

NMAA Activities Council Meeting
January 14, 2014
NMAA Hall of Pride and Honor

Welcome - Meeting called to order by Mr. Don Gerheart, NMAA Activities Council Chairperson at 9:06 a.m. Roll call was conducted by Mrs. Mindy Ioane, NMAA Administrative Assistant, and the following members were present:

Mr. David Gallegos (Athletic Training Challenge)
Mr. Don Thompson (Bowling)
Ms. Bobbi Eichhorst (CTSO)
Ms. Pat Graff (English Expo)
Mr. Jarrod Smith (FFA)
Mr. Jim Koerber (JROTC)
Mr. Don Gerheart (Music)
Mr. David Berlin (NM Mock Trial)
Ms. Rose Baca-Rivet (Science Fair/Olympiad)
Ms. Rebeca Zimmermann (Scholastic Publications)
Ms. Hannah Flake (Speech/Debate)
Ms. Mary Hahn (Student Council)

Not present:

Mr. Steve Perea (Chess)
Ms. Mollie Mook-Fiddler (Drama-One-Act-Play)
Ms. Dani Valdez (NMHS Rodeo Association)

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes from September 3, 2013

Mr. Gerheart asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Berlin made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Hahn seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Council Members' Reports

Athletic Training Challenge: Mr. David Gallegos, ATC Director, reported that the Athletic Training Challenge is working with Mr. Scott Evans, NMAA Assistant Director and NMADA Executive Director to promote the event which will be on April 27, 2014 at Aztec High School. He also asked the Committee members to discuss the benefits of obtaining 501 3(C) status.

Mr. Steve Perea (Chess) entered the meeting.

Bowling: Mr. Don Thompson, NMHSBA President told the members that bowling is in its 9th year and just finished week 7 of a 10 week regular season tournament. The senior tournament will be held on February 1, 2014 and the State Championships will take place on February 15, 2014. Membership has increased year from 22 high school teams to 24 teams. McCurdy and Espanola

Valley are two new high schools that are participating in bowling. Las Cruces is working to get enough schools involved to have their own region.

NMHSBA has distributed \$8250 in scholarship monies last year, with a total of \$22,650 over the past three years. Funds are maintained by Scholarship Management and Accounting Reports for Tenpins (SMART).

All information concerning this activity and links to key organizations and their documents, as well as team rosters and tournament registration can be found on their website, www.nmhsba.org.

Ms. Bobbi Eichhorst, representative of HOSA, Skills USA and TSA told the committee that 5480 paid student members in over 161 school-based chapters are supported through CTLP in the 2012-13 school year. Overall membership increased for the third consecutive year. Fall Leadership Conference was held in Albuquerque on October 21, 2013. There were 415 participants representing 42 schools and 59 advisors met with PED representatives from the College and Career Readiness Bureau. Service Learning & Leadership Conference (SkillsUSA) was held on November 2–4, 2013. Over 2200 service learning hours were donated to the community and leadership workshops that were held at the Bonita Park Conference Center.

The following are the dates of the State Conferences:

BPA	Feb. 17-19 – Marriott Pyramid
DECA	Feb. 20-22 – Hotel Albuquerque
FCCLA	Mar. 6-8 – Marriott Pyramid
HOSA	Feb. 28-Mar. 1 – Albuquerque Sheraton
SkillsUSA	April 2-5 – Albuquerque Crowne Plaza
TSA	April (Las Cruces/DACC)

National Conferences:

April 28-May 2 – Indianapolis, IN
May 2-6 – Atlanta, GA
July 6-10 – San Antonio, TX
June 25-28 – Orlando, FL
June 23-27 – Kansas City, MO
June 28-July 1 – Washington, D.C.

Ms. Eichhorst is in need of volunteers as a judge, sponsor or volunteer. She also stated the CTLP website is under revision and has temporarily moved to www.nmctso.com and that school districts collecting CTSO/CTE Certification data in STARS are now recorded in the Student Teacher Accountability Reporting System. This covers students who are paid CTSO members and students who earn industry certifications.

Chess: Mr. Steve Perea, Chess representative, stated that participation has increased with the addition of 5 new schools. He also explained that the organization had more students participate in the championship event being that the first day was on Friday, April 18,, 2013.

