

NMAA Board of Directors Meeting

September 29, 2010

9:00 AM

NMAA Office

I. Welcome – Meeting called to order by Mr. Mike Phipps, NMAA Board President, at 9:00 a.m. A roll call was conducted by Ms. Mindy Ioane, NMAA Administrative Assistant, and the following members were present.

Ms. Zita Lopez, (Small, Area A)

Mr. Paul Benoit (Small, Area B)

Mr. Bill Green (Small, Area C)

Mr. Buddy Little (Small, Area D)

Mr. Dane Kennon (At-Large Member)

Mr. Dion Sandoval (NM School Board Association)

Mrs. Janel Ryan (Large, Area A)

Mr. Mike Phipps, President, (Large Area B)

Mr. Dick Pool (Large Area C)

Ms. Janette Archuleta (Large, Area D)

Mr. Stan Rounds (Large School District II) via conference call

Mr. Lawrence Johnson (NMAA Commission Representative)

The following members were absent.

Mr. Winston Brooks (Large School District I)

Twelve members present representing a quorum.

Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Tripp informed the Board of the following agenda changes: financial items are discussion items; an addendum agenda has been added; and recommended that the Executive Session to be moved to the end of the meeting. Mr. Phipps asked for a motion to approve the agenda with changes as presented. Mrs. Ryan made a motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. Archuleta seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Approval of Minutes from July 27, 2010:

Mr. Phipps asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Rounds made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Benoit seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Executive Director's Report:

Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director, discussed three items during his director's report: (1) a letter sent to all schools from NMAA concerning officials pay and IRS payment requirements, (2) NMAA Foundation upcoming events, (3) Mr. Phipps recovery from illness.

Activities Report:

Kristin Derr, NMAA Assistant Director, presented the activities report and reviewed various upcoming activities. Cameron Christianson (Cibola High School) and David Torres (Taos High School) presented information about their experience at the NFHS Student Leadership conference.

General Action Items**School Athletics Equity Act:**

Sally Marquez, NMAA Associate Director, proposed to require “non-public” schools to report SAEA data; this would be a referendum item to the NMAA members schools.

Mrs. Ryan made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mrs. Archuleta seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Bylaw Adjustments

Sally Marquez, NMAA Associate Director, proposed as a referendum item, to revise NMAA bylaw 6.1.2 to read “this bylaw takes effect once a student enters 7th grade.” Mr. Kennon made a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mrs. Archuleta seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Sally Marquez, NMAA Associate Director, proposed as a referendum item, to revise NMAA bylaw 6.1.3 to read “1. Any student, family or individual that contacts a coach about attending a school where he or she coaches should be informed that they need to contact the principal, admissions department or guidance department if they have an interest in transferring. 2. Any meeting with coaches regarding prospective athletes and their families should be at the request of the family, to the individual(s) responsible for admissions and should take place at the school.” Mr. Green made a motion to approve the proposal with the following change: “must take place at the school” rather than “should take place at the school.” Mr. Little seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Sally Marquez, NMAA Associate Director, proposed as a referendum item, to revise NMAA bylaw 6.2.6 to read, “A school is allowed up to 7 school days from the end of the grading period to determine student eligibility.” Mr. Benoit made a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Green seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Sally Marquez, NMAA Associate Director, proposed as a referendum item, to revise NMAA bylaw 6.4 to read, “this regulation applies to freshmen only. It cannot be utilized by 10th, 11th or 12th grade students, inclusive of those enrolling in private schools.” Mr. Little made a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mrs. Ryan seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Sally Marquez, NMAA Associate Director, proposed as a referendum item, to revise NMAA bylaw 6.5.2 to read "Students designated as transfer students are ineligible for varsity participation for a period of 180 school days/365 calendar days as opposed to the present 90 school day regulation." Mr. Kennon made a motion to approve the proposal as

