

**NMAA Commission Meeting
November 16, 2011
9:00 AM
NMAA Office**

Welcome – Meeting called to order by Mr. Lawrence Johnson, NMAA Commission Chairperson, at 9:03 a.m. A roll call was conducted by Ms. Mindy Ioane, NMAA Administrative Assistant, and the following members were present:

Mr. Todd Kurth (Small, Area A)
Mr. Phil Sategna (Large, Area A)
Mr. Brian Stacy (Large, Area B)
Mr. Lawrence Johnson (Large, Area C)
Mr. Kenny Barreras (Large, Area D)
Mr. Pete MacFarlane (Non-Public School Rep.)
Mr. Jim Sayre (New Mexico Officials Association Rep.)
Mr. Thomas Mabrey (New Mexico High School Coaches Association Rep.)
Mr. Scott Affentranger (National Association of Secondary School Principals Rep.)
Mr. Don Gerheart (Activities Council Member)
Ms. Vickie Nelms (New Mexico High School Athletic Directors Association Rep.)

Not present:

Mr. Keith Durham (Small, Area B)
Mr. Gary Frazier (Small, Area D)
Mr. Terry Martin (State School Boards Association Rep.)
Mr. Mike Tillman (Small, Area C)

Eleven members present representing a quorum.

Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Johnson asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Stacy made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Barreras seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Approval of Minutes from September 7, 2011:

Mr. Johnson asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 7, 2011 Commission meeting as presented. Mr. Gerheart made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Sayre seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Directors' Report:

Mr. Robert Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, discussed four items on his report. (1) Commission and Board of Directors Ballots will be due on Tuesday, November 29, 2011 for the following positions:

Commission

Area A – Large Schools, nominees are Gary Schuster, District Athletic Director of Gallup McKinley County Schools and Phil Sategna, Athletic Director of Bloomfield High School.

Area D – Small Schools, nominees are Jason Hightower, Athletic Director of Capitan High School and Dave Campbell, Athletic Director of Dexter High School.

Non-Public Schools, nominees are Jeff Engbers, Athletic Director of Rehoboth High School and Pete MacFarlane, Athletic Director of Sandia Prep High School.

Board of Directors

Area A – Large Schools, Janel Ryan, Superintendent of Farmington Municipal Schools.

Area D – Small Schools, Buddy Little, Superintendent of Tatum Municipal Schools and Michael Grossman, Superintendent of Lake Arthur Municipal Schools.

(2) Life of An Athlete, Over 15,000 participants have taken the Life of An Athlete course since its inception, adding that there is potential for future additional funding for the program by showing its effectiveness within the state; (3) Had the opportunity to speak at Foothill High School's football banquet, the success of their program and their need for improved football practice field; and (4) Fall Sports, overall attendance was down from last year, however revenue remained the same or slightly up due to the standardization of ticket prices for all sports.

Financial Report:

Mrs. Shari Kessler-Schwaner, NMAA Business Manager, stated that financial reports were not finalized at this time due to State Soccer, Cross Country and Volleyball Championships being held prior to the Commission meeting. Mrs. Kessler-Schwaner added that ticket prices for all State Championship events are now \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors.

Mr. Mike Tillman entered the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

Activities Report:

Ms. Kristin Derr, NMAA Assistant Director, discussed two items on her report. (1) One Act Play was held at the San Juan College in Farmington, NM on November 3-5, 2011. The results are as follows:

Sparta (small division)

- 1st - Las Montanas Charter School
- 2nd - Moreno Valley Charter School
- 3rd - Lordsburg High School

Athens (large division)

- 1st - Sandia High School
- 2nd - Aztec High School
- 3rd - Piedra Vista High School

(2) The Show Choir competition will be held March 31, 2012 at Volcano Vista High School.

General Action Items

Bylaw 6.7, Boarding School Student: (Action Item), (Referendum Item) Mrs. Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, presented a proposal to eliminate Bylaw 6.7, Boarding School Student beginning in 2012-13. Currently the bylaw allows Boarding School students to gain immediate eligibility. A motion was made by Mr. Barreras to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Gerheart seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (12-0).

Bylaw 6.9.2 A, Foreign Exchange Students to Participate at the Varsity Level: (Action Item), (Referendum Item) Mrs. Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, presented a proposal to allow Foreign Exchange Students to participate at the varsity level beginning in 2012-13. The rationale is that currently Foreign Exchange students are ineligible to participate at the varsity level. This item passed membership referenda in November 2010 by a vote of 80-39. Schools without Junior Varsity teams and private schools have asked that the NMAA staff to revisit this Bylaw. Mr. MacFarlane made the motion to move to discussion. Mr. Tillman seconded the motion. Discussion followed. A vote was taken and the motion failed (11-1).

