

**NMAA Board of Directors' Meeting
November 30, 2016**

11:35 am

NMAA Hall of Pride and Honor

Welcome - Meeting called to order by Mr. Anthony Casados, NMAA Board of Directors Vice President, at 11:35 am. A roll call was conducted by Ms. Jacquelyne Martinez, NMAA Assistant Director, and the following members were present:

Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Mr. Jaime Widner (Small Area B)
Mr. Bill Green (Small Area C)
Mr. Terry Martin (NM School Board Association)
Ms. Dana Sanders (Large Area D)
Ms. Yvonne Garcia (Large School District I) **representing Ms. Raquel Reedy*
Dr. Steven Sanchez (Large School District II)
Mr. Bruce Carver (NMAA Commission Representative)

Present via teleconference:

Ms. Lesa Dodd (Small Area D)

Not present:

Mr. Kirk Carpenter (Large Area A)
Mr. T.J. Parks (Large Area B - President)
Dr. Craig Cummins (Large Area C)
Dr. Crit Caton (At-Large Member)

Nine members present representing a quorum.

Approval of the Agenda:

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Green made a motion to approve the agenda with a modification to move the addendum agenda item under VI – Action Items. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2016 Board Meeting as presented. Mr. Green made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Sanders seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2016 Board Meeting as presented. Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Green seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

NMAA Executive Directors' Report:

Ms. Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, discussed three (3) items on her report: 1) the Fall State Championship recap for the sports of soccer, cross country, and volleyball; 2) the upcoming State Football Championships that will take place December 3, 2016; and 3) the retirement of Mr. Bill Cleland, NMAA Associate Director.

NMAA Activities Report:

Ms. Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, discussed four (4) 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 is discouraged due to the heavy spring activities schedule. Currently looking for a future site and trying to alternate between UNM and NMSU; 2) Student Leadership Advisory Council had their first meeting at the Fall Conference. The group is working on a student leadership handbook and a variety of social media initiatives. Upcoming vacancies and the nomination process were recently posted; 3) Mr. Cleland and Ms. Pappas met with Karen Trujillo of Educators Rising. Educators Rising would like to be sanctioned by the NMAA and is aligned with the national CTSO charter so they would likely fall under the current CTSO group. The Commission requested more information so Ms. Trujillo will present to that group at their next meeting; this may appear on February Board agenda, if passed by Commission; and 4) Next Activities Council Meeting will be held January 10, 2017.

NMOA Report:

Ms. Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, discussed five (5) items on her report: 1) Survival of the Fall sports season official's shortage, but still trying to recruit officials; working on more retention and mentorship initiatives; asking everyone what they can do to help alleviate the problem; many schools are not taking an active role in recruitment of officials. Also trying to find ways to entice people into the avocation but it starts with how officials are treated; 2) Gratitude toward fall sport championship referees-in-chief: Paul Quan (Soccer), Nora Carter and John Villescas (Volleyball), and football regional assignors and their collaborative effort to get games covered; 3) Moving into winter sports - numbers of officials are fairly static from last year to this year; 4) Second annual umpire educational forum will be held at Eldorado HS on January 13-14 and will consist of classroom/on-field training; working to secure MLB umpire Tony Randazzo from Las Cruces who worked the recent World Series as a keynote speaker; and 5) Del Norte HS confirmed as the host of the State Clinic in July; clinic to move toward more hands-on training.

General Discussion / Information Items:

Board/Commission election results: Mr. Cleland 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.

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

Future of Alignment / Classification: Ms. Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, discussed the future of NMAA classification and alignment. The classification and alignment committee has focused on costs and loss of class time. She mentioned results from surveys taken at the Fall Conference and via Survey Monkey/E-mail. The Athletic Director surveys showed that 75% prefer five classifications and that a majority would like to see a reduction in both game limitations and state championship qualifiers.

Action Items:

Football – Allow Elida to join 6-man district in 2017: Mr. Isler asked the board to consider allowing Elida to join a 6-man district beginning in the 2017-2018 school year. With permission from the board, Elida would like to leave the co-op agreement they have with Dora High School, one year early, to be approved for 6-man football in the 2017 school year. Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Green made the motion to approve the proposal. Dr. Sanchez seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

Football – Allow Carrizozo to drop from 8 to 6-man district in 2017: Mr. Pierson asked the board to consider allowing Carrizozo to drop from 8 to 6-man football and be placed in a district beginning in the 2017-2018 school year. Injuries/concussions forced Carrizozo to finish their football season with nine active players in 2016. Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Green made the motion to approve the proposal. Dr. Sanchez seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

Softball – Individual Game Limitations – Courtesy Runner: (Referenda Item): Mr. Owen asked the board members to consider adding verbiage to softball bylaw 7.18.1.C (game limitations) regarding courtesy runners. Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Carver made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

Softball – Individual Game Limitations – Innings of Play: (Referenda Item): Mr. Owen asked the board members to consider adding verbiage to softball bylaw 7.18.1.C (game limitations) regarding innings of play. Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Widner made the motion to approve the proposal. Dr. Sanchez seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

Softball – Game Time Limits: (Referenda Item): Mr. Owen asked the board members to consider adding verbiage to softball bylaw 7.18.1.E (game ending procedures) to mirror baseball’s time limit rules and provide softball the alternative to use time limits when appropriate. Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Widner made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

Executive Session:

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session for purposes of discussing litigation and confidential personnel matters at 12:32 pm. A motion was made by Mr. Green. Mr. Widner seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
✓		Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
✓		Mr. Jamie Widner (Small Area B)
✓		Mr. Bill Green (Small, Area C)
✓		Ms. Lesa Dodd (Small Area D)
✓		Ms. Yvonne Garcia (Large School District I)
✓		Mr. Terry Martin (NM School Board Association)
✓		Ms. Dana Sanders (Large Area D)
✓		Dr. Steven Sanchez (Large School District II)
✓		Mr. Bruce Carver (NMAA Commission Representative)

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to exit out of Executive Session at 1:11 pm. Mr. Martin made the motion to exit from Executive Session. Mr. Carver seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
✓		Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
✓		Mr. Jamie Widner (Small Area B)
✓		Mr. Bill Green (Small, Area C)
✓		Ms. Lesa Dodd (Small Area D)
✓		Ms. Yvonne Garcia (Large School District I)
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✓		Mr. Bruce Carver (NMAA Commission Representative)

Consider Adjournment:

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:12 pm. Mr. Martin made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Green seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

Next Board Meeting – February 15, 2017 (NMAA)