

**NMAA Activities Council Meeting**  
**September 3, 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. Mindy Ioane, NMAA Administrative Assistant, and the following members were present:

Mr. David Gallegos (Athletic Training Challenge)  
Mr. Don Thompson (Bowling)  
Ms. Bobbie Eichorst (CTSO)  
Ms. Pat Graff (English Expo)  
Mr. Jarrod Smith (FFA)  
Mr. Bill Barker (JROTC)  
Mr. Don Gerheart (Music)  
Mr. David Berlin (NM Mock Trial)  
Ms. Rebeca Zimmermann (Scholastic Publications)  
Ms. Hannah Flake (Speech/Debate)  
Ms. Mary Hahn (Student Council)

The following members were absent:

Mr. Steve Perea (Chess)  
Ms. Mollie Mook-Fiddler (Drama-One-Act-Play)  
Ms. Dani Valdez (NMHS Rodeo Association)  
Ms. Rose Baca-Rivet (Science Fair/Olympiad)

11 members present representing a quorum.

**Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Gerheart asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Berlin made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Zimmermann seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

**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 (five district conferences in Student Council report and add the words “mail-in” to registration deadline.) Mr. Berlin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

**Executive Director Report**

Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, announced to the committee that the NMAA had received an increase in monetary support to be used for NMAA sanctioned activities from the State Legislature. Every sanctioned activity will be granted up to \$2000 in funds once required receipts are turned in to the NMAA office. Ms. Marquez

announced that the \$1000 increase was spearheaded by Senator Howie Morales and expressed her gratitude to him and his efforts. She also stated that one requirement to receive the funding is to be actively involved in the NMAA Activities Council, including representation at meetings.

### **Council Members' Reports**

**Athletic Training Challenge:** Mr. David Gallegos, ATC Director, reported on the August 30, 2013 event as follows:

This was the largest of event to date with over 110 participants from 17 different high schools. New schools this year were Miyamura, Rio Grande, NMMI, St. Pius, Shiprock and Centennial High Schools. Much of the growth was due to the advertising push made with the assistance of Scott Owen, NMAA Assistant Director. A flyer was created that Mr. Owen was able to send to all Athletic Directors in the state. The event was held in conjunction with the UNM Athletic Training Open House weekend so travelling students could participate in UNM's event Saturday and the Challenge on Sunday. UNM and Fort Lewis College both brought representatives to the event to assist and promote their respective athletic training programs.

Mr. Gallegos stated that he needed direction on how other activities have created accounts and tax I.D.'s so schools can pay directly. He stated that the activity was grateful that it had the assistance of the NMAA bookkeeping office to assist in handling checks that were made payable to NMAA because they did not have the ability to cash checks made directly to the Athletic Training Challenge. Mr. Gallegos and the Challenge are also in search of a co-sponsor from the northern part of the state so meetings can be attended in person and so the event is promoted with northern schools.

**Bowling:** Mr. Don Thompson, NMHSBA President, announced that bowling is in its 9<sup>th</sup> year and continues to grow. He stated that practices start on October 7, 2013 with the first competition on November 9<sup>th</sup>. The senior tournament will be held on February 8, 2014 and State Competition will be held on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Last year's membership consisted of 22 high schools and weekly events averaged 53 teams, up from an average of 42 from the prior three years. An average of 265 students participate weekly. Three schools may be returning this year: McCurdy, Las Cruces Catholic and Bernalillo High Schools. Deming High School may join as well.

Last year, the association expanded its tournament capability by working with Las Cruces, adding four additional events parallel to the existing events. This allows the association to have increased competition and earn a certified United State Bowling Congress average that qualifies individuals for their local, state, and national tournaments.

In 2013, \$8250 was awarded in scholarship monies and \$22,650 has been given out over the past three years. Scholarship funds are maintained by a national organization, Scholarship Management and Accounting Reports for Tenpins (SMART).