Athletic Class and Open Gym: (Action Item), (Referendum Item) Mrs. Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, presented a proposal to eliminate NMAA Bylaws 7.4.4 and 7.4.5 and replace them with "Seven hours of total contact time in a school week inclusive of athletic/weight training class" to be effective immediately. Mr. Barreras made a motion to accept the proposal with further discussion. Mr. Sategna seconded the motion. Discussion followed. As a result of the discussion, Mr. Barreras and Mr. Sategna rescinded their prior motions. Mr. Barreras made a motion to table the item, requesting more information from NMAA staff and from the Coaches Association survey results, and asked that the item be placed on the next Commission meeting agenda (February 22, 2012). Mr. Tillman seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Pre-season Tournaments and/or Pre-season Camps/Tryout Camps: (Action Item), (Referendum Item) Mrs. Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, presented a proposal to not allow pre-season tournaments and /or pre-season camps/tryout camps 21 days prior to the beginning of the season, effective immediately. Mr. Affentranger made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Gerheart seconded the motion. Discussion followed. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Break 10:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

8th Grade Participation Class B & A Only: (Action Item), (Referendum Item) Mrs. Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, presented a proposal that would not allow 8th graders to participate at the high school level in classes AA through 5A. Mr.

Barreras made a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Mabrey seconded the motion. Discussion followed. A roll call vote was taken with the results as follows:

FOR	AGAINST	NAME
	✓	Mr. Todd Kurth
✓		Mr. Phillip Sategna
	✓	Mr. Brian Stacy
	✓	Mr. Mike Tillman
	✓	Mr. Lawrence Johnson
✓		Mr. Kenny Barreras
	✓	Mr. Pete MacFarlane
	✓	Ms. Vickie Nelms
✓		Mr. Thomas Mabrey
	✓	Mr. Jim Sayre
	✓	Mr. Don Gerheart
✓		Mr. Scott Affentranger

Motion failed (8-4).

8th Grade Participation Documentation: (Action Item), (Referendum Item) Mrs. Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, presented a proposal to require Athletic Directors to submit a form to the NMAA prior to 8th graders participating at the high school level. The rationale comes from numerous appeals to the NMAA pertaining to parents stating that they were not aware their child was making their one free choice while participating at the high school level in the 8th grade. Mr. MacFarlane made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Stacy seconded the motion. Discussion followed. A vote was taken and passed (11-0). *Note: Mr. Tillman stepped out of the room, therefore did not participate in the vote.*

Sports Specific Action Item

Wrestling Championship Qualifiers: (Action Item), Mr. Scott Evans, NMAA Assistant Director, presented a proposal to allow an adjustment to 3A class/align/qualifying for 2012 State Wrestling championships. The rationale for this proposal is that an adjustment is needed due to program drops/adds at 3A level, to maintain consistency across districts/classifications. The recommendation was approved by the Wrestling Sports Specific Committee on October 5, 2011. Mr. Sayre made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Affentranger seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0). *Note: Mr. Tillman stepped out of the room, therefore did not participate in the vote.*

General Discussion/Information Items

Update on 2011-2012 Board of Directors' Goals: Mr. Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director, presented an update on the Board of Directors' Goals for 2011-2012. He stated that he will be attending a workshop on November 17, 2011, facilitated by Dr. Veronica Garcia that will help in measuring attainment of the goals.

Public & Private Member Schools: Mr. Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director, discussed Alignment and Classification concerns brought forward by the Public/Private committee.

2014-2015 Calendar of Events: Mr. Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director, presented a potential proposal for the alignment block beginning with 2014-2015 calendar, discussing the change in start dates for fall, winter and springs sports. Mrs. Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, told the committee that the document presented should show Week 33 as the start date for Baseball/Softball, and Track & Field should show a start date of week 34.

Three-Team District Tie Breaking Criteria: Mr. Brian Stacy, Clovis Athletic Director, discussed the “bounce” game in three team districts. He expressed concern that the “bounce” game was not necessary and resulted in increased expenses for the participating schools.

Summer Regulations: June for Winter and Spring Sports and July for Fall Sports OR mandatory two-week moratorium. Committee members discussed this issue and requested that this proposal be submitted in the spring.

School Athletics Equity Act & LESC: Mrs. Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, discussed some of the items that the Legislative Education Study Committee is reviewing to bring forward during the upcoming legislative session. Items include the elimination of the 7th and 8th grade financial reporting requirement and a proposal to report the finances of individual programs, not individual teams.

Transparency of NMHSCA Coaches Poll and Seeding & Selection: Mrs. Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, discussed an email she sent concerning the 2A Volleyball Coaches Poll, and the positive responses she received as a result of the email. Mr. Mabrey discussed the poll process and the reports that can be generated showing detailed information on every coach who votes.

Timeline for the next Alignment and Classification Block: Mr. Robert Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, presented a proposed 2014-2015, 2015-2016 Alignment and Classification timeline in conjunction with Board of Directors' meetings.

Code of Conduct Workshops – February 22 (Santa Fe), February 23 (Roswell), and February 24 (Las Cruces). Mr. Robert Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, presented information on the upcoming workshops and requested that the Committee members help spread the information to their school districts.

MVP Information Not Reported Online: Mr. Bill Cleland, NMAA Deputy Director, discussed a letter, sent to Superintendents in January 2011, which stated the requirements of Bylaws 3.9.1 and 3.9.3 that must be followed by school districts in regards to information posted on the NMAA website via the MVP system. He also discussed that

adding MVP access for NMAA member middle schools will cost the NMAA between \$700 and \$800 a month.

Coach/Athletic Director Licensure: Mr. Scott Evans, NMAA Assistant Director, discussed potential future licensure requirements for Athletic Directors. He also discussed a proposal to require all coaches to have CPR training as requested by the Sports Medicine Committee.

Consider Adjournment

Mr. Johnson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:22 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Stacy. Mr. Tillman seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Next Commission meeting date will be February 22, 2012 (NMAA)