

**NMAA Board of Directors' Meeting**  
**December 4, 2019**  
**10:30 a.m.**  
**NMAA Hall of Pride and Honor**

**Welcome** - Meeting called to order by Mr. TJ Parks, NMAA Board of Directors President, at 11:22 a.m. Ms. Alissa Wesbrook, NMAA Assistant to the Executive Director, conducted roll call and the following members were present:

Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)  
Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)  
Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)  
Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)  
Mr. Kirk Carpenter (Large Area A)  
Mr. T.J. Parks (Large Area B - President)  
Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)  
Ms. Dana Sanders (Large Area D)  
Ms. Lesa Dodd (At-Large)  
Ms. Yvonne Garcia (Large School District I)                    *\*representing Ms. Raquel Reedy*  
Dr. Karen Trujillo (Large School District II)  
Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)  
Mr. Ramon Montano (New Mexico School Boards Association)

Not present:

13 members were present representing a quorum.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Carpenter made the motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Dodd seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2019 Board Meeting as presented. Mr. Casados made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

**NMAA Executive Director's Report:**

Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, discussed five (5) items on her report: 1) provided a recap of the 2019-2020 Fall Championships; 2) stated that recent work on the NMAA building was complete and successful; 3) reported that the first ever STEM Challenge is underway with the final results to be announced on December 7<sup>th</sup>; 4) provided information on the recent Board of Directors (Mr. Anthony Casados, Mr. David Lackey, and Ms. Dana Sanders were all re-elected) and Commission (Mr. Jory Mirabal and Mr. Ernie Viramontes were re-elected & Mr. Brandon Gurule was elected to take over for Mr. Tim Host) election results; and 5) announced the 2020 NMAA Hall of Fame Inductees – Mr. Ernie Viramontes, Dr. Crit Caton, and Mr. Tom Manning.

### **NMAA Financial Report**

Approval of NMAA 990 for 2018-2019 - Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwamer, NMAA Business Manager, presented the NMAA 990 for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the 990 for the 2018-2019 school year as presented. Ms. Dodd made a motion to approve the 990. Ms. Sanders seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

NMAA Finance Report: Ms. Kessler-Schwamer presented the NMAA Finance Report. She discussed two (2) items on her report: 1) provided preliminary box reports for the 2019-2020 fall championships; and 2) reported on ticket sales for state cross country, volleyball, and soccer.

### **NMAA Activities Report:**

Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Commissioner of Officials, presented the activities report. She discussed four (4) items on her report: 1) reported that the One Act Play regionals have concluded with the finals taking place in January; 2) echoed Ms. Marquez's comments regarding the STEM Challenge; 3) stated that most of the state activity events will take place during the spring semester; and 4) provided an update on the NMAA Student Leadership Advisory Council.

### **NMAA Officials Report:**

Ms. Pappas presented the officials report. She discussed four (4) items on her report: 1) reported that the fall numbers for officials were up slightly and that winter numbers were similar to that from last year; 2) stated that the basketball rules clinics for coaches and officials have concluded and were very well received; 3) provided an update on the upcoming baseball and softball officials' clinics set to take place in January; and 4) reported that the 2020 NMOA State Clinic dates have been set and former NHL Officiating Director, Terry Gregson, will serve as the event's keynote speaker.

### **General Discussion/Information Items:**

Bylaws Committee Work - Ms. Marquez provided an update on the work that has been done by the Bylaws Committee over the last year. The items discussed included out of season coaching during the school year, summer regulations, and the possibility of using other means to determine the classification of schools in future years.

Out of Season Coaching for Wrestling - Ms. Marquez discussed out of season coaching in the sport of wrestling and the possibility of it becoming a year round sport due to the unique nature of wrestling and limited number of qualified coaches across the state. Feedback from the Board included the possibility of other sports wishing to forgo the out of season coaching regulations if an exception was made for wrestling.

J-1 Visa to F-1 Visa - Ms. Marquez informed the Board that per the request of the PED, the staff was looking at the possibility of adding language to eligibility bylaws pertaining to a student going from a J-1 visa (foreign exchange) to an F-1 visa (foreign student).

