

NMAA Board Summary September 23, 2015

The New Mexico Activities Association's Board of Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, September 23rd in the NMAA Hall of Pride and Honor.

Sally Marquez gave her Director's Report which included information on Regional Athletic Director Meetings and the NMAA/NMADA Fall Leadership Conference.

Business Manager Shari Kessler-Schwaner presented the NMAA Financial Report which included information on all state championship events from 2014-2015. Debbie Saunders of Saunders & Associates then presented the Annual Audit Report for the previous fiscal year. The Board of Directors then voted in favor of a recommendation to place all school fines into the NMAA's Opportunity Fund. Lastly, the Board of Directors approved the contract of Executive Director Sally Marquez through the 2017-2018 school year.

Deputy Director Dana Pappas presented the NMAA Activities Report which included information on the Activities Council Meeting, the request for each activity to submit participation numbers to the NMAA, the updated 2015-2016 activity event calendar, the upcoming One Act Play Competition, a report on the venues solidified for each State Music Event, and the current review of each Activities bylaws as compared to the NMAA Handbook.

Deputy Director Dana Pappas presented the NM Officials Association report which included information on the 2015 State Clinic, multiple basketball camps held throughout the summer, the inaugural baseball umpires forum, and the current crisis with recruitment and retention of officials.

Sally Marquez then went over several discussion/informational items with the Board. These items included classification & alignment, open enrollment, and the potential for teams to move up in classification by choice. Multiple member school representatives from the audience also provided feedback on the future of classification & alignment.

The Board of Directors took action on the following items:

- Voted in favor of a proposal to modify the bylaw pertaining to student-athletes following a coach (7.4.4).
- Voted in favor of a proposal to require appropriate school personnel be present at all times during NMAA sanctioned athletic and activity events.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to make adjustments to Section VIII of the NMAA Handbook (Activities).
- Voted in favor of a proposal to make adjustments to Section X of the NMAA Handbook (Charter Schools).
- Voted in favor of a proposal to modify the dual participation rule as it applies to Mid-School / Junior High Football (Bylaw 9.5.A).
- Voted in favor of a proposal regarding coaching restrictions during Golf events.
- Voted against a proposal regarding withdrawn/retired players at Tennis events.

The next NMAA Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2015.