

## **NMAA Commission Meeting**

February 5, 2025

9:00 AM

Hall of Pride and Honor

Welcome – The meeting was called to order by Mr. Scott Affentranger, Chairman of the Commission at 9:01 am. A roll call was conducted by Mrs. Alissa Wesbrook, NMAA Assistant to the Executive Director, and the following members were present:

Ms. Mandy Montoya (Small Area A)  
Mr. Ben Tensay (Large Area A)  
Mr. Billy Burns (Small Area B)  
Mr. Britt Cooper (Large Area B)  
Mr. Jory Mirabal (Small Area C)  
Ms. Karen Nougues (Large Area C)  
Ms. Robbie Robinson (Small Area D)  
Mr. Adrian Ortega (Large Area D)  
Mr. Scott Affentranger (NM Assoc. of Secondary School Principals Rep.) - *Chairman*  
Mr. Isaac Gamboa (New Mexico High School Athletic Directors Association Rep.)  
Ms. Mary Hahn (Activities Council Member) \**Via teleconference*  
Ms. Taryn Bachis (Non-Public School Rep.)  
Mr. Earl James Martinez (State School Boards Association Rep.)  
Mr. Adrian Pete (Jr. High/Middle School Rep.)  
Mr. David Briseno (New Mexico Officials Association Rep.)  
Mr. Roy Sanchez (New Mexico High School Coaches Association Rep.)

16 members were present representing a quorum.

### **Approval of Agenda:**

Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Martinez made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Tensay seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (16-0).

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2024 Commission Meeting as presented. Mr. Martinez made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (16-0).

### **Election of Vice-Chair**

Mr. Affentranger asked for nominations for vice-chairperson of the Commission. Mr. Roy Sanchez nominated Mr. Adrian Ortega and Mr. Adrian Pete nominated Mr. Ben Tensay. A vote was taken and Mr. Ben Tensay was elected as the new Vice-Chair. (7-5).

### **NMAA Directors' Report:**

Mr. Scott Owen, NMAA Associate Director, discussed two (2) items in his report: 1) he stated the NMAA is preparing for winter championships, Wrestling and Swimming at the end of the month, and Spirit and Basketball in March; 2) welcomed two new Commission members, Ms. Mandy Montoya from Penasco representing Small Area A, and Mr. Billy Burns from Logan representing Small Area B, and thanked outgoing Commission members Gary Allison and Dickie Roybal for their service to the NMAA Commission.

### **NMAA Financial Report**

Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwamer, NMAA Business Manager, presented the financial report. She presented (3) three items on her report: 1) she stated final reports from fall championships are still pending facility settlements from soccer and volleyball; 2) presented ticket sales information for fall championships; and 3) reported on the NMAA going out to bid for a new auditor for the 2024-2025 school year and beyond.

### **NMAA Foundation Report**

Mr. Dusty Young discussed three (3) items in his report: 1) he stated Ms. Julie Sanchez will now oversee the NMAA Foundation 2) stated the scholarship deadline was February 1<sup>st</sup> and that the Foundation will distribute \$100,000 this year between grants and scholarships; and 3) provided a recap of the annual Bowl-A -Thon that took place the previous weekend.

### **NMAA Activities Report**

Ms. Julie Sanchez, Assistant Director, presented the activities report. She discussed two (2) items in her report: 1) stated Scholastic Publications and State Bowling took place the previous two weeks. She thanked sponsors Rebecca Zimmerman and Don Thompson along with State Bowling host, Silva Lanes; 2) upcoming state activity events are State Chess, Student Council, BPA, Science Olympiad, English Expo and FCCLA. All remaining activities will take place later in the spring.

### **New Mexico Officials Association Report:**

Mr. Carl Vigil, Commissioner of Officials, presented the officials report. He discussed five (5) items in his report: 1) the Executive Board met via zoom to discuss the Summer Conference; 2) stated Winter Sport Officials Appreciation week was held and he thanked the schools for showing their support; 3) reported swimming and diving and wrestling state invites were sent out and are currently working on state basketball tournament invites; 4) reported a slight decrease in winter sports officials excluding wrestling; and 5) stated Dragonfly will now include rules clinics for officials and they are working to embed ejection reports in Dragonfly as well.

