

**NMAA Commission Meeting**  
**November 17, 2010**  
**9:00 AM**  
**NMAA Office**

**Welcome** – Meeting called to order by Mr. Lawrence Johnson, NMAA Commission Chairperson, at 9:00 a.m. A roll call was conducted by Ms. Jacquelyne Gallegos, NMAA Administrative Assistant, and the following members were present.

Mr. Keith Durham (Small Area B)  
Mr. Sam Olney (Small Area C)  
Mr. Phil Sategna (Large, Area A)  
Mr. Brian Stacy (Large Area B)  
Mr. Lawrence Johnson (Large Area C)  
Mr. Tom Manning (Large, Area D)  
Mr. Pete MacFarlane (Non-Public School Rep.)  
Ms. Taryn Bachis (New Mexico High School Athletic Directors Association Rep.)  
Mr. Jim Sayre (New Mexico Officials Association Rep.)  
Mr. Scott Affentranger (National Association of Secondary School Principals Rep.)  
Mr. Thomas Mabrey (New Mexico High School Coaches Association Rep.)  
Mr. Don Gerheart (Activities Council Member)

The following members were absent.

Ms. Debra Ledford (Small Area A)  
Mr. Gary Frazier (Small Area D)  
Mr. Terry Martin (State School Boards Association Rep.)

Twelve members present representing a quorum.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Mr. Johnson asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Olney made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Sayre seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

**Election of chairperson:**

Robert Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, opened up the nominations for Commission Chairperson. Mr. Stacy nominated Mr. Johnson as Commission Chairperson. Mr. Manning seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Mr. Johnson opened up the nominations for the Vice Chairperson. Mr. Johnson nominated Ms. Bachis for Vice Chairperson. Mr. Durham seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

**Approval of Minutes from September 15, 2010:**

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

**Executive Director's Report:**

Mr. Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director, discussed two items during his director's report: (1) congratulated the newly elected Commission and Board of Director Members starting in January 2011, (2) the Ad Hoc Committee Meetings held with Athletic Director's across the state, dealing with the budget crisis.

Mr. Robert Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, discussed three items during his report: (1) the NMAA staff's commitment to send out all commission packet information in advance of the scheduled Commission meetings, (2) the seeding and selection process for the Fall state championships and (3) the success of the NMAA Life of An Athlete program.

Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Associate Director, discussed three items during her report: (1) Class B at the 2010 Volleyball State Championships, (2) the State Basketball Championship schedule release date, and (3) Title IX around the state of New Mexico.

**Activities Report:**

Kristin Derr, NMAA Assistant Director, presented the activities report and reviewed various upcoming activities for the Spring semester.

**General Action Items**

**NMAA Lightning Policy:**

Mr. Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, proposed to revise the current NMAA Lightning policy to eliminate confusion associated with lightning delays/ suspensions. Mr. MacFarlane made a motion to accept the proposal as presented and forward to the Board of Directors as a referenda item. Mr. Gerheart seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

**NMAA Appeal Format:**

Ms. Marquez, NMAA Associate Director, proposed to consider revising the NMAA Appeal Format by combing the Appeals Committee (2) and the Board of Directors (3) into one committee and then making the Secretary of Education the second level of appeal. Mr. Olney made a motion to accept the proposal as presented and forward to the Board of Directors as a referenda item. Mr. Durham seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

**Ejection Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations:**

Ms. Sanchez, NMAA Assistant Director, proposed to consider the recommendation of the Ejection Ad Hoc Committee for the revision of the current By-laws pertaining to coach and player ejections (NMAA Handbook 7.7.2). Mr. Durham made a motion to accept the proposal as presented and forward to the Board of Directors as a referenda item. Mr. Olney seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (9-3).

**Game Reduction:**

Mr. Durham, Texico High School Principal, proposed to consider a reduction of games in all extracurricular activities of 7.96% or 1 game, depending on which is greater. Football would have the option of 1 game or scrimmage. Mr. Sategna made a motion to accept the proposal with a friendly amendment to exclude Spirit and Wrestling before forwarding to the Board of Directors as a referenda item. Mr. Sayre seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

**NMAA Bylaw 6.3:**

Ms. Marquez, NMAA Associate Director, proposed to consider revising NMAA Bylaw 6.3 (Open Enrollment) to read *“this regulation applies to freshman only. It cannot be utilized by 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grade students, inclusive of those enrolling in private schools.”* Mr. Stacy made a motion to accept the proposal as presented and forward to the Board of Directors as a referenda item. Mr. Olney seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (9-3).

**Break – 11:00 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.****Sport Specific Action Items:**

**Golf:** Mr. Cleland, NMAA Assistant Director, proposed to consider the removal of two NMAA bylaws (1) 7.16.1.M: State Banquet – Coaches and players must be in attendance at the Sunday evening banquet prior to the state tournament. (Exceptions must be granted by the Executive Director.) (2) 7.16.3.D: State Banquet – Coaches and players must be in attendance at the Sunday evening banquet prior to the state tournament. Exceptions must be granted by the Executive Director. Mr. Gerheart made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Olney. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

**General Discussion / Informational Items**

NMAA Referenda Results: Ms. Marquez, NMAA Associate Director, presented the referenda results. The results were as follows:

- 93 NMAA member schools were in favor of changing/modifying NMAA Bylaw 6.1.2 – Transferring to Follow a Coach, while 26 schools opposed the change.
- 115 NMAA member schools were in favor of changing/modifying NMAA Bylaw 6.1.3 – Undue Influence of a Student, while 4 schools opposed the change.
- 102 NMAA member schools were in favor of changing/modifying NMAA Bylaw 6.2.6 – Grace Period, while 16 schools opposed the change.
- 101 NMAA member schools were in favor of changing/modifying NMAA Bylaw 6.4.3.e.2 – Eligibility of Student Whose Parents are Divorced, while 17 schools opposed the change.
- 67 NMAA member schools were in favor of changing/modifying NMAA Bylaw 6.5.2– Transfer Student, while 51schools opposed the change.
- 80 NMAA member schools were in favor of changing/modifying NMAA Bylaw 6.5.6A– Foreign Exchange Student, while 39 schools opposed the change.

- 79 NMAA member schools were in favor of changing/modifying NMAA Bylaw 6.5.6B– Foreign Students, while 39 schools opposed the change.
- 97 NMAA member schools were in favor of changing/modifying NMAA Bylaw 7.4.1– Out-of-Season Coaching During the School Year, while 21 schools opposed the change.
- 93 NMAA member schools were in favor of changing/modifying NMAA Bylaw 7.6.4– Scrimmage Limit, while 26 schools opposed the change.
- 84 NMAA member schools were in favor of changing/modifying NMAA Bylaw 7.19.1G and 7.19.5C– Spirit Competition Limitation, while 26 schools opposed the change.
- 79 NMAA member schools were in favor of changing/modifying NMAA Bylaw 7.19G and 7.19.5C– State Championship Eligibility, while 31 schools opposed the change.
- 102 NMAA member schools were in favor of the School Equities Act– Requirement that “non-public” schools to report School Athletics Equity Act (HB432) data to the NMAA, while 18 schools opposed the change.

Southwest Women’s law Group: Ms. Gretchen Elsner and Ms. Jessica Aranda gave a presentation on the Southwest Women’s Law group. Their mission is to create the opportunity for women to realize their full economic and personal potential.

NMAA Tip Off Classic: Mr. Tripp, NMAA Executive Director, presented information about the NMAA Foundation Tip Off Classic to be held on November 19 at The Pit. The 6:00 p.m. tip off will feature the Santa Fe Indian School girls against the Gallup girls; at 7:30 p.m. the Gallup boys will play the Espanola Valley boys.

NFHS Track and Field Contestant Limitation per school: Mr. Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, informed the commission that the NMAA staff will add the following wording to the NMAA Track and Field bylaws: *“There are no restrictions on the number of contestants from a given school who are allowed to enter an individual event, unless otherwise specified by the meet director and/or games committee.”* The NMAA membership has been utilizing this rule for over a decade, however it has not been stated in the NMAA bylaws.

Year Round Practice: Mr. MacFarlane, Sandia Prep Athletic Director, discussed the idea of allowing Cross-Country and Track and Field athletes to have the same access as tennis, golf, and swimming & diving in terms of year round practice with a coach.

Class A District 2: Mr. Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, discussed that Class A District 2 schools would like to remain an eight team district when Foothill enters 2-A in the 2011-2012 school year. The NMAA received Board approval on June 3, 2010 to separate Class A District 2 into two districts (Class A District 2 and Class A District 9). The schools that currently make up Class A District 2 will seek Board approval on December 2, 2010 to remain as one district.

40 Day Counts: Mr. Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, informed the commission that the PED is still gathering the 40-day count numbers. Schools are required to report enrollment numbers on the second Wednesday of October (40 Day Count) and the second Wednesday of December (80- Day Count). The PED has cited duplicate students as the reason why they are encountering trouble finalizing the data.

Cross Country State Championships: Mr. Aragon, NMAA Assistant Director, informed the commission that the state cross-country championships were a success. There was great weather, a great crowd, and great athletes. The State Champions were as follows: Bosque girls, Class A-2A; Wingate girls, Class 3A; Los Alamos girls, Class 4A; Eldorado girls, Class 5A; Laguna Acoma boys, Class A-2A; Santa Fe Indian School boys, Class 3A; Academy boys, Class 4A; La Cueva boys, Class 5A.

Football State Championships: Mr. Adrian, NMAA Assistant Director, informed the commission that Clovis Christian boys were the 6-man football state champions. The rest of the football state championships will be taking place in the following weeks.

Soccer State Championships: Mr. Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, informed the commission that the state soccer championships were a success. The State Champions were as follows: Hope Christian girls, Class A-3A; Academy girls, Class 4A; Volcano Vista girls, Class 5A; Sandia Prep boys, Class A-3A; Los Alamos boys, Class 4A; and the Eldorado boys, Class 5A.

Volleyball State Championships: Mr. Young, NMAA Assistant Director, informed the commission that the state volleyball championships were a success. The State Champions were as follows: Elida girls, Class B; Tatum girls, Class A; Texico girls, Class 2A; Pojoaque girls, Class 3A; Artesia girls, Class 4A; Gadsden girls, Class 5A.

**Adjournment:** The Commission adjourned at 11:45 a.m.