

Minutes have not been approved by the NMAA Board of Directors at this time.

Next Board meeting is scheduled to be held on March 7, 2012

**NMAA Board of Directors Meeting
December 1, 2011
9:00 AM
NMAA Hall of Pride and Honor**

Welcome – Meeting called to order by Mr. Mike Phipps, NMAA Board of Directors President, at 9:04 a.m. A roll call was conducted by Mrs. Mindy Ioane, NMAA Administrative Assistant, and the following members were present.

Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Mr. Paul Benoit (Small Area B)
Mr. Bill Green (Small Area C)
Mr. Buddy Little (Small Area D)
Mr. Winston Brooks (Large School District I)
Ms. Patricia Parsons (At-Large Member)
Mrs. Janel Ryan (Large Area A)
Mr. Mike Phipps (Large Area B - President)
Mr. Dick Pool (Large Area C)
Mr. Adan Delgado (Large Area D)
Mr. Stan Rounds (Large School District II)
Mr. Lawrence Johnson (NMAA Commission Representative)
Mr. Dion Sandoval (NM School Board Association)

Thirteen members present representing a quorum.

Approval of Agenda and Addendum Agenda:

Mr. Phipps asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Green made the motion to approve the agenda with the following change; move General Action Item: NMMI classification/boarding school to be heard following the Executive Session. Mr. Benoit seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Approval of Minutes from September 21, 2011:

Mr. Phipps asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Rounds made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Sandoval seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Executive Session:

Mr. Phipps asked for a motion to enter into an Executive Session at 9:09 a.m. to discuss the following four items: (1) Clovis High School/Isler court case; (2) Atrisco Heritage High School court case; (3) Taos court cases and (4) Alignment & Classification. A motion was made by Mr. Rounds to enter into Executive Session. Mr. Brooks seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Mr. Phipps called the meeting back to order at 10:15 a.m. Clovis High School/Isler, Atrisco Heritage High School, and Taos court cases and Alignment & Classification were

the items discussed during the Executive Session. Mr. Phipps stated that no action was taken and no decisions were made during the Executive Session.

General Action Item:

NMMI classification/boarding school: (Action Item), (Non-Referendum Item) General Grizzel, NMMI Superintendent, and Mr. Reggie Franklin, NMMI Athletic Director, asked the Board to consider (1) allowing all foreign students to be eligible immediately at the varsity level and (2) if those foreign students are not considered eligible, not count approximately 40 first year students in the total enrollment numbers of Alignment and Classification for the 2012-2013, 2013-2014 school years.

General Grizzel presented 2 documents: NMMI Fall 2011 Corps Profile – September 2011 – Application Flow and Why We Exist and What We Are.

Mr. Rounds made a motion to Table the following General Action Items to allow time for more research and discussion: NMMI classification/boarding school *and* the elimination of Bylaw 6.7 (Boarding School Student) beginning in 2012-13. Ms. Parsons seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0). Items were tabled until the March 7, 2012 meeting.

Directors' Report:

Mr. Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director, discussed six items during his report: (1) commended the NMAA staff on the successful outcome of the 2011 Fall State Championships; (2) announced the results of voting for expiring terms on the Board of Directors as follows: Janel Ryan, Area A - Large Schools, and Buddy Little, Area D – Small Schools. Commission results for expiring terms are as follows: Phil Sategna, Area A – Large Schools, Dave Campbell, Area D – Small Schools, and Pete MacFarlane, Non-Public Schools; (3) discussed the need for a revised media and technology policy which he will present to the Board on June 7, 2012; (4) the Friends of Gene Pino Dinner/Dance fundraiser event on December 30, 2011 has been rescheduled to June 8, 2012; (5) asked the Board of Directors to help promote the NMAA Foundation's *History of NM High School Football* book, and (6) this afternoon, the superintendents from the 3A-5A schools participating in the NMAA State Football Championships, will discuss the potential postponement of those games.

