

NMAA Board of Directors Meeting
December 2, 2010
9:00 AM
NMAA Office

I. Welcome – Meeting called to order by Mr. Mike Phipps, NMAA Board President, at 9:03 a.m. A roll call was conducted by Ms. Mindy Ioane, NMAA Administrative Assistant, and the following members were present.

Ms. Zita Lopez, (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)
Mr. Dane Kennon (At-Large Member)
Mr. Dion Sandoval (NM School Board Association)
Mrs. Janel Ryan (Large, Area A)
Mr. Mike Phipps, President, (Large Area B)
Mr. Dick Pool (Large Area C)
Mr. Stan Rounds (Large School District II) via Tele-Conference

The following members were absent.

Ms. Janette Archuleta (Large, Area D)
Mr. Lawrence Johnson (NMAA Commission Representative)

Eleven members present representing a quorum.

Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Phipps asked for a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the agenda item to consider the approval of the creation of an ad hoc committee to examine the selection of state tournament officials. Mrs. Ryan made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the addendum agenda. Mrs. Lopez seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Approval of Minutes from September 29, 2010:

Mr. Phipps asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Green made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Benoit seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Executive Session:

Mr. Phipps asked for a motion to enter into an Executive session at 9:07 a.m. to discuss legal and finance matters. A motion was made by Mr. Little to enter into Executive session. Mr. Rounds seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (11-0).

The meeting reconvened at 9:59 a.m.

Executive Director’s Report:

Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director, discussed three items during his Director's report: (1) Reminder that Kukulski Brothers have exclusive rights to sell NMAA State Championship apparel, (2) Mora schools request to be placed into a football district next fall, and (3) the promotion of sportsmanship and the NMAA Life of An Athlete program through the creation of Public Service Announcements that will be distributed to all radio stations throughout the state.

Financial Report:

Ms. Carol Daniels, NMAA Director of Finance, presented the NMAA Foundation financial report showing a balance of \$53K in checking and \$104K in a Prudential Investment account as of October 31, 2010.

Activities Report:

Kristin Derr, NMAA Assistant Director, presented the activities report and reviewed the success of the One Act Play competition. She also stated that Ms. Libby Tilley has announced her retirement. She concluded by discussing the upcoming State Band and Choir competitions.

Hazing Incidents:

Ms. Julie Garcia presented information on behalf of New Mexico Public Schools Insurance Authority, regarding hazing policies and procedures. She informed the Board of the potential litigation costs associated with hazing incidents.

General Action Items

Game Reduction:

Mr. Keith Durham, Principal at Texico High School, asked the Board 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. Note: Wrestling and Spirit would not be impacted in this proposal.

A motion was made by Mr. Little to accept the proposal as a referendum item. Mr. Pool seconded the motion. The floor was opened for discussion. A vote was taken at which time Mr. Rounds requested a roll call vote. Mr. Phipps called for a roll call vote and the motion failed (4-7).

Ms. Zita Lopez	Yes	Mr. Dion Sandoval	No
Mr. Paul Benoit	Yes	Mrs. Janel Ryan	No
Mr. Bill Green	Yes	Mr. Mike Phipps	No
Mr. Buddy Little	Yes	Mr. Dick Pool	No
Mr. Winston Brooks	No	Mr. Stan Rounds	No
Mr. Dane Kennon	No		

Class A, District 2 (Basketball and Volleyball):

Mr. Josh Sears, Athletic Director at Menaul School, proposed that Class A, District 2 schools remain one district with the addition of Foothill for the 2011-2012 school year. A motion was made by Mr. Green to accept the proposal as presented. Mrs. Ryan seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously (11-0).

Tohatchi Extraordinary Loss of Enrollment:

Mr. Albert Jim, Assistant Athletic Director, Tohatchi Schools, presented a request to consider moving Tohatchi High School from Class 3A to Class 2A for the 2011-2012 school year under extraordinary loss of enrollment (NMAA bylaw 4.1.4). His report included 40-day enrollment numbers by grade level.

A motion was made by Mr. Green to accept the proposal as presented due to extraordinary loss of enrollment. Mr. Little seconded the motion.

A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously (11-0).

Carrizozo Football Alignment

Mr. Pat Ventura, Carrizozo High School head football coach, presented a request that Carrizozo High School be moved from 11-Man Football to an 8-man Football district for the 2011 season. A motion was made by Mr. Green to deny the proposal. Mr. Benoit seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously (11-0).

NMAA Bylaw 2.2.1.C.4.b

Mr. Dick Pool, Superintendent of Silver Schools, requested that the Board of Directors consider revising NMAA Bylaw 2.2.1.C.4.b to read, "At the first regular Board meeting in June of every odd year, the President and Vice-President shall be elected for two-year terms, to coincide with the ending date of a superintendent's contract." A motion was made by Mr. Rounds to accept the proposal as a referendum item. Mr. Benoit seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously (11-0).

Mr. Stan Rounds was excused from the meeting at this time.

NMAA Lightning Policy

Mr. Robert Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, proposed a revision of the NMAA Lightning Policy. He presented the proposal along with the current bylaw.

A motion was made by Mr. Benoit to accept the proposal as presented as a referendum item. Mr. Kennon seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously (11-0).

Appeal Format

Mrs. Sally Marquez, NMAA Associate Director presented a proposal to consider revising the NMAA Appeal Format by combining the Appeals Committee (2) and the Board of Directors (3) into one committee and making the Secretary of Education the second level of appeal. Mr. Pool made the motion to table the proposal until after the 180-day eligibility rule is in effect. Mrs. Ryan seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously (10-0).

