

**NMAA Activities Council Meeting**  
**September 4, 2012 - 9:00 AM**  
**NMAA Office**

**Welcome** – Meeting called to order by Mr. Don Gerheart, NMAA Activities Council Chairperson, at 9:08 a.m. A roll call was conducted by Mr. Jeremy Hernandez, NMAA Administrative Assistant, and the following members were present.

Ms. Melissa Loiacono (Athletic Training Challenge)  
Mr. Gregory Hensel (Bowling)  
Mr. Gary Cozzens (CTSO)  
Mr. Scout Veitch (Chess)  
Ms. Gael Natal (Drama-One-Act-Play)  
Ms. Leah Vigil (English Expo)  
Mr. Jarrod Smith (FFA)  
Mr. Bill Barker (JROTC)  
Mr. Don Gerheart (Music)  
Mr. David Berlin (NM Mock Trial)  
Ms. Rebecca Zimmermann (Scholastic Publications)  
Ms. Rose Baca-Rivet (Science Fair/Olympiad)  
Mr. Trey Smith (Speech/Debate)  
Ms. Mary Hahn (Student Council)

The following members were absent.

Ms. Dani Valdez (NMHS Rodeo Association)

14 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. Cozzens seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

**Approval of Minutes from January 10, 2012:**

Mr. Gerheart asked for a motion to approve the minutes with the suggested changes from the Activities Council Members. Ms. Zimmerman made a motion to approve the minutes with the changes. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

**NMAA Staff Report/Introductions:**

Ms. Marquez discussed Mr. Tripp's decision that the activities would not be the responsibility of just one person anymore and the distribution of activities among the entire NMAA staff.

Ms. Marquez, Music & ATC, stated that all information for choir, show choir and band has been posted online. A meeting with Athletic Training Challenge has not occurred yet.

Mr. Cleland, CTSO, mentioned that both parties were excited about the new opportunity. Mr. Cleland also mentioned the new NMAA website and that it can be more easily updated for Athletics and Activities than the old site could.

Ms. Sanchez, Scholastics & Student Council, stated that both meetings were great.

Ms. McCarthy, Bowling, brought up the new transfer guidelines and the need to get familiar with the activity.

Mr. Young, Chess & JROTC, discussed a meeting with Mr. Baker to become more familiar with JROTC and that Chess right now is in limbo because they are not sure who will be in charge.

Mr. Butler, Science Fair, Mock Trial & One-Act-Play, discussed that he is getting familiar with these activities and that he is excited to be involved with Mock Trial again and being able to work with the various groups.

Mr. Pino mentioned that the NMAA Foundation has scholarships available for Activities and that if any of the activities have individual scholarships and would like help handling them to contact him.

Mr. Aragon, FFA & Rodeo, discussed that he would be meeting with FFA after the Activities Council meeting and that for Rodeo there are concerns that they want the NMAA to be more involved with.

### **Council Member's Report:**

Mr. David Berlin, Mock Trial Representative, discussed 3 items in his report: (1) Mock Trial State Championship this past March and the National Competition; (2) Regional Competition is Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 and State Competition is March 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013; and (3) current problem right now is finding individuals to coach.

Ms. Zimmermann, Scholastic Publication Representative, discussed 2 items in her report: (1) the success of the Spring Championship and (2) the biggest issue right now is funding.

Ms. Baca, Science Fair & Science Olympiad Representative, discussed 2 items in her report: (1) described the difference between Science Fair & Science Olympiad and (2) Competitions this year for Science Olympiad are November 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> and for Science Fair, April 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Cozzens, CTSO Representative, discussed 3 items in his report: (1) the membership has increased to 5,300; (2) all six spring conferences had representation at nationals and a 7<sup>th</sup> may be added; and (3) Fall Leadership Conference will be held October 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Natal, Drama / One-Act-Play Representative, discussed 3 items in her report: (1) the success of the Spring Championship; (2) more schools are getting involved; and (3) concerns with how NMAA judges and how the NMAA factors into the equation.

Mr. Veitch, Chess Representative, discussed 3 items in his report: (1) Chess is in limbo right now due to change at the top; (2) ABQ Chess League, K-12 is growing; and (3) Chess in academics is also seeing growth.