Financial Report:

Mrs. Shari Kessler-Schwaner, NMAA Business Manager, stated that financial reports were not finalized at this time. Mrs. Kessler-Schwaner added that ticket prices for all State Championship events are now \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. Financial reports will be presented during the March 7, 2012 meeting.

Activities Report:

Ms. Kristin Derr, NMAA Activities Coordinator, discussed two items during her report: (1) One Act Play was held at the San Juan College in Farmington, NM on November 3-5, 2011. The results are as follows:

Sparta (small division)

1st - Las Montanas Charter School
2nd - Moreno Valley Charter School
3rd - Lordsburg High School

Athens (large division)

1st - Sandia High School
2nd - Aztec High School
3rd - Piedra Vista High School

(2) the Show Choir competition which will be held March 31, 2012 at Volcano Vista High School.

NMOA Report:

Mrs. Dana Sanchez, NMAA Commissioner of Officials, discussed four items on her report: (1) Officials' Numbers: the NMOA is returning to the number of officials it had prior to the economic downturn; (2) the National Association of Sports Officials Summit to be held in Albuquerque, July 27-29, 2014 at the Hyatt Downtown, and Officiate New Mexico Day, July 26, 2014; (3) Barry Mano, NASO President, to meet with NMAA staff to discuss details for the 2014 summit and will speak at the Albuquerque Basketball Officials Association meeting on Monday, December 5, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at Albuquerque High School's Lecture Hall; and (4) NMOA Executive Board meeting on January 29, 2012.

General Action Items:

Bylaw 6.7 Boarding School Student: (Action Item), (Referendum Item). NOTE: This was tabled earlier in the meeting with the NMMI classification/boarding school item.

Pre-season tournaments and/or pre-season camps/tryout camps are not allowed 21 days prior to the season beginning, effective immediately. (Action Item) (Referendum Item). Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, presented a proposal that would not allow pre-season tournaments and /or pre-season camps/tryout camps 21 days prior to the season beginning, effective immediately. Mr. Pool made the motion to Table this proposal until the March 7, 2012 Board of Directors meeting. Mrs. Ryan seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

8th Grade Participation Documentation: (Action Item), (Referendum Item). Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, presented a proposal to require Athletic Directors to submit a form to the NMAA prior to 8th graders participating at the high school level. The rationale comes from the numerous appeals to the NMAA from parents who state that they were not aware their child was making their one free choice while participating at the high school level in the 8th grade. Mr. Pool made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Green seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Football 6-Man/8-Man 2012-2013, 2013-2014 School Years: (Action Item), (Non-referendum Item). Mr. Randy Adrian, NMAA Assistant Director, presented a proposal to consider revising 6-Man and 8-Man football alignment and classification for the 2012-2013 and 2012-2014 school years. The new districts would be as follows:

6-Man

District 1

Clovis Christian
Dora
Lake Arthur
Roy/Mosquero
San Jon/Grady

District 2

Animas
Hondo
NMSD
Reserve
Vaughn

8-Man

District 1

Foothill
Logan
Menaul
Mountainair
Springer/Maxwell

District 2

Carrizozo
Floyd
Gateway Christian
Melrose
Tatum

Mr. Little made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Ms. Parsons seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Pojoaque district alignment appeal for 2012-2013, 2013, 2014 school years: (Action Item), (Non-referendum Item). Mr. Adan Delgado, Pojoaque Schools Superintendent, asked the Board to consider a proposal to move Pojoaque High School to District 2AAA for the 2012-2013, 2013-2014 school years. Mr. Casados asked (for the record) what the rationale was for the original move. Mr. Tripp responded that the move was solely based on geographical location and to balance the districts. Mr. Benoit made the motion to Table the item to allow time to hear from the other schools in the district that Pojoaque would move into. Mr. Benoit seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Addition of Middle Schools to the NMAA Website: (Action Item), (Non-referendum Item). Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, asked the Board to consider the addition of middle schools to the NMAA website for SAEA reporting at a cost of \$600 a month. Mr. Brooks made a motion to Table the proposal until after the 2012 Legislative session. Mr. Beniot seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Sport Specific Action Items:

Wrestling Championship Qualifiers: (Action Item). Mr. Scott Evans, NMAA Assistant Director, presented a proposal to allow an adjustment to 3A qualifying for the 2012 State Wrestling championships. The rationale for this proposal is that an adjustment is needed

due to program drops/adds at the 3A level in order to maintain consistency across classifications. The recommendation was approved by the Wrestling Sports Specific Committee on October 5, 2011. Mr. Pool made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Green seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

General Discussion/Informational Items:

Ryan Best Letter (National FFA President): Mr. Mike Phipps, NMAA Board of Directors President, congratulated Ryan Best, graduate of Elida High School and a current New Mexico State University student on being elected to serve as the National Future Farmers of America President.

Board of Directors Goals: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, discussed implementation of "measurable" goals that will be presented during the March Board of Directors' meeting.

Public & Private Member Schools: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, spoke about some of the issues between public and private schools, adding that the Public/Private ad-hoc committee continues to work towards an equitable solution.

2014-2015 Calendar of Events: Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, presented a proposed calendar for the alignment block beginning with the 2014-2015 school year which would change the start/end dates of some sports.

Summer Regulations: June for Winter and Spring Sports and July for Fall Sports OR mandatory two-week moratorium. Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, discussed the need for regulations stating that this item will continue to be discussed in future meetings.

School Athletics Equity Act & LESC: This item was discussed under the General Action Item, Addition of Middle Schools to the NMAA Website.

Seeding & Selection: Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, reviewed the success of Seeding and Selection for the 2011 Fall State Championships.

Lunch Break: Mr. Phipps, NMAA Board of Directors President, asked for a motion to recess for lunch. Mr. Brooks made the motion to recess at 12:23 p.m. Mr. Pool seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Mr. Dion Sandoval and Mr. Buddy Little exited the meeting at 12:23 p.m.

Mr. Mike Phipps called the meeting back to order at 12:48 p.m.

Timeline for next Alignment and Classification block: Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, presented a timeline for future Board Meetings for Alignment and Classification Block beginning with the 2014-2015 school year.

NMAA Bylaws 7.4.4 (Athletic Class) and 7.4.5 (Open Gym): Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, stated that the two bylaws are being redefined and will be presented to the Commission during the February 22, 2012 meeting.

Life of An Athlete Code of Conduct Workshops – February 22 (Santa Fe), February 23 (Roswell), and February 24 (Las Cruces): Sally Marquez, NMAA Assistant Executive Director, reviewed the information for the upcoming workshops and asked that each Board member encourage their school district to attend one of the workshops.

Potential Hall of Pride and Honor upgrades: Mr. Robert Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, presented proposals from D.R.B. Electric for the addition of lighting for the Hall of Pride and Honor and a proposal from Sound & Signal Systems for the purchase of a Microphone System. The Board asked Mr. Zayas to present three bids during the March meeting for both items under consideration.

MVP Information Not Reported Online: Mr. Bill Cleland, NMAA Deputy Director, presented a letter sent to Superintendents in January 2011, stating the requirements of Bylaws 3.9.1 and 3.9.3 that must be followed by school districts.

Coach/Athletic Director Licensure: Mr. Scott Evans, NMAA Assistant Director, discussed potential future licensure requirements for Athletic Directors. He also discussed a proposal to require all coaches to have CPR training as requested by the Sports Medicine Committee.

Success of NMAA Facebook Page: Mrs. Dana Sanchez, Commissioner of Officials, discussed the success of the NMAA Facebook page for Fall sports reporting that the page has had over 36,000 unique post views.

Consider Adjournment:

Mr. Phipps asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:12 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Delgado. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Next Board of Directors Meeting Date:

March 7, 2011 (The Pit – Pete McDavid Lounge)