State Soccer Tournament Format - Ms. Marquez discussed the current state soccer format and feedback received from coaches regarding rest time and the possibility of splitting the event across three days over two weekends. Feedback from the Board included keeping the current format due to increased costs to traveling teams and loss of school time.

Seeding and Selection: Strength of Schedule - Ms. Marquez presented to the Board the possibility of adding a strength of schedule component to the seeding and selection criteria due to recent requests from coaches in the sports of baseball, football, volleyball and basketball. Feedback from the Board included concerns regarding scheduling, especially for smaller schools in rural areas.

8-Man Football: Scheduling - Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, discussed the possibility of 8-man teams scheduling games versus 11-man teams in the sport of football. Feedback from the Board included both support for this allowance due to the limited number of schools within 8-man and opposition due to the belief that a school should either play 11-man throughout the season if it can play games versus 11-man schools.

**Action Items:**

Baseball Umpires' Fee Increase - Ms. Pappas presented a proposal to increase baseball umpire's fees starting with the 2020-2021 school year, to match those of basketball officials. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Carpenter made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Montano seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Volleyball: District Tournaments and Match Limitations (Referenda) - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to eliminate district tournaments for volleyball and increase match limitations to twenty-three (23) for varsity and twenty (20) for junior varsity beginning with the 2020-2021 school year. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Carpenter made the motion to approve the proposal. Ms. Dodd seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Participation: Class 4A/5A - (Referenda) Ms. Marquez presented a proposal from the middle school committee whereas in class 4A-5A only, if an 8<sup>th</sup> grader is playing a sport that is offered by that athlete's middle school, they may not be moved up to play that sport at the high school level until the completion of that middle school season. At the discretion of the school athletic department, 8<sup>th</sup> graders may participate in sports at the high school level if that sport is NOT offered at the middle school level. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Carpenter made the motion to keep the NMAA's current 8<sup>th</sup> grade participation regulations as is. Ms. Sanders seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

State Qualifiers: Baseball, Football, Softball and Soccer - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to modify bylaws regarding the number of state qualifiers in the sports of baseball, football, softball and soccer. Changes include moving to 12 qualifiers for 2A & 3A baseball and A/2A & 3A softball; 8 qualifiers for A-3A soccer, 6-Man & 2A football; and 6 qualifiers for 8-man football. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. White made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Casados seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Classification and Alignment: Proposal for 2020-2022 - Ms. Sally Marquez presented a proposal in regards to Classification and Alignment for the 2020-2021/2021-2022 school years. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Carpenter made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Montano seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

**Executive Session:**

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to go into Executive Session at 1:16 p.m. Ms. Dodd made the motion to enter into Executive Session. Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously. (13-0)

<b>Yes/For</b>	<b>No/Against</b>	<b>Board Member Name</b>
Yes		Mr. Anthony Casados, (Small Area A)
Yes		Mr. Kirk Carpenter (Large Area A)
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Yes		Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Yes		Ms. Yvonne Garcia (Large School District I)
Yes		Ms. Lesa Dodd (At-Large)
Yes		Mr. Ramon Montano (NM School Boards Association)
Yes		Mr. T.J. Parks, Board President (Large Area B)
Yes		Dr. Karen Trujillo (Large School District II)
Yes		Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
Yes		Ms. Dana Sanders (Large Area D)
Yes		Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to exit out of Executive Session at 1:58 p.m. Mr. Parks stated no action was taken in Executive Session. Mr. Casados made the motion to exit out of Executive Session. Ms. Dodd seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously. (13-0)

<b>Yes/For</b>	<b>No/Against</b>	<b>Board Member Name</b>
Yes		Mr. Anthony Casados, (Small Area A)
Yes		Mr. Kirk Carpenter (Large Area A)
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Yes		Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Yes		Ms. Yvonne Garcia (Large School District I)
Yes		Ms. Lesa Dodd (At-Large)
Yes		Mr. Ramon Montano (NM School Boards Association)
Yes		Mr. T.J. Parks, Board President (Large Area B)
Yes		Dr. Karen Trujillo (Large School District II)
Yes		Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
Yes		Ms. Dana Sanders (Large Area D)
Yes		Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)

**Consider Adjournment:**

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m. Ms. Dodd made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Viramontes seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2019