Ejection Ad Hoc Committee Recommendation for Coach and Participant Ejections

Mr. Randy Adrian, NMAA Assistant Director, and Mrs. Dana Sanchez, NMAA Assistant Director, presented a recommendation of the Ejection Ad Hoc committee for the revision of the current bylaws pertaining to coach and player ejections (NMAA Handbook 7.7.2). Mr. Tripp requested that the Board allow the NMAA staff time to review the proposal and bring the staff recommendation back to the Board at a later date. A motion was made by Mr. Pool to table the proposal as a result of Mr. Tripp's request. Mr. Brooks seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously (10-0).

NMAA Bylaw 6.3

Mrs. Sally Marquez, NMAA Associate Director, presented a recommendation to consider revising NMAA Bylaw 6.3 (Open Enrollment) to read "this regulation applies to freshmen only. It cannot be utilized by 10th or 12th grade students, inclusive of those enrolling in private schools" as a referendum item. This item was previously sent out in a November 2010 referendum with the incorrect bylaw number; the proposal passed. A motion was made by Mr. Kennon to accept the recommendation as a referendum item as presented. Mr. Brooks seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously (10-0).

Sports Specific Action Items

Golf Bylaw Changes

Mr. Bill Cleland, NMAA Assistant Director, presented a proposal to consider the removal of NMAA bylaw 7.16.1.M and 7.16.3.D; requirement of coaches and players to attend the Sunday evening banquet prior to the state golf tournament. A motion was made by Mr. Kennon to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Brooks seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously (10-0).

Break – 11:44 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Mr. Brooks and Mr. Sandoval were excused from the meeting at this time.

General Discussion/Information Items

Budget Cuts: Mr. Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director, discussed meetings held with athletic directors from across the state to hear their recommendations concerning budget cuts.

NMAA Referenda Results: Mrs. Sally Marquez, NMAA Associate Director, presented the results of the Major NMAA Bylaw Adjustments referendum, School Athletic Equities Act referendum, and Spirit General Rules and Policies referendum results.

NFHS Track & Field Contestant Limitation per School: Mr. Robert Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, sought the Board of Director's advice regarding the NMAA track & field contestant limitation rule. Traditionally, the NMAA does not abide by the NFHS rule that teams are limited on the number of entries they can have per event. The Board requested that this item be presented as an action item at the January 2011 meeting.

NMAA Hotel Rebate Program: Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Assistant Director, presented information pertaining to the hotel rebate program that has the opportunity to provide money back to participating schools and the NMAA.

Life of An Athlete Program: Mr. Robert Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, informed the Board of Directors that as of November 23, 2010, 4610 individuals from across the nation have participated in the program; 3211 of the participants reside in New Mexico, and 2830 of those participants are New Mexico students.

Private School Transportation of Students: Mr. Dane Kennon, Cobre Schools Superintendent, led discussion regarding private schools transporting students from from nearby cities to their school.

NMAA Foundation Update: Mr. Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director, presented an upcoming events flyer detailing the January 30, 2011 Bowl-a-thon and the March 10, 2011 Awards Banquet. The Awards Banquet will honor the 2010-2011 Scholarship recipients as well as New Mexico Greats (A.J. Bramlett and Kathy Whitworth). He encouraged the Board members to participate in this event by purchasing a table for their school district.

40 Day Counts – Alignment & Classification: Mr. Robert Zayas provided the Board with 40-day enrollment numbers for NMAA member schools. The document also denoted schools that may appeal their classification and alignment placement at the June 2011 Board meeting. The Board will receive 80-day enrollment numbers at the January 2011 Board meeting.

Cross Country State Championship Update: Mr. Rudy Aragon, NMAA Assistant Director, informed the board of the successful championships. He announced the 2010 championship teams. Mr. Aragon then addressed the board regarding schools who failed to submit team photos for the state championship event program, which resulted in \$250 fines to 14 of 37 schools.

Football State Championship Update: Mr. Randy Adrian, NMAA Assistant Director, gave the Board of Directors an update of the 2010 State Football Champions from 6 Man, 8 Man, Class A, and Class AA. All champions in these classes were seeded either 1 or 2 in their classification.

Soccer State Championship Update: Mr. Robert Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, gave the Board of Directors an overview of the State Soccer Championship event, while commending the Albuquerque Public Schools for providing the soccer facility to the NMAA free of charge.

Volleyball State Championship Update: Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Assistant Director, gave an overview of the State Championship event, stating that the attendance numbers increased from the prior year.

Basketball State Championship Update: Mrs. Sally Marquez, NMAA Associate Director, informed the board that the state basketball championship schedule is posted on the NMAA website. The board discussed issues concerning the complimentary passes that are provided by the NMAA at length. The Board of Directors requested that this item be placed on the January Board of Directors meeting agenda as an action item.

Addendum Agenda

Consider Approval of the Creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to Examine the Selection of State Tournament Officials:

Mr. Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director, requested that the Board of Directors approve an ad hoc committee that would seek input from the Coaches Association, the

NMOA, and selected representatives from the various Sports Specific committees regarding state tournament officials selection. A motion was made by Mr. Green to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Benoit seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Board of Directors Recognition

Mr. Phipps and Mr. Tripp recognized Ms. Zita Lopez, with a plaque as a token of appreciation for her devotion to interscholastic athletics and activities for the students of New Mexico.

The meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.