NMAA Activities Council Meeting  
February 12, 2013  
9:00 AM  
NMAA Office

Welcome – Meeting called to order by Mr. Don Gerheart, NMAA Activities Council Chairperson, at 9:08 a.m. Roll call was conducted by Mrs. Jacquelyne Martinez, NMAA Administrative Assistant, and the following members were present:

Mr. David Gallegos (Athletic Training Challenge)  
Ms. Sharon Thompson (Bowling)  
Mr. Bryan Dooley (CTSO)  
Mr. Steve Perea (Chess)  
Mrs. Gael Natal (Drama-One-Act-Play)  
Ms. Jeannette Vigil (English Expo)  
Mr. Bill Barker (JROTC)  
Mr. Don Gerheart (Music)  
Ms. Julie Plummer (NMHS Rodeo Association)  
Mr. David Berlin (NM Mock Trial)  
Ms. Rebeca Zimmermann (Scholastic Publications)  
Mr. Trey Smith (Speech/Debate)  
Ms. Mary Hahn (Student Council)  

The following members were absent:  
Mr. Jarrod Smith (FFA)  
Ms. Rose Baca-Rivet (Science Fair/Olympiad)

13 members present representing a quorum.

Approval of Agenda
Mr. Gerheart asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Barker made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Perea seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Approval of Minutes from September 4, 2012
Mr. Gerheart asked for a motion to approve the minutes with the suggested changes from the Activities Council Members. Ms. Zimmermann made a motion to approve the minutes with changes to page three of the minutes (spelling of her name, correction of NMASC report and change name of bowling representative to Mr. Hensel.) Ms. Hahn seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Guests/Presenters
Dr. Bill Blair of the New Mexico Public Education Department, Mr. Tom Gould of the PED’s Transportation Department and Ms. Julie Garcia of Poms & Associates discussed issues pertaining to student transportation for Activity Events and took questions from the Council members pertaining to this issue.
Council Members’ Reports

Athletic Training Challenge: Mr. Gallegos gave details on the upcoming Athletic Training Challenge that will take place on Sunday, April 21, 2013 at Cibola High School. Registration is $10 per student. SW Sport and Spine is the sponsor of this event. Mr. Gallegos will continue to solicit additional sponsors.

Bowling: Ms. Thompson discussed the upcoming Bowling State Championships which will take place on Saturday, February 16, 2013 at Ten Pins & More in Rio Rancho, New Mexico. Twenty-two schools will be participating in the championships consisting of approximately 170 students.

CTSO: Mr. Dooley introduced himself as the new representative for CTSO replacing Mr. Gary Cozzens. Ms. Saundra Castillo and Ms. Christine Phipps will continue to be the two people working in the field with the CTSO organizations. The CTSO is proud of their new web page and encourages all to visit at: www.nmctso.org. Upcoming events are: BPA - February 18th at Hotel Albuquerque; DECA State Career Development Conference February 21st at Hotel Albuquerque; FCCLA State Leadership Conference - March 7th at the Marriott Pyramid; HOSA - February 28th at the Marriott Pyramid; Skills USA - April 3rd at the Crowne Plaza in Albuquerque; and TSA on April 28th.

Chess: Mr. Perea discussed the growing number of elementary students participating in chess competition.

Drama/One-Act Play: The annual festival was held in November 2013. Participation was great, however, attendance was down this year. Fifteen high schools participated in the event. Aztec High School won first place.

English Expo: Ms. Vigil presented a flyer with details of the event, which takes place on February 23, 2013 at La Cueva High School. At this time they have a total of 19 schools registered, with a total of 627 students.

FFA: Absent; no report given.

JROTC: Mr. Barker discussed the possibility of adding archery in the future. He also discussed the use of virtual competition (in rifle matches) to cut cost of travel. He also asked to speak with NMAA representatives to discuss eligibility concerns.

Music: Mr. Gerheart, NMMEA representative, spoke of the All-State Music events held in January 2013. He noted that 950 students participated. There are fewer schools competing at this time, but the number of students participating continues to grow. State Choir and Band will be held in April.

NM Mock Trial: Mr. Berlin informed the committee of the upcoming Mock Trial Regional Competitions that will take place on February 22-23, 2013, One will be in Albuquerque at the Metropolitan Courthouse, and one in Las Cruces. There are 32 teams
registered from throughout New Mexico and a total of 21 schools participating. The State Finals will be held in Albuquerque on March 22-23, 2013, with the final eight teams competing. The championship team will then go to Indianapolis for the National High School Mock Trial Championship. This will be held over the Mother’s Day Weekend. New Mexico will be the defending National Champion since Albuquerque Academy won the event last year when it was held in Albuquerque.

Rodeo: Ms. Plummer, discussed the decline of membership this year (membership is down 30 members). She noted that the New Mexico team finished 4th in the nation in points at the National High School Rodeo finals and that three individuals won national championships. She noted that four boys from New Mexico are in the Top 10 in the nation in rodeo. In 2012, Hope Christian’s girls’ and Tatum’s boys’ won the state championship and that Tatum High School was the overall state champ. Ms. Plummer noted that $27,000 in scholarships was awarded by the NMHSRA. Monies for scholarships are raised through fundraising efforts and sponsorships.

Science Fair: Mr. Chris Kedge, NMAA Assistant Director, discussed the upcoming Science Olympiad to be held on February 23, 2013 at New Mexico Tech and noted that Science Fair would be held on April 5-6 at New Mexico Tech.

Speech and Debate: Mr. Smith presented information about the 2013 State Championships to be held February 28th through March 2, 2013 at the Santa Fe Courtyard Marriott, with over 400 students competing. He noted that there had been 12 tournaments statewide since September and that there would be three more events occurring. He noted that four new schools had joined Speech & Debate. He stated that East Mountain had won the 2012 state championship.

Student Council: Ms. Hahn presented a flyer of upcoming events, an NMASC Spring Conference pamphlet and the 2013 Summer Leadership pamphlet. She noted that the NMASC State Conference would be held at Atrisco Heritage Academy in Albuquerque on February 14-16, 2013. She said that 5 district conferences had been held statewide. The NMASC summer workshop is scheduled for June 4-7 at New Mexico Tech and the National Student Council Conference will be held June 22-24 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Scholastic Publications: Ms. Rebeca Zimmermann announced the upcoming NMAA/ NMSPA Spring State Competition will be held on April 13, 2013 at Highland High School. Deadline for mail-in registration was February 1, 2013.

Mr. Bill Cleland, NMAA Associate Director, discussed the upcoming DECA State Leadership Conference that will be held on February 21 – 22, 2013 at the Hotel Albuquerque. He also discussed placement of Activity Events on the NMAA 5 – Year Calendar of Events. He will need the event information by the end of May, 2013.

Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director discussed the possibility of requiring members of JROTC, Band, and Bowling participants to have insurance/physicals performed prior to State competition.
Old Business
Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director reminded members that verification of eligibility form must be attached to the roster prior to State competition. Forms can be found on the NMAA website. Ms. Pappas also announced that the NMAA Foundation will be awarding scholarships to 19 New Mexico students on Friday, February 15, 2013. The recipients will be posted on the NMAA website. The Foundation received 279 applications.

Other Business – None.

Consider Adjournment
Mr. Gerheart asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:17 a.m. Mr. Barker made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Perea seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).