## **General Discussion/Information Items**

Director's Cup Process - Mr. Affentranger discussed the possibility of considering the weight of ejections in the Directors Cup process. Mr. Young stated schools lose points if coaches are ejected. If a coach is ejected in two of the three sport seasons, regardless of level and sport, the school is ineligible to receive the Directors Cup for that school year. Feedback included looking at the total number of ejections, or having ejections count for more points in lieu of Director's Cup exclusion. Mr. Young stated the NMAA staff would look at the Director's Cup process and report back to the Commission at their next meeting with possible adjustments.

Perry Weather - Mr. Tensay discussed the need for a statewide weather app that all administrators and athletic trainers use when it comes to inclement weather and recommended Perry Weather. He stated there is a discrepancy between weather apps and a common system would be beneficial for schools. Discussion included the cost associated with the system, and the possibility of a discounted rate if Perry Weather became the required weather app.

Dual Residency - Mr. Owen discussed the issues surrounding dual residency. There has been an increase in the number of families that own/rent dual residences close in proximity and want to claim their newly rented residence as their primary bona fide residence for transfer eligibility. Feedback included considering a one-time transfer rule as the difficulty in regulating these issues increases.

School Day Event Start Times - Mr. Young stated there has been an increase in inquiries regarding start times to events. Currently events must wait until 3:00 p.m. to start on a school day. He added however, if superintendents from all school districts involved agree to start prior to 3:00pm, the NMAA has allowed it. Feedback included providing certain sports a waiver of the requirement as well as adding language to the bylaw that would allow for an earlier start time if agreed upon by school Superintendents.

*Mr. Earl James Martinez left the meeting.*

Bylaw/Handbook Review - Mr. Young stated there is a need for a complete review of the NMAA Handbook and Bylaws due to the changing landscape of interscholastic athletics and activities. He also mentioned an interest in the Commission having a more integral role in the review of potential policies and proposals. Feedback supported these initiatives.

Classification and Alignment for 2026-2028 - Mr. Young stated that the NMAA will begin its work on classification and alignment for the next two-year block (2026-2028) which will be voted upon in December. Feedback included allowing the Commission more opportunity to take part in that process.

## **Action Items**

Boys Volleyball as a Sanctioned Activity - Mr. Greg Villareal presented a proposal to consider approving Boys Volleyball as an NMAA Sanctioned Activity starting in the 2025-2026 school year. Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Pete made a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Ortega seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed (9-6).

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
X		Ms. Mandy Montoya	Small Area A
	X	Mr. Ben Tensay	Large Area A
X		Mr. Billy Burns	Small Area B
	X	Mr. Britt Cooper	Large Area B
X		Mr. Jory Mirabal	Small Area C
	X	Ms. Karen Nougues	Large Area C
	X	Ms. Robbie Robinson	Small Area D
X		Mr. Adrian Ortega	Large Area D
	X	Mr. Scott Affentranger	NMASSP - Chair
X		Mr. Adrian Pete	Jr. High/Middle School Rep
X		Ms. Mary Hahn	Activities Council Member
X		Mr. Roy Sanchez	NMHSCA
X		Mr. David Briseno	NMOA
	X	Mr. Isaac Gamboa	NMHSADA
X		Ms. Taryn Bachis	Non-Public-School Rep.

Middle School: Culminating events - Mr. Young presented a proposal to add language permitting culminating season events for Junior High/Middle School students that are not championship based.

**9.7.3 Championships Prohibited: (underlined language added)**

There shall be no district/regional/state championships declared in any phase of interscholastic competition at the Junior High/Middle School level. Non-championship culminating season events are permissible with NMAA approval.

Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Tensay made a motion to approve the proposal. Ms. Bachis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

**Consider Adjournment**

Mr. Affentranger asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gamboa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 a.m. Mr. Tensay seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

**Next Commission Meeting- May 21, 2025**