Drama/One-Act Play: Mr. Joe Butler, NMAA Assistant Director for Ms. Mollie Mook-Fiddler who was not in attendance. The NMAA One Act Play Competition was held the week of November 7-9 at

San Juan College in Farmington, NM. 18 schools from around the state competed in the One-Act-Play competition in two divisions. The winning schools were as follows: Athens Division—Mayfield; Sparta Division—Bosque. Plans are underway to move the 2014 competition to New Mexico State University. Thereafter the competition would rotate between NMSU and San Juan College on an annual basis. This rotation would serve to provide greater access to the competition from schools in all areas of the state, and to enhance the college scholarship opportunity base for participating students.

English Expo: Ms. Pat Graff, English Expo representative, asked for feedback on whether any other activity has had trouble securing facilities within their school districts for their competition. She believes that others perceive them as a for-profit entity, therefore have trouble securing facilities for their event. The 25th Annual English Expo will take place on Saturday, February 22, 2014 at La Cueva High School. The contests has divisions in arts, comprehension, writing, grammar and speaking and are expecting 500-700 participants. The newest contest for the Junior and Senior divisions is Shakespearean monologue. Ms. Graff gave each member a flyer of the upcoming event. The committee discussed the Certificate of Insurance requirements.

FFA: Mr. Jarrod Smith, Program Director, reported that 32 teams participated in the National FFA convention that was held in October, 2014. Four gold, eight silver and sixteen bronze ratings were awarded during the event. This year contest includes Parliamentary procedure, leadership contest and career development events. February 12, 2014 will be the second FFA day at the Roundhouse. Students from around the state will meet with legislators and be recognized on the floor of the House and Senate. He also stated that they are experiencing a shortage of highly qualified Agricultural Education teachers in the state, with 5 openings at this time. They are also in the middle of a major curriculum update in preparation for the End of Course Exams that will be mandated by the State Department of Education for the 2014-2015 school year.

JROTC: Jim Koerber, JROTC representative thanked the legislators from money to purchase target for their program. He also announced that students from La Cueva and Cleveland High School will be competing in the Cyber Patriot National Finals Competition in March 2014. This year's JROTC state championships will be held at La Cueva High School and Farmington High School.

Music – Mr. Gerheart thanked the NMAA for their participation, support and help to run the music championship events. The NMMEA All-State Music Festival and In-Service Conference was held January 9-12, 2014, on the UNM campus.

950 students were selected through an audition process to be a member of one of eight ensembles – 2 orchestras, 2 choirs, 3 bands, and a guitar ensemble. Over 2000 students auditioned for the ensembles. Over 400 music educators attended two days and participated in 30 different workshops and clinics that were offered to our music educators.

NMMEA is in the process of completely developing a new website which should be up and running in the next couple of months. NMMEA has also been working with the Public Education Department (PED) to implement our Music Performance Assessments and have developed a statewide rubric that PED has approved and will be used for all MPS's immediately.

NMMEA in conjunction with the NMAA are preparing for the upcoming State Contests which will be held in April. The State Orchestra Contest will be held at Volcano Vista High School on April 4 – 5, State

Choir Contest on April 11 – 12 at Cleveland High School and State Band Contest on April 25 – 26 at Atrisco Heritage High School.

NM Mock Trial: Mr. David Berlin, NM Mock Trial representative, stated that the NM high School Mock Trial program is run by the Center for Civic Values. Twenty-six teams have signed up to participate in the Regional Competition which will be held on Friday and Saturday, February 21-22, 2014 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The top eight teams will compete in Albuquerque, March 21-22, 2014. Regionals and State Competition will be conducted in the Metropolitan Courthouse on Lomas Boulevard, NW in Albuquerque.

Mr. Berlin explained that in the past regional competitions have been held in Albuquerque and Las Cruces on the same weekend. Because the number of teams from the southern part of the state has dwindled, southern regional is no longer feasible. Accordingly, it was decided to bring any team from the south to Albuquerque in February and have them compete with the teams from the rest of the state. The top eight will then move on to the State Finals. They hop that in doing this will result in a more balanced seeding in the State Championships. The year's case is entitled, *the State of New Mexico vs. Kerri Townsend*.