presented. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Sally Marquez, NMAA Associate Director, proposed as a referendum item, to revise NMAA bylaw 6.5.6A to read "Foreign Exchange Students are eligible for sub-varsity participation only." Mr. Pool made a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Sally Marquez, NMAA Associate Director, proposed as a referendum item, to revise NMAA bylaw 6.5.6B to read "Foreign Students moving to this country without their parents are ineligible for varsity competition for a period of 180 school days/365 calendar days." Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mrs. Ryan seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Sally Marquez, NMAA Associate Director, proposed as a referendum item, to revise NMAA bylaw 6.8.4a to read "A student who leaves high school and is enrolled in or completes a full-time early release post-secondary education/training program (GED or equivalent) is no longer eligible for interscholastic competition. However, if that student without earning a GED returns to high school working towards a high school diploma, he/she will be able to participate in interscholastic competition as long as all other eligibility bylaws are met." Mr. Green made a motion to table this item and send it back to the Bylaws Committee for rewording. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the issue was tabled (12-0).

Sally Marquez, NMAA Associate Director, proposed as a referendum item, to revise NMAA bylaw 7.4.1 to "eliminate stated penalties for a third offense" in regards to the violations for out-of-season coaching. Mr. Pool made a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Sally Marquez, NMAA Associate Director, proposed as a referendum item, to revise NMAA bylaw 7.6.4 to read "Schools will be allowed to sponsor an alumni game as a fundraiser and not have that game count against their scrimmage limit." Mr. Little made a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Pool seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Addendum Agenda Item:

Sally Marquez, NMAA Associate Director, proposed as a referendum item, to revise NMAA bylaw 6.4.3.e.2 to read " A student who moves from parent to parent or legal guardian to legal guardian the first time in his/her high school career will be eligible upon verification to the NMAA office that this is the first move and certified by the administrators involved that the move was neither athletically motivated nor was the move because of recruitment. The legal guardianship must have been established at least one calendar year before the transfer." Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mrs. Ryan seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Sport Specific Action Items:

Team Sports: Robert Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, presenting on behalf of the Sports Specific Representative Ad Hoc Committee asked the Board to "consider allowing the higher seed to host first round games in the state championships in all cases." Mr. Green made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kennon.

Mr. Rounds made a motion to amend the proposal to add "not to take effect until the 2011-2012 school year." Mr. Pool seconded the amended motion.

Mr. Green made the motion to accept the amended motion. Mr. Johnson seconded the amended motion. A roll call vote was taken (6 to 6).

Mr. Johnson made a motion to table the proposal. Mr. Rounds seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken (4 to 8). Motion to table was denied; discussion continued.

Mr. Kennon made a motion to accept the proposal as presented beginning with the 2010-2011 school year. Mr. Sandoval seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed (7-5).

Baseball: Senator Howie Morales, presenting on behalf of the Baseball Coaches Association asked the Board to "consider the implementation of a two-out-of-three series format for Classes 3A-5A during the first round of 16 of the State Baseball tournament." Mr. Kennon made a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Green seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Softball: Mr. Gene Victor (Cibola Softball Coach), presenting on behalf of the Softball Sports Specific Committee, asked the Board to consider "the implementation of a double elimination format in all classes for the final field of eight during the state softball tournament. The first round of sixteen would use a single elimination format." Mr. Kennon made a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mrs. Archuleta seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Break – 10:35 a.m. to 10:47 a.m.

Football: Randy Adrian, NMAA Assistant Director, presenting on behalf of the Football Sports Specific Committee asked the Board to "consider the implementation of spring practice in the sport of football." Spring practice would consist of 10 practices (3 shorts/ 7 full pads) between week 47 and week 49 of the NMAA calendar. Mr. Rounds made a motion to table this proposal. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion to table. A vote was taken and the motion was tabled (12-0).

Cross Country: Rudy Aragon, NMAA Assistant Director, presenting on behalf of the NMAA staff, asked the Board to "adjust the number of teams from District 1 of Class A/AA Cross Country from 4 to 5 and the number of runners from District 1 teams who do not qualify for the state meet from 6 to 10." Mr. Little made the motion to accept this

proposal as presented. Mr. Pool seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (12-0).

