NMAA Board Summary December 4, 2014

The New Mexico Activities Association's Board of Directors met in regular session on Thursday, December 4th in the NMAA Hall of Pride and Honor.

Sally Marquez gave her Director's Report which included information on the recent Fall Championship events (Soccer, Volleyball, Cross Country, and Football), the Compete with Class Sportsmanship Initiative, and the Life of an Athlete Program. In addition, President Janel Ryan read a letter addressed to the Board from Senator John Sapien.

Business Manager Shari Kessler-Schwaner presented the NMAA Financial Report which included information on attendance figures and brief reports from the Fall Championships.

Deputy Director Dana Pappas presented the NMAA Activities Report which included information on the September Activities Council Meeting and the State One Act Play Competition that was held in Las Cruces in November.

Deputy Director Dana Pappas presented the NM Officials Association report which included information on the push to promote the Compete with Class initiative with officials, the success of the mentor program that was implemented for soccer referees, the strong performance of volleyball officials during the state tournament, the use of evaluations and film in basketball and other sports as training tools, and the continued struggle to maintain numbers in all sports.

Sally Marquez then went over several discussion/informational items with the Board. The first of which focused on the results of a survey given to athletic directors during the NMAA Fall Conference regarding classification & alignment. Other items of discussion included the possible inclusion of 8th grade numbers towards enrollment for classification and the location of charter schools that are NMAA members.

The Board of Directors took action on the following items:

- -Voted in favor of a proposal that allows a waiver for transfer students accepted into the IB program at Sandia HS.
- -Voted to table a proposal to remove non-travel assessments.
- -Voted in favor of a proposal to increase officials' fees.
- -Voted in favor of a proposal to make adjustments to the relay entry requirements for the State Swimming Meet.
- -Voted in favor of a proposal to adjust the Tennis District Team Championship scoring format.
- -Voted in favor of a proposal to adjust the guidelines for doubles line-up substitutions during District and State Tennis Tournaments.
- -Voted in favor of a proposal which requires an individual to complete the semifinal match within the District or State Tennis Tournament in order to be eligible for the 3rd place match.
- -Voted in favor of a proposal to adjust the Tennis State Team Championship scoring format.

The next NMAA Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2015.