

NMAA Commission Meeting Report

November 16, 2016

- Elections were held for open positions on the Commission: Anthony Casados and Bill Green were re-elected to the NMAA Board, Ernie Viramontes was re-elected to the Commission, and Tim Host (Academy for Technology and the Classics, Small Area A) and Jory Mirabal (Magdalena, Small Area C) will be the new representatives for their areas.
- Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director's report:
 - the Fall State Championship Season;
 - the upcoming State Football Championships;
 - the NMAA Foundation Scholarship Application deadline of February 1, 2017. (Look on NMAA website for applications.)
- Ms. Dana Pappas, Deputy Director activities report:
 -) One Fall activity took place last month at New Mexico State University - One-Act Play. There has been some discussion among the advisory committee to move that event to the spring, which we strongly discouraged due to the heavy spring activities schedule. Currently looking for a site and trying to alternate between UNM and NMSU
 - Student Leadership Advisory Council had their first meeting at the Fall Conference. Working on student leader handbook and a variety of social media initiatives. Nominations are now being taken. Activities Council Meeting will be held January 10, 2017.
- Ms. Dana Pappas, Commissioner of Officials, the officials report:
 - Survived the fall official's shortage. Still trying to recruit officials; working on more retention initiatives. Asking everyone what they can do to help alleviate the problem. A majority of schools aren't taking an active role in recruitment of officials. Trying to find ways to entice people into the avocation but it starts with how we treat officials (three soccer officials assaulted this year)
 - Changes coming to the assignment process for state basketball
 - Second annual umpire educational forum will be held at Eldorado HS on January 13- 14. Classroom/on-field training. Will work to get MLB umpire Tony Randazzo from Las Cruces who worked the World Series as a keynote speaker.
 - Del Norte HS confirmed as the host of the NMOA State Clinic in July as we move toward more hands-on training.
- Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director report:
 - Use of Ineligible Player (penalty) it was discussed about adult mistakes and penalties and who is responsible to pay them.
 - Future Classification and Alignment: lengthy discussed the future of NMAA classification and alignment. She mentioned results from surveys taken at the Fall conference and online via Survey Monkey. Most voting wanted to go back to 5 districts and have

conference to help lower cost and travel time away from school. A meeting was to be held right after the Commission meeting to discuss it more and will be presented to the Board of Directors in December.

- Action Items:
 - Ms. Pappas asked the Commission to consider the addition of “Educators Rising” as an official NMAA Activity. After a long discussion this motion was tabled for more information.

3 action items for Softball were made and passed. All 3 now fall in line with baseballs rule.

- Softball – Individual Game Limitations – Courtesy Runner
- Softball – Individual Game Limitations – Innings of Play
- Softball – Game Time Limits

Next meeting: February 3, 2017