NMCAL Business Meeting
January 23, 2008

Present: Ruben Aragon (NMHU), Rollah Aston (ENMU-Roswell), Marcia Baker (UNM Law), Martha Bedard (UNM-ABQ), Holly Buchanan (UNM HSLIC), Dennis Davies-Wilson (UNM-Los Alamos), Owen Ellard (NM Tech), Rachel Hewett-Beah (UNM-Gallup), Louise Hoffmann (San Juan CC), Sharon Jenkins (NMJC), Peg Johnson (College of Santa Fe), Dan Kammer (NMSU-Alamogordo), Kathleen Knoth (UNM-Taos), Sarah Kostelecky (IAIA), Barbara Lovato-Gassman (CNM), Lawrence Martinez (Luna CC), Sylvia Medina (SFCC), Leslie Monsalve Jones (Southwestern College), Barbara Nail-Chiwetalu (UNM HSLIC), Cindy Pierard (NMSU-Las Cruces), Isabel Rodarte (NNMC), Esther Shir (UNM-Valencia), Cecilia Stafford (NMSU-Grants), Theresa Strottman for Gilda Ortego (WNMU), Ben Wakashige (National American University), Melveta Walker (ENMU-Portales)

Guests: Ron Glass (OCLC), Gary Harris (State Library), Susan Oberlander (State Library), Fran Wilkinson (UNM-ABQ)

Called to Order: 2:17 P.M

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made, seconded and carried for approval of the agenda.

Approval of minutes of August 3, 2007: A motion was made, seconded and carried for approval of the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Reports were distributed. Dan Kammer presented the report for Molly Morris. Dan explained the $3.00 charge for check processing. From now on, checks will be processed electronically, and the $3.00 fee will no longer be in effect.

Kathleen Knoth asked if there had been any follow-up on Louise Hoffman's suggestion made during the January 24, 2006 meeting, that NMCAL might want to have a $10,000.00 interest bearing account. Louise mentioned that NMLA has a CD. It was also pointed out that NMCAL has been able to maintain over $10,000.00 in the bank for the last five years.

It was also mentioned that seven institutions have not paid their dues for this year.

A motion was made, seconded and carried for approval of the Treasurer's Report.

(At this point, the agenda was adjusted. Susan Oberlander had not arrived yet, so we proceeded to Ron Glass's report.)

Ron Glass, OCLC representative – WorldCat Report

Kathleen Knoth introduced Ron Glass from OCLC.

A document explaining all of the various manifestations of WorldCat was distributed. Ron gave a brief historical overview of WorldCat and various changes it has undergone over the years. OCLC and Amigos still work hand in hand – OCLC always works through the regional networks. Ron went through a brief history of how FirstSearch subscriptions worked (Panorama, different package options, per search options, etc.)

NMCAL libraries have typically always subscribed to WorldCat, First Search base package, Wilson package, and a pool of per search database searches. It has become difficult to maintain the package without it being cheaper to go directly through the vendor. The deal has always had strength in numbers especially with Wilson databases. Subscribing to only WorldCat has always been an option.

Ron talked about the issue of the State Library no longer being able to fund access to WorldCat. For academic libraries, the State Library's funding of WorldCat ended December 31, 2007. Prorated prices for January 1 through June 30, 2008 access to WorldCat have been emailed to each NMCAL Director. July 1, Amigos will resume the LEIAN consortial pricing for WorldCat. The State Library will continue to support WorldCat and NM Group Catalog (NMCAT) for public libraries through the end of this fiscal year.

After the end of June, there will be no more State Library involvement in funding WorldCat, NM Group Catalog (NMCAT), ILL or Cataloging services. Kathleen asked for and received clarification as to the legalities regarding payment for NMCAT for the remainder of the fiscal year. Ron explained that although the State Library had a yearly contract with OCLC, that payments were being made on a monthly basis rather than in one lump sum for the year. OCLC has essentially picked up the tab for NMCAT for the period of January 1 through June 30, 2008 for the academic libraries.

Part of Ron's reason for being here is to find out from us what we want to do about future involvement in NMCAT if anything. Ron suggested that we might want to have a discussion with Susan Oberlander and Gary Harris (new head of tech-services for the State Library) about continuing NMCAT after June 30, perhaps via a cost sharing basis, or perhaps NMCAL shouldering the cost for the academic libraries.

A question was raised as to what the cost of the NMCAT and WorldCat subscriptions was for the entire state. Ron shared that the cost was just under $300,000 per year for four years. Ben Wakashige asked what the cost would be to separate out NMCAT. Ron shared that NMCAT cost roughly 20% of the entire WorldCat subscription for the state. It varies depending on the number of libraries, the population of the state, etc. Martha Bedard requested usage data for NMCAT for the time we had it. It would be useful to have that data before we try to make a decision whether or not to continue with NMCAT.

Ron is already in the process of pulling together that data. He is pulling the data for usage of NMCAT and WorldCat, both for individual academic libraries and the academic library community as a whole.

Ron explained that the approach for setting up the deal for the State Library's funding of NMCAT and WorldCat to begin with, was not the way anyone would have liked for it to have been done. Prior usage data for libraries in New Mexico was not considered in the pricing of the package that the State Library agreed to. In short it was more expensive than it should have been. Ron met with the State Library personnel this morning to see about re-pricing the package in a way that might be more affordable.

Ron shared a brief history of how the consortium pricing has been determined over the years (FTE, usage stats, number of participants, etc.) Kathleen requested data of consortium pricing and savings in order to present those figures to legislators. Ron has historical data from 1992 forward as to what each library has paid under the consortium pricing.

For the coming renewal year, for the OCLC content, the price will be determined and will not change. For Wilson Databases, there will be individual pricing for each library. If a library falls out, it won't matter. The base package will be able to be broken out however each library wants. WorldCat.org will be linked to Article First articles. EasyProxy will be built into all OCLC products.

Ron then explained how he came up with the pro-rated cost for the balance of the access to WorldCat for this year. He went in and looked at what each library's individual pricing would be for the year based on FTE, and then applied the price and the ~20% discount, and then cut that figure in half.

There was some discussion regarding FTE figures and discrepancies. Ben suggested getting the official numbers from the State Higher Education department to submit to Amigos. Ron will send us the breakdowns of FTE ranges for pricing.

Ron gave an overview of the relationship between regional networks (Amigos, etc.) to OCLC, and how important the networks are as the intermediaries between individual libraries, consortia, and OCLC.

Ron wrapped up by explaining where WorldCat is going. Open WorldCat (through search engines) was introduced several years ago to see what would happen if users could find a link back to a library, along with Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Borders, etc., when searching for a particular title. Google has had a difficult time because it cannot handle a hierarchical database. Yahoo has done much better with it because it can handle hierarchical databases, but rankings were still very low. High rankings would only result with a complex search string that would have to be entered to get to a WorldCat record. Open WorldCat is still in existence and OCLC is working with the search engines in order to improve the results rankings, which are getting higher. In the meantime, WorldCat.org was born out of this experiment. WorldCat.org uses the Google concept of a single search box that can be downloaded to your library website that will search

directly against the WorldCat database, not the web. WorldCat Local then brings it down to the local level where OCLC works with the individual library's systems vendor (iii, Sirsi, Voyager, etc.), so that WorldCat Local would be an overlay and function as a discovery tool in place of the local catalog OPAC interface. It would search the local library first, then the consortium, and then the rest of the world, or however the library opts for it to scope. The display from the local OPAC is imported into WorldCat. In order for WorldCat Local to work at the consortium level, all participating libraries must have the same integrated system (iii, Sirsi, Voyager, etc.). Hence, this opens up more possibilities for group catalog efforts. WorldCat Local is up and running at Ohio State Library, University of Washington, the Peninsula Library system in the Bay area, and UT Austin is coming online now.

Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves and identified their institutions.

Committee Reports

Executive Board Report – see attached NMCAL Board Meeting Minutes from the morning of 1/23/08. Items under II, III, IIIa, IV, V, and VI, were particularly emphasized.

Statistics – no report ; Cindy Pierard and Kathleen Knoth will follow up with Beth Titus about needing to analyze the ALS data for New Mexico libraries. Ben commented that NCES data for 2006 is now available.

Distance Education Taskforce – no report; Melveta Walker tendered her resignation as chair of the taskforce and suggested that we appoint a new chair if we are going to make it a standing committee again. Kathleen accepted her resignation. There was discussion regarding resurrecting the Distance Education effort and restoring its status as a "committee." For now, we will keep it a taskforce, until a motion can be put forward to NMCAL to restore its status to a committee. At least a 30-day notice is necessary before a change like this can be made. Having mentioned it at today's meeting, the 30-day notice has commenced. Barbara Lovato-Gassman and Barabara Nail-Chiwetalu will work on getting it going.

Sharon Jenkins mentioned that the statewide distance education effort is called IDEAL New Mexico, and that we might want to base the mission for this revitalized committee on the vision of IDEAL New Mexico. Holly Buchanan suggested that NMCAL may want to step up to the plate and provide leadership in IDEAL New Mexico for libraries, since there is currently no library involvement.

Resource Sharing Committee – Kathleen Knoth shared that the group has picked up a little speed during the past few months. The WorldCat issue that was discussed earlier is one of the things the committee has been dealing with. The committee will be looking at the prices quoted for the balance of the year much more closely. Melveta Walker

updated the group on Academic Search Premier and CINAHL. The current contract runs through Jul, 2008. The Gale upgrade of OneFile to Academic OneFile mentioned during the State Librarian's report (see below) would be 4,200.00 total for the consortium. Melveta will send the list of additional titles via email. There is also a proposal from EBSCO for nine additional databases. Descriptions of the nine databases were emailed to everyone. Melveta shared information as to the cost to each individual institution if every library was to participate. It is 17.67% of what the cost would be if each institution was to subscribe on its own. Further discussion will occur over email. A question was posed regarding whether or not there has been any discussion of inflationary increases. There has not been.

Professional Development Committee Report – report tabled for email venue.

Legislative Committee – Progress Reports were distributed. Ruben Aragon talked about the amount of activity the Legislative Committee has been working on, including the GO Bond initiative, and the inflationary factor. He briefly went through a variety of the items listed on the report. The NMCAL brochure was the marketing tool produced to help get the word out about NMCAL legislative interests. Isabel Rodarte explained about the packets that are being assembled to give to legislators. We will no longer have to deliver them to the individual legislators, as that is being done for us. A packet will be placed on each legislator's desk. We should, however, still try to personally connect with our particular representatives on Library Legislative Day (tomorrow). Ruben briefly shared some logistical information about Library Legislative Day tomorrow.

Susan Oberlander: State Librarian's Report (Susan's report was given in the middle of the Resource Sharing Committee Report due to her own arrival and departure schedule).

One of the big projects going on right now is resource sharing among public libraries. Vision statements for this project were distributed. Susan explained that the project is in its infancy, and that there is an enormous amount of work to be done. The vision statement includes information about what they will be doing with public libraries over the next six months. There will also be a presentation about this at NMLA on Friday morning during the conference. Gary Harris (the new head of tech-services) was introduced. He gave a bit of background on himself. He talked about a two-tiered project, which includes a delivery mechanism (courier service) for public libraries around the state, and offering a hosted integrated library system to public libraries that currently do not have an ILS. He is probably leaning towards iii as the hosted ILS. The idea will be marketed to the public libraries, to be given the opportunity to participate with the State Library. They hope to have one of the systems in place by July 1. (See vision statement).

Holly Buchanan asked Susan, "what is the vision of the State Library, and how do you envision Academic Libraries becoming partners in helping to define what that vision should be for the state?" Susan responded by saying that their focus is on public libraries and they're trying to get the SALSA consortium re-invigorated with good equipment.

They are also trying to begin the process of helping small public libraries that are still using a card catalog to get an integrated library system by offering the hosted solution that Gary described (see above). In this first go-round, there are no plans to include other types of libraries other than public libraries. Once a public library network is up and running, then certainly the possibility for collaboration with other similar networks exists.

Melveta Walker asked what the State Library's vision is for the products that we are currently receiving from Thompson Gale through the State Library. Susan replied that there are no plans to discontinue providing magazines online, and that this has been stated publicly several times. They have in fact recently met with Thompson Gale and are in the process of re-negotiating the contract for next year. They are working to reinvigorate both the contract and the implementation of the contract. The usage is very low right now, and she believes it is because it needs to be managed more proactively from the State Library. A lot of libraries are not using it at all, and the State Library needs to work with the libraries around the state to make sure that people are aware that they have access to those databases.

Melveta then informed Susan that there is a proposal from Thompson Gale to allow the academic libraries through NMCAL to upgrade "OneFile," which we currently get through the State Library, to "Academic OneFile," which is a more vigorous academic group of journals. She asked Susan if their re-negotiations with Thompson Gale would affect our ability to upgrade in such instances. Susan replied saying that there was no discussion of this in their meeting with Gale last week. Susan suggested that Melveta send an email to further discuss it with the vendor.

Owen Ellard asked for an update on the State Library activities in support of the Library GO Bond. Susan replied that the State Library has had representatives at all of the hearings on the GO Bond. She explained that there is one "bad bill" and one "good bill." Bill 196 is the one that has better language and more money. She suggested that NMCAL support the better bill at Library Legislative Day tomorrow.

Leslie Monsalve Jones extended her appreciation that the State Library will be continuing offering the Thompson Gale subscription for all libraries, particularly since the private institutions do not benefit from the GO Bond. Susan mentioned that the school libraries are particularly under-utilizing it, and they will be working with the school librarians to get them trained. This in turn will hopefully help out the academic libraries once students come to college, because they will already know how to use those particular databases.

Peg Johnson offered to help provide training to school librarians on the databases offered by the state to help increase usage, if the State Library would be willing to coordinate those efforts.

Kathleen suggested to Gary that the NMCAL Resource Sharing Committee might want to get together with his committee sometime to share what they are doing. Gary and Susan both welcomed the opportunity.

New Business

Fran Wilkinson – ER&R and recoding: Fran explained how ER&R (Equipment Renewal and Replacement) dollars were able to be converted into acquisitions money for UNM General Libraries, which helped reduce the number of journal cancellations. The recoding occurred with regard to electronic journals, which are coded as services. These were recoded to be materials in perpetuity. The ability for other institutions to do the same, of course, depends on how willing the finance directors are willing to cooperate. Fran shared her email address, fwilkins@unm.edu in case anyone would like to talk to her about this issue, how they were able to do it, or if you have any questions of her.

NMLA Report - Louise Hoffmann talked about Academic Programming for NMLA. She encouraged us to submit ideas for academic programming to ensure that there is academic programming during the NMLA conferences. She encouraged everyone to look at the new NMLA website and make sure that we're on the NMLA list.

Vacancies and Nomination Committee - Kathleen talked about four vacancies on the NMCAL Executive Committee that will be open this spring. (See item I on attached Board meeting minutes). Kathleen will be soliciting for volunteers to serve on a nominating committee.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Dennis Davies-Wilson, NMCAL Secretary

NMCAL Board Meeting January 23, 2008

Meeting called to order: 10:06 a.m.

Present: Ruben Aragon, Dennis Davies-Wilson, Kathleen Knoth, Isabel Rodarte, Esther Shir

I. Vacancies / Nominations

Kathleen will ask for a nominating committee today at the business meeting. Openings will include Vice-President/President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and 4-year rep. Elections will be conducted over email, run by the Secretary.

II.   Increase dues

Kathleen posed the question of a possible increase in dues. One of the issues brought up was travel expenses for board members and committee members for travel above and beyond the standard three meetings during the year. Kathleen also mentioned the possibility of hiring a consultant and/or creating a paid administrative position for NMCAL. There was discussion about these ideas and justification for having one or the other, to help reduce the workload of the President. Dennis suggested that perhaps more things needed to be delegated to other members of the board as a rule of thumb. It was decided that we need to see how much money is generated annually from the current dues schedule, and that we need to look into the legalities of being a non-profit organization and having paid positions.

III.   Paid staff/paid consultant

See above. Also, Ruben suggested the possibility of having a consultant for NMCAL through Amigos. Robert Watkins was suggested.

IIIa. – Other Discussion that ensued from II and III above
   - Dennis proposed creating a Past President position as official board position for the sake of continuity.
   - Dennis proposed NMCAL sponsoring President to attend ALA or ACRL conferences since not many NMCAL members are able to attend. This would be a way for NMCAL members to get immediate feedback regarding conference activities and discussions.
   - A proposal was made to reinstate a business meeting format during the breakfast meeting at NMLA.
   - A proposal was made to invite an Amigos rep to our breakfast meetings.

IV.   Academic Libraries that are not currently NMCAL members

A list compiled by Esther, of Academic libraries that are not currently NMCAL members was distributed to the Board members. The group decided to find out which ones have libraries, and invite them to become members. Discussion also ensued regarding having a lower membership fee for private institutions that do not gain the benefit of funds and resources that the state-funded institutions have. Esther will contact the institutions to find out if they have libraries and if they are interested in becoming members of NMCAL.

V.   Statewide service program

Kathleen emphasized the need to be able to show to the Legislature and other VIPs what NMCAL is doing in terms of statewide service efforts for academic libraries. Mention was made of things we are already doing in terms of cooperative purchasing (CINAHL, Academic Search Premier, FirstSearch), resource sharing efforts (Passport Program, LIBROS Catalog Consortium growth). There was discussion about the possibility of having a statewide catalog. Isabel proposed possibly engaging in group purchase of E-Library titles. There was some discussion about NMCAT, and its demise, which Susan Oberlander will talk about at the business meeting.

There was discussion regarding the make-up of committees and chairs of committees, particularly with regard to revisiting the ability of academic librarians who are not NMCAL Directors to chair committees. Kathleen also mentioned the possibility of paying committee chairs a stipend for serving as chair, due to all of the extra work involved.

The idea of hiring a consultant to help us sort through some of these issues was mentioned again.

VI.   What we learned this past year

Kathleen emphasized that it's important to get out there and have a presence. Also, we must identify how GO Bond money is being spent.

VII. Board report at the Business meeting

Kathleen will give a brief report of this meeting to the NMCAL membership this afternoon.

Meeting adjourned at 11:54

Respectfully submitted by:
Dennis Davies-Wilson, NMCAL Secretary