NMHSBA Board consists of Don Thompson, President; Greg Hensel, Vice-President; and Association Manager, Adrienne Smith. All information can be found on the NMHSBA website at [www.nmhsba.org](http://www.nmhsba.org).

CTSO: Ms. Bobbie Eichorst, State Advisor of HOSA, Skills USA and TSA, presented an informational flyer explaining the Career and Technical Student Organizations showing how students are impacted by participation in the programs. Ms. Eichorst stated that there are approximately 10,000 members from New Mexico, with two students holding national officer positions.

Drama/One-Act Play: Mr. Joe Butler, NMAA Assistant Director, discussed the successful 2013 event that consisted of 16 high schools participating in the event, with approximately 450 student participants. The event was held at the San Juan Theatre in Farmington, New Mexico.

English Expo: Ms. Pat Graff, English Expo representative, discussed the successful outcome of the 2013 event, which consisted of 750 participants in grade 6 through 12 from 30 New Mexico schools. Next year's event will take place on February 22, 2014.

FFA: Mr. Jarrod Smith, Program Director, told the committee the organization currently consists of more than 576,000 members nationwide. Local membership is steady this year with no substantial growth or decline remaining at approximately 4000 students. He stated that 34 teams will compete at the National Career Development event this October 2013.

JROTC: Major Bill Barker, JROTC representative, told the committee that there are approximately 5000 students who participate in JROTC programs. New Mexico has 42 high school programs and has 10 major competitions per year. There are also 10 physical fitness competitions throughout the state every year. La Cueva High School placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Nation in the Cyber Patriot Competition. He stated that archery programs are in place in APS Middle Schools. He also commended the NM State Legislature for providing auto targets for the high school program.

Two items of concern are eligibility and gender issues and Major Barker stated he would like to have discussions on these topics during the next Activities Council meeting in January 2014. He also stated that some instructors have been cut to a 10-month contract, from a 12-month contract.

Music: Mr. Gerheart, NMMEA representative, spoke of the preparations for All-State Auditions for the orchestra, choral and guitar sections. Over 1400 students are expected to register for live auditions to be held in Las Cruces, Portales, and Albuquerque. Six members of the choral audition team, two string audition team members and one guitar audition adjudicator will listen to students seven-minute performances. Following the auditions, 380 students will be named to two All-State Choirs, 150 strings to two orchestras, and 72 guitarists will be named for the All-State Guitar Ensemble. Over 1000 wind and percussion students are expected to audition for three All-State Bands and to fill

out the two orchestras during the third week in mid-October, at the same three sites as the other sections. The annual NMMEA conference In-Service will be held at UNM on January 8-11, 2014.

The Association is also developing a scoring rubric that will be used at all six district Music Performance Assessments (MPA) and it is possible the MPA's will be a part of the music educators' evaluation the PED is implementing this year.

The NMMEA will be completely recreating their website to better meet the needs of educators, students, parents and the public.

NM Mock Trial: Mr. David Berlin, NM Mock Trial representative, reported that Albuquerque Academy was the National High School Mock Trial Champion for the second year in a row, having defeated a team from California in the Final Round at the National Competition, held in Indianapolis, Indiana. Next year's National Championship will be held in Madison, Wisconsin.

Dates for the 2013-14 Competition are as follows:

Registration	September 2, 2013
Case Release	October 1, 2013
Regionals	February 21 – 22, 2014
State	March 21 – 22, 2014
Nationals	May 8 – 11, 2014

The Center for Civic Values has hosted two Regional Competitions, one in Albuquerque for the northern part of the state and one in Las Cruces for the southern schools. Because the number of teams competing in the Southern Region has dwindled, CCV has suspended that competition for at least one year and those teams that wish to compete from the south will travel to Albuquerque in February.

The Mock Trial Program has seen the number of schools competing decline although the number of teams actually involved has remained constant or has even increased. This seems to be a trend nationwide and the National High School Mock Trial Board is taking steps to try to reverse that.

