NMAA Board of Directors’ Meeting
June 1, 2017
9:00 am
NMAA Hall of Pride and Honor

Welcome - Meeting called to order by Mr. T.J. Parks, NMAA Board of Directors President, at 9:30 am. Ms. Jacquelyne Martinez, NMAA Assistant Director, conducted roll call and the following members were present:

Mr. Jaime Widner (Small Area B)
Mr. Bill Green (Small Area C)
Ms. Lesa Dodd (Small Area D)
Mr. Kirk Carpenter (Large Area A)
Mr. T.J. Parks (Large Area B - President)
Dr. Craig Cummins (Large Area C)
Ms. Dana Sanders (Large Area D)
Ms. Raquel Reedy (Large School District I) *representing Ms. Raquel Reedy, Yvonne Garcia
Dr. Gregory Ewing (Large School District II) *representing Dr. Greg Ewing, Gabe Jacquez
Mr. Terry Martin (NM School Board Association)
Mr. Bruce Carver (NMAA Commission Representative)

Not present:
Dr. Crit Caton (At-Large Member)
Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)

Eleven members present representing a quorum.

Approval of the Agenda:
Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Martin made the motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Dodd seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Approval of Minutes:
Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2017 Board Meeting as presented. Mr. Green made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Election of Board Officers:
Action Items:
Election of NMAA Board President (2-year term): Mr. Carpenter nominated Mr. Parks for a 2-year term as NMAA Board President. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0)

Election of NMAA Board Vice-President (2-year term): Mr. Green nominated Mr. Casados for another 2-year term as NMAA Board Vice-President. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).
Executive Session:
Mr. Parks asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session for purposes of discussing legal, financial, and confidential personnel matters at 9:34 am. A motion was made by Mr. Carpenter. Dr. Cummins seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

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Mr. Parks asked for a motion to exit out of Executive Session at 10:09 am. Mr. Widner made the motion to exit from Executive Session. Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

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NMAA Executive Director Contract:
Action Item:
Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the contract for Ms. Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, through the 2019-2020 school year. A motion was made by Ms. Dodd to approve the NMAA Executive Director Contract through the 2019-2020 school year as presented. Mr. Carver seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

NMAA Executive Directors’ Report:
Ms. Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, discussed three (3) items on her report: 1) the success of the 2016-2017 school year; 2) her appreciation and gratitude towards the NMAA Board, Commission, Appeals, Hardship, and Classification/Alignment Committees for their hard work throughout 2016-2017;
and (3) a special recognition to Mr. Scott Evans, NMAA Assistant Director, for his leadership and service to education as he will be retiring in June.

**NMAA Financial Report:**
Ms. Kessler-Schwaner, NMAA Business Manager, discussed two (2) items on her report: 1) the NMAA financials for 2016-2017 with a recap of all state championships; and 2) an overview of ticket sales for all 2016-2017 state championships with a comparison to 2015-2016.

Action Item – 2017-2018 NMAA Budget: Ms. Marquez presented the 2017-2018 NMAA Budget. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the 2017-2018 NMAA Budget as presented. A motion was made by Dr. Cummins to accept the NMAA 2017-2018 Budget as presented. Ms. Dodd seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

**NMAA Activities Report:**
Ms. Dana Pappas, Deputy Director, presented the activities report. She discussed three (3) items on her report: 1) the Spring activities season including but not limited to events held in Scholastic Publications, Student Council, English Expo, all of the CTLP’s, three music events, JROTC, Chess and others. Results/info from these events can be found on the NMAA web site on each individual Activity landing page; 2) the upcoming Music Advisory Council Meetings for Concert Band, Choir, & Orchestra; and 3) an update regarding the Student Leadership Advisory Council and its new representatives.

**NMOA Report:**
Ms. Pappas, presented the officials report. She discussed four (4) items on her report: 1) a new and successful system that was used for State Basketball Tournament assignments, which were all done through the NMAA office; 2) discussed the Recruitment Symposium held in March and the strategic plan that was put together with information from the event; 3) provided an overview of the April NMOA Executive Board Meeting; and 4) announced that the NMOA State Clinic will be held July 27-29, at Del Norte High School with the banquet and awards ceremony on Friday, July 28 at the Marriott Pyramid.

