

NMAA Commission Meeting  
November 15, 2017  
9:00 AM  
NMAA Office

**Welcome** – The meeting was called to order by Mr. Scott Affentranger at 9:05 am. A roll call was conducted by Ms. Jacquelyne Martinez, NMAA Assistant Director, and the following members were present:

Mr. Tim Host (Small, Area A)  
Mr. Bruce Carver (Large, Area A)  
Mr. Dickie Roybal (Small, Area B)  
Mr. Cooper Henderson (Large, Area B)  
Mr. Jory Mirabal (Small, Area C)  
Mr. Dave Campbell (Small, Area D)  
Ms. Nickie McCarty (Large, Area D)  
Mr. Thomas Mabrey (New Mexico High School Coaches Association Rep.)  
Mr. Jess Martinez (New Mexico Officials Association Rep.)  
Mr. Scott Affentranger (New Mexico Association of Secondary School Principals Rep.)  
Mr. Mike Huston (New Mexico High School Athletic Directors Association Rep.)  
Mr. Don Gerheart (Activities Council Member)  
Ms. Debbie Coffman (Jr. High/Middle School Rep.)

13 members present representing a quorum.

Not Present:

Dr. John Foreman (Non-Public School Rep.)  
Mr. Ernie Viramontes (Large, Area C) - Chairman  
Ms. Jennifer Viramontes (State School Boards Association Rep.)

At 9:09 am the following Commission Members entered the meeting:

Dr. John Foreman (Non-Public School Rep.)  
Mr. Ernie Viramontes (Large, Area C) - Chairman  
Ms. Jennifer Viramontes (State School Boards Association Rep.)

16 members present representing a quorum.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Henderson made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Host seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (16-0).

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2017 Commission Meeting as presented. Ms. Viramontes made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Huston seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (16-0).

**NMAA Directors' Report:**

Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, discussed four (4) items on his report: 1) an update on current NMAA staff members; 2) a recap of all NMAA Fall Championships (soccer, cross country, volleyball, and football); 3) a report of the work done by the NMAA Foundation in 2016-2017 and its scholarship program for 2017-2018; and 4) a report on the election results for both the NMAA Board of Directors and Commission – he also thanked two outgoing Commission Members for their service (Mr. Bruce Carver and Dr. John Foreman).

**NMAA Activities Report:**

Ms. Dana Pappas, Commissioner of Officials, presented the activities report. She discussed two (2) items on her report: 1) a recap of the State One Act Play Contest that took place in October, which is the NMAA's only activity event held during the fall; and 2) an update on the NMAA Student Leadership Advisory Committee's work which includes various social media initiatives, Unified Sports discussions, and the launch of a state leadership conference modeled after the NFHS' national event.

**NMAA Officials Report:**

Ms. Dana Pappas, Commissioner of Officials, presented the officials report. She discussed two (2) items on her report: 1) a recap of the coaches and officials symposium for basketball and wrestling held in October; and 2) a report on the launch of multiple Officials Appreciation Weeks that will take place throughout 2017-2018 (Fall Sports – October, Winter Sports – January, Spring Sports – April).

**General Discussion/Information Items**

**Classification & Alignment Update:** Ms. Marquez discussed classification and alignment and informed the Commission that all schools have submitted 40 day numbers which allows for the NMAA to put together the proposed classes/districts that will be voted upon by the Board of Directors on November 30. She also stated that the proposal placed in front of the Board will be based on feedback from the membership and what is best for the state of New Mexico as a whole.

**Post-Game Decorum:** Ms. Marquez discussed an inquiry from the membership regarding unsportsmanlike behavior during pregame, halftime, and postgame that is initiated by visiting teams by huddling/celebrating/etc. at midfield, mid-court, home plate. There is a rule that addresses this behavior in the sport of basketball only. After discussion, the Commission asked the NMAA to look at similar rules for all other sports.

**Sub-Varsity Assignors:** Ms. Pappas discussed sub-varsity assignors and the current process of selecting these individuals. Some member schools have asked the NMAA to consider appointing these individuals the same way as is done with varsity regional assignors in basketball and football. The NMAA and NMOA will work with the membership on this issue to determine if a new process should be implemented in the future

**Action Items**

**Scholastic Eligibility: Semester Grades: (Referenda Item):** Ms. Marquez asked the commission members to consider changing verbiage to the NMAA handbook regarding scholastic eligibility and the use of semester grades as opposed to six or nine weeks grades. Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Ms. McCarty made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Host seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (16-0).

Scholastic Eligibility: No F's: (Referenda Item): Ms. Marquez asked the commission members to consider changing verbiage to the NMAA handbook regarding scholastic eligibility and requiring that a student receive no F's in order to be eligible for extracurricular activities. Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Carver made the motion to approve the proposal. Dr. Foreman seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (14-2).

Scholastic Eligibility: Summer Courses: (Referenda Item): Ms. Marquez asked the commission members to consider changing verbiage to the NMAA handbook regarding scholastic eligibility and the use of summer courses for eligibility purposes – allowing more than one course to be made up. Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Carver made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (16-0).

Baseball: Update to pitching restrictions regulations: (Referenda Item): Mr. Young asked the commission members to consider adjusting the consecutive day note within the pitching regulations for the sport of baseball. Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Carver made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Mabrey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (16-0).

Elimination of the NMAA State Orchestra Contest: Ms. Pappas asked the commission members to consider eliminating the NMAA State Orchestra Contest. Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Roybal made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (16-0).

### **Consider Adjournment**

Mr. Viramontes asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 am. Mr. Huston made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (16-0).