Cross Country: Rudy Aragon, NMAA Assistant Director, presenting on behalf of the Cross Country Sports Specific Committee asked the Board to "consider increasing each participating school's allowable number of varsity runners for the district Cross Country meet from 7 to 9." Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mrs. Lopez seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried (11 to 1); Mr. Pool opposed the motion.

Basketball: Mr. Frank Castillo (La Cueva boys basketball coach), and Mr. Russ Gilmore (Hobbs boys basketball coach) presenting on behalf of the Basketball Sports Specific Committee, asked the Board to consider "increasing the basketball district and state tournament roster from 12 to 14 uniformed players." Mr. Johnson made a motion to accept this proposal as presented. Mrs. Lopez seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried (9 to 3).

Track & Field: Robert Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, presenting on behalf of the Track & Field Sports Specific Committee asked the Board to "consider making the scoring of district championship meets consistent with NFHS scoring guidelines." Mr. Pool made a motion to table this proposal. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion to table. A vote was taken and the motion was tabled (12-0).

Spirit: Sally Marquez, NMAA Associate Director, presenting on behalf of the NMAA staff, proposed "removing the 80%/60% participation and DVD requirements from the previously approved Spirit as a Sport format." Mr. Benoit made a motion to accept this proposal as presented. Mr. Benoit seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (12-0).

Spirit: Sally Marquez, NMAA Associate Director, proposed as a referendum item to "consider increasing the maximum number of competitions from 5 to 8 for Spirit for the 2010-2011 school year. And, consider changing the minimum/maximum number of competitions for the 2011-2012 school year to 3 and 10 respectively; per recommendations from the OCR and member school's legal counsel." Mr. Johnson made the motion to accept this proposal as presented. Mr. Pool seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed (11-1). Mr. Rounds opposed the motion.

General Discussion / Informational Items

Home School Referendum: Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director, presented the results of the Home School Referendum. The result were 20 NMAA member schools were in favor of changing/modifying NMAA home school participation rules/regulations while 62 schools opposed the change.

Home School Rodeo Participation: Mr. Green addressed concerns that he had with home school students/ cyber school students who compete in the State Rodeo competition. Mr. Tripp explained that he and Ms. Derr (NMAA Activities Director) were going to

schedule a meeting with the Rodeo Association to clarify details of individual and team participation.

NMAA Fall Conference Update - Robert Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, informed the Board that the NMAA Annual Fall Conference would be held at the Marriott Pyramid Hotel on October 10 – 12, 2010. The mandatory meeting date will be October 12, 2010.

NMAA Concussion Protocol: Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director, informed the Board of concerns brought to his attention regarding the wording of Senate Bill 1. He also notified the Board that he is currently working with doctors and athletic trainers to review the current law. Mr. Tripp will meet with Senator Howie Morales, Representative Keith Gardner and Senator Michael Sanchez after recommendations to the law are made.

Life of An Athlete Update: Robert Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, gave the Board an update that out of 2600 individuals who have taken the alcohol education course, 2200 are from New Mexico. He presented positive emails that have been sent to him in support of the program, as well as an article from the September issue of High School Today.

Establishment of a Sub Committee to examine Consequences for Coach Ejections: Dana Sanchez, NMAA Assistant Director, presented a memo prepared by NFHS with regards to research concerning ejection policies in other states. The NMAA is requesting that a Board member serve on this committee.

Development of Strategies regarding School Athletic Equity Act to assist NMAA Member Schools: Sally Marquez, NMAA Associate Director, presented to the Board that many Superintendents have expressed interest in receiving the information that the NMAA provided to athletic directors at the 2009 Annual Meeting of member schools pertaining to the School Athletics Equity Act and Title IX legislation.

MVP 2.1 Update: Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director, explained that because of problems with MVP 2.1, the NMAA will not be assessing any fines related to missed deadlines. Bill Cleland, NMAA Assistant Director, informed the Board of the recent progress made with the development of the system.

Executive Session: A roll call vote was taken by Mindy Ioane, NMAA Administrative Assistant, to proceed with the Executive Session. Session began at approximately 12:27 p.m.

Adjournment: Executive session adjourned at 1:00 p.m.