Mr. Smith, Speech and Debate Representative, discussed 5 items in his report: (1) an East Mountain student won at Nationals; (2) the State Competition this year will be in Santa Fe, February 28<sup>th</sup>-March 2<sup>nd</sup>; (3) would like help from NMAA to promote 15 tournaments on NMAA website; (4) Speech and Debates' website is [www.nmdebate.org](http://www.nmdebate.org); and (5) schools are asking for help to get the Common Core in place.

Ms. Vigil, English Expo Representative, discussed 2 items in her report: (1) the success of the Spring Championship and (2) the State Championship this year will be February 23<sup>rd</sup> at La Cueva.

Mr. Thompson, Bowling Representative, discussed 4 items in his report: (1) there will be eleven tournaments this year, all TBA; (2) Senior Tournament will be February 9<sup>th</sup> and State Championship will be February 16<sup>th</sup> at Ten Pins in Rio Rancho; (3) they are averaging 44 teams; and (4) the scholarship fund is at \$4,000.

Mr. Barker, JROTC Representative, discussed 4 items in his report: (1) JROTC is alive and well; (2) the success of the Spring Championship; (3) the State Championship this year is in Farmington; and (4) issues with judges.

Ms. Hahn, Student Council Representative, discussed 6 items in her report: (1) the success in Oklahoma City of the National Competition; (2) Student Leadership Workshop was moved from UNM to NM Tech; (3) Fall District Conferences will be November 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, around the state; (4) the State Leadership Conference will be February 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> at Atrisco Heritage; (5) Celebrating NM's Centennial State Project; and (6) there is some growth with the addition of Centennial High School and Roswell High School.

Mr. Gerheart, Music Representative, discussed 4 items in his report: (1) NMMEA music conference will be January 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2013; (2) the success of the Spring Championships; (3) All-State selection will be the middle of October; and (4) space at UNM is getting tight.

Mr. Smith, FFA Representative, discussed 2 items in his report: (1) FFA is seeing growth already this year, adding 5 more schools and (2) looking at different ways to shave the budget.

Ms. Loiacono, ATC Representative, discussed 3 items in her report: (1) the success of the Spring Championship; (2) ATC is trying to move the State Competition to Albuquerque or possibly rotating it around the state; and (3) will be promoting Athletic Training during the month of March for Athletic Training month.

**Break – 10:25-10:33**

**New Business:**

1. Media Information

- a. Mr. Young discussed the NMAA media information request form to get media out to the different activities events.
  - b. Informed the committee of the cross promoting capability that the new NMAA Website offers.
2. Sponsorship
    - a. Mr. Young discussed that the NMAA currently has six sponsors for different activities and the goal is to get more sponsors.
    - b. Informed the committee that the NMAA's new souvenir vendor is Graphic Connection.
3. Bowling Eligibility
    - a. Ms. McCarthy reported on the past concerns of transfers and how Bowling will now be subject to the same transfer guidelines as Athletic teams.
4. Eligibility of Activities participants
    - a. Ms. Marquez discussed the eligibility of students involved in activities and discussed the difference between Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular.
5. Concerns from Sponsors
    - a. Mr. Veitch mentioned 2 concerns: (1) transportation to activities that have 10 or fewer participants, i.e. bus vs. parents, and (2) teachers are being given too many responsibilities, which makes it hard for teachers to have time to sponsor activities.
    - b. Mr. Blair advised the Activities Council to make a list of questions for him to research and get answers for.
6. Graphic Connection - NMAA Vendor
    - a. Ms. Sikkens reported that they are excited to start the new partnership and are looking forward to adding more activities events to the list that they are already covering.

**Other Business:**

Mr. Gerheart opened it up to the committee for nominations for a new Council Chair. One nomination was given, Don Gerheart. Mr. Gerheart asked for a motion to accept the nomination. Mr. Barker made a motion to accept Mr. Gerheart as the nomination. Ms. Zimmerman seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. (14-0)

**Adjournment:** The Activities Council adjourned at 11:38a.m.

**Next Meeting: January 15, 2013, 9AM at the NMAA**