**General Discussion/Information Items:**

Scholastic eligibility committee: Ms. Marquez discussed the creation of a committee made up of Athletic Directors from across the state that will look at scholastic eligibility as a whole to determine if the NMAA should consider updates to any of its eligibility bylaws.

Santa Fe Indian School Presentation – Re-Classification, Dorm/Private School Multiplier, Board Rep from Native American School: Mr. Eric Brock, SFIS Athletic Director, discussed the NMAA’s use of the multiplier for private/boarding schools when determining a school’s enrollment. He provided an overview of how Native American boarding schools are very unique and thus do not fit in the same category as traditional private schools. Because of this, he stated that boarding schools like SFIS should not have a multiplier applied to their enrollment when determining classification. He also asked the NMAA to consider representation for Native American Schools on its Board in the future.

**Action Items:**

Football – Use of Play Clock: (Referenda Item): Mr. Young asked the Board to consider adding verbiage to the NMAA handbook regarding the use of an electronic 25-second clock in the sport of football.
proposal is in line with NFHS rules. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Carpenter made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Carver seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Football – Playoff Games – 250 Mile/Mutual Agreement: Mr. Young asked the Board to consider adjusting bylaws regarding the date/time of state football playoff games when schools are 250 or more miles apart – 1st Round, Quarterfinals, and Semifinals only (bylaw 7.15.4.F). Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Widner made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Green seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (10-1).

Football – Consider allowing To’Hajiilee High School to be placed back into District 2 within 8-man Football in 2017: Mr. Young asked the Board to consider allowing To’Hajiilee High School to be placed back into District 2 within 8-man Football in 2017. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Martin made the motion to approve the proposal. Dr. Cummins seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Appeal Procedure: (Referenda Item): Ms. Marquez proposed two adjustments within Section 13 of the NMAA Handbook (Appeal Process) – 1) modifications to Bylaw 13.1.2, Initial Appeal Procedures - Notice of Appeal, which added verbiage stating that schools must be present at appeal hearings that are initiated by a parent; and 2) modifications to Bylaw 13.2.2, Appeal to Board of Directors - Notice of Appeal, which added verbiage stating that an appeal fee of $500 would be added at this level. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Green made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Recommendations from Classification/Alignment Committee:
1. Classification if Schools – Enrollment Number Breakdowns
2. Alignment by Districts
3. District Tournaments (volleyball/basketball)
4. State Championship Qualifiers (except football)
5. NMAA Calendar Adjustments*
6. Game Limitations*  
   *Referenda Items

Ms. Marquez presented the recommendations from the Classification and Alignment Committee for the 2018-2020 block.

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve and utilize the specific enrollment number breakdowns for each class in all sports except football as presented. Mr. Widner made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (10-1).

Mr. Parks asked for a motion regarding a proposal to utilize specific enrollment number breakdowns in the sport of football. Mr. Green made the motion to approve an amended proposal where Class 5A would have enrollment numbers of 1000-1449 and Class 6A would have enrollment numbers of 1450 and above. Mr. Martin seconded the proposal. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve a district format when aligning schools. Ms. Dodd made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).
Mr. Parks asked for a motion regarding District Tournaments in the sports of basketball and volleyball. Mr. Green made the motion to table the proposal. Mr. Widner seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the action item will be tabled until the September 20th Board meeting (9-2).

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve a proposal regarding state tournament qualifiers. Mr. Widner made a motion to drop from a 16-team state tournament to a 12-team state tournament format in all sports except football. Mr. Green seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (10-1).

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve an NMAA calendar adjustment that would allow for football contests to be played one week earlier with the state playoffs finishing one week earlier while also starting the basketball season two weeks later. Ms. Sanders made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve a reduction in games in all sports. The proposal died due to the lack of a motion.

**Consider Adjournment:**
Mr. Parks asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:29 am. Mr. Carpenter made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

**Next Board Meeting – September 20, 2017 (NMAA)**