

NMAA Commission Meeting
November 16, 2016
9:00 AM
NMAA Office

Welcome – The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bruce Carver at 9:00 am. A roll call was conducted by Ms. Jacquelyne Martinez, NMAA Assistant Director, and the following members were present:

Mr. Todd Kurth (Small, Area A)
Mr. Bruce Carver (Large, Area A)
Mr. Dickie Roybal (Small, Area B)
Mr. Dale Fullerton (Large, Area B)
Mr. Gary Schuster (Small, Area C)
Mr. Ernie Viramontes (Large, Area C)
Mr. Dave Campbell (Small, Area D)
Ms. Nickie McCarty (Large, Area D)
Mr. Pete MacFarlane (Non-Public School Rep.)
Ms. Jennifer Viramontes (State School Boards Association Rep.)
Mr. Thomas Mabrey (New Mexico High School Coaches Association Rep.)
Mr. Scott Affentranger (New Mexico Association of Secondary School Principals Rep.)
Mr. Mike Huston (New Mexico Athletic Directors Association Rep.)
Ms. Debbie Coffman (Jr. High/Middle School Rep.)

Present via teleconference:

Mr. Don Gerheart (Activities Council Rep.)

Not present:

Mr. Jess Martinez (New Mexico Officials Association Rep.)

15 members present representing a quorum.

Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Carver asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Schuster made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. MacFarlane seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Carver asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2016 Commission Meeting as presented. Mr. Fullerton made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Viramontes seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

NMAA Directors' Report:

Mr. Bill Cleland, NMAA Associate Director, discussed two (2) items on his report: 1) all referenda items that were sent out to the membership for a vote, following the September Board meeting, were passed; and 2) he reported that following the recent elections, Anthony Casados and Bill Green were re-elected to the NMAA Board, Ernie Viramontes was re-elected to the Commission, and Tim Host (Academy for Technology and the Classics, Small Area A) and Jory Mirabal (Magdalena, Small Area C) will be the new representatives for their areas.

Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, discussed three (3) items on his report: 1) the Fall State Championship Season; 2) the upcoming State Football Championships; and 3) the NMAA Foundation Scholarship Application deadline of February 1, 2017.

NMAA Activities Report:

Ms. Dana Pappas, Deputy Director, presented the activities report. She discussed three (3) items on her report: 1) One Fall activity took place last month at New Mexico State University - **One-Act Play**. There has been some discussion among the advisory committee to move that event to the spring, which we strongly discouraged due to the heavy spring activities schedule. Currently looking for a site and trying to alternate between UNM and NMSU; 2) Student Leadership Advisory Council had their first meeting at the Fall Conference. Working on student leader handbook and a variety of social media initiatives. Will post nominations and vacancies the first part of December; and 3) next Activities Council Meeting will be held January 10, 2017.

NMAA Officials Report:

Ms. Dana Pappas, Commissioner of Officials, presented the officials report. She discussed five (5) items on her report: 1) Survived the fall official's shortage. Still trying to recruit officials; working on more retention initiatives. Asking everyone what they can do to help alleviate the problem. A majority of schools aren't taking an active role in recruitment of officials. Trying to find ways to entice people into the avocation but it starts with how we treat officials (three soccer officials assaulted this year); 2) Gratitude toward fall sport championship referees-in-chief: Paul Quan (Soccer) and Nora Carter and John Villescas (Volleyball); 3) Moving into winter sports. Changes coming to the assignment process for state basketball; 4) Second annual umpire educational forum will be held at Eldorado HS on January 13-14. Classroom/on-field training. Will work to get MLB umpire Tony Randazzo from Las Cruces who worked the World Series as a keynote speaker; and 5) Del Norte HS confirmed as the host of the NMOA State Clinic in July as we move toward more hands-on training.

General Discussion/Information Items:

Commission/Board election results: Mr. Cleland previously discussed the NMAA Commission and Board election results in his Directors report.

Use of Ineligible Player (penalty): Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, discussed the penalty for use of ineligible players. The commission discussed penalties for an "adult mistake" that leads to the use of an ineligible player. Fines and the appeals process for use of ineligible players were also discussed.

Future Classification and Alignment: Ms. Marquez, discussed the future of NMAA classification and alignment. She mentioned results from surveys taken at the Fall conference and online via Survey Monkey.

Action Items:

Add "Educators Rising" as a sanctioned Activity: Ms. Pappas asked the Commission to consider the addition of "Educators Rising" as an official NMAA Activity. Bill Cleland and Dana Pappas met with Karen Trujillo of Educators Rising (basically a rebrand of Future Educators of America). Educators Rising would like to be sanctioned by the NMAA and is aligned with the national CTSO organization so they would likely fall under our CTSO group. Educators Rising is a group trying to create a pipeline of new educators

into the NM educational system. Over 30 NMAA member schools are already involved with this group and only 16 are required for sanctioning per NMAA bylaw 4.2.1. Following discussion, Mr. Carver asked for a motion to table the proposal as presented. Mr. Viramontes made the motion to table the proposal. Mr. MacFarlane seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Softball – Individual Game Limitations – Courtesy Runner (Referenda Item): Mr. Scott Owen, NMAA Assistant Director, asked the members to consider adding verbiage to softball bylaw 7.18.1.C regarding courtesy runners. Mr. Carver asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Affentranger made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Softball – Individual Game Limitations – Innings of Play (Referenda Item): Mr. Owen asked members to consider adding verbiage to softball bylaw 7.18.1.C regarding innings of play. Mr. Carver asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Fullerton made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. MacFarlane seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Softball – Game Time Limits (Referenda Item): Mr. Owen asked the members to consider adding verbiage to softball bylaw 7.18.1.E to mirror baseball's time limit rules and provide softball the option to use time limits when appropriate. Mr. Carver asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. MacFarlane made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Consider Adjournment

Mr. Carver asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 am. Mr. Roybal made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Viramontes seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).