The following are dates of competition:

February 21-22, 2014 – Regionals

March 21-22, 2014 – State

May 9-10, 2014 – Nationals (Madison, Wisconsin)

Rodeo: No representation.

Scholastic Publications: Ms. Rebeca Zimmermann, Scholastic Publications representative, stated the contest date is tentatively set for March 22, 2014 at Highland High School in Albuquerque. Mail-in entries for this event are due on February 7, 2014. Ms. Zimmermann presented the event flyer and explained that the organization is trying to expand in the southern part of the state need to present a one day session.

Science Fair/Olympiad: Ms. Rose Baca-Rivet, Science Fair/Olympiad representative, stated that 76 schools are registered for the 2014 Science Olympiad which consists of 102 teams of 15 Students. There are five regional Science Olympiads leading to the finals which will be held on February 22, 2014 at New Mexico Tech in Socorro.

During the 2013 school year students competed in 23 separate events that include physics, engineering, math, English, etc. In the high school division 1st place was awarded to Albuquerque Academy, 2nd to Albuquerque Homeschoolers and in the middle school division, 1st place was awarded to Albuquerque Homeschoolers and 2nd place to Albuquerque Academy. Science Olympiad had approximately 150-200 volunteers.

NM Science and Engineering Fair had approximately 1500 projects that were researched by NM students (6th through 12th grade). There are six regional fairs leading to the finals which are held at NM Tech. There were 306 students from 115 schools that competed at the 61st NM Science and Engineering Fair. Over 200 scientists, engineers, educators, and professionals served as judges. Two science teachers were recognized for their dedication and work. NM had 17 students advance to the 2013 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair held in Phoenix, Arizona where they competed

against 1500 students from 70 countries. NM students were awarded nine grand awards. This year's event will be held on April 4-5, 2014.

Speech/Debate: Ms. Hannah Flake, Speech and Debate representative discussed fall and spring tournament dates for the 2013-2014 school year. The 2014 State Speech and Debate competition will be held on March 6-8, 2014 at the Marriott Courtyard in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Student Council: Ms. Mary Hahn, Student Council representative reported that the State Leadership Conference will be held on February 13-15, 2014 at Española Valley High School. This event will host 950 student leaders, advisors and guests. The National Association of Student Councils – Region 6, will meet April 13-14 in Wichita to select the region's 2014-2016 student representatives to the NASC Board. The National Student Council Conference will be held on June 27-29th at Ocoee HS, in Orlando, Florida. The Summer Leadership Workshop will be held June 3-6, 2014 at NM Tech. The date for the 2014 Fall District Conferences will be announced in February and the National Association of Student Councils LEAD Conference will be held November 14 -16, 2014 at the Hotel Albuquerque.

Staff Reports: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director reminded the committee that there is a new 2 year Alignment and Classification block with the 2014 school year that may have an effect on their organization.

Mr. Bill Cleland, NMAA Associate Director asked the Committee Members to check their organization's web page on the NMAA website, as many are outdated. He also asked the members if any Activities have been added to the STARS program. Ms. Bobbie Eichorst stated that PED added CTSO coding which will help identify students' career readiness in the STARS program.

The committee also discussed conflicts with events on the NMAA calendar. Ms. Marquez will host an informal meeting during the summer in effort to coordinate schedules and put them on the 2014-2015 NMAA Calendar.

Break: 10:24 – 10:34

New Business

One Act Play Competition Location – Mr. Joe Butler covered this topic during the Drama/One Act Play Council Member Report (above).

Insurance Coverage: Mr. Gerheart introduced Ms. Andrea Rogers with Poms & Associates, guest presenter, who answered questions and concerns with coverage and gave recommendations for activity organizations.

Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwaner answered questions concerning NMAA Activity reimbursement and qualifications to obtain the money for their organization.

Alliance for Student Activities: Ms. Mary Hahn, Student Council Representative gave the committee members a flyer pertaining to the Alliance for Student Activities (a4sa.org) which is a nationwide advocacy campaign promoting the value of school-sponsored student-led activities. She discussed the eleven national student organizations building the coalition of the Alliance, the goals of the program and the benefits.

Meeting Adjourn:

Mr. Gerheart asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m. Mr. David Berlin made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gallegos seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. Next meeting date: Tentative -September 2, 2014.