

NMAA Board of Directors' Meeting
December 6, 2018
9:00 a.m.
NMAA Hall of Pride and Honor

Welcome - Meeting called to order by Mr. T.J. Parks, NMAA Board of Directors President, at 9:00 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 – Vice President)
Ms. Lesa Dodd (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)
Dr. Crit Caton (At-Large Member)
Dr. Gregory Ewing (Large School District II)
Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)
Ms. Jennifer Viramontes (New Mexico School Boards Association)

Not present:

Mr. Jamie Widner (Small Area B)
Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Ms. Yvonne Garcia (Large School District I) *Representing Ms. Raquel Reedy

Ten members were present representing a quorum.

Approval of the Agenda:

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Casados made the motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Dodd seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2018 Board Meeting as presented. Ms. Dodd made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Viramontes seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

Ms. Yvonne Garcia (Large School District I), representing Raquel Reedy, arrived at 9:05 a.m.

NMAA Executive Directors' Report:

Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, discussed (6) items on her report: 1) a recap of all NMAA Fall Championship Events (soccer, cross country, volleyball, and football); 2) an update on the financial reports & ticket sales for the Fall Championships; 3) a report on the current emphasis that has been placed on the Compete with Class sportsmanship initiative; 4) an update on the work of NMAA Sports Information Director J.P. Murrieta's to highlight high school athletics/activities; 5) a recap of the election results for the NMAA Board – she also thanked outgoing Board Member Jamie Widner (Small Area B) for his service; and 6) an update on the NMAA Hall of Fame and the recent selection of three individuals to be inducted as the Class of 2019 (Scott Affentranger, Don Gerheart, and Anthony Casados).

NMAA Activities Report:

Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, presented the activities report. She discussed four (4) items on her report: 1) a recap of State One Act Play and plan to review this activity/event moving forward; 2) an update regarding future Activity events, with most taking place between the months of February and April; 3) stated that the next NMAA Activities Council Meeting will take place in January; and 4) a report regarding the Student Advisory Leadership Committee and its fall meeting that was held in October.

New Mexico Officials Association Report:

Ms. Pappas presented the officials report. She discussed five (5) items on her report: 1) a report on officials' numbers for fall (football was down, volleyball & soccer were up) and winter (basketball, spirit, & wrestling are down, swimming is up) sports. 2) a recap of the office's decision to use a chain crew supervisor that is a registered official for all state football semifinals and finals 3) an update on the Fall & Winter Officials/Coaches Appreciation weeks 4) a recap of the Basketball/Wrestling Symposiums put on by the NMAA/NMOA and in conjunction with the NMHSCA; and 5) an update on the NMOA Baseball & Softball Clinics to be held in January.

General Discussion/Information Items:

NMOA: Varsity Assignors in All Sports - Ms. Pappas discussed the possibility of the NMAA office selecting Varsity Regional Assignors for officials in all sports. Currently there are varsity assignors in the sports of basketball and football only. This would help to increase the accountability of assignors and allow for more oversight of the process. It would result in an increase in expenses for the NMAA.

NMOA: Game Cancellation/Reschedule Policy - Ms. Pappas discussed a proposal for a formal cancellation/reschedule policy of games/events with regards to officials' payments. The proposal would include the home school informing the varsity regional assignor and the NMAA, in writing, at least 24 hrs. in advance of this cancellation unless unforeseen circumstances occur (weather, transportation etc.). The Athletic Director of the host school and the officials assigned are then expected to confirm the rescheduled games with one another at least three days in advance. If this process is not followed correctly, the school would be responsible for all official related fees.

Sports Medicine: Physicals and Consent to Treat - Mr. Scott Owen, NMAA Assistant Director, discussed the possible implementation of a blanket consent to treat form for all student athletes to sign prior to participation. In addition, this could be done in conjunction with a requirement for all students to use the same NMAA physical examination form. These recommendations are supported by the NMAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee and received positive feedback from the Commission. The Board did have some questions regarding both the consent statement/form and physical form, but generally supported the proposal. The NMAA staff will collect more info on this topic and it may be added to a future agenda as an action item.

Basketball: Replay Update - Ms. Marquez discussed the potential use of replay in the sport of basketball. She reported that the NFHS states specifically what can and cannot be replayed and that if the membership would like to go in this direction, these rules would have to be followed for the NMAA to receive "100% state" status from the NFHS. The Board discussed technology and logistics for state tournament venues, the possible expansion of video from basketball to other sports, and the potential need to ensure accuracy if there is an opportunity to do so. Pros and cons were discussed, and Ms. Marquez stated that the replay committee will be consulted again and a potential action item may be placed on a future agenda.

Compete with Class Update - Ms. Marquez updated the Commission on the Compete with Class initiative. She stated that the fall did come with several incidents of concern, along with an increase in overall negative incidents in the sports of volleyball and football. She also stated that the membership, especially athletic directors and superintendents, have responded well to the emphasis on sportsmanship and that the NMAA will continue to work with all involved to promote the Compete with Class program.

NMAA Rules Clinics - Ms. Marquez asked for feedback regarding future Rules Clinics being held in person for all sports as opposed to the online versions currently used. The NMAA will continue to discuss this item internally and amongst the membership. The Board provided positive feedback in regards to the face to face contact being more beneficial and effective for coaches and officials. They did discuss the possibility of these in-person clinics being mandatory every other year or on some sort of rotational basis to help with travel costs.

State Championships Qualifiers - Ms. Marquez discussed the possible need for an adjustment to the number of state championship qualifiers in certain sports. In particular, 8-Man Football & Class A-3A Boys/Girls Soccer. Currently, the significant majority of the teams within these classifications make the playoffs, some with losing records. The Board agreed an adjustment could be beneficial and Ms. Marquez stated the staff will provide more information on this topic as the new classification & alignment block is discussed.

State Championships Seeding and Selection - Ms. Marquez asked for feedback in regards to the current seeding and selection process. She discussed some situations concerning tiebreaking procedures and the effect it had on the seeding/selection process for fall sports. Feedback from the Board was that the current process works well, but discussion with the membership should continue.

Action Items:

Reserve HS: Petition to Join 6-man Football District 2 - Ms. Missy Lengstorf, Athletic Director at Reserve High School, requested that Reserve be added to District 2 within 6-Man Football for the 2019 season. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal. No motion was made.

ATC: Petition to Join A-3A Boys Soccer District 1 - Mr. Tim Host, Athletic Director at the Academy for Technology and the Classics, requested that ATC be added to District 1 within Class A-3A Boys Soccer for the 2019 season. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal. No motion was made.

Basketball: Middle/Jr. High Start Dates: Ms. Marquez asked the Board to consider adjusting the start date for the Middle School / Junior High School basketball season from Monday of Week #21 to Monday of Week #19, noting that the split season start date would remain the same (Monday of Week #16). Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Casados made the motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Viramontes seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Executive Session

Mr. Parks stated that Executive Session was not needed.

Consider Adjournment:

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m. Mr. Carpenter made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Viramontes seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2019