

NMAA Board Summary December 1, 2022

The New Mexico Activities Association's Board of Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, December 1st in the NMAA Hall of Pride and Honor.

Mr. Anthony Casados of Chama Schools was confirmed as the new representative on the NMAA Board of Directors for Small Area A. He was also elected Board President and Mr. Travis Dempsey of Gadsden Schools was elected Vice President.

Executive Director Sally Marquez gave her Director's Report which included information regarding the Fall Championship season.

CPA Shannon Gilliland of Taylor-Roth presented the organizational audit for 2021-2022. The Board of Directors approved the NMAA's 990 for the 2021-2022 school year. Business Manager Shari Kessler-Schwaner presented the NMAA Financial Report which included ticket sales numbers from the 2022 Fall Championships.

Assistant Director Tammy Richards presented the NMAA Activities Report which included information pertaining to State One Act Play, other activity events and participation numbers, the Student Leadership Advisory Council, and current student leadership regional meetings.

Commissioner of Officials Zac Stevenson presented the New Mexico Officials Association Report which included information regarding Fall Championship officials, recruitment efforts, sports officiating curriculums within member high schools, and officiating numbers for the fall and winter.

Las Cruces Schools Superintendent Ralph Ramos presented three discussion items which included information on NMAA membership dues, the use of guardian caps in the sport of football, and Senate Bill 38 (concussion law).

Ms. Marquez presented seven discussion items which included information regarding sports academies and specialized sports training, the 2023-2024 calendar for football, music licensing, sportsmanship initiatives, the appeals and hardship process, classification and alignment, and host sites for the state football playoffs.

The Board of Directors took action on the following items.

- Voted in favor of a proposal to increase state qualifying numbers in Class A Baseball.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to use the higher seed to determine home/visitor during all rounds of state baseball.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to implement a statewide time limit for sub-varsity baseball games.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to exempt students that gain scholastic eligibility at the marking period from the 25% participation requirement.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to adjust residence policies for foreign exchange students.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to clarify how participant ejections/suspensions impact game limitations.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to clarify that students cannot compete against college teams/individuals while representing an NMAA member school.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to increase officials' game fees and use travel rings to compensate officials (starting in 2023-2024).
- Voted in favor of a proposal to increase officials' hotel per diem (starting in 2023-2024).
- Voted in favor of a proposal to increase softball officials' fees for varsity contests (starting in 2023-2024)

The next NMAA Board of Directors' meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2023.