The CCV is committed to increasing the number of schools engaged in the Competition. Michelle Giger and Board members have travelled to schools and have met with teachers and students and will continue to do so. Despite the drop in the number of schools involved, the New Mexico High School Mock Trial Program is now nationally recognized and its recent success at the National Competition has made it a model for other states. If anyone is from a school that does not have a mock trial team and there is interest, please feel free to contact either Michelle Giger or David Berlin.

Chess: Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, discussed the success of the 2013 competition which took place in April.

Rodeo: Mr. Rudy Aragon, NMAA Assistant Director, discussed current issues concerning physicals and insurance.

Scholastic Publications: Ms. Rebeca Zimmermann, Scholastic Publications Representative, discussed the outcome of the NMAA/ New Mexico Scholastic Press Association's fourth annual Scholastic Publications state competition on April 14th, where 90 students from eight schools competed in competitions ranging from news writing to yearbook design. The news writing competition was based on a presentation by the UNM Generation RX program that targets teens and prescription drug abuse. Students in this competition could return home and publish those stories in their newspapers. Judges for most categories were professional journalists from the *Albuquerque Journal*.

Scholastic Publications is working on expanding participation in Southern Schools and is hoping to conduct some on-site workshops at several schools. They are also working on plans for their Fall workshop and their Spring competition date.

Science Fair/Olympiad: Mr. Chris Kedge, NMAA Assistant Director, noted that the 2013 State Science Fair Championship took place on February 23, 2013 with 200 students participating in the event. On April 5-6, 2013 at New Mexico Tech in Socorro, 700 students participated in Science Olympiad.

Speech/Debate: Ms. Hannah Flake, representative for Speech and Debate, discussed the outcome of the 2013 event and noted that this year's state event will take place on March 6-8, 2014. The 2013 event had over 400 participants from approximately 30 schools.

Student Council: Ms. Mary Hahn discussed the outcome of the Summer Leadership Workshop and the National Student Council Conference which were held in June 2013. NMASC saw a 46% growth in participants over the summer of 2012. Ms. Hahn also announced the upcoming Fall District Conference dates of October 22-26, 2013 and the State Leadership Conference on February 13-15, 2014 at Espanola Valley High School. She also discussed the 2013-2014 State Officer Team, the 2013 Advisers of the Year, Centennial High School Student Council social and the addition of webinars to the NMASC website.

Staff Reports: Bill Cleland, NMAA Associate Director, stated that the NMAA would like to post photos or information concerning Activity Events on the NMAA website.

Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, announced that the NMAA will be adding State Orchestra to NMAA State Championship events. At this time, 17 schools have committed to participate in the event.

Break 10:17 – 10:24 a.m.

### **New Business**

Impact of Lack of Funding on Activities Programs: Mr. Gerheart discussed the rising bus transportation costs in the Northwest region, which impacts event participation at

Albuquerque and statewide events. The committee discussed obstacles facing participation rates and possible solutions to the issues.

The committee stressed the need for accurate data to be submitted to the Public Education Department stating that all Activities should be listed in the STARS program as well as coding training for those who input the information into the database. The NMAA will contact PED to discuss concerns with them.

Insurance of Activities Directors/Sponsors/Boards: Ms. Mary Hahn asked the NMAA staff if an insurance representative could be present at the next meeting to answer questions concerning insurance needs.

### **Old Business**

Reminder Regarding Verification of Eligibility Form: Ms. Pappas presented the NMAA's Verification of Eligibility Form that must be submitted prior to State Championship events and reminded Activities Council members that the forms must be attached to contest rosters and submitted to the NMAA office in advance of the event.

NMAA Foundation Scholarships: Mr. Chris Kedge, NMAA Assistant Director, reminded Committee Members that two of the NMAA Foundation's Scholarships are for students who participate in Activities and encouraged them to get the word out in their communities.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting of the NMAA Activities Council will be held on January 14, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. in the Hall of Pride and Honor at the New Mexico Activities Association Building.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Gerheart asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 a.m. Mr. Barker made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Graff seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).