

New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries Meeting Santa Fe, NM January 24, 2007

Present: Esther Shir (UNM—Valencia), Kathleen Knoth (UNM—Taos), Carol Frick (UNM—Gallup), Jose Aranda (Dona Ana), Rachel Hewet Beah (UNM—Gallup), Ruben Aragon (NMHU), Fran Wilkinson (UNM—Abq), Owen Ellard (NMT), Holly Buchanan (UNM HSLIC), Ben Wakashige (NAU), Dennis Davies-Wilson (UNM—LA), Cindy Pierard (NMSU—Las Cruces), Michelle Rigual (UNM Law), Peg Johnson (CSF), Edward LeBlanc (IAIA), Janet Maes (Luna), Lawrence Martinez (Luna), Barbara Lovato-Gassman (CNM), Dan Kammer (NMSU—Alamogordo), Sylvia Medina (SFCC), Melveta Walker (ENMU—Portales), Isabel Rodarte (NNMC—Española)

1. Melveta called the meeting to order at 1:45. The Board was introduced. The new library directors were then noted (Cecilia Stafford NMSU—Grants, Dan Kammer, Owen Ellard, Ed LeBlanc, Peg Johnson, Ben Wakashige, Meg Billings--WNMU, Jennifer Sprague—St. Johns, David Stevick--Dine, Judy Hooks—SIPI, Barbara Lovato-Gassman, Fran Wilkinson) and general introductions were made.
2. Dennis moved to accept the agenda as presented. Fran seconded. The agenda was approved.
3. The minutes of the August 8 business meeting were approved as presented.

REPORTS

4. Jose Aranda presented the Treasurer's report in place of Molly Morris. Kathleen wondered why a \$3.00 service fee was charged since there is a large balance and not much activity. The report was accepted as presented.
5. Ruben distributed copies of the Legislative Committee report. Academic libraries will share \$3m as a result of the GO Bond election last November. Distribution of the money will be based on the FTE for Fall 2006. He is not sure if we will have two years to spend the funds. Ruben expressed special thanks to Patricia Campbell (Dean's Ass't) at Zimmerman Library for helping to coordinate their meetings. The Committee had three charges this past year: to advocate for the 2006 GO Bond with the NM Higher Education Dept, to recommend that the HED support a higher percentage for the funding formula, and to push for a supplemental funding line item for 2007. Ruben said that we may want to bring in a consultant to discuss ways of changing the funding formula so that the libraries would not be so dependent on bond elections. Ben said that NMCAL needs to get organized now to prepare for the next GO Bond election and that we need to thank the community for their votes. He suggested that we need to let the community know what we did with the money. As the upcoming NMCAL President, Kathleen said she wanted to focus on the formula funding issue next year. She'd like us to meet with the Council of University Presidents at a NMCAL retreat to discuss the formula funding. Holly said that the LFC has recommended a 10% inflationary increase for libraries, but she will confirm that information. Ruben asked how many directors would be sending a representative to the Legislative Day activities and nearly everyone raised their hands. Ben distributed a handout on do's and don't's for dealing with legislators. Melveta acknowledged Ben as the first NM State Librarian to include the academic libraries in the statewide resource sharing effort. Isabel wanted to make sure that whoever is introducing the people in the House and Senate also acknowledge the people in the gallery who are there to show support.
6. Regarding resource sharing: Melveta said that Molly wanted to know who was interested in pursuing a virtual reference consortium (using OCLC software). After an informal show of hands, it seems that there are not enough NMCAL libraries to make this a statewide effort. Melveta will report back to Molly with these results.

OLD BUSINESS

7. Melveta led a discussion on the joint purchase of databases. She distributed information on a couple of options from Proquest and Ebsco which included the product names and the quotes. She then requested the names of other databases which might be included in a joint purchase agreement. The following is a list of the suggested products and the number of libraries interested:

- Lexis Nexis (18)
- Ethnic News Watch (16)
- JSTOR (16)
- Psych Articles (9)
- Psych Info (9)
- Cambridge Scientific Abstracts (9)
- Proquest Criminal Justice (8)
- Consumer Health Complete (8)
- Proquest Nursing and Allied Health (7)
- Facts on File (7)
- Communications and Mass Media Complete (7)
- Wilson Omega Omni File (7)
- ArtStor (6)
- Ebsco International Pharmaceutical Abstracts (5)
- Gale Biographical Resource Center (4)
- Literary Reference Center (4)
- College Source Online (2)
- MLA (???)

NEW BUSINESS

8. A nominating committee was selected: Dan Kammer, Esther Shir, and Dennis Davies-Wilson. Positions to be filled are the President-elect from a 4 year institution, a 2year institution representative to the Board, and a secretary.
9. Melveta announced that the NMCAL breakfast will be on March 15 at 7:30AM in the Convention Center. This will not be a business meeting.
10. During the sharing of “best practices” (or, as it turned out, important news from the libraries), Fran said that they were very proud of the re-opening of Zimmerman’s first floor. Many computers were added as well as more study rooms. Phase I of their “information commons” is complete (5600 sq. ft of public space was added). She also said that the library has 30 more laptops that can be checked out. The basement area is still being re-modeled and won’t open for several more months. Michelle noted that the circulation desk in the Law Library is being demolished and will be rebuilt. Also, the whole upper level has been recarpeted. Holly distributed the New Mexico Health Connection brochure and explained a bit about the resources it points to. Barbara said that CNM will be building a new library on the main campus. Esther mentioned that LeAnn Weller had been hired as the new Public Services Librarian and that she was really working out quite nicely. Dennis spoke about the new campus director at UNM—Los Alamos and the new Dean of instruction. Isabel said that they hoped to get funding to expand the library at NNMU. A new library is being opened at ENMU—Ruidoso. Ruben reported that he has hired 2 of 3 librarians whose positions have been vacant for quite awhile and that the third person is almost hired. There is a new president at the college and Las Vegas will host the mini-conference in October. Carol reported that their catalog clean-up project is almost done.
11. Melveta announced the upcoming SLA meeting in Santa Fe on 2/2/07 (on behalf of Mary Helen Jones)
12. Kathleen said that dinner would be at 6PM at Los Mayas restaurant.
13. Ben announced that Gilda Baeza-Ortega is the new director at WNMU.

14. It was noted with regret that Leonard Tsosie had to resign from the NM legislature so that he could serve as a delegate to the Navajo Nation Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Esther Shir, Acting Secretary