

NMAA Board Summary

June 3, 2015

The New Mexico Activities Association's Board of Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, June 3rd in the NMAA Hall of Pride and Honor.

Sally Marquez gave her Director's Report which included information on Spring Championships, the Compete with Class Sportsmanship Initiative and plans for the future, Board member departures and openings, and the NMAA Foundation Golf Tournament and Fun Run fundraisers.

Business Manager Shari Kessler-Schwaner presented the NMAA Financial Report which included information on revenues and expenses from the Fall and Winter Championship Seasons and a report on championship ticket sales from all events held during 2014-2015.

Deputy Director Dana Pappas presented the NMAA Activities Report which included information on the 20 activity events that took place since the February Board Meeting, the upcoming Rodeo Championships, the success of the three music contests held in April, the collection of state activity dates for 2015-2016, and the rising concern amongst activity groups regarding transfers and eligibility for their student participants.

Deputy Director Dana Pappas presented the NM Officials Association report which included information on the success of cross assigning officiating crews during State Basketball, the recent revision of the NMOA Constitution, the extreme shortage of officials in the sports of baseball/softball, and the upcoming State Officials Clinic to be held in July.

Sally Marquez then went over several discussion/informational items with the Board. These items included an update on the Colorado Association's decision to allow NM 8th graders to participate with their teams at events in their state, information on the 2016-2018 classification & alignment schedule/timeline, possible amendments to the NMAA's ejection policy for fighting/excessive contact, open enrollment choices and eligibility, a potential option for sport programs to move up in class upon request, and overall record as a criteria point within selection/seeding.

The Board of Directors took action on the following items:

- Voted in favor of a proposal to modify the tie-breaker process used during selection/seeding.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to require alumni games to be played prior to a team's first game.
- Voted to table a proposal to modify scholastic eligibility guidelines which would determine eligibility using semester grades only.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to add a new bylaw regarding academically ineligible participants.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to establish a policy regarding the use of Drones (UAS).
- Voted in favor of a proposal regarding the day/time of championship games in football.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to adjust the NMAA definition of "past history" in football.
- Voted in favor of a proposal regarding how a host site is determined for various state football playoff games when schools have no past history.

- Voted in favor of a proposal to modify the current “mercy rule” in the sport of football for Class 8 Man through 6A.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to modify competition limits in middle school wrestling.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to change the misconduct progression rule in the sport of soccer.
- Voted to approve the NMAA budget for 2015-2016.

The next NMAA Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2015.