

NMCAL Fall Retreat
New Mexico Highlands University
October 19, 1998

In attendance: Harris Richard, Kathy Larasen, Holly Buchanan, Dennis Davies Wilson, Kathleen Knoth, Kay Krehbiel, Eleanor Kuhl, Wayne Oaks, Maryhelen Jones, Rollah Aston, Ruben Aragon, Nancy Dennis, Kris Warmoth, Norice Lee, Allen Schwartz, & Ben Wakashige.

The meeting was called to order by Norice Lee at approximately 3:00 p.m.

The first order of business was to fill the Secretary/Treasurer vacancy left vacant by Mike Mabe, San Juan College. Eleanor Kuhl, Dine College, was nominated and elected NMCAL's new Secretary/Treasurer.

Nancy Dennis provided an update on Steve Rollins. Although he is now at the University of Alaska, he is officially still on UNM's payroll. Part of his responsibilities are to continue to negotiate and manage UNM & WGU contracts pertaining to electronic resources, so he still has a connection to the work that NMCAL is doing. First Search subscriptions should all be in place. If anyone is having any problems, Barbara Nichols at AMIGOS should be contacted. Steve sends word that EBSCO and IAC products are still available at consortium pricing, even though the State Library has decided to go with UMI's ProQuest Direct. Next year's FirstSearch approach may include a smaller core of databases, but will provide greater flexibility in the form of add-ons that individual libraries could select. The 1999/00 electronic resources selection process should begin in February or March, 1999.

Ben Wakashige, New Mexico State Library, attended the meeting to discuss the State Library's electronic resources initiatives. He mentioned that this year's efforts were largely an extension of last year's Connections & Collections--resources for public schools & academics.

Ben discussed the State Library's licensing of UMI's ProQuest databases which includes 2,200 periodicals, 1,400 of which are available in full-text and/or full-image. The contract is pending final approval, but should begin mid-November 1998.

Ben emphasized that the State Library is committed to providing equal access to information, and that the UMI contract is part of that effort. He passed out forms for NMCAL members to fill out, requesting IP addresses/ranges & institutional information for those libraries that would like to participate. Access is available to at no cost to libraries, and there will be credits given (from UMI) for those libraries that already subscribe to ProQuest.

There was some question as to whether Adobe Acrobat needed to be installed on pcs before full-image could be retrieved from ProQuest. Ben said that he didn't believe so, but that he would follow up on it. Academic libraries might not be interested in all the titles, so sub-packages, or groups of titles could be deleted & negotiated through UMI. Kris Warmoth questioned whether passwords could still be used, for remote access. Ben stated that he believed either IP and/or password access could be set up.

There was a call for a NMCAL motion. After some discussion, Holly Buchanan made a motion that NMCAL would support the State Library convening a leadership meeting for multi-type libraries to plan for the organizational philosophy and structure for sharing electronic resources throughout the state. There was a second made to the motion, vote taken, and motion carried. Ben volunteered to call a meeting within the next three months.

There was further discussion relating to the various (and numerous) legislative proposals under consideration for the upcoming session. Norice Lee mentioned that Charles Townley sends word that he would e-mail a legislative update to the membership soon.

Ben asked if there was anything else the State Library could do for us. There was a question regarding availability of development grants. Ben said that there was state aid available, but that it was mainly for public libraries. So the answer was no, but that there may be potential in the future by encouraging legislators to make more grant money available.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Workshop on 'Current Accreditation Issues Affecting Academic Libraries & Related Information Technologies I~ followed on 10/20/98. Workshop Presenter was Dr. Edward D. Garten.

Minutes drafted by Norice Lee, NMCAL Vice-President