

NMAA Commission Meeting
February 1, 2017
9:00 AM
NMAA Office

Welcome – The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bruce Carver at 9:00 am. Roll call was conducted by Ms. Jacquelyne Martinez, NMAA Assistant Director, and the following members were present:

Mr. Tim Host (Small, Area A)
Mr. Bruce Carver (Large, Area A)
Mr. Dickie Roybal (Small, Area B)
Mr. Dale Fullerton (Large, Area B)
Mr. Jory Mirabal (Small, Area C)
Mr. Ernie Viramontes (Large, Area C)
Mr. Dave Campbell (Small, Area D)
Ms. Nickie McCarty (Large, Area D)
Mr. Pete MacFarlane (Non-Public School Rep.)
Ms. Jennifer Viramontes (State School Boards Association Rep.)
Mr. Mike Huston (New Mexico Athletic Directors Association Rep.)
Mr. Thomas Mabrey (New Mexico High School Coaches Association Rep.)
Mr. Jess Martinez (New Mexico Officials Association Rep.)
Mr. Don Gerheart (Activities Council Member)
Ms. Debbie Coffman (Jr. High/Middle School Rep.)

Not present:

Mr. Scott Affentranger (New Mexico Association of Secondary School Principals Rep.)

15 members present representing a quorum.

Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Carver asked for an amendment to the agenda, which removed two NMOA items from Section VI (General Discussion/Information Items). Mr. Carver asked for approval of the amended agenda. Mr. Viramontes made the motion to approve. Mr. Gerheart seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Carver asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2016 Commission Meeting as presented. Ms. Viramontes made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. MacFarlane seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

NMAA Directors' Report:

Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, discussed three (3) items on his report: 1) he welcomed the newest commission members, Mr. Tim Host representing small area A, and Mr. Jory Mirabal representing small area C; 2) he discussed the upcoming Winter State Championships; and 3) he provided an NMAA Foundation update (Jan 29 Bowl-A-Thon & Feb 1 Scholarship Deadline).

NMAA Financial Report:

Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwaner, NMAA Business Manager, discussed one (1) item on her report: 1) she provided financial reports and attendance numbers for each of the Fall Championships held in 2016.

NMAA Activities Report:

Ms. Dana Pappas, Deputy Director, discussed four (4) items on her report: 1) she stated that two activities have held state events so far this year (One Act Play in the fall, Scholastic Publications on Jan 28); 2) she discussed the February activity event schedule which included State Student Council, several CTLP events, Bowling, Mock Trial, Science Olympiad and English Expo and mentioned that all remaining activity events will be held in March/April; 3) she provided an overview of the NMAA Activities Council meeting held on January 10th which included items common to all activities (weather cancellations, crisis plans and advisor training); and 4) she reported that current Student Leadership Advisory Council nominations are due on March 1st.

NMAA Officials Report:

Ms. Pappas discussed three (3) items on her report: 1) she provided a review of the January 29th NMOA Executive Board meeting which included topics pertaining to evaluations, the review of current bylaws, online registration platforms, and uniform variations; 2) she stated that a recruitment fair for officials will be held Saturday, March 18, 2017; and 3) she briefly touched on the two items pertaining to officials' mileage that were removed from the meeting agenda. Ms. Pappas concluded her report by answering questions brought to the floor regarding officials' numbers by sport.

General Discussion/Information Items:

Legislative session update: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, discussed the current legislative session. She reviewed the house and senate bills that could have an effect on the NMAA and/or member schools.

Scholastic eligibility using over 50% at schools: Ms. Marquez discussed scholastic eligibility and the possibility of using only the grades from the 50%+ classes taken at the school to determine this. The commission discussed the struggles that Athletic Directors have when trying to obtain grades for students if they are taking online or college classes.

Sanctions for dropping out of a regular season tournament: Ms. Marquez discussed the sanctions for dropping out of regular season tournaments/games. The commission discussed options for more severe penalties including fines & post-season bans.

Adjustment of appeal fees: Ms. Marquez discussed the possible adjustments of appeal fees. The commission discussed options for imposing fees at the Board level and requiring the schools take part in the appeal process regardless of their support or lack thereof.

Future Classification / Alignment: Ms. Marquez discussed the future of classification and alignment for the 2018-2020 block. The classification and alignment committee has put together a proposal using Cost/Travel and Class Time as the main priorities that would decrease classes from six to five and use a conference model instead of districts. This proposal would be presented to the Board of Directors for feedback and approval.

Mr. Carver called for a 5-minute break at 10:32

Action Items:

Add “Educators Rising” as a sanctioned Activity: Ms. Karen Trujillo, state director of Educators Rising, asked the Commission to consider the addition of “Educators Rising” as an official NMAA Activity. Following discussion, Mr. Mabrey made the motion to approve Educators Rising as an NMAA sanctioned activity. Mr. Roybal seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Student transfers after participation in tryout period (Referenda Item): Ms. Marquez asked the commission members to consider denying eligibility for students who transfer to another school after being cut during the tryout period. Mr. Carver asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Viramontes made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Host seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

8th grade participation – home attendance zone school (Referenda Item): Ms. Marquez asked commission members to consider requiring that 8th grade students wishing to participate at the high school level, who are not already enrolled in the institution they will be participating for, must participate at their home attendance zone public school. Mr. Carver asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Gerheart made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Fullerton seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Consider Adjournment

Mr. Carver asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:58 am. Mr. Martinez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Fullerton seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).