report

Ms. Dana Sanchez, Commissioner of Officials, discussed six items: (1) Basketball Rules Clinic dates: Oct. 22nd - Albuquerque, Oct. 23rd - Roswell, Oct. 25th - Las Cruces, Oct. 30th - Gallup, Nov. 1st - Santa Fe. Officials and head coaches are required to attend those clinics; during these clinics, Rudy Aragon will also be hosting meetings for the region Middle School Athletic Directors; (2) Officials required to be registered in all sports at all levels; (3) Behavior of spectators at interscholastic events; (4) Bands playing at football games; (5) Ejections have not increased from last year; and (6) the NMOA Officials Summit in 2014 in Albuquerque.

General Discussion/ Information Items

Private School representative to the Board: Mr. Pete MacFarlane, Sandia Prep AD, discussed the possibility of adding a Board Member to the Board of Directors specifically for private schools.

Mr. Delgado stated that private schools have given minimal feedback in his area and he would encourage private schools to speak up. Mr. Casados and Mr. Benoit both agreed that private schools give minimal feedback to them as well.

Fall Conference (October 14-16, 2012): Mr. Dusty Young, Assistant Director, informed the Board that the Fall Conference will be October 14-16th, the Annual Luncheon will be on Monday the 15th, the mandatory Annual Meeting will be on Tuesday the 16th, Directors' Cups will be presented, and he listed a few of the speakers who will be present.

Upcoming Board/Commission openings: Mr. Bill Cleland, Deputy Director, informed the Board of the terms expiring in December 2012: Mr. Benoit (Small, Area B), Mr. T.J. Parks (Large, Area B) and Ms. Parsons (At-Large – appointed) and for the Commission, Mr. Ferguson (Small, Area B), Mr. Haston (Large, Area B) and Mr. Carver (Large, Area A).

Ms. Ryan notified the Board of Directors that this would be Mr. Pool's last meeting and his position will also be open.

Consider Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Benoit to adjourn. Mr. Rounds seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. (12-0)

Next Board of Directors' Meeting – December 6th 2012 (NMAA)