

**NMAA Board of Directors' Meeting**  
**November 19, 2015**  
**1:00 PM**  
**NMAA Hall of Pride and Honor**

Welcome - Meeting called to order by Mr. T.J. Parks, NMAA Board of Directors President, at 1:10 p.m. A roll call was conducted by Mrs. Mindy Ioane, NMAA Graphic Designer/Special Event Coordinator, and the following members were present:

Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)  
Mr. Jaime Widner (Small Area B)  
Mr. Bill Green (Small Area C)  
Ms. Lesa Dodd (Small Area D)  
Mr. T.J. Parks (Large Area B - President)  
Mr. Kirk Carpenter (Large Area A)  
Mr. Gene Parson (Large Area D)  
Mr. Stan Rounds (Large School District II)  
Dr. Crit Caton (At-Large Member)  
Mr. Bruce Carver (NMAA Commission Representative)  
Mr. Terry Martin (NM School Board Association)

Not present:

Dr. Craig Cummins (Large Area C)  
Ms. Raquel Reedy (Large School District I)

Eleven members present representing a quorum.

**NMAA Executive Directors' Report:**

Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, discussed the success of the NMAA Fall Sports State Championships in the sports of Cross Country, Soccer, Volleyball, 6-Man and 2A Football. She thanked Albuquerque Public Schools and the Rio Rancho Public School District for use of their facilities during the Championships.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Rounds made the motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Dodd seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2015 meeting. Dr. Caton made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2015 meeting. Mr. Green made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Parson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

**Financial Report:**

Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwaner, NMAA Business Manager, presented the 2015 Fall Sports Ticket Sales Report.

**Activities Report:**

Mr. Joe Butler, NMAA Assistant Director, announced the results of the 2015 One Act Production competition which was held October 28 – 31, 2015 at Cleveland and Rio Rancho High Schools. He thanked the Rio Rancho Public School District for the use of their facilities for the event.

Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, discussed implementation of a NMAA Student Leadership Advisory Council that will be comprised of ten students representing NMAA member schools. Students will be selected from each of the NMAA Governance Structure areas, similar to Board of Directors representation. Ms. Pappas presented a document that explains the purpose, responsibilities and nomination process. She also presented the Student Leadership Advisory Council nomination form which will be available on the NMAA website.

**Action Items**

**Softball:** Number of state qualifying teams: Mr. Scott Owen, NMAA Assistant Director, asked the Board to consider a proposal to reduce the number of state qualifying teams to 12 (from 16) and therefore bring all 12 teams to the metro area for the state tournament. The top four seeds would earn a bye to the double elimination bracket, the bottom eight seeds would play a single elimination game to get into the double elimination bracket. The rationale for this proposal is that there is a lack of competitiveness of the bottom four seeds, the travel cost/missed school for the bottom four seeds without guarantee of a complete game (10 and 15 run rules), centralized location for first round to reduce travel expenses and the removal of “home of higher seed” first round which would give schools an additional week for make-up games as well as additional flexibility in scheduling. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Ms. Dodd made a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Casados seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

**Out of season practice Q & A:** Ms. Marquez asked members to consider a proposal to revise the current bylaw 7.4.1 B and the Appendices (definition of practice) to the following:

**PRACTICE:** A structured period of time in which a coach or other agent of the school conducts activities for members of the school’s sports team only. Practice shall not include teams or athletes from other schools.

**7.4.1 B**

Q26: Can a team practice with another team during the season or out of season?

A26: No. See Appendices: Definition of Practice.

The rationale for this proposal is that schools are conducting “practice” with other schools during the season and out of season which is really scrimmaging.

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Parson made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Green seconded the motion. After discussion, a vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

**Classification/Alignment – Proposed districts for the 2016-17/2017-18 block:** Ms. Marquez stated that the structure for the 2016-17/2017-18 Classification/Alignment proposal follows the directive of the Board of Directors to stay with the status quo and use the 1.3 multiplier for private and boarding schools and to have no three team districts (with the exception of one soccer district which was approved by the Board through appeal last block). This year’s enrollment numbers were provided by the member

schools. Schools must notify the NMAA within 72 hours of the Board vote of their intention to appeal. Appeals will be heard during the Board of Directors meeting on December 7, 2015.

Ms. Marquez went through each classification and mentioned schools that moved up or down in class and the reason for each move. With regards to specific sports, Ms. Marquez stated that 2A football continues to be an issue, with only 7 schools scheduled to compete and she indicated that the Class A State Track and Field Meet will be evaluated this year (by polling coaches) to decide whether to keep Class A separate or to combine it with Class AA.

The Los Lunas school district representatives thanked Board members and Ms. Marquez for their work on the alignment.

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Rounds made the motion to accept the proposal. Ms. Dodd seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
✓		<b>Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)</b>
✓		<b>Mr. Jaime Widner (Small Area B)</b>
✓		<b>Mr. Bill Green (Small Area C)</b>
✓		<b>Ms. Lesa Dodd (Small Area D)</b>
✓		<b>Dr. Crit Caton (At-Large Member)</b>
Abstain		<b>Mr. Terry Martin (NM School Board Association)</b>
✓		<b>Mr. Kirk Carpenter (Large Area A)</b>
✓		<b>Mr. T.J. Parks (Large Area B)</b>
✓		<b>Mr. Gene Parson (Large Area D)</b>
✓		<b>Mr. Stan Rounds (Large School District II)</b>
✓		<b>Mr. Bruce Carver (NMAA Commission Representative)</b>

Motion passes.

**Discussion:**

Ms. Marquez announced that the new Classification/Alignment committee will be comprised of Athletic Directors and other interested persons from around the state and will begin meeting in January, 2016.

Mr. Kirk Carpenter asked that strength of schedule be discussed during those meetings.

**Executive Session:**

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session at 1:53 p.m. Mr. Carpenter made the motion to enter into Executive Session. Mr. Carver seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted and passed unanimously (11-0).

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to exit out of Executive Session at 2:48 p.m. and announced that no action had been taken. Mr. Rounds made the motion to exit out of Executive Session. Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

**Consider Adjournment:**

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Rounds made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Dodd seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

**Next Board Meeting – December 7, 